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## WANTED: PICNIC AND PADDLING SPOT



Conservation Commissioner Bob Douglas will ask Town Meeting to approve \$480,000 to buy the equivalent of three house lots to make recreation space at Fosters Pond.

## Voters asked to spend \$480,000 for Fosters Pond lots

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

If a real estate developer was buying three available lots on Fosters Pond Road, the town's top conservation official said, "there would be commas involved" in the big money deal.

Located off Rattlesnake Hill Road and not far from Route 28 (South Main Street), the Fosters Pond neighborhood is a sought after watershed section, which is tough to get in Andover.

The most recent home sold on Fosters Pond Road, in August, is listed at \$775,000 on the town's assessed values Web site.

Now, the town has a chance to buy those three lots for \$480,000 and Conservation Director Bob Douglas hopes voters will

approve the real estate deal. The request will be on the Town Meeting warrant and is set to come before voters in late April.

"It's a very desirable area," Douglas said. "It would be a premier spot for recreation in town."

If voters approve spending the money, the three lots would become conservation land. Douglas said new hiking paths, picnic areas and access to boating on Fosters Pond would be built on the land.

"It's waterfront and very desired. Lots like this are being snapped up," Douglas said. "We would keep it preserved."

He said two of the lots have direct water views while the third does not. Conservation officials have been negotiating on this sale for the past two years, Douglas said.

Howard Kassler, a Conversation

Commission member, said final details about the possible land purchase are still being worked on. Kassler said the deal should be finalized by Town Meeting. If for some reason the land deal is not finalized before Town Meeting starts on April 28, the purchase will not be presented for a vote.

"A key to wrapping this up is working with the Fosters Pond Neighborhood Association," Kassler said.

He declined to name the landowner. Kassler agreed with Douglas that the area is "beautiful" and offers a convenient connection to existing conservation land in that part of town.

"It's just beautiful on the pond," Kassler said. "But we won't go to Town Meeting until everything is done...That's what voters deserve."

## New school to be town's largest K-5

March 3 vote; concerns raised

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

The School Building Committee will decide next week among four models for a new, larger school to replace Bancroft Elementary, all of which will change the look of the property and neighborhood.

Neighbors to the Bancroft Road school, which sits in a wooded neighborhood next to Phillips Academy, have voiced concerns against the dramatic changes proposed for the site — especially plans to change a walking path into a paved access road.

The School Building Committee will vote to choose a model for the new school on Wednesday, March 3.

"The (new) road will remove the trees, path and everything else. A road going to West Knoll Road, a dead end, would go over a very historic field that was owned by the Holt family back in the 1600s," said Chris Young, leader of the citizens group Friends of Andover Community Trees.

Bancroft, built in 1969, has structural problems and the Massachusetts School Building Authority is partnering with the town to pay to build its replacement, as long as its guidelines are met. In 2009, Town Meeting approved \$525,000 for a feasibility study and schematic design for the new school, possibly addressing overcrowding issues at Shawsheen Primary School as part of the project. Town Meeting had previously approved \$300,000 for a feasibility study to replace or renovate Bancroft only.

In December 2009, the School Committee voted to support a 700-student school to replace Bancroft, housing 620 students



STAFF FILE PHOTO  
Bancroft Elementary School.

in kindergarten through fifth-grades as well as the district's pre-kindergarten program of 80 children.

This month, Symmes, Maini and McKee, the architect hired for the Bancroft project, presented the School Building Committee with eight possible models for a new school, some placing the new school in front of the existing Bancroft building, some behind and some on top of the existing building's footprint.

In the last two weeks, the School Building Committee narrowed the field of eight choices down to four, said Mark Johnson, chairman. On March 3, the committee will hear the results of traffic, wetlands and other studies of the property and vote to support one of these options (see graphics, page 8). Some of the options include building areas that rise to three stories.

Caroline Ren Jackson, lifelong Andover resident, Bancroft parent and abutter to the property, said that while she believes the neighborhood supports building a new school and has confidence in the abilities of the building committee to meet students' educational needs, she is concerned with

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## Candidate focuses on town gift of 'no value' old vehicles

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

A candidate for selectmen is so fired up about the town's decision to give an old firetruck to a Dominican Republic community four years ago he's made the issue a centerpiece of his early campaign and asked the state inspector general to rule on whether the town violated state rules.

Candidate Larry Bruce of Chandler Road has posted a old newspaper story about the town's goodwill donation made in 2006 on his Web site, fixandover.com/MIA.htm. Then fire Chief Chuck Murnane, who has

since retired, said the 22-year-old ladder truck had no value because it had failed a safety inspection. The firetruck was, therefore, donated to a church at no cost to the town, and brought to the Dominican Republic. The truck was one of three vehicles that were given away. Two other vehicles were also gifted by the town in the spring of 2006, a 1983 Chevrolet four-wheel-drive pickup-style "brush truck" and a 1988 ambulance.

"The vehicles really, they were just junk. A lot of them couldn't even really pass inspection and we couldn't sell them in the U.S. as an ambulance or fire truck," said Town Manager

Buzz Stapeczynski. "This was a very special case. This was the first time we'd ever done it — it may be the last. This is not the sort of thing we normally do."

Bruce, a self-described truck aficionado who checks out surplus equipment auctions hosted by the military and several communities, said the town could have made a few bucks on the vehicles. He says that in spite of safety concerns, the 1984 Mack aerial ladder truck may have brought in about \$5,000. Lots of town departments could have used that cash, he said.

"No value? I'm not buying

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## Superintendent search nears end Decision slated for March 4

By NEIL FATER  
STAFF WRITER

It's final exam time for the four educators hoping to lead the Andover schools. The School Committee plans to select Andover's next superintendent one week from today, on Thursday, March 4, after each candidate is interviewed.

The four finalists for Andover's top school job are 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.

The three out-of district finalists individually will visit Andover and meet with parents, faculty and the School Committee on March 2, 3 and

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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Feb. 17 – At 11:51 p.m., Francisco Gonzalez, 33, of 270 Hampshire St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 11:58 p.m., Brandon Pomerlau, 20, of 6 Glenwood Drive, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 12:23 a.m., Sean Ladd, 23, of Warner, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a firearm without an FID card and possession of ammunition.

Thursday, Feb. 18 – At 1:06 a.m., Cordaire Nelson, 23, of Wilmot, N.H., was arrested and charged with being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant.

Friday, Feb. 19 – At 10:40 a.m., Mohammad Reza Enayat, 40, of Random Lane, was arrested and charged on a warrant for fraud.

At 3:58 p.m., Shelly Boulanger, 27, of Madbury, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a Class B substance.

Sunday, Feb. 21 – At 3:24 a.m.,

Charles Curran, 28, of Tyngsborough, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence.

At 4:25 p.m., Bruce Tannenbaum, 46, of 18 Knollcrest Drive, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Monday, Feb. 22 – At 11:51 a.m., police were called to Andover High School as a student had “bags of marijuana” in his pockets, according to the log. Geoff Stevens, 18, of Harvard, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance and intent to distribute on school grounds.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 16 – At 8:31 a.m., an officer reported there was an unoccupied vehicle with the keys in the ignition on Frontage Road. The car belonged to a worker from the Environmental Protection Agency who was collecting water samples in the nearby woods.

GIFT: Candidate says old truck could have brought money

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it,” said Bruce, who reports he once bought a 1957 Army jeep for \$2,200 from the town of Southboro, spent \$1,500 fixing it up and then sold it for \$6,800. “These vehicles have value.”

That 1984 Mack aerial ladder truck is certainly valuable to the people of La Ramona, Dominican Republic. Rev. Victor Jarvis, pastor of Ebenezer Christian Church in Lawrence, helped get the used firetruck to La Ramona. It was shipped from New Jersey, Jarvis said.

He said the old firetruck was refurbished, is in good working order and is still used. In fact, that old ladder truck from Andover was once used to rescue people at a non-fire-related emergency scene.

“I went to that city two years ago, met with them (fire officials) and that truck had the opportunity to save lives,” Jarvis said. “It had rescued two people.”

Bruce filed a complaint with the state’s Inspector General regarding the issue arguing that Andover violated Chapter

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Larry Bruce

30B, the state’s Uniform Procurement Act: Section 15. It says towns can dispose of something “no longer useful to the governmental body but having resale or salvage value.” But, the law goes on to state that communities should “designate the location and method for inspection of such supply, state the terms and conditions of sale including the place, date and time for the bid opening or auction, and state that the governmental body retains the right to reject any and all bids.”

Bruce said the public in Andover should have been notified about the fire-truck donation and says the state agrees.

“The IG feels it (the firetruck) did have value, and that the

statute was violated,” Bruce said. “I was told, however, that due to the length of time between the violation and the complaint there will be no action taken other than they have warned Andover.”

The state’s Inspector General’s press spokesman Jack McCarthy confirmed that Chapter 30 was violated. He could not elaborate, he said, as state statute prohibits him from talking about the violation.

“Yes, we spoke orally to the town attorney about this violation,” McCarthy said. “It’s about the way it (the firetruck) was disposed.”

Stapczynski said, “They would prefer that it be traded in or auctioned off. That’s kind

of the standard approach with everything that would be considered public property. In our case it was public property that was interpreted to have no value.”

Stapczynski said the gift was part of a special program at the time supported by other fire chiefs and State Sen. Susan Tucker, who he said visited the Dominican Republic as part of the effort.

Bruce estimated the value of the three pieces of equipment was about \$10,000. He said times are tough and selectmen should be looking at every opportunity to make money and “not just give everything away.”

“Andover Youth Services, the street lights,...they would love to get \$10,000,” he said. “Our selectmen and town manager should have been investigating these issues many years ago... This is why I am running for selectman.”

Bruce is one of three men vying for two selectmen seats in next month’s town election. He is challenging incumbents Alex Vispoli and Jerry Stabile.

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SEARCH: Four candidates for superintendent will visit

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4. Current assistant superintendent Susan Nicholson will have her public meeting and School Committee interview on March 1.

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 4, after its final interview with McGrath, who is also a former Andover assistant superintendent.

Will this allow time for input from the community regarding their impressions of the different candidates, particularly McGrath?

“I’ve gotten a lot of feedback about Marinel because people remember her from being an assistant superintendent here,” said School Committee Chairwoman Deb Silberstein.

But Silberstein and committee member Dennis Fogue did leave open the possibility that they might delay their vote, to provide more time between McGrath’s visit and the committee’s decision. They both said the committee will meet on Monday with their consultant, Mike Gilbert of the Massachusetts Association of School

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Superintendent candidates will visit Andover next week. The schedule:

Monday, March 1: Susan Nicholson (reception and interview only)

Tuesday, March 2: Kelly Clenchy  
Wednesday, March 3: Christopher Farmer

Thursday, March 4: Marinel McGrath

Committees, and will discuss the possibility.

Not everyone has been happy with the School Committee’s process in selecting the next superintendent. Andover High School teacher Matthew Bach – head of the union’s new Initiatives Committee and no relation to outgoing Superintendent Claudia Bach – said teachers and students were not allowed to be as involved in the process as they should be. Bach said he believes teachers should have been allowed to join the committee on site visits and wonders about the criteria used for selecting the new superintendent.

“The criteria that was developed was based on a number of meetings from many stakeholders,” said Fogue. “They were presented to us, discussed and

SCHEDULE FOR VISITING CANDIDATES

(NOTE: Current Andover Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson will have a reception and School Committee interview only.)

8:30 to 11 a.m.: Andover High School  
8:30 to 9 a.m.: Candidate has coffee with principal, assistant principals and program advisors

9:30 to 10 a.m.: Candidate will tour the building with a program advisor and visit some classes

10 to 11 a.m.: Candidate will be available to meet high school faculty

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Wood Hill Middle School

11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.: Candidate will tour Wood Hill and be introduced to their expeditionary learning program

11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.: Candidate will have lunch and meet with all middle school principals, their assistant principals, special education program heads

and any faculty members able to break away

1 to 2:30 p.m.: Bancroft Elementary School

1 to 1:30 p.m.: Principal will meet the candidate and tour the facility, giving the candidate an overview of the new school building project

1:30 to 2:30 p.m.: Candidate will meet with administrators and teachers, who are able to break away at this time

3 to 4 p.m.: Candidate reception for parents, community members and town officials, facilitated by a member of the School Committee

4 to 6 p.m.: School Committee interview, beginning with an opening statement, questions from the School Committee and a closing statement. Interviews will be recorded to be televised at a later date.

– Compiled by Bethany Bray

voted on in public meetings. If anything, it was a very open process.”

While the School Committee had 15 focus group meetings, including meetings with teachers, Bach said, “The way that the information was gathered, by an outsider (from the Massachusetts Association of School Committees), did not feel to the people that I spoke to, as an authentic solicitation of input,” Bach said.

Silberstein said she believed Bach was in the minority and said she and member Dick Collins attended a teachers union meeting about the superintendent search to gather additional teachers’ input. Three teachers were also part of the search team, she said.

Matthew Bach filmed a television show “Selecting the Superintendent” that will air on Andover’s cable access station (see story, page 12). The show asks teachers and students what qualities they want in a superintendent, who should be involved in selecting the next leader, and what new initiatives they would like to see launched in the schools.

This fall, Claudia Bach, Andover’s superintendent since 1998, announced she would step down by the end of the school year. School Committee members have given her permission to leave earlier if she finds another job.

The salary range for the job is \$180,000 to \$200,000, an increase for each finalist.

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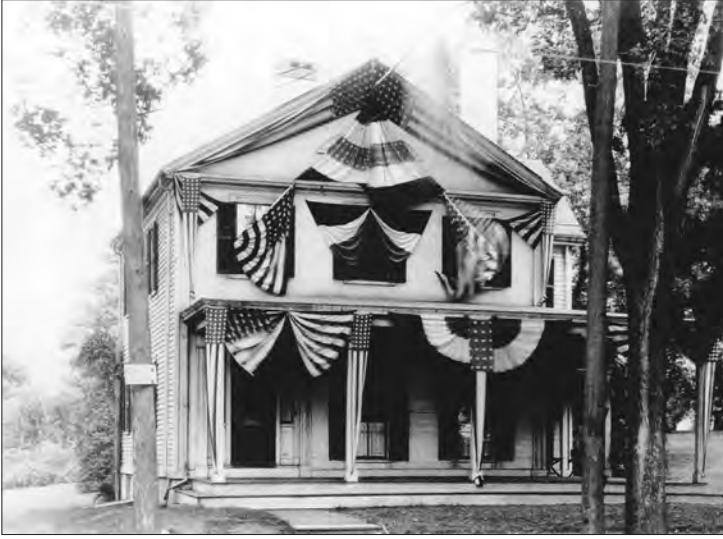
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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



Built in 1832, the house at 106 Main St. belonged to Amos Abbott, a prominent businessman, deacon, and one of the founding board members of the Andover National Bank. The house is shown here decorated for the Andover's 250th anniversary celebration in 1896.



The house at 106 Main St., as it appears today.

## Andover Rotary solicits annual Citizens Who Care, educator-of-year nominations from public

Know a great resident or educator in Andover. Submit their name and they may be honored on June 10 by the Rotary Club of Andover.

The Rotary Club of Andover will host its 13th annual Citizens Who Care and second annual Educator of the Year awards that night. The Citizens Who Care awards honor those who have made extraordinary contributions to the Andover community, above and beyond their normal job descriptions. Recipients must have some connection to Andover, either through their volunteer work, place of work or residence. The Educator of the Year is given to one teacher in the Andover public school system who exemplifies these same qualities in and out of the classroom.

The club is soliciting nominations from the Andover

community for both awards. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Web site [www.rotaryandover.org](http://www.rotaryandover.org). Submissions for the Citizens Who Care candidates close March 15 and those for Educator of the Year close April 15.

The awards banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 10, 2010, at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover. Keynote speaker will be University of Massachusetts at Lowell Chancellor, and former Massachusetts Congressman, Marty Meehan. Tickets are \$45 per person. More information will be available closer to the date.

For further information on nominating someone for the Citizens Who Care award contact Peter Johnston at The Savings Bank, [pjohnston@tsbawake24.com](mailto:pjohnston@tsbawake24.com). For Educator of the Year, contact Raymond Cannon at [raycanatt@aol.com](mailto:raycanatt@aol.com).

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



Without criteria, how can the community voice their opinions?  
— Andover High School teacher Matthew Bach, on the superintendent search. Bach created a television show for cable access that explores what teachers and students want in Andover's next superintendent. Story in Education, page 12.

Oh man, the first two weeks I thought about quitting every hour of every day. I'd think, 'Maybe if I hurt myself coming down this ledge I'll be able to go home!'  
— Kyle Sauerbrunn, on hiking the Appalachian Trail. Story in Townspeople, page 9.



## YMCA benefit night helps people attend programs

Merrimack Valley YMCA's 19th Annual "Reach Out for Youth & Families" Auction will be Saturday, March 13, 6 p.m., at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.

The YMCA is in need of raffle and auction items from local merchants for the auction. Such gifts can include restaurant gift certificates, golf equipment, condominium week-ends, concert tickets, signed sports memorabilia, theater tickets, cycling equipment, resort vacation weeks, limousine service and sporting equipment, just to name a few. The evening includes a silent auction, live auction and ongoing raffles. Proceeds from this annual event

benefit the YMCA's "Reach Out for Youth & Families" campaign, which supports YMCA community programs including the YMCA's Financial Assistance program, youth and camp scholarships, local outreach services, and the ongoing development of special youth programs. Live auction features 50 items, silent auction features more than 100 items.

Tickets for this event are on sale now: \$50 per person, includes dinner. Tables of 10 are \$500. For further information, contact Melissa O'Brien, director of special events, or Elizabeth Covino, director of community relations, at 978-725-6681.

## Andover La Leche League begins meeting monthly at Universalist church

La Leche League of Andover, a mother to mother breastfeeding support group, meets on the last Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover, at 6 Locke St., off Main Street.

The subject of the group's February meeting is "At Home With Your New Baby" and it will meet tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 26, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

The meetings are free, informal discussions where

mothers can meet and share thoughts and concerns about breastfeeding.

Trained breastfeeding support leaders are on hand at every meeting.

Pregnant women, mothers, nursing babies, siblings and women interested in breastfeeding are welcome, according to a release from the group.

LLL of Andover just began meeting in town in January.

## Town candidates forum at Memorial Hall on March 13

Learn more about the candidates and issues at a Candidates Forum to be held on Saturday March 13, 2 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library. Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, the event provides residents with an opportunity to meet and question the candidates in advance of the March 23 election.

The three candidates for the Board of Selectmen and the two candidates for the School Committee will make opening statements and respond to questions from the audience.

Candidates without contested races will have the opportunity to make a statement concerning the duties of their office and

to answer questions. The moderator will be Eva Valentine from the LWV of Greater Haverhill.

The forum is free and open to the public, and will be televised live and rebroadcast on cable.

For more information, contact Stefani Traina at 978-470-3140.

## Town wants to stretch to become officially 'green'

SUBMITTED BY THE ANDOVER GREEN ADVISORY BOARD

The Andover Green Advisory Board, appointed by town leaders in 2009, continues to advance local initiatives meant to promote sustainability with an eye toward cost reduction or revenue enhancement. The town already has a reputation for energy conservation, recycling, and other programs, and has an opportunity to improve further by becoming a "green community."

If residents vote to take a few more steps, Andover could become one of the first towns in the state to make that description official.

The Green Advisory Board will host a public forum on March 4 at 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Center, to have a conversation with the public about adopting a "stretch code," a list of green regulations on new building construction and renovations.

For Andover to become a green community, it must meet all five requirements specified

by the Massachusetts Green Communities Act of 2008:

1. As-of-Right Siting
2. Expedited Permitting
3. Energy Use Baseline Inventory and Reduction Plan
4. Policy to Purchase Only Fuel-Efficient Vehicles
5. Minimize Life-Cycle Costs in Energy Construction

Doing so would qualify Andover to bid for a share of the \$10 million, per annum, in state funding set aside for green projects. 100 cities and towns applied for consulting assistance to help reach these goals, but only a few have reached all of them as of this writing.

Andover is extremely close. All five requirements are currently being pursued via various required approval processes, with the stretch code having a placeholder on the 2010 Town Meeting warrant.

The proposed new construction regulations are called a "stretch code" because they effectively stretch existing state building codes into stricter energy-efficiency regulations

within a town. Normally, Massachusetts towns cannot adopt their own building codes and must adhere to state regulations, but the Green Communities Act allows towns to adopt local bylaws imposing tighter restrictions regarding insulation, air sealing, doors and windows and heating and cooling systems.

The stretch code would not retroactively apply to existing buildings. If adopted, it would only apply to new construction and renovations that currently fall under state regulations and would not apply to historic buildings, commercial buildings of certain sizes or affordable housing projects. For renovations, the stretch code would only apply to the parts of the building being updated.

Green engineering consultants say new building codes are the best way to reduce energy consumption in buildings, as forty percent of energy expenditure in the U.S. comes from buildings. Applying the stretch code regulations when building a typical \$400,000 three-bedroom

home in Andover would cost about \$8,000 more to construct, and would be estimated to save \$1,360 per year in energy costs. Adopting the stretch code would allow homebuyers to make an educated investment, knowing the new house would be energy efficient.

The public forum will include a presentation by members of the Green Advisory Board, Planning Department, as well as consultants retained by the State as part of the Green Communities program.

For more information on the stretch code and the Green Communities program, visit:

[www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities](http://www.mass.gov/energy/greencommunities)  
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# Arts & Entertainment

## Music Man



ANN HERMES/Staff photos

Adam Brody, student producer and star of the Wood Hill Middle School's production of "The Music Man," sings as the character Harold Hill.

## Oh, we've got trouble right here at Wood Hill

BY COURTNEY CASPER  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Seventy-six trombones will be serenading in Wood Hill Middle School's production of The Music Man next weekend, and Katie Bent, co-director alongside Gina Murray, is already proud as punch.

It is the year 1912 in River City, Iowa, as con man Harold Hill (who will be played by eighth-grader Adam Brody) rolls into town. Harold makes his living by convincing parents that he is able to teach their not-so-talented children how to play music, then taking off as soon as their instruments have been paid for. However, prim-and-proper Marian, the librarian (fellow eighth-grader Rachel Harris), sees right through the trickster, and so begins the action. But when Harold suddenly reveals a more sensitive side to his personality, the tables turn as Marian begins to fall for Harold – and he starts to fall for her, too.

"Everyone here is super excited. All of us," exclaims Bent, also a seventh grade social studies teacher at Wood Hill Middle. "It's really coming along quite well."

Perhaps the most unusual aspect of the production is that the majority of the work is organized and completed by students, including choreography, direction and production. Additionally, all technical work and set design is managed by students. Allowing the kids to take charge of



Students at Wood Hill Middle School in Andover launch into a rehearsal of the song, "Pick A Little, Talk A Little," in the production of "The Music Man" under the direction of Katie Bent.

their production used to be a little challenging but it's all running smoothly now, said Bent.

As far as the acting is considered, "Rachel and Adam get up there and just do their thing – very well, I might add," Bent said.

"We are especially very impressed with our student directors this year," noted Murray, Wood Hill Middle's music teacher. "The kids have been having a great time, and therefore, we've been having a great time too. We're all one big team."

March 5 and 6, 7 p.m.  
\$8 in advance  
\$10 at the door  
Tickets may be purchased at Wood Hill Middle School next week Monday-Thursday between 2:30 and 4:30, or at the door on show nights.  
Director Advisors: Katie Bent and Gina Murray  
Student Producers: Adam Brody and Lauren Weiner  
Student Directors: Emily Van Antwerp, Rachel Harris and Jason Eliason  
Student Choreographer: Addison Kennedy

### MUSIC MAN

## Through the years with Andover's leading ladies

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

### ANDOVER'S LEADING LADIES

Women in History Series  
Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25  
1:30-3 p.m.  
Andover Senior Center  
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Info: 978-475-2231

### WOMEN IN ANDOVER HISTORY

**Mary Graffam:** local woman received the Turkish Red Crescent and the International Red Cross for her outstanding humanitarian service during WWI?

**Abby Locke:** Andover teen kept a diary showing us that in some ways teens of the 19th century are not so different from teens of today.

**Alice Hinton:** An African-American woman from Andover broke many precedents in the 1920s.

**November Club:** Group of local women whose educational pursuits inspired the formation of many present-day Andover institutions.

Source: Andover Historian Joan Patrakis, who will talk more about each of them at her March 4 event.

Next month marks the annual 30-day tribute to women and Andover will be right in the thick of female salutes as four locals have been named our town's "leading ladies."

Karen Payne Taylor of the Andover Senior Center said the center chose the women because each has made a positive difference in their own way, she said.

"In this community, there are many women who make the town better. I call these four women our Andover jewels," Payne Taylor said.

She said the selection represents women who have made outstanding contributions to Andover, both past and present. March is "Women in History" month and every year the Senior Center hosts a tribute honoring local women.

"We crossed over from a historical focus this year with women who are town historians to a contemporary woman who is so respected for her music. These women have impacted the town in different, but important, ways over the years," she said.

For the four Thursdays in March, each woman will talk about what they do. The series costs \$20 and is held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center.

Here is the schedule:  
THURSDAY, MARCH 4:



Joan Patrakis

Local author and historian Joan (Silva) Patrakis of Andover is well known for digging up historical facts about Andover. Her most recent book is "Andover in the Civil War" (Historical Press, 125 pages, including notes and bibliography). She's been singled out by the Andover Preservation Committee, receiving a Certificate of Appreciation for Historic Preservation. A frequent letter-writer to the Townsman, her most recent letter pointed out that retiring Town Clerk Randy Hanson is the only female who has held the job. Andover was incorporated in 1646 and, since Hanson became clerk in 1990, it only took 344 years, Patrakis wrote.

"I enjoy researching the history of Andover and for this, I looked for Andover women who have made contributions," Patrakis said. She said her presentation is three-part. Today's well-known women, historical women from town and the women behind the headlines are her three categories. She was tight-lipped with names as she wants people to attend the discussion to find out.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11: Story of "Black Lucy," a freed



Barbara Brown

Susan Leone

Andover slave, who lived in Ballardale, by Barbara Brown, Lawrence Historical Society Director.

THURSDAY, MARCH 18: Local actress Susan Leone brings the stories of two leading preservationists to life. She shares the stories of Alice Buck and Bessie Goldsmith, who were instrumental in preserving land in town. Buck helped to preserve the Indian Ridge

reservation. Goldsmith's family was also instrumental in preserving town land, now part of AVIS-owned conservation land. "She was a character,"

Lenoe said of Goldsmith. "I'm going to transform from one character to another."

THURSDAY, MARCH 25: Performance and discussion of the creative process by Julie Scolnik, founder of Andover Chamber Music. Scolnik will be accompanied by harpist Franziska Huhn.

## Visit some of China's best gardens next week without a passport

Lynette Tsiang, a landscape designer who uses Asian design principles and plants to create New England gardens with echoes of the Far East, will present a slideshow presentation featuring six garden areas of China at the Andover Garden Club's membership meeting next Tuesday.

Attendees will vicariously visit the vernacular landscape of Jingxi (1130), considered a Chinese "Venice," and examine six classical scholar gardens located in Suzhou. Design techniques unique to Chinese gardens will be discussed.

The slideshow will be presented

on Tuesday, March 2 at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St. There is no charge for members and a \$5 charge for guests. Refreshments are provided. A graduate of the Landscape Institute of the Arnold Arboretum of Harvard University, Tsiang is a residential landscape designer who operates Lynette Tsiang Landscape Design in Lexington. She specializes in designing Asian-style, shade, and water gardens, and also designs public and memorial gardens. She is a member of the New England Landscape Design and the Community Outreach Group for Landscape Design (COGdesign).

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chairman Anne Feeney, 978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net.



The Andover Garden Club will host a slideshow of six Chinese gardens.

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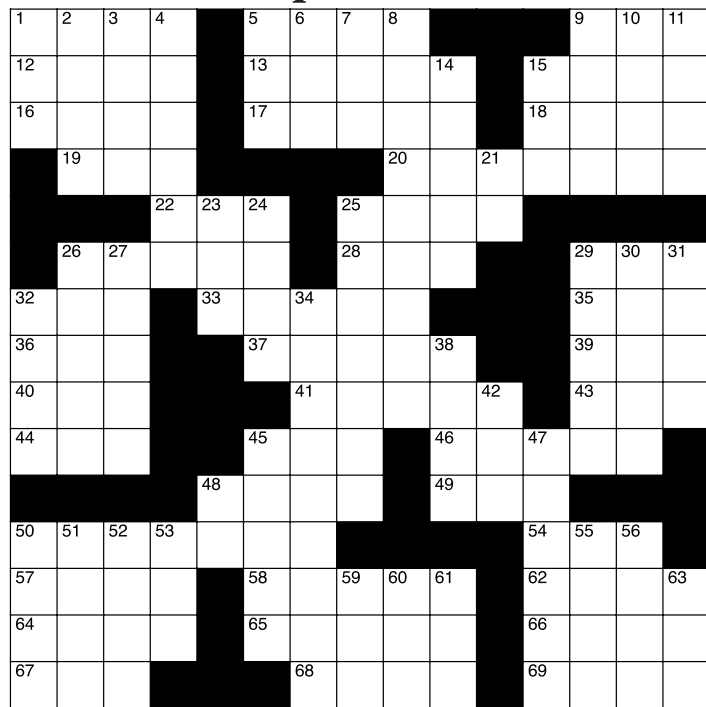
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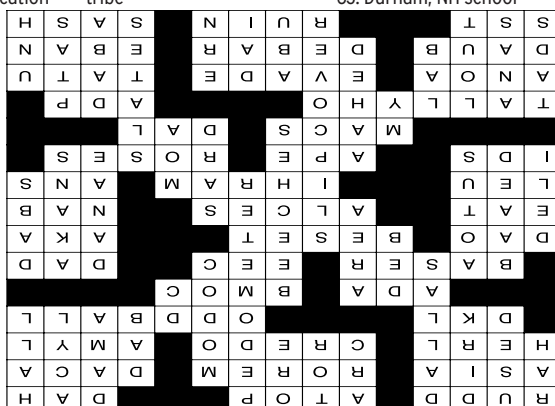
1. \_\_\_er: steering mechanism
5. At the peak
9. Dash
12. Continent
13. Am. classical composer Ned
15. Digital communications act (abbr.)
16. Fishing fly barb
17. School of thought
18. A.K.A. pentyl
19. Decaliter
20. One with an unusual personality
22. National Dentist's group
25. Big man on campus
26. More abject
28. Old world, new
29. Father
32. A.K.A. Tao
33. Attack on all sides
35. Alias
36. Take in solid food
37. Elk or moose genus
39. Grab or snatch
40. Romanian monetary unit
41. Worn to Mecca
43. Autonomic nervous system
44. Cards for identification

### CLUES DOWN

1. Exclamation of approval
2. Not new
3. Dagger
4. Cowboy City
5. Continuous portion of a circle
6. Hill (Celtic)
7. A mined metal-bearing mineral
8. Records walking steps unit
9. Fallow deer
10. Acid radical
11. N.J. university Seton \_\_\_
14. Cascade Range Indian tribe

15. A small amount
21. White House city
23. Adult female
24. The expanse of a surface
25. Genus fagus
26. Blatted
27. Douroucoulis
29. Mother of Perseus
30. A Kwa language
31. Plural of 15 down
32. Small food shop
34. Covering for upholstered furniture
38. \_\_\_inia: Mediterranean island
42. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
45. Expressed pleasure
47. Rocks for roofs
48. Belonging to me
50. Small amounts
51. Freshwater duck genus
52. Oaf or goon
53. Scientific research facility
55. ABA \_\_\_ Honeymoon (song)
56. Pesetas
59. \_\_\_ Dhabi, UAE capital
60. \_\_\_kon radish
61. European sea eagle
63. Durham, NH school

### Solution



## THURSDAY, FEB. 25

**AUTHOR READING**, Noah Boyd reads from "The Bricklayer," 7 p.m., free. A former FBI agent for 20 years, Boyd writes this thriller with a combination of non-stop action and gritty authenticity. An agent who was fired for insubordination has adjusted to his new life as a bricklayer when he is lured back to solve an unsolvable and deadly case. Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143.

**FREE FILM**, The Maiden Heist, a madcap comedy caper that proves you're never too old to have fun, 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

**TALK WITH LATINO AUTHOR**, renowned Latino author Sergio Troncoso, "Finding our Voice: The Role of Latinos in the Cultural and Political Debates of the United States," 12:30 p.m., free, Northern Essex Community College's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

**LECTURE**, Standing Next to Annie: My Life as Ms. Leibovitz's In-House Art Director, with Tim Hossler, 7 p.m., reception follows, free, open to the public, Endicott College's Center for the Arts, Beverly; Kathleen Moore, 978-232-2655, kmoore@endicott.edu, www.endicott.edu/centerforthearts.

## 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

**BOOK SIGNING**, with Ken Tingle, author of "The Girl in the Italian Bakery," 1:30 p.m., Ashland Farm, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover. The first 20 guests to RSVP get a complimentary book; 978-683-1300.

# EVENTS CALENDAR

**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.

**SINGLES DANCE**, hosted by The Social Life of Haverhill, Haverhill Elks, 24 Summer St., Haverhill, 8 p.m. to midnight, DJ, \$9; Cindy 978-373-3504.

**CIVIC VIOLENCE IN LAWRENCE**, talk on Bread and Roses Strike of 1912, with historians Robert Forrant and Jim Beauchesne, 1-4 p.m., Lawrence Heritage State Park, 1 Jackson St., Lawrence, with tour of selected locations of the strike, excerpts from the documentary, John Brown's Holy War and discussion of Brown's choice for armed conflict. Free, open to the public, refreshments will be served; www.masshumanities.org, localhistory@masshumanities.org.

## 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 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.

**LIVE MUSIC**, Reading Civic Concert Band's winter concert, Reading Memorial High School auditorium, 3 p.m., \$12, \$8 for students, seniors, kids, 8 and under free; www.ReadingCivicBand.org.

**MAPLE SUGARING TOURS**, hosted by Mass Audubon's Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, Topsfield, Saturdays and Sundays, through March 20, 10 a.m., 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. Tour the sanctuary's sugar bush and learn how to identify a sugar maple tree, observe tapping and sap collection methods and discover how sap becomes syrup in the sugarhouse. Tours run rain or shine. Advance registration required, \$9/adults, \$8/children (no charge for kids under 3); 978-887-9264.

## MONDAY, MARCH 1

**MEET AND GREET**, The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club meets, 1 p.m., Tactician Corp., 305 No. Main St. Andover, guest, musician Brian Corcoran, will entertain; (978) 475-2645.

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT**, The Magic Parties hosts, an organization of women supporting women, Conversations for Women That Matter is topic, 7-9 p.m., Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover, open to the public, free, donations accepted; info@themagicparties.com, http://www.themagicparties.com/events.html.

## TUESDAY, MARCH 2

**ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB MEETS**, with Lynette Tsiang, a landscape designer who uses Asian design principles and plants to create New England gardens with echoes of the Far East, 10 a.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. No charge for members, \$5 guests, includes refreshments; Betty Chapman, 978-470-2627, bettychapman@verizon.net.

## 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.

**EATING DISORDER TALK**, with Nancy Hurlley, MD, Laura Goodman, LMHC, Andover High School graduate and former Girls' Tennis Coach at Andover High School, Rhys Wyman, MS, RD, Kerry Bailey, High school student, Carole Bailey, Parent, 7:30-9 p.m., The Pike School Auditorium, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover.

## THURSDAY, MARCH 4

**COPING WITH LOSS**, A Conversation with Three Perspectives, 7-8:30 p.m., J.V. Fletcher Library, 50 Main St., Westford; 978-692-5555, www.westfordlibrary.org. (This event marks the beginning of a series of dialogues organized by Congregation Beth Israel, a Conservative synagogue in Andover.)

**LIVE MUSIC**, Leon Russell, 8 p.m., \$35-40, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978-462-5888, www.tupelohall.com.

# Phillips has benefit concert for Haiti March 7

The Phillips Academy Music Department will present a benefit concert for Haiti on Sunday, March 7 at 3 p.m. Featured on the program will be members of the faculty of music from Phillips Academy and student members of the Gospel Choir.

The program, under the direction of Christopher Walter, will feature a wide variety of music including jazz, classical selections, gospel choir, African Drumming and Appalachian music.

The public is invited to support this benefit with a suggested donation of \$10 with proceeds going to Partners in Health.

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The concert will be held in Cochran Chapel on Chapel Avenue on the school campus. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. Any inquiries regarding this performance may be made to the Phillips Academy Music Department by calling 978-749-4263 or sending an e-mail to the department at music@andover.edu.

### Choir and orchestra concert March 5

The Phillips Academy Choirs and Chamber Orchestra will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 5, in the Cochran Chapel. The program will include a selection of madrigals, sacred music, and folk-songs. The program will also include Bach's Cantata No. 4 Christ lag in Todesbanden under the direction of Christopher Walter.

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# Obituaries

## Joyce A. Corcoran, 76



**TEWKSBURY** — Joyce A. (Reed) Corcoran, age 76, a resident of Tewksbury for 59 years, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010

at the Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

She was the wife of William Corcoran, who passed away on Sept. 14, 1998.

Born in Andover on May 7, 1933, she was the daughter of the late Albert and Mildred (Abbott) Reed.

Mrs. Corcoran was raised in Andover and graduated from the former Punchard High School in 1951.

Following her marriage on July 8, 1951, she moved to Tewksbury, where she and her late husband raised their family.

Mrs. Corcoran was a member of the Tewksbury-Wilmington Emblem Club and the Tewksbury Golden Age Club and Senior-Drop-In-Center.

She enjoyed knitting, sewing, completing word search puzzles and doting on her six grandchildren.

Mrs. Corcoran is survived by four daughters, Patricia A.

Gustafson and her husband Richard of Wilmington, Maureen A. Willey and her husband Robert of Salisbury, Linda A. Carter and her husband Robert of Tewksbury and Margaret A. Michaud and her husband Joseph of Center Barnstead, N.H.; six grandchildren, William Carter of Boston, Sarah Carter of Seabrook, N.H., Matthew Carter of Tewksbury, Erik Gustafson of Great Falls, Mont., Lisa M. Gustafson of Wilmington and Jamie Ray of Center Barnstead, N.H.; one great-granddaughter, Alexis Southern; five sisters, Mildred Waldie and her husband Charles of Andover, Bertha O'Brien and her husband John of Las Vegas, Cora Rogers and her husband Jim of Connecticut, Judith Estes and her husband Carl of Florida and Beverly Ricci and her husband Nicholas of Methuen; also many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service was held Friday, Feb. 19, at the **Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury, followed by interment at Tewksbury Cemetery. At the request of the family there are no calling hours. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill, MA 01830. www.farmeranddee.com.**

## George A. Smallis, 94



**PEABODY** — George A. Smallis, 94, beloved husband of the late Chresoula "Chris" (Karavedas) Smallis, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010 at his home with his family at his side.

Born in Lynn, he was the son of the late Arthur and Harriet (Carbas) Smallis. He grew up and was educated in Cortland, N.Y. before moving to Peabody where he resided for over 60 years.

He was a veteran of World War II, with service in the United States Army. George was a North Shore business owner, real estate broker, and proprietor of Spartan Insurance Agency in Peabody. He was a member of the St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church of Peabody, the Masons, and an honorary member of St. Michael's Hall in Peabody. He enjoyed reading, was an avid Boston sports fan, and will be remembered as a dedicated father and grandfather, as family was his greatest joy in life.

He is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Harriet and Brian Brooks of Haverhill

and Anne and Peter Ziavras of Peabody; two cherished granddaughters, Kristin Chaput Schuhwerk and her husband Kurt of Andover, and Alexis Ziavras and her fiance Duke DeVilling of North Carolina; two great-grandsons, Steven and Matthew Schuhwerk of Andover; a loving sister-in-law, Barbara Shahnai of Peabody; and enjoyed a special relationship with his cherished nieces, Sophia Hennessey and Pamela Hutchison and nephew, Charles Shahnai, as well as several other nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his grandson, Steven Douglas Chaput; his brothers, Angelo, Louis, Peter; and a sister, Elaine.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** His funeral was held on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. from the **Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 82 Lynn St. location, Peabody, followed by a funeral service in at 10:30 a.m. in St. Vasilios Greek Orthodox Church in Peabody to which relatives and friends are kindly invited. A visitation was held on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. The burial was planned at Cedar Grove Cemetery, Peabody. Memorial donations may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Please visit www.ccbfuneral.com for online obit and sign condolences.**

## Rudolph F. Mutter

**NORTHAMPTON** — Rudolph F. "Rudy" Mutter, of Northampton, died suddenly on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010.

Born in Easthampton on Aug. 6, 1928, he was the son of the late Rudolph F. and Emma (Meyer) Mutter. He attended schools there, graduating from Easthampton High School and the former Williston Academy (The Williston-Northampton School). He also graduated from the Univ. of Massachusetts where he was a member of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity. During high school and college, he worked in his father's plumbing business, the R. F. Mutter Company in Easthampton. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War, and was a member of the reserves for a number of years, being discharged as a Captain. Much of his business career was spent with American Standard and the Nestle Company as a marketing and sales executive.

In recent years, as president of The Sunrise Group in South Hadley, he was a management, advertising and marketing consultant. In 2001, he wrote and published a family history, A Different World, From Old Germany to New England. He was very active in community affairs. He served as a member of the Representative Town Meeting in both Easthampton and Westport, Connecticut. He was a member of the Westport Republican Town Committee, and a member and Chairman of the Westport Board of Education. For a time, he was a member of the League of Women Voters. He was also a founder, longtime member and Chairman of the Board of the Saugatuck Nursery School in Westport.

He was very active in the Saugatuck Congregational Church during the 30 years he lived in Westport, as well as the Center Church in South Hadley, and the South Church in Amherst,

serving in a wide variety of capacities. He and his wife, Tish, developed and managed the family owned 430 acre tree farm in North Sandwich, N.H. which they placed under a conservation easement to protect it for future generations. He was a Certified Tree Farmer, and a member of the American Forestry Association, Appalachian Mountain Club, C&O Canal Association, The Society For the Protection of New Hampshire Forests, the Wonalancet Outdoor Club, and the Friends of the Sandwich Range.

After his wife retired from the United Nations, they took up bicycle riding again, and rode over three thousand miles locally, on the C&O Canal, on Cape Cod, and on a number of bicycle Elderhostels in Europe. He also enjoyed hiking, camping, sailing, swimming and photography. He claimed that he and Tish lived in the four corners of the globe — Easthampton, Westport, Conn., North Sandwich, N.H., and South Hadley. His wife, Tish, predeceased him. He leaves children, John of Upper Montclair, N.J., Rudolph Frederick of North Andover, and Susan Boquist of Concord; three grandsons; and several nephews and nieces. His brother, Larry, predeceased him.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service will be held at the **Center Congregational Church (413-532-2262) in South Hadley at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 26, followed by a reception there. There are no calling hours. His ashes will be buried on family property atop Young Mt. in North Sandwich, N.H., with those of his wife at the convenience of the family. Memorial Gifts may be made to the Saugatuck Nursery School, 245 Post Road East, Westport, CT 06880; or to the Wonalancet Outdoor Club, Wonalancet, NH 03897. No flowers please. Ryder Funeral Home, South Hadley, 413-533-1735.**

## Doctors Without Borders official to discuss work in Haiti

In the first 20 days following Haiti's Jan. 16 earthquake, doctors from Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières treated a total of 11,000 patients and performed 1,000 surgeries. Jennifer Tierney, the U.S. Director of Development for the organization, will speak Friday, Feb. 26, at 7 p.m. in Kemper Auditorium on Chapel Avenue on the Phillips Academy campus, give a day-by-day account of the group's response to the catastrophe, and discuss about what still needs to be done. This event is free and open to the public.

Tierney's visit is sponsored by Phillips Academy's International Club. The faculty advisor for this event is Susanne Torabi, international student coordinator for Phillips Academy. Donations for

Phillips Academy's Haitian relief effort will be welcomed.

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières is an international medical humanitarian organization created by doctors and journalists in France in 1971. Today, MSF provides aid in nearly 60 countries to people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect or catastrophe. In 1999, MSF received the Nobel Peace Prize for its pursuit of neutrality and independence in the midst of political unrest and natural disasters.

Tierney has worked with MSF for five years. She previously worked for FINCA International as major gifts director. She is a candidate for a master's degree in humanitarian affairs and human rights at New York University.

# Selectmen candidates outline goals for next 3 years

Three candidates will be running for two seats on the Board of Selectmen this year. The election is March 23.

The Townsman asked the candidates, "If elected, what must be accomplished in the next three years for you to consider your term a success?" Here are the responses:

### Larry Bruce

#### 254 Chandler Road



**Age:** 51  
**Elected office held:** Student government president, Worcester State College, 1982  
**Occupation:** Engineer  
**Immediate family:** wife

Pamela Bruce, daughter Ally Bruce (Andover High School, 2009)

**Answer:** There's an old saying in business, the customer is always right. In town government, the taxpayer is the customer. And at the end of my term as selectman, I believe the Town of Andover will once again be working for its customers, the taxpayers.

No business can survive long, raising prices while cutting services. Yet that is how our town has operated, and that is the mindset I will change when residents elect me.

Andover has an annual budget of almost \$140,000,000. That's plenty of money. We just have to spend it more wisely. We must turn the streetlights back on, and town employees must no longer commute in Andover vehicles, gassed up on town credit cards.

Most every year we are told we must pass the 2-1/2 override "for the children." Then our selectmen turn around and gut the budget of Andover Youth Services. Something is amiss in the town's priorities.

Why are we spending \$500,000 more to operate our public library than Lexington does? Never again should the Inspector General rule that Andover violated state law by disposing of surplus town property, including a useful fire engine without soliciting bids, without realizing even a dime for a perfectly serviceable vehicle.

On May 18, 2009, the selectmen either increased or imposed seven fees on the taxpayers. Seven! Are services any better? The town has 1,115 full-time employees; surely one or two are "non-essential," even on non-snow days.

Doing more with less, that's what I will accomplish as selectman.

### Alex Vispoli, incumbent

#### 7 Alison Way



**Age:** 52  
**Elected office held:** Three terms on Norfolk Planning Board prior to moving to Andover in 1996; Andover Board of Select-

men March 2004, re-elected March 2007, twice served as chairman.

**Occupation:** Director of Sales, for Waltham's Venuy Inc., \$30 million data protection and availability solutions company. Immediate family: Spouse, Ann (Maguire) Vispoli; children: Colleen, 25, AHS class of 2002, high school teacher married to Ian Callahan; Alexander 23, PA class of 2004, sports broadcaster; Christine 21, AHS class of 2007, junior at UNC Asheville; Kevin, 11, sixth grader at Doherty Middle School.

### Answer:

■ Interstate-93 interchange agreement: The interchange will provide commuter traffic relief for the residents of Ballardville, economic benefits including job creation, new revenue streams for the town and the ability to protect more open space along the Shawshen River. I initiated Andover's I-93 task force to ensure that our town's interests are protected and we have an active voice in this complex project, working with Wilmington, Tewksbury, state and federal agencies. The Board of Selectmen will need to make sure the balance of economic development, traffic mitigation and open space protection are met.

■ Townwide IT strategic plan completion and implementation: I took the lead on the board to help define and initiate this approach to ensure that we find economies of scale to enhance productivity and efficiency of IT of the town and schools. Benefits of this include reduced IT costs, increased service delivery by leveraging IT assets.

■ Consolidation of finance and budget process: We have initiated a study with the Commonwealth to identify areas of consolidation within the town. This would include increased reporting to residents on the tax impact of specific projects before Town Meeting.

■ Town-yard agreement and planning of relocation and redevelopment: Finalize best option under consideration and present to Town Meeting for vote. To begin long term redevelopment plan for current town-yard site, including multi-use development, expanding Core Business District and increased opportunities for business to locate.

■ Bancroft School final replacement location, design and funding in place.

### Jerry Stabile, incumbent



Mr. Stabile did not provide additional personal information.

**Answer:** The challenge every municipality faces across this

country is that the costs of doing business continue to rise while revenues are not keeping pace with these expenses.

Three years ago when I decided to run for selectman I felt much the same way as my opponent Larry Bruce feels today. I wanted to have an impact and create positive change. What I have learned during the past three years is that unlike the private sector, cities and towns cannot turn on a dime. It takes steady progress and a commitment to improve. Most of all it takes hard working, professional and committed people who get up every day with a mission. Notwithstanding the small minority of folks who have an axe to grind specific to an issue, I have learned firsthand that the people of this great town actually trust the leadership and appreciate the community we live in.

Great communities don't just happen, they are made. They are made by employees, management, elected officials and volunteers. They are made by the people who live here and by the people who work here. If I am elected, I plan to continue the work in progress to address the fiscal crisis we face while at the same time doing our best to maintain the quality of life and the level of services the people of this community have grown accustomed to. I look forward to expanding on exactly what this work entails in subsequent public forums.

## Patrick J. Minichiello, 90



**ANDOVER** — Mr. Patrick John Minichiello, born Nov. 5, 1919, age 90, of Andover, passed away at his home surrounded by his loved ones on Tuesday, Feb.

16, 2010 after a lengthy illness. Beloved husband of Marion Rita for 66 years, he was pre-deceased by his parents, Rosina (Fatelo) and Bernadino Minichiello.

Educated in Haverhill Public Schools, Mr. Minichiello attended Boston University and Northeast Law School (Boston University Law School) prior to his entry into the United States Army from 1942 to >1946. After serving in World War II, a period of time spent in the Pacific, he returned to his native Haverhill, in the employ of Prudential Insurance Company of America for 35 years; the recipient of numerous outstanding salesmanship awards. Mr. Minichiello also worked for Liberty Mutual and the Internal Revenue Service.

He served on the Haverhill School Committee (1972 to >1979); and also held memberships in Service Clubs and was an officer of the Michael J. Bucuzzo Post, Italian American War Veterans. After retirement Patrick and Marion enjoyed many winter seasons in the Jensen Beach Florida area.

Mr. Minichiello had a zest for life and living. His interests were many and varied: An avid sports fan and card playing wizard, he also enjoyed reading, the fine arts and more importantly his family, a devoted husband, father, grandfather.

In addition to his spouse, Marion, he leaves three daughters, Roseanne T. Minichiello of Plaistow, N.H., Patricia Ann Stapinski and her husband Stephen E. of Andover, and Maria Angela Minichiello and her companion James Merriman of Boxford. His only granddaughter, Diana Marie was a constant, whom he loved, cherished, and treasured guiding her into maturity, of Plaistow, N.H. His remaining siblings are Samuel J. Minichiello of Haverhill, Mrs. Cam Nadeau of Watertown and Dorothy Strassen of Maine. He is survived by several nieces and grand-nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Relatives and friends were invited to attend his funeral on Saturday, Feb. 20 from the **H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill, followed by a funeral Mass at St. James Church, Winter Street, Haverhill. Burial followed in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Haverhill. Calling hours were held at the funeral home on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Mr. Minichiello always gave to children's charities, soplease consider memorial donations to a children's charity of your choice. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.**

## Donald E. Morin, 79



**ANDOVER** — Donald E. Morin, 79, of Andover, died Saturday morning, Feb. 20, 2010 at his home. He was the beloved husband of

Irene (Breton) Morin, with whom he shared 39 wonderful years of marriage.

Donald was born in Methuen, Nov. 21, 1930. He was the son of the late Daniel N. and Francis (Cowperthwaite) Morin. He was a graduate of Punchard High School in Andover. He served in the United States Air Force from 1952 to 1956. Mr. Morin was stationed in Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. He was an active member of the "Mobilaires" a 3rd radio squadron's choral group. He worked as a manager for Raytheon Corporation Precision Inspection Department until his retirement. He was a member of the American Legion in Andover.

He was an active member of the Raytheon Golf League and was an avid 45's player.

He is survived by his loving wife, Irene; his son, Michael D. Breton and his wife Janyce (Shugrue) of Dracut; his grandchildren, Denis M. Breton of Dracut, David M. and Stephanie (Morse) Breton of Londonderry, N.H., Jared M. Breton of Nashua, N.H., and Carolyn M. Breton of Dracut. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Claire Morin of Andover; brother-in-law, Paul Monette of Philadelphia; many nieces, nephews, close friends and neighbors. Donald was also the grandfather of the late Kevin B. Breton and brother of the late Daniel Morin, Grace Harrison and Jackie Monette.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Calling hours were held on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at the **Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Funeral Mass was Wednesday at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St. Burial was in West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover.**

### RELIGION

Feast or Famine, A Global Hunger Banquet will be held on Saturday, March 13 at 6 p.m. at the Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover.

This hunger banquet event is meant to bring to life inequalities in our world. Guests will experience firsthand the reality of hunger and poverty that many are simply born into.

Here's how it works: Guests draw tickets at random that assign them each to either a high, middle, or low-income tier — based on the latest statistics about the number of people living in poverty. Each income level

receives a corresponding meal. The high-income tier are served a sumptuous meal, the middle-income section eat a simple meal of rice and beans, and the low-income tier help themselves to small portions of rice and water.

All guests are invited to share their thoughts after the meal and to take action to fight poverty. A \$5 per person or \$20 per family ticket price will be donated to Cor Unum a busy meal center in Lawrence where breakfast and dinner are served restaurant style with the utmost of dignity for the guest.

## 11th annual Fitness for a Cure gala to benefit St. Jude's Children's Hospital

The 11th Annual Fitness for a Cure gala benefiting the groundbreaking research and lifesaving care of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® will be held Saturday, Mar. 27 at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. St. Jude is one of the world's premier centers for the

research and treatment of pediatric cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases.

Since its inception, Fitness for a Cure has raised more than \$1.4 million for the children of St. Jude. In 2009, Fitness for a Cure celebrated its 10th anniversary by raising

more than \$212,000. More than 1,200 people attended the annual events in Andover, and Nashua, N.H.

Due to overwhelming attendance in 2009, the Andover and Nashua events have been consolidated into a single day of events at Lowell Memorial Auditorium.

This year, Fitness for a Cure will feature two separate events. A family-oriented day show featuring a fitness show by the Performance Team, games, and face painting will be held at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$15 for children.

# Opinion

## Towns need state to follow this plan

Administrators from communities across the area have spoken with near unanimity in favor of "plan design" – a change in the law which would give cities and towns the same authority as the state to determine the kind of health plans offered their employees.

Andover selectmen last month sent a letter to the Andover state legislators that said, "Having the ability to manage and control the escalating costs associated with the Town's health insurance plans outside of collective bargaining is our very highest priority."

Yet despite the potential savings – hundreds of thousands of dollars, even millions, per community per year – legislators simply can't summon the courage to move the proposal forward. Rep. Paul Donato, D-Medford, House chairman of the legislative Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government, deemed it "too controversial" to include in the "Municipal Relief Act" his panel was scheduled to release Tuesday.

Sadly, it appears Donato and his colleagues are still more beholden to the municipal unions than they are to those who elect them.

As Geoffrey Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, told the Statehouse News Service this week, "Plan design's an issue that benefits the taxpayers of the state and guarantees municipal employees still very good health insurance."

Better than most, we suspect. But while unions would still be able to negotiate the share of health premiums their members must pay, plan design would allow municipal officials to unilaterally determine just what kind of plan or plans – including the amount of co-pays and deductibles – would be offered.

No question it's a big change, and one can't fault the unions for defending the comfortable status quo. But legislators across the state are supposed to be looking out for the best interest of all their constituents, not just those who happen to work in the public sector.

## True Townsman honors come from readers

The Suburban Newspapers of America has awarded The Andover Townsman with six awards for being among the best weeklies of its size in the country. This is the first year the Townsman has competed in this national competition.

The Townsman won the following awards in the category for weeklies with under 8,000 circulation:

- First Place in Best In-depth Reporting, for its "Change For Your Budget" series, which sought new ideas for running the town.
- First Place, for Best Local Election Coverage
- First Place in Best Arts and Entertainment Feature, for Bethany Bray's article "Gaming The System," about a movie made by an Andover man.
- Third Place in the Best Editorial Page contest
- Third Place for Best Coverage of Local Education/School District Issues for "Elementary Health Education Revamped" by reporter Bethany Bray.
- Honorable Mention among all weeklies of all sizes, for Best Coverage of Aging Issues/Senior Citizen Lifestyles, for its coverage of "Helping Seniors Remain at Home."

While we appreciate the honors, we realize that the most important accolades come from the appreciation of our readers. We have a small staff, but we try our best to serve our and want to cover topics of interest to the community at large. If you have a story idea call editor Neil Fater at 978-475-7000, or send an e-mail to nfater@andovertownsmen.com.

## WEB QUESTION

### Speedy superintendent search

Last week's Web question asked about what the town should do with Bancroft Elementary School students if the 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. With 50 people voting, you said:

"It would be less disruptive to kids and their education to stay in town," received 32 percent of the votes.

"If it's affordable and safe send them out of town," 16 percent.

"There's got to be a building somewhere in town that can be used," 22 percent.

"Let's wait and see. Bancroft could stay open, if the new school is built separately," 14

percent. "I don't have kids in the schools, so it doesn't matter to me," 10 percent.

None of the above, 6 percent.

This week's Web question is: Does the School Committee selecting a superintendent on March 4 allow time for residents meeting with candidates on March 1, 2, 3 and 4 to provide meaningful feedback?

Yes No. Unsure. The School Committee does not need feedback at that point.

Other. To vote, log on to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll down to the Web question on the bottom of the home page.

## FUTURE OLYMPIAN?



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Phillips Academy junior Jeb Roberts uses roller skis in the parking lot of the ice rink on South Main Street in Andover. Roberts is part of Phillips' nordic ski team and uses the roller skis in areas with not enough snow.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### All the wrong reasons to say no

Editor, Townsman:

Circumstances leading up to Andover's missed opportunities to qualify for federal Race To The Top funds in January were both frustrating and unfortunate. But voter anger towards the local teachers' union that is palpable and genuine does not begin nor end with the Andover Education Association's (AEA) unwillingness to sign on in partnership with the School Committee.

While I certainly could not identify all the reasons for voter antipathy towards the AEA, there are three incidents from the recent past that I would consider likely suspects.

The first involves a statement, either printed or publicly voiced in 2009 and attributed to the union leadership, that the residents of Andover could afford to spend more on public education if they chose to and that any loss of educational service was solely the responsibility of the taxpayers. Here we have union leadership creating a political maelstrom at a time of significant economic uncertainty, loss of property values across the spectrum, and the prospect of rising unemployment.

The second involves the unwillingness of the AEA to consider an adjustment in negotiated compensation to avoid the layoff of upwards of 35 rank and file members.

The third involves the missed opportunity for the RTTT federal funds.

Here are three instances in which the teachers' union leadership voted to say no: no sensitivity to the fears, anguish, and discouragement of Andover residents that the greatest recession since the 1930s had caused; no to their own members in finding a palatable solution to the unanticipated loss of state revenues and declining local revenues; and no to an opportunity for Andover to win vitally needed federal revenue.

We have recently seen how a wave of anger can change the political landscape in Massachusetts, at least for one election. I view the teachers' union political situation with some concern. While the union's collective political strength may shield them from any significant damage, it is clear that the voter anger and antipathy run long and deep.

The negotiations for new municipal employee contracts in Andover will not be business as usual. Exactly how this will play out in a period of further municipal revenue declines, reduced state funding, demands for funding a new school, fire department facilities, and the Town Yard, and the reality of voter anger is anyone's guess.

JOHN F. ZIPETO  
14 Canterbury St.

A longer version of this letter appears online.

### Cutting health benefits means less qualified assistants

Editor, Townsman:

School Committee members:

I am an elementary counselor in the Andover schools, and I attended the meeting on Feb. 9

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when the co-presidents of the instructional assistants unit presented to the School Committee. The School Committee's support of raising the benefits threshold from 20 hours to 30 hours will leave the majority of these important staff members facing the loss of their health insurance.

About 100 concerned staff members were present; it was standing room only, overflowing into the hall. I was disappointed that any discussion was shut off and no response was made to these very thoughtful and detailed comments. Many of those present would have testified to the value of these employees, and to how unfair, and indeed wrong, it would be to take away health insurance and in some cases force these experienced assistants to seek other work.

In the 11 years I have been in the system, I have noticed that the instructional and special education assistants are the eyes and ears, hands and feet of the teaching and counseling staff. Most have been here longer than me, some have masters degrees or teaching credentials and choose to be in a supporting role for whatever reason. They supervise students at lunch and recess, order supplies, do bulletin boards, copying and materials preparation. Under teacher supervision they lead small student groups, give informal emotional support and encouragement to individual students, and serve as social coaches, referees, and safety personnel for unstructured times.

West Elementary School staff feels the loss of 90 hours of total instructional time in the 2009-10 year. More cuts may come. But even worse than that would be the loss of professional network and relationships, experience and wisdom accumulated over decades, to be replaced by inexperienced and most likely less qualified individuals. About 70 percent of these employees live in Andover.

CAROL A. MITCHELL, LICSW  
Sherborn, Mass.

### AYS telethon shows town's unselfish spirit

Editor, Townsman:

Unbelievable is the first word that comes to our minds when we think about what happened Thursday and Friday nights, Feb. 4 and 5. We have always been proud to be part of the Andover community but nothing compares to the feelings we have after watching the way this town came together for Andover Youth Services last week. Seniors, elementary, middle

school and high school students as well as parents, teachers, young adults and town officials all worked side by side to insure that the "Raise the Roof" telethon was a tremendous success. Watching this diverse group of people work together magnified the spirit of the Andover community. The energy and passion of those two nights shows what citizens can do if they believe in something.

In these tough, economic times it is a tribute to all involved and specifically to Bill Fahey and his youth services team that the telethon raised over \$88,000. It is a true testament to the services and support that Fahey and crew provides to the young people in our town.

We'd like to acknowledge those who donated, organized, volunteered, pledged, participated or just watched the telethon on their local cable station. The spirit of unselfishness and service is alive and well in Andover.

DIANE COSTAGLIOLA  
Belknap Drive  
ANDREA ZAIMES  
Williams Street

### River's dams serve no purpose

Editor, Townsman:

I was raised in Andover, Mass. in the 1950s and '60s. As a youngster, I spent many happy hours fishing for (stocked) trout on the Shawshen River. In the early 1970s I moved to central Maine and owned property on a tributary of the Kennebec River. I later became president of the Kennebec Valley Chapter of Trout Unlimited and was a founder of the grassroots movement that in 1990 resulted in the removal of the Edwards Dam from the Kennebec River at Augusta. This was a landmark decision on the part of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as it was the first operating hydro-power facility to be refused a re-license. As you may know, that first removal has led to many others around North America, and the world.

It seems fitting that a team of planners is now considering the removal of three obsolete dams on my hometown river, the Shawshen. To those who doubt the wisdom in those proposed removals, I'd suggest they consider the newly revitalized section of the Kennebec River which was returned to a riverine environment when the dam was removed.

Rivers have lives that are well worth saving. Useless head-ponds contribute little to those lives.

PETER THOMPSON  
Syracuse, N.Y.

The writer is the author of *Freshwater Game Fish of North America, an Illustrated Guide*.

### New school plan should not eliminate trees

Editor, Townsman:

The Bancroft School Building Committee is nearing a decision about where the new elementary school building will be sited.

Among the plans under consideration are those that call for a three-story building for 700 students with two new roads exiting onto narrow Holt and West Knoll roads. To build these roads, most, if not all, of the trees on school property would be cut down, wetlands filled in and a beloved walking path

between Bancroft and the neighborhood, bulldozed.

As if that is not enough, there is now a push to build three new playing fields on the 20-acre Bancroft site.

The seven-person Bancroft School Building Committee (BSBC) is very hard-working and is trying to make the best decision for the students, the town and the neighborhood. Read their minutes at sbc@aps1.net or the blogs maintained by School Committee member Annie Gilbert at bancroft-buildingproject.blogspot.com.

Until the past few months, I was only vaguely aware of how town trees are being assaulted all over town in the name of growth or progress. On Sunset Rock Road and River Street, neighbors are fighting developments that call for removal of 35 or more town-owned roadside trees. At Elm Square, fully-grown Scots pines will be removed and replaced, because they grew too big.

It is not too late to let your voices be heard in support of trees at the Bancroft Elementary School site. School Building Committee meetings are open to the public and the committee reads its emails at the sbc@aps1.net site.

CHRIS YOUNG  
60 Whittier St.

### AYS supports our kids

Editor, Townsman:

As a parent and taxpayer in this community for the past 24 years I have personally known two adolescents who completed suicides and have been aware of several others. I am now aware that drug and alcohol use by the teens in our community is, by their own report, nearly universal.

Groups of dedicated adults and teens have worked tirelessly to form and support volunteer community action groups as a way of educating parents, children and other community adults to the risks faced by our children.

No one has worked harder than the staff of Andover Youth Services and their associated foundation to provide services that help our children grow into healthy adults. I have personally watched Bill Fahey and then Glenn Wilson and Tony Lombardi as well as the rest of the staff, work with undying commitment for the cause of Andover's youth, and always with a smile on their face. Spend a few hours, as I have, at the skate park and you will see a group of youth who selflessly support one another in the pursuit of their passion, something we, as the adults in this community, might learn.

What in the world is more important than our children? For years AYS has been operating on a shoestring budget from the town supplemented by donations and fundraisers. The thought that Andover would reduce funding for this essential agency is unconscionable. Our children are at great risk from the temptations that surround them, some of which are consciously or unconsciously supplied or supported by parents. Let's wake up, Andover, and begin supporting our children and their healthy development with positive programs like Andover Youth Services.

CHRISTOPHER BERRY  
46 Walnut Ave.

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**BANCROFT: Committee nears choice on new design**

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how officials will balance the

needs of students, residents and the overall town. "As an Andover resident, I am concerned the complexity of rebuilding Bancroft as the largest elementary school on the smallest school site in town has introduced many difficult and potentially costly challenges and trade offs for all constituents

involved," she said in an e-mail. Of the options available, "Some leverage developed land, improve infrastructure, and try to minimize negative impact to the neighborhood. Others, produce adverse affects on the environment, residential community, and surrounding roads including:  
■ Filling in critical wetlands

on a site with high water tables;  
■ Deforesting all remaining Bancroft forests to fully expose 5,900 feet of abutting properties;  
■ Eliminating the Community Walking/Biking Path that provides students/residents with a safe route to school for an extensive new road system;  
■ Erasing the neighborhood's community center on historical land that represents Andover's Early Settlement Period (1600-1700);  
■ Building new roads with future maintenance costs that fill in vegetated wetlands, deforest

40 foot trees, eliminate natural buffers; and

■ Redirecting school traffic onto narrow, winding streets, such as Holt Road and potentially Salem Street, to reach Main Street."

When purchased by the town, the Bancroft property came with three access points, said Johnson. A paved drive leads from Bancroft Road to the school, an unpaved walking trail connects the school to Holt Road and an unpaved strip of land connects to the West Knoll Road cul-de-sac.

"We're waiting to get back the traffic report, to see if we need to use the other access points," said Johnson.

All of the designs being considered by the School Building Committee show two paved access roads leading to the new school.

That's what bothers Young, who lives on Whittier Street in the downtown, as well as FACT, a group of residents. Taking down trees to pave a road would disrupt the watershed and ecosystem of the area, she said.

"FACT's concern is that it appears that neither the School Building Committee or architect are considering the trees or the open space at the back of the school on town property," said Young. "We're seeing that, all over town, things like this are happening, that trees and the environment are not considered. Andover's changing. All these decisions are being made independently, but we are seeing the whole and it's not good."

After the March 3 vote, the architect will begin forming a schematic design, said Johnson. The Andover School Building Committee hopes to meet with the Massachusetts School Building Authority at the end of April, possibly bringing the design to a fall or special Town Meeting.

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**How to Organize Your Stockpiled Riches**  
Last week we talked about the importance of stockpiling, a topic that certainly shouldn't be lost amongst all the coupon talk. Simply put, stockpiling involves purchasing more of a product than a household immediately needs when the price of the item hits its lowest point.  
Most products at the supermarket go through a price cycle. Buying when prices are lowest and using coupons for additional savings ensures we pay the lowest possible prices for the items we need.  
In any discussion on stockpiling, two questions inevitably crop up: Where do I put all this stuff I'm buying in larger quantities? And how do I know when the price is at its lowest point? Let's tackle both topics.  
Once you shift your perspective and begin to shop based on price versus your household's immediate needs, you will find yourself dealing with larger quantities of your most frequently purchased items. I've found it most convenient to set up a small area in our basement to devote to my "store," where shelves hold items I most often purchase in multiples. Organizing my stockpile on shelves reduces the footprint of the storage area. I arrange my stockpile much like a traditional store, with cereals and breakfast items shelved together and designated spots for snack foods, pasta and sauce, and drug store-type items. However, when a good sale strikes, my stockpile has been known to creep out of its designated area. Past great sales on paper products have led to toilet paper and paper towels stored on shelves in our garage!  
If you don't have a special room or area where you can set up shop, storage options abound throughout the house. Many crunched-for-space Super-Couponers use under-bed boxes or drawers to stockpile all sorts of items, from canned goods to cereal boxes. Other coupon shoppers clear space in closets for stockpiling items. One couple I know decided they needed a pantry more than they needed a linen closet. Now they keep sheets and towels in the master bedroom closet and the linen closet is filled with food! Still others appropriate old armoires, china cabinets or buffets to conceal their stockpiles.  
Don't necessarily limit yourself to inside the house. In moderate climates, consider storing cans, jars and paper products on garage shelves. I've heard from many apartment dwellers who use outdoor-accessible storage containers to store more than bicycles and lawn chairs.  
With stockpiling, the key is to strike a balance between the bargains you bring home. Any time my stockpile begins to grow too far beyond its designated home, it's usually time for me to do a "sweep" for any products we are not likely to use in the near future. We donate our extras to a local food bank or pantry. I like to think my stockpile benefits my family and others, too.  
Now, how do we know when the price of an item hits its lowest point and becomes a "buy"? Typically, any time a sale price is at least 50 percent off the regular, non-sale price, it's a buy. Last week, I discussed a sale in which crackers went from \$3.29 to 99 cents a box. This would be an excellent example of a cycle low, since 99 cents is about 70 percent off the regular, non-sale price. But, if the crackers had been on sale for \$1.65, they still would have been an excellent buy - that's half off. When shoppers are Super-Couponing, part of the strategy is to learn the best prices for the items we commonly buy.  
The internet offers many useful tools for coupon shoppers. Many web sites offer detailed lists of all items that will hit their lowest prices for the current week at your store of choice. These grocery list sites also help shoppers match current sales to the coupons they need in order to reduce prices even more, listing exactly where the coupons appeared and when to use them. Find a list of these on my web site, [www.supercouponing.com](http://www.supercouponing.com) site, under the heading, "Getting Started."  
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The Coupon Queen

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# Townspeople



## Learning about robotics

Above, David Callahan, 8, of Andover, works on a robot at the "Roly Poly Robotics" workshop for children during school vacation last week at Old Town Hall. At right, Sean Ballou, 6, of Andover plays with a robot he made with a few other children at the workshop, which was sponsored by the Department of Community Services.

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### 100 Years Ago Feb. 25, 1910

Rumor has stated for a long time that a brush factory would be located in the old Frye Village mills. The rumor is confirmed by Mr. Frank H. Hardy, who states that in the early spring he expects to move his factory now located at West Andover into one of the Frye Village buildings.

Under Article 4 the town is called upon to consider the question of purchasing the land known as the playstead in the rear of the public schools. The money involved is \$976.70 and the land covers an area of nearly seven acres.

Advertisement: J.H. Campion and Co. Schraff's nugatines, 24 cents a pound; Van Camps soups, 8 cents; eggs, 31 cents; Curtis Bros. Jams, 14 cents.

### 75 Years Ago Feb. 22, 1935

A once very respectable police car, which used to carry drunken drivers to a cell, crashed into a bus on North Main Street Saturday evening with the result that the car was a sad witness to the arresting of its driver, on drunken driving and drunkenness. The car was used by the local police department prior to the purchase of the present police car.

The sum of \$98,000 will be requested by the building committee at the Special Town Meeting Monday night to add to the original appropriation of \$406,000 for the building of a gymnasium, auditorium, junior high school and heating plant.

A Lincoln and Washington program was held Wednesday night at the Grand Army of the Republic hall by the sons of Veterans Auxiliary under the direction of patriotic instructor Mrs. Henry S. Wright.

### 50 Years Ago Feb. 25, 1960

Notice the Townsman's new face last week? Many people did, and commented on the new, easier to read type found in the news columns. But it isn't just a type-face we're talking about - it's an electronic marvel of the printing age - just the Justewriter, a machine that does all its own justifying and then sets galley type ready for paste-up.

The town is awaiting a report from the state Department of Public Works on the request for a change in plans on Route 110 in Shawshen. The alternative involves placing part of the highway on "stilts" to provide an underpass into an industrial area in Andover and Lawrence owned by the Champy Construction Company.

Advertisement: Priced to Sell: Five-room ranch with two-car garage, area of comfortable homes - \$19,900

# BAD MASH, GOOD SAMARITANS

Kyle Sauerbrunn loved the adventure of hiking the Appalachian Trail



Andover native Kyle Sauerbrunn at the end of his journey along the Appalachian Trail.

BY COURTNEY CASPER  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

When 19-year-old Andover native and Central Catholic graduate Kyle Sauerbrunn was debating how he wanted to spend his year after high school, he hadn't exactly envisioned a rigorous five-and-a-half-month trek across the Appalachian Trail.

A friend gradually talked Sauerbrunn into the idea throughout their junior year of high school.

"I'd never even done much hiking before," he admitted sheepishly, "but I was up for anything, so we decided to give it a shot."

Convinced that a change in setting would reveal answers to questions he'd been grasping for, Sauerbrunn and four other friends spent their final year of high school assembling all the necessary equipment and preparing for the journey. Excluding equipment, the excursion cost \$3,000.

On July 7, 2009, Sauerbrunn and his crew departed from Mount Katahdin in Maine for their grand

### SAUERBRUNN'S TYPICAL DAILY DIET

- Breakfast:** Pop tarts (three packs)
- Snack:** Fun-sized Snickers bars (handfuls)
- Lunch:** Bagels (half a pack) and cream cheese
- Dinner:** Macaroni and Cheese or Ramen Noodles

adventure. With so little experience, did he ever feel like giving up? Sauerbrunn let out a good, hearty laugh at that one. "Oh man, the first two weeks I thought about quitting every hour of every day. I'd think, 'Maybe if I hurt myself coming down this ledge I'll be able to go home!'"

But Sauerbrunn - or "Bad Mash" as he was christened after whipping up some inedible mashed potatoes and proceeding to get sick - hiked the trail all the way to the end. The four hikers concluded their challenge on Dec. 21, 2009 at



COURTESY PHOTO

Kyle Sauerbrunn hangs out along the Appalachian Trail.

Springer Mountain in Georgia. The four men would spend their days hiking and joking, and at

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# Churchill's dispatches from Paris during World War I air raids

## Bill Dalton



Sitting in a windowless passage, writing to the Townsman from Paris in March of 1918, Mary Churchill wrote, "Since these constant and terrific Paris raids, I cannot remember when I wrote of anything else. At times, one almost believes the end of the world is coming."

Mrs. Churchill was formerly Mary Smith of Andover, and was married to Marlborough Churchill in 1903. Mary's father was the treasurer of Smith and Dove Manufacturing, a large, successful Andover business, and the Smiths were prominent in town.

Marlborough Churchill was born in Andover in 1878. He graduated from Phillips Academy and then Harvard before enlisting in the Army. A distant cousin of the famous English Churchill

family (which included future Prime Minister Winston Churchill), he had a name to live up to. He did. Lieutenant and Mrs. Marlborough Churchill went to France in early 1916 - a year before America entered the war. He was an observer with the French forces. She did Red Cross relief work. Their young daughter, Mollie, perhaps aged 11, was with them.

When America entered the war in 1917, Lt. Churchill was re-assigned. He moved to the staff of General John "Black Jack" Pershing, who led America's war effort. Churchill moved up in rank, eventually becoming a brigadier general. The Churchills saw little of each other during the war; Mrs. Churchill and Mollie lived in Paris, and Marlborough Churchill would visit whenever the war allowed. Mrs. Churchill was assigned a uniform and continued her Red Cross work.

Beginning in February 1917, just before America's entry into the war, Mrs. Churchill arranged with the Townsman to send a weekly letter to the paper

describing conditions in Paris.

In a March 10, 1918, letter to the Townsman she wrote that soon after sirens began blaring, "the guns and bombs got busy." The maids lined up chairs in a narrow indoor passage where Mrs. Churchill, Mollie, and the maids took refuge. It was their "cave" as such relatively safe places were called. The space had no windows to spray

glass when explosions shook the walls. That night they sat in the cave for four hours.

Mrs. Churchill said there was a light moment: "I had to laugh when one maid appeared with hat, coat, furs, and purse in her hand and said all her money was in her room on the top floor and asked if Madame [Mrs. Churchill] thought she could get it. Madame did not. Money

## ABOUT THIS PERIOD

The events described above took place during the German spring offensive of 1918 that came within 75 miles of Paris. One hundred eighty three shells were fired on Paris using three of the original "Big Berthas," which were railway guns. The guns reportedly had a maximum range of 70 miles, so were firing near or outside their supposed limit. The lack of accuracy at that range could only have meant they were used as terror weapons. Many Parisians fled their city. The cause of so many explosions described by Mrs. Churchill were likely a combination of the artillery shells, bombs from Gothas, and possibly sabotage bombs at the factories. The Germans believed victory was near, but American troops were arriving at the rate of 10,000 a day. An additional note: Following the war, Marlborough Churchill's work with the "Black Chamber," or Cipher Bureau (the forerunner of the National Security Agency) was so important that he is in the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.

means precious little when there are 50 or 100 Gothas over your head." (The Gotha was the German's heavy bomber.)

March 13, 1918, letter: "There has been more press about the raid Monday night [described in the previous letter] so I feel free to speak. The anti-aircraft guns never ceased for three hours. In the meantime, the bombs from the Gothas were really too awful. Our lights were not turned off until 11:15 when things got really 'hot.' Then we couldn't read in our little retreat. I kept one candle by the front door... and I told the concierge that anyone was welcome."

Mrs. Churchill went to work on the train the day following the attack. She said that everyone was rubbing their eyes and looking tired. But the conversation was of the American troops and how well they are doing on the line. "We are all terribly proud of their work," she said.

March 17, 1918: Mrs. Churchill said

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SENIOR NOTES

The Andover Senior Center is located on the first floor at 30 Whittier Court and can be reached for information on any of its activities by calling 978-623-8321.

**Food on Film:** Mondays, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, 1 p.m. Free of charge and reservations encouraged. All are welcome. A four-part International Film Series focused on food will feature:

- March 1:** Chocolat
- March 8:** Tampopo (subtitled)
- March 15:** Babette's Feast
- March 22:** Julie & Julia (special time at 12:30 p.m., featuring commentary by Terry Kay Bargar, who in 1977 as a WGBH film intern got her first taste of TV production sitting in on the weekly taping of Julia Child's landmark show "The French Chef")

**Portland Museum of Art:** Wednesday, Feb. 24 (new date), 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; \$35. Guided tour of this extensive American & European collection, lunch and then time to revisit favorite

galleries afterward. Lunch on your own.

**Mixed Art Instructional:** Mondays, March 1 to 29, 1 to 3 p.m.; \$25 per five-week series. Join working group of artists at all levels. Learn from instructor the basics of watercolor, pastels, and acrylic painting. Beginners to intermediates welcome to work in watercolor, acrylic, pastel and oil painting mediums. Try new ideas, make mistakes, get excited about learning a new skill, or reaching a new level. Bring your own materials.

**Fun and Games:** March 2 and 24, 1:30 p.m. Bring your friends and enjoy our warm and bright new Four Seasons room, nestled between the Andover Senior Center and Doherty Middle School. This room is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for games, reading, conversation or just enjoying the great outdoors while snuggled in a cozy armchair. A la carte snacks and

drinks available.

**Reiki Forum:** Introduction to the Benefits of Reiki, Friday, March 5, 10 a.m. Free forum. Individual sessions available that day for \$10 per session. Later clinics scheduling now for \$15 new clients; \$20 returning. Call to book appointments.

**Pysanky:** March 9, 1 p.m.; \$3. Demonstration and lecture. Pysanky are hand-decorated eggs made by using an ancient wax resist process. Tools, materials and process needed to create your own keepsakes will be shown. Pending interest, we will offer a class to produce your own decorated eggs. Pre-registration requested.

**Chili/Chowda' Fest:** Saturday, March 13, noon to 2 p.m.; a la carte. Come chase away the winter blues with fun food that will keep you warm. Entertainment by our own "Starlite Players" and their side-splitting version of spring fever! Piano music and fun for all. Call to

reserve a seat.

**St. Patrick's Day Celebration:** Tuesday, March 16, 1:30 p.m.; \$4.50. Prepare to be amazed by "The Irish Music Guy" who plays over 10 instruments and promises to wow us with his wit and artistry. Put on your green and enjoy refreshments, music and merriment with the luck of the Irish.

**Men's Breakfast on Pandas, Pagodas, Pageantry and People:** Friday, March 19, 8:30 a.m.; \$4 advance tickets. Enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet as we journey to China to experience historical sites, industry and the unique pleasures of the Chinese people.

**Candidates Forum:** Friday, March 12; 9:30 a.m. Meet the candidates running for local office so you can make an informed decision at town election on March 23. Moderated by local League of Women Voters. Pre-register for free continental breakfast.

ENGAGEMENTS



Lantelme - Newman

Kirsten Fountain Lantelme and Benjamin Patrick Newman were married on July 18, 2009 at Blair Hill Inn on Moosehead Lake, Maine, where Justice of the Peace Catherine Norton of Falmouth officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Rudolph Lantelme and Karen Fountain Lantelme of Andover. The groom is the son of Stephen and M. Patricia Newman of Boston.

Presented in marriage by her father, the bride was attended by high school friend, Lindsay Wallroth, as maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Zoe Fountain Lantelme of Boston, and Emilie Compton Lantelme of Andover, sisters of the bride.

The best man was W. Jacques Clough Jr. of New Canann, Conn. and the groomsmen were James O. Crowley of Woods Hole, Mass., William F. Crowley Jr. of Boston, Mass., and Jason H. Vintiadis, of Greenwich, Conn.

Kirsten received her early education at the Pike School in Andover and Dana Hall School in Wellesley, Mass. She later received her bachelor's degree in graphic design from Simmons College and masters degree from Lesley College in Expressive Arts Therapy. She is presently employed at The Learning Prep School in Newton, Mass. as a counselor.

Ben is a graduate of Roxbury Latin School and Middlebury College, where he was the recipient of a bachelor's degree in history. He is currently self-employed as a tavern proprietor and professional sailor. T

The newlyweds are presently members of the Corinthian Yacht Club in Marblehead, Mass.

They honeymooned on Peter Island in the British Virgin Islands and now reside in West Roxbury.

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that when she was outside on Friday a "...terrible crash occurred and windows on either side of the street seemed to billow like waves. I turned up my big possum fir collar on the top of my coat and flew for my house and the second crash came just as I reached the front door. My maids had wisely opened every window in the house. Only two more crashes came, and, as no 'alert' was sounded, we realized it must have been an explosion [not caused by Gotha bombs]. People were running up and down the street and in and out of places like rats and everyone called 'allez au cave.'"

The explosions were in the Paris factories, and the fires there burned for 36 hours. Mrs. Churchill said, "We thought of the thousands of men in the trenches who would hear of a loved one who had worked in the factory."

She lamented she could not write more, "My slack time seems to be when I am sitting in my hall waiting for a bomb to arrive in my pocket. One can't write very coherently under those circumstances."

March 24, 1918: Mrs. Churchill

said her daughter, Mollie, went to school nearby. Mollie's school cave seemed a relatively safe place. In a letter sent by Mollie to the "Old Folks Home," which Mrs. Churchill included in her letter to the Townsman, Mollie said, "We spent 4 to 5 hours in the cave today. The big girls take care of the little girls. We each have a flashlight and folding chair to bring down. The American and English girls play jacks and ball and sing." Then, Mollie writes of a new terror: "The explosions are coming from artillery guns 120 km away, like from Boston to Providence. I have tried to persuade mother to leave. Much love to all and don't worry."

Mrs. Churchill continues her March 24 letter, "At dinner time we heard that we had not been visited by enemy Gothas but had been bombarded by guns from the front!!! We had hardly finished our dinner when lo and behold the sirens... If it gets worse, I shall leave Paris. All trains are crowded. I will not let the mob go first. When we are not being bombed we are so comfortable and happy. But if we have to leave we will - if we must, we must."

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SAUERBRUNN: Andover man walks Appalachian Trail

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night, would either settle down along the trail or wander into a nearby town and search for an abandoned building to sleep in.

"Ghetto camping," we called it. After a long day of hiking, that was always a guaranteed thrill," said Sauerbrunn who kept an extensive journal, writing around six pages per day on average.

When asked about the sights from the trail, Sauerbrunn's face was alight with wonder. Lost deep in thought with his

descriptions of the open fields and farms of New England, Tennessee, Virginia, and the Shenandoahs, he said, "It's just something you have to see for yourself...I wish everyone could see and experience the things I did."

However, all of these breathtaking views and the continuous connection with nature weren't even the finest components of Sauerbrunn's experience. The best parts, he claimed, were the people he met - hands down.

"We were one big family out there," he said. "Strangers would

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help you just to help you; it made me want to have a conversation with whomever I encountered."

After such an adventure rush, Sauerbrunn has now come to

the understanding that he has even less of an idea as to what the future will hold for him than he'd had initially. One thing is for certain though: he has gained a genuine appreciation for his hidden potential to learn so much so quickly.

"I realized that people just have to step out of this shell our society creates," Sauerbrunn said. "I hate to be cliché, but it makes you aware of how little people really need. We need the simple things in life. We need our family...We need each other."

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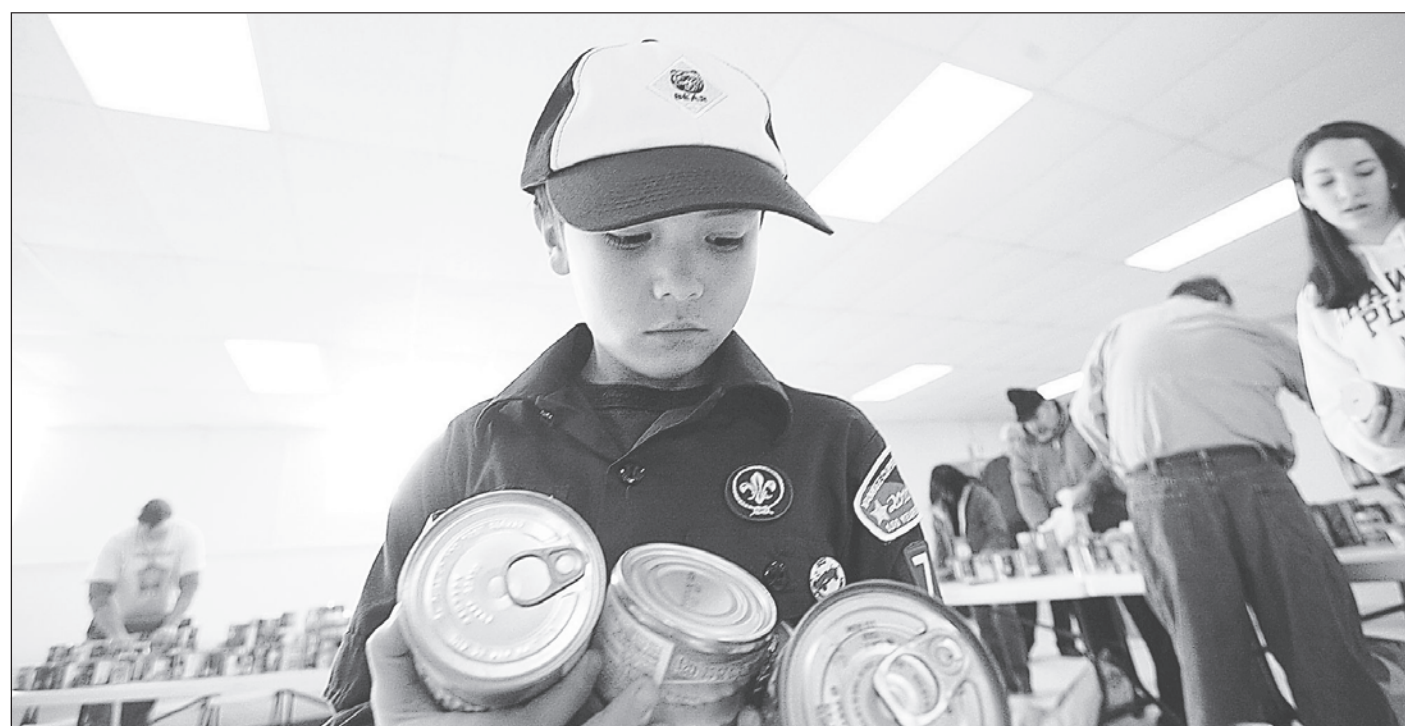
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A Boy Scout in Troop 73, Ryan Beckwith, 9, of Andover reads the labels on cans of donated food as he and other scouts sort the items that will be handed out to local food pantries, during the Good Turn for America Project 2010 held at St. Lucy's Parish Hall in Methuen earlier this month. Activities offered by the Scouts include charity work.

**Boy Scouts of America  
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**Andover Scouts join  
in the celebration**

After helping in the Scouting for Food food drive earlier this month, Andover Troop 77's senior venture patrol headed north, and hiked through snow to stay overnight in a cabin near Warren, N.H. The next morning they drove to participate in a winter ice-climbing school at Cathedral Ledge. After learning to handle ice axes, ropes, and ice crampons, they scaled several 40-foot and higher vertical ice walls.

These are the type of activities available in Andover through the different levels of the Boy Scouts of America. The Boy Scouts this year are celebrating their 100th year.

Andover Scout Units are:  
**Cub Scouts, for boys in grade 1-5**

- Pack 73- South Church
- Pack 76- South School
- Pack 77- West Parish
- Pack 79- St. Robert's
- Pack 100- Andover Knights of

Columbus  
**Boy Scouts, for boys 11-17**

- Troop 73- South Church
- Troop 75- Andover Sportsmans Club
- Troop 76 Ballardvale Congregational Church
- Troop 77- West Parish
- Troop 79 St. Roberts
- Venturing, for young men and women ages 14-20**

- Crew 393 Knights of Columbus
- Crew 99 Andover Sportsman Club

For more information on these units, or to find out how to join, contact Senior District Executive Brian Arenella at 978-478-5081, or [Barenell@bsmail.org](mailto:Barenell@bsmail.org).

Andover troops belong to the Yankee Clipper Council and its Web site provides information regarding Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Venture organizations, at [www.ycbsa.org/](http://www.ycbsa.org/). A race of wooden cars built by the



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Matt Dorros, right, of Andover's Troop 73 of South Church chats with Matthew Cavallaro of North Andover's Troop 87 before the start of the The Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Recognition banquet held earlier this year in Andover.

Scouts, called Pinewood Derby has been a favorite of Scouts throughout the years. This year, the Yankee Clipper Council is planning an All District Pinewood Derby, meaning more than 1,000 Scouts are eligible for the race on March 13 at 9 a.m. at Osgood Landing, 1600 Osgood St., North Andover. Scouts must register and it costs \$5 to participate.

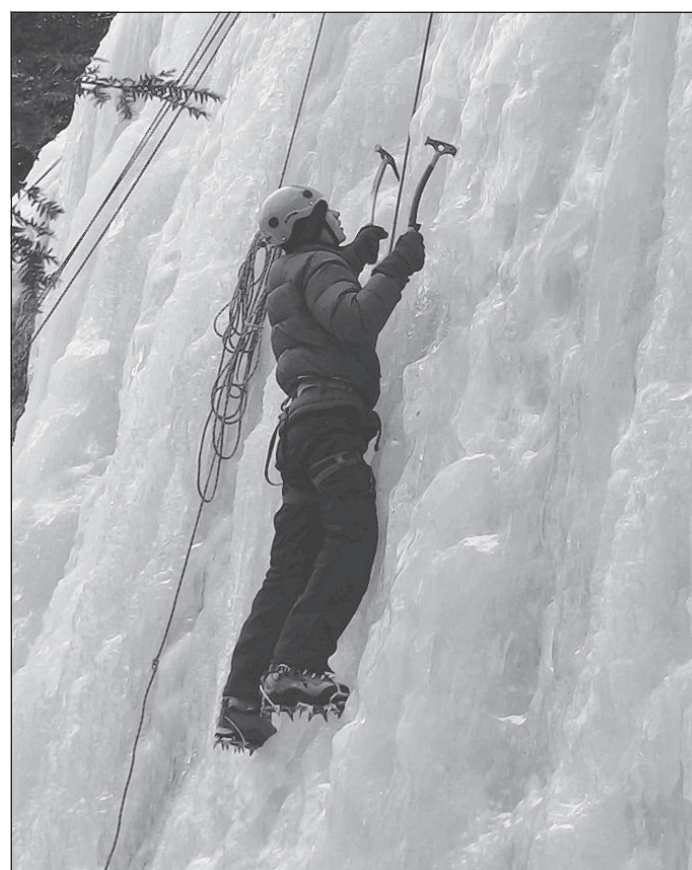
A program called A Year of Celebration is taking place through Dec. 31, 2010. The program is open to all Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Venturers, adult leaders and Scouting alumni.

"For 100 years, the Boy Scouts of America has created a strong foundation of leadership, service, and community for millions of America's youth. Through A Year of Celebration, A Century of Making a Difference, we will demonstrate the incredible impact of a century of living the Scout Law," according to the local Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America Web site.

Program participants will earn recognition for making a difference in their communities due to their dedication to five of Scouting's core values: Leadership, Character, Community Service, Achievement, and the Outdoors. Through that commitment, participants can earn each of five award ribbons to display from a 100th Anniversary commemorative patch, says the Council.

Americans who rose to the highest level of the Boy Scouts, by becoming Eagle Scouts, include:

- Hank Aaron - Baseball player, former home run king
- Neil Armstrong - astronaut, first man on moon
- Bill Bradley - Pro basketball star and U.S. Senator
- Stephen Breyer - US Supreme Court Justice
- Admiral Jay M. Cohen, USN - Undersecretary of Homeland Security
- Barber B. Conable - President, World Bank
- William Devries - M.D., transplanted first artificial heart
- Michael Dukakis - Governor of Massachusetts, presidential candidate
- Thomas Foley - Speaker of the House and U.S. Representative from Washington
- Gerald Ford - U.S. President (1st Eagle to be President)
- Steven Fossett - Flew solo nonstop around the world in a hot air balloon and in an ultralight airplane, won the Chicago to Mackinaw boat races, competed in the Iditarod dog race, and competed in several iron man triathlons.
- Robert M. Gates - Director of Central Intelligence (CIA) and Secretary of Defense
- Richard A. Gephardt - U.S. Representative from Missouri, Minority Leader
- Larry Kellner, CEO - Continental Airlines
- Dr. Alfred Kinsey - insect biologist, human behavior researcher
- James Lovell - Navy pilot and astronaut, president of National Eagle Scout Association. Flew on Gemini 7, 12 & Apollo 8, 13 At one time had seen more sunrises than any other human being.



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Andover Troop 77's senior venture patrol learned winter ice climbing this month, scaling several vertical ice walls.

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# Education

## Teacher, student produce show on superintendent search

By ERIC BRYDEN  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

While the School Committee searched for a new superintendent, the Andover teachers union produced a show for cable access that asks teachers and students what they want in the next superintendent.

On March 4, the five-member School Committee will vote for the new superintendent, who will replace Claudia Bach. To voice the opinions of others in the Andover public school system, the Andover Education Association's Initiatives Committee, in conjunction with student help, has produced a public access program entitled "Selecting a Superintendent," said Andover High School teacher Matthew Bach (no relation). The program examines both student and teacher

perspectives on the superintendent search. Every public school faculty member was invited, via email, to be featured in the production, he said. Although some with interest in the program were unable to attend the filming as a result of schedule conflicts, four teachers — representing all educational levels — are featured in "Selecting a Superintendent," during a discussion with Matthew Bach.

Andover High School students also are featured in the program. Alongside Matthew Bach during production was AHS senior Michela Smith, whose role was to interview students in the high school about the superintendent search. Smith, who was paid by the teachers union to help with the production, said she hopes that the program will "spark interest in being a part of the

### DISCUSSION POINTS

Some of the topics discussed in the cable-access program produced by a teachers union committee include:

- What do we need in a new superintendent?
- Who should be involved in the selection process?
- What new initiatives do we want the new superintendent to implement?

[selection] process."

Matthew Bach is the head of the union's Initiatives Committee and said that allowing members of the school system to articulate their inclinations "empowers the community."

The School Committee's consultant conducted a total of 15 focus groups before the superintendent position was advertised. These included focus groups for teachers and a focus group for Andover High students. The stated purpose of these meetings was to develop a superintendent

profile based on the input of parents and community members.

However, many members of the school system felt "disenfranchised" because the School Committee's criteria of its decision was not revealed to Andover teachers, said Bach, who added that the basis of the decision should be "what the community wants." By educating the public on the criteria of the selection process "more is known about the superintendent," said Bach. "Without criteria, how can the community voice their

### CABLE READY

The teacher's union show "Selecting a Superintendent" will air on Andover cable access through March 7 at the following times:

- Tuesday: 2:30 p.m.
- Wednesday: 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday: 9 p.m.
- Friday: 3 p.m.
- Saturday: 2:30 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:30 p.m.

opinions?"

"This is the first we've heard, to my knowledge, that anyone felt that way," said School Committee Chairwoman Deb Silberstein, who said that she and fellow member Dick Collins attended a forum held by the teachers union and shared what they learned with the entire committee. "We tried to throw as wide a net as

possible."

Smith said that "many in the school system were disenfranchised" and the disregard placed on these members led to their "apathy." Additionally, Smith said Andover "teachers deserve more" because teaching is a "noble profession."

The primary objective of our new superintendent should be to communicate with the education community, said Smith.

"When you're not heard," said Bach, "you have to find a new venue to voice your opinion."

Eric Bryden is an Andover High School student doing an internship at the Townsman as course work. He heard about this effort from Michela Smith and happens to be a student in teacher Matthew Bach's AP Modern European History class.

## Schools should host more youth services

Ken Seifert



It was February 1969. I had an interview with the Andover School Committee for the position of superintendent of schools. It lasted four hours and was a very candid and open discussion. It was a dinner meeting. During those days the meeting was with the candidate and the School Committee only. This has its disadvantages and advantages. The committee shared the challenges, successes and the problems of the schools. They had a very clear position on their expectations for the successful candidate. They provided a good deal of time in wanting to know what my ideas were, how I would implement them and my short and long range plans.

At the conclusion of the evening, it was clear what they expected and what I would do as the next superintendent. I also left a copy of my ideas and plans. The interview was structured in such a way that if I were selected, a mutual plan of School Committee and superintendent could be shared with the community. It also formed the basis for evaluating the committee as well as the superintendent.

One of those ideas discussed was better use of school facilities. It was one of the six or seven basic things I felt important not only for Andover, but all schools.

About two weeks after I started my career in Andover, Ginny Cole, then a School Committee member, dropped by and said, "Let's get going on the better use of our school facilities."

The basic premise was that whatever space and resources were needed for the school program it would have the requirements met. Whatever remained could be used as community services in the broadest sense of the term. We decided that it would require a community services department. As such it should be a town offering to communicate the intent. The program would be run by a director out of the town manager's office working closely with the superintendent and the school principals. We needed a School Committee policy and the acceptance by the town manager and selectmen. Mrs. Cole and I composed a suggested policy with administrative procedures. I had a meeting with Maynard Austin, then town manager. He agreed the facilities should be utilized more than they were. We worked out the details as to the role we would each play. I told him if he had to spend any time resolving community hassles the program would be discontinued. It never happened.

The School Committee passed the policy, the selectmen supported the

plan and we advertised for a community director. There were legitimate concerns from the school staff. Why do we have to use our classrooms for outside activities? What about security? This is just another job added to the custodian's to-do list.

There were a few basic rules to the process. An application was needed. There had to be an adult in charge of the activity. Damages would be paid by the person in charge. If you didn't leave the facility as you found it you would never use it again. If your activity required special equipment or set ups, you would need to pay for the additional labor. Using the gym for a basketball game required no fee. You would need the custodian to let you in and check your approval slip. Use of the auditorium with no special set up was another activity with no fee. Once again the custodian did what he was supposed to and went back to his work. We gave those custodians affected by this policy a couple of hundred dollars for their effort. Some schools were not used as much as others. This was taken into consideration in the stipend paid to the custodian.

Any problem with community groups would be first handled by the community director. The superintendent was the next and final step. I had very strong feelings about the privilege to use school facilities. I felt just as strongly that if you didn't respect property and use common sense there was little possibility for a second chance. To be honest, no second chance was ever given.

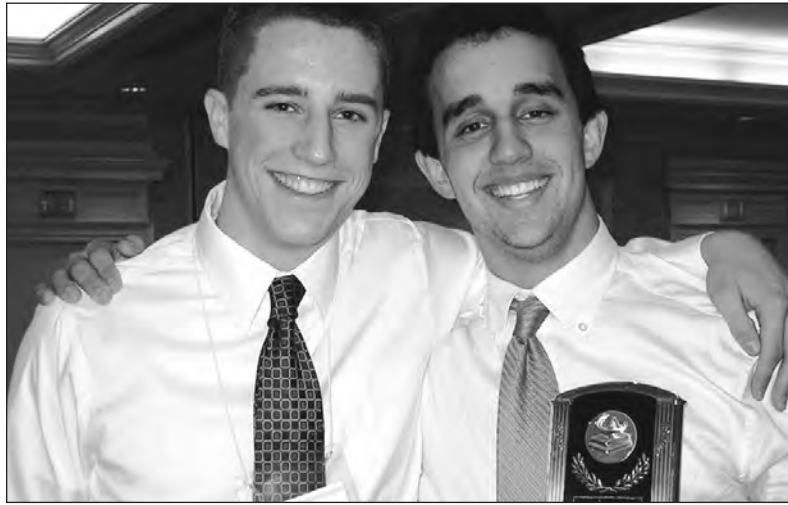
There were the usual problems in any plan regarding public use of facilities. The teachers, custodians, principals and community-service staff worked well together and were very understanding. It was not perfect, but it was a service that did not exist previously. Of course the town always had a summer playground program that did very well for the money expended.

One of the areas that did not receive the attention it deserved was youth services. Youth services in a suburban town have differences when compared with a city or rural community. There are similarities for youth the world over, but each place has its socio-economic problems, talents and level of community support. Andover does some of the youth activities very well but then there are others that are not on the radar screen. I believe the facilities in town can be used more comprehensively. While we have been waiting for a new youth center for more than 10 years, hundreds of our children have been underserved or not served at all. It is time to discuss the topic. There are many things that can be done that don't cost big bucks. Each school should have some youth services that are presently not provided.

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

## AHS students excel in marketing and business

Tom Dempsey and Ned Deane



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COURTESY PHOTOS

Andover High School marketing students placed first overall in a DECA business competition held at the Radisson Hotel in Chelmsford on Jan. 28.

Last week, Joe Spanos, AHS DECA advisor and marketing teacher said this year's team deserved congratulations "for their outstanding effort and professionalism."

DECA, an association for students of marketing, has chapters all over the world. DECA's objective is to support the development of marketing and management skills in career areas such as hospitality, finance, sales and service, business administration and entrepreneurship. Programs and activities are tailored to the specific career interest of students and include technical skills, basic scholastic and communication skills, human relations and employability skills and a strong emphasis on economics and free enterprise.

The following AHS students will be eligible to compete in their respective categories at the State Marketing and DECA conference on March 4, 5 and 6 at the Boston Copley Marriot Hotel:

- Henry Tian, first place, accounting applications
- Panayioti Kostakis, fourth place, and Thomas Payne, fifth place, automotive services
- Michael Principe, third place, business services
- Ned Deane and Tom Dempsey, first place team, buying and merchandising
- Emy Lemay, second place, Joe Dalton, third place, Maokai Shen, fourth place and Michael Cohen, sixth place, food marketing services
- Laura Hanson, fifth place, hotel and lodging management
- Laura Hamilton and Jaclyn Hodas, third place team, hospital-ity services
- Christine Zhou, first place, Jared Rosen, fourth place and Kevin Yang, fifth place, marketing management services
- Heather Pekarovich, second place, principles of marketing
- Ethan Davis, fourth place, and Matt Periman, fifth place, principles of business management
- Derek Monson, first place, Greg Joyce, second place and Isabella Caruso, third place, restaurant and food marketing
- Mitch Slovin, third place, retail merchandising series
- Nick Schumaker and Simon Voorhees, third place, sports and entertainment marketing
- Ben Cook and John Moffitt, first place team, and Danielle Diczno and Justin Lipa, fourth place team, travel and tourism

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# Education

## LOCAL SCHOLARS

Over 20 Andover High School students recently got a hands-on biology experience in Merrimack College's Center for Biotechnology and Biomedical Sciences, as they used state-of-the-art equipment to conduct experiments.

The students were accompanied by Andover High School Principal Jonathan Harris and science teacher Steve Sanborn, while Merrimack Biology Associate Professor's Janine LeBlanc-Straceski and Mark Birnbaum led the actual lessons in the labs.

"It's important to have the students see an actual biotechnology lab," said Sanborn. "The students have seen videos of some of the latest equipment, but had never seen it in person, or used any of it until now."

The lesson of the day was cell culture in biotechnology and biomedicine, and students first watched the experiment completed by the professor and then each had a chance to snap on rubber gloves and do it themselves in teams.

"I thought it was a really special opportunity," said Suin Lee, 19, Andover High School senior. "I've never been in an actual college lab using the equipment. It made me feel like a real college student."

One of the goals of the Center for Biotechnology and Biomedical Sciences is to serve as a community resource, providing the opportunity to learn at a state-of-the-art level when the equipment might not be available otherwise.

## Building pyramids



CARL RUSSO/staff photo

**Grant Soltes, 7, of Andover, makes his pyramid-like structure using toothpicks and marshmallows at the Memorial Hall Library children's room reading-and-experimenting program held during the February vacation. Children's Librarian Kate Belczyk started the program by reading a couple of stories about bridges and super structures to the 15 children who participated. The kids then used their creativity to construct some type of structure using only toothpicks and marshmallows. When finished, they tested the stability of their creations by placing objects of various weight on top to see how long they would hold.**

# Academic Bowl strives to feed teamwork, learning

By ERIC BRYDEN  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

The Academic Bowl is a program in which middle school students in the Greater Lawrence area compete against each other in education-based competitions. Different competing schools are partnered for the year's tournaments. These pairings are far from random, as schools are typically partnered with schools of another town.

Knowledge and teamwork filled the air in Doherty Middle School's auditorium on the morning of Jan. 27 as several schools competed in a recent Academic Bowl competition. The three school teams competing that day were Bruce & Doherty, Leonard & West, and South Lawrence East & North Andover Middle School.

Both hands on activities and knowledge based questions are part of the competition.

Students work in groups on a challenge that resembles Scrabble, in which they are given letters and must form as many words as possible according to the provided Scrabble Dictionary. However, diverging from typical Scrabble, the points earned are calculated by multiplying the points earned from words by the points earned from other formed words in the same row or column. While this added twist makes the game more complicated, some student groups manage to create a board worth over 300,000 points.

During the second portion of the competition, student groups conferred to determine what percent of a millennium a decade is, what the eight different parts of speech are, and to answer other knowledge-based questions. Head of the Academic Bowl, Jim McConaughy, said one purpose of the Academic Bowl is to "reinforce what schools do by playing to kids' interests."

However, the primary purpose of the Academic Bowl is to promote life skills that extend far beyond a middle school competition. The barriers between students from different towns, whether economic or residential, are meant to be dissolved by bringing every kid into the same room with the same purpose. For this reason, McConaughy believes that the Academic Bowl "builds bridges between communities."

Erin Manship is the head of the Academic Bowl team at West Middle School. At the start of the Academic Bowl, said Manship, the West Middle team does "ice-breaker" activities with their partnered school. Getting to know each other "breaks down barriers and stereotypes" among the kids, she said. In June, after Academic Bowl ends, the teams from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen go on a field trip together.

Noah Besen, a senior at Andover High School who participated in the Academic Bowl while a student

at Doherty Middle, recalled the Academic Bowl as "an interesting experience. It gave me the perspective of kids from other towns."

Besen said the Academic Bowl did not "decrease my stereotypes because I had no initial stereotypes."

"[The kids] have to work as a team, and decide who does what activity," said Manship. Through meeting and working with diverse groups of students, and aiding the development of kids' communicative skills, McConaughy said the Academic Bowl helps "kids appreciate others' strengths."

The Academic Bowl encourages teamwork, often helping students develop comfort with sharing their ideas. McConaughy said kids' ability to answer a question will not matter if the person is not comfortable discussing their thoughts with new acquaintances. As certain elements of the competition require a combined effort, McConaughy said the tournament is a grand "opportunity to work on team skills."

At the competition's close, McConaughy said the Academic Bowl instills within children "skills that help them be successful in later life. The competition is more about learning than knowledge."

Eric Bryden is an Andover High student writing at the Townsman through a school-sponsored internship.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 1-5:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Grilled hotdog on a roll, ham-and-cheese mini wrap, tuna salad on a roll, baked veggie beans, tomato and rice soup and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Chicken nuggets, dips and dinner roll, manager's choice, american mini sub, oven fries, steamed veggies and fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** Penne, marinara or meat sauce and garlic bread, burger and pretzels, roast turkey sandwich, tossed salad, fruit cup and juice.

**Thursday:** Roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, tangerine chicken, wheat roll, butternut squash, corn, cranberry sauce and fresh fruit.

**Friday:** Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, chicken caesar salad, bread stick, pasta salad, cole slaw and pudding with topping.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Fish sticks with lemon wedge, crispy chicken sliders, raviolis and sauce, bread stick, seasoned veggies, oven fries and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Asian chicken tenders, baked ziti with cheese, honey wheat roll, garden salad and fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** Tomatoes and garbanzo beans over pasta, chicken caesar salad, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, tropical fruit salad and juice.

**Thursday:** Roasted turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, roast beef sub, chips, corn, fresh fruit and juice.

**Friday:** Stuffed potato, barbecue chicken, caesar salad, fresh melon and jello.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Cuban sub, grilled cheese, grilled jumbo hotdog on a roll, turkey pot pie, biscuit, mashed potatoes, cranberry

sauce and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Grilled herb chicken on a bulky roll, breaded scallop roll, BBQ bean burger, oven fried chicken, dinner roll, rice pilaf, steamed broccoli and fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** Pastrami on a roll, loaded baked potato, cheese quesadilla with salsa and chips, pasta with side of sausage or meatballs, garlic bread, steamed veggie and fresh fruit.

**Thursday:** All-American burger, mozzarella sticks and marinara sauce, steak-and-cheese sub, lasagna with meat

sauce, bread stick.

**Friday:** Bean-and-cheese nacho boat, meatball sub, grilled chicken on roll, baked fish, buttered noodles and corn, fruit with whipped cream.

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.

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

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## 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

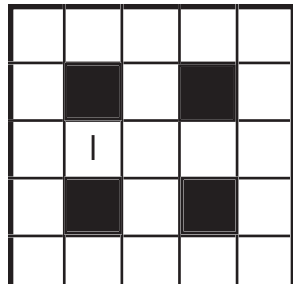
### U.S. Presidents 1789-1877

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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
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18. Ulysses S. Grant 1869-1877

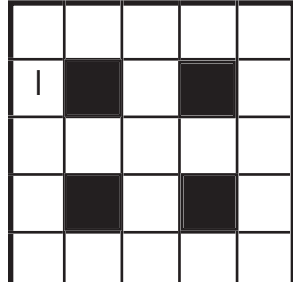
### Cross Five

Using logic, place these six words in the crossword grid

Essay, Inner, Lines, Sorry, Walls, White



Chime, Facts, First, Raise, Steps, Trees



### Newspaper in Education activity

Which of these presidents is the most interesting to you? Search your newspaper for the names of other political people. What did you find interesting about the political people mentioned in your newspaper?

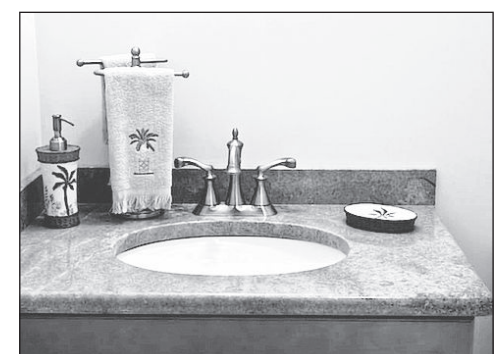
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# Business

## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

### Fragala-Pinkham receives award

Andover resident Maria Fragala-Pinkham, a physical therapist at Franciscan Hospital for Children, recently received the award for Outstanding Achievement in Clinical Practice from the American Physical Therapy Association of Massachusetts.

The award is given to physical therapists and physical therapist assistant members who are outstanding clinicians, dedicated to their patients, their professions, and to sharing their knowledge with others. It is awarded whenever the American Physical Therapy Association of Massachusetts Board of Directors believes an appropriate individual should be so honored.

"We are proud that Maria and her work have been recognized by the American Physical Therapy Association of Massachusetts," said Jane O'Brien, MD, medical director at Franciscan Hospital for Children. "Her work has made significant contributions to the quality and efficacy of treatment for children here at Franciscan Hospital for Children and more broadly in the field of Pediatric Rehabilitation."

Fragala-Pinkham has worked at FHC for 11 years as a physical therapist providing outpatient physical therapy services and as a clinical researcher. She was nominated by a colleague and received letters of recommendation from supervisors and parents of children she had worked with at Franciscan Hospital.

### Fried chosen as a 'super lawyer'

Stephen D. Fried, Esq., of the law firm of Nigro Pettepit & Lucas, LLP was selected as a Super Lawyer from a poll of Massachusetts attorneys conducted by Boston Magazine and Law & Politics Magazine.

Super Lawyers are nominated by their peers and evaluated by a blue ribbon panel. Only 5 percent of the eligible attorneys in Massachusetts are selected annually.

The selection process uses rigorous, multiphase process of peer nominations and evaluations, as well as third party research. Each candidate is evaluated on 12 indicators of peer recognition and professional achievement. Candidates for the honor are grouped according to their primary areas of practice and firm-size categories. Attorney Fried was selected as a Super Lawyer in the area of Family Law.

Fried specializes in Divorce and Family Law at Nigro Pettepit & Lucas and is recognized throughout New England for his work in matrimonial law. He is a frequent lecturer for the Massachusetts Continuing Legal Education and recently chaired a series of lectures on post-divorce related issues and recent trends in alimony.

Fried is a Fellow in the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers and serves as a member of the association's Board of Governors. He was admitted to the Massachusetts Bar Association in 1985 and is a member of the Essex and Middlesex County Bar Associations as well as the Newburyport Bar Association.

In addition to being a frequent lecturer with MCLE, Fried has authored chapters on Modifications for the Family Law Manual and is a certified mediator and conciliator.

He received his juris doctorate from Suffolk Law School and his bachelor's degree from Boston University.

### Barbieri joins Schwartz Hannum

Schwartz Hannum PC is pleased to announce that Frances Barbieri of Andover, has joined the firm as an associate.

Barbieri is a graduate of Washington University School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Missouri, cum laude, with a bachelor of arts in religious studies and international relations. Prior to joining the firm, she was an associate at the firms of Littler Mendelson, P.C. and Brown and James in St. Louis, Miss., where her practice focused on labor and employment related litigation and other labor and employment matters.

Barbieri has experience in counseling clients on employment policies and handling a variety of labor and employment law matters from inception to resolution. Among other things, she is experienced in handling matters pertaining to Title VII, ADEA, FMLA, FLSA, ADA, non-competition, and state human rights laws. She has experience practicing before state and federal courts and agencies.

She is a member of the Bar of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the State of Missouri, and the State of Illinois. Barbieri is also admitted to the United States District Court for the Eastern and Western Districts of Missouri, and the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois. She is a member of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts, the National Asian Pacific American Bar Association and the Asian American Lawyers Association of Massachusetts.

### Consoli hired as Savings Bank branch manager

Maria C. Consoli of Methuen has joined The Savings Bank as manager of the Andover Branch Office.

Consoli joined The Savings Bank with more than 30 years of banking and managerial experience within the banking industry, most recently with Cambridge Savings Bank where she was an assistant vice president and manager of the bank's Concord office. Prior to that, she was an assistant branch manager in the Haverhill, and Salem, N.H. offices of the Pentucket Bank, and branch manager of the Lexington office of TD Banknorth, formerly Boston Federal Savings. She has also worked with Southern New Hampshire Bank as an assistant branch manager in the Andover office, as well as Andover Bank where she was the branch manager of the Lawrence and Tewksbury offices.

### Schwartz Hannum recognized

Schwartz Hannum PC has been recognized and ranked as 16 on the list of Top 50 Woman-Owned Businesses in Massachusetts. DiversityBusiness.com announced that Schwartz Hannum PC has distinguished itself as one of the top entrepreneurs in the country. The firm is proud to be the only woman-owned law firm to receive this award.

Schwartz Hannum PC says it "is also excited to be celebrating its 15th anniversary in 2010. The firm is thrilled and proud to have an amazing team of 12 talented attorneys and numerous dedicated staff who strive for excellence every day. We want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank all of them, as well as our colleagues over the years, for their efforts and support."



COURTESY PHOTO  
Julie Foley, of Effective Student Marketing, trains prior to this year's National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer.

## Andover worker runs to raise money for fight against cancer

### Foley recently participated in '26.2 miles with Donna'

Julie Foley, director of client services at Effective Student Marketing in Andover, participated in 26.2 Miles With Donna, the National Marathon to Finish Breast Cancer on Feb. 21. She raised about \$1,500 and committed to running 26.2 miles to support this cause.

After her mother was diagnosed nine years ago, Foley made a personal commitment to participate in a fundraising event for the cause every year, according to her business. She's been involved in events like the American Cancer Society's Making

Strides walk and the Susan G. Komen three-day, 60 mile walk. She considers this marathon to be the biggest undertaking yet, and it came at a time when she was personally affected by breast cancer for a second time, according to a release.

"My cousin, who is only 34 years old, was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. I am running this marathon in honor of her, and my mother, and everyone else who has been touched by this disease," Foley explained before the event. Training for a marathon in the

middle of New England's winter season is not an easy task. Foley has had to run in every weather condition, from sleet to snow to freezing temperatures.

"Sometimes it's cold or snowy or I just don't want to run, but I think of how strong people like my mother and cousin are and I keep on moving," Foley said.

To find out more about the 26.2 With Donna event or donate to Foley's fundraising campaign visit [donate.breastcancer-marathon.com/2010marathon/juliefoley](http://donate.breastcancer-marathon.com/2010marathon/juliefoley).

## Baystate's Players of the Fortnight



COURTESY PHOTO  
Pictured are the winners of the 2009-10 Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight Award, their coaches and Ronald R. Hill of Baystate Financial Services in Andover. Back row, from left, are Bryan McNiff, Brian Salvesen, Kris Riemer, Alex Alois, James Connors, Dianna Bill, Cassandra Drivas, Jimmy Johnson and girls coach Jim Tildsley. Front row, from left, are boys coach Dave Fazio, Hill, Alicia Scarpa and Ally Fazio.

## Andover man one of three finalists for Morningstar retirement advisor award

The American Society of Pension Professionals and Actuaries has announced that Kendall Storch of Andover, senior vice president at Longfellow Benefits in Boston, is one of three finalists in the running for The 2010 Morningstar-ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award.

The award recognizes the specific accomplishments by a financial advisor in the 401(k) marketplace.

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Kendall Storch

investment research, and ASPPA, which is involved in retirement education and advocacy, the award reflects the multi-faceted efforts of advisors to serve their clients, plan sponsors and participants, act as a mentor,

maintain high ethical standards, and innovate in the retirement industry, according to a press release.

The winner will receive the 2010 Morningstar-ASPPA 401(k) Advisor Leadership Award on March 15 during a general session of the 2010 ASPPA 401(k) Summit meeting in Orlando, Fla.

Nominees were selected from 100 nominations from their peers and colleagues in the retirement industry.

## River Road accredited by AAHA

River Road Veterinary Hospital reports that it has received accreditation following a comprehensive evaluation by the American Animal Hospital Association. The evaluation includes a quality-assessment review of the hospital's facility, medical equipment, practice methods and pet health care management.

Only 15 percent of all small animal veterinary practices in the U.S. have achieved accreditation by the American Animal Hospital Association. To maintain accredited status, River Road Veterinary Hospital must continue to be evaluated regularly by the association's consultants, according to a release.

"River Road Veterinary Hospital belongs to a select group of practices that are committed to meeting the highest standards in veterinary medicine," says Anna Worth, VMD, AAHA president. "AAHA hospitals pass a stringent evaluation of over 900 standards covering patient care, client service and medical protocols. By attaining accreditation, River Road Veterinary Hospital is demonstrating its dedication to offering the best care to its patients and clients."

Established in 1933, the American Animal Hospital Association is the only organization that accredits veterinary practices throughout the U.S. and Canada for dedication to high standards of veterinary care. Approximately 3,000 AAHA-accredited practices pass regular reviews.

River Road Veterinary Hospital, located at 176 River Road in Andover and has been an accredited practice member of the association since 2009.

## Lose pounds, help needy families at the same time

Curves is encouraging women in the local area to show their philanthropic strength by participating in the annual Curves Food Drive. Though donating food to families in need is its own reward, the clubs are offering incentives for both existing and potential members who participate.

During the month of March, Curves locations—including those in Andover and North Andover—will collect non-perishable items and monetary donations for food banks in the local area. The goal, according to Curves Founder

Diane Heavin, is for the community to come together to help families in need.

"At the core of our business is the message that women are stronger when they rally together, and that is the point we hope to bring home with our food drive," said Heavin in a release.

She said members who donate a bag of groceries or make a minimum donation of \$30 during the month of March will receive a reusable grocery freezer bag for free. Non-members who do likewise between

March 8 and 20 can join Curves for free. Curves will waive the cost to join.

Curves locations in the area also will participate in a company-wide contest for the most food drive donations collected by Curves locations across the nation. Winners will receive one of several cash prizes to be donated to their local food bank.

"We hope women in the Andover area will come together and participate in this initiative," added Heavin in a release. "Even if you're not thinking about

joining a gym, you can still drop off your donations. There are so many families right here in our own community who need our help."

For more information about and the Curves Food Drive, contact: Shauna Pendleton, Curves of Andover located at 305 N. Main St. Suite 200, at 978-794-1800, or [Shauna@AndoverLawrence-Curves.com](mailto:Shauna@AndoverLawrence-Curves.com). Or contact

Laura McKellar, Curves of North Andover located at 577 Chickering Road, at 978-685-9955 or [9Z2UQJ@curvesmail.com](mailto:9Z2UQJ@curvesmail.com).

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# Sports

## STANDING

# A Undersized Bill now a force in the paint for Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

The moment the ball leave a shooter's hands, Andover center Dianna Bill goes to work.

"Once the shot goes up I don't even worry about the ball," she said. "Rebounding is about wanting it more. You push the person out of the way and box out. I look for someone to box out, then I worry about where the ball is going."

Listed at 5-foot-10 on the roster — but closer to 5-foot-8 according to her coach Jim Tildsley — Bill isn't a traditional low-post player in the rugged Merrimack Valley Conference. But that has not stopped her from becoming a presence in the paint.

In her first year seeing regular varsity playing time, the senior has earned the reputation for her aggressive play, and will be key to the postseason success of No. 3-seed Andover High, which was scheduled to open the Division 1 North tournament on Wednesday against No. 14 Methuen.

"She has hit some big shots and grabbed some big rebounds for us this season," said Tildsley. "She is very tough, works so hard and knows her role on this team."

It was against those Rangers, in the second game of this season, that Bill first began making a name for herself at the varsity level.

"Before that game I was so nervous and was missing layups and just not playing well. I was really worried coach wouldn't think I could do it. But against Methuen I had an awesome game and proved to myself I could do it."

It had been a long road to a varsity starting job for Bill. She spent her first high school season with the freshman team, then as a sophomore she played on the JV team as the Golden Warriors advanced to the Division 1 state title

game. As a junior, Bill made the varsity team, but saw only minimal time coming off the bench. She appeared in 21 games, but in limited minutes averaged 2.4 points a game.

"Last year I was depressed and disappointed a lot," she said. "I definitely wanted to do more and contribute, and I felt like I could. So this summer I started to work harder so I could beat people out and do more."

Bill began to feel more comfortable after her performances in the team's fall league games.

"In the fall we played a very intense schedule," she said. "Especially in a big game against Dorchester, I saw my opportunity and I grabbed it and made the best of it."

But, when the preseason opened, nothing was a sure thing quite yet for a guard-heavy team returning the Eagle-Tribune All-Star duo of point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez and sharpshooter Nicole Boudreau along with returning starter Ally Fazio.

"I thought coach might go with four guards and (forward) Alex Alois," said Bill. "When I found out I earned a starting job, I was so excited and wanted to do all I could to help the team win."

In the second game of the season, Bill delivered her breakout performance with 12 points against Methuen and Division 1 Boston University-bound center Rashidat Agboola. She added 14 more points in a Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament semifinal matchup against the Rangers three games later.

She has also excelled defensively against the likes of Boston College-bound Katie Zenevitch of archrival Central Catholic Her best may have been holding Zenevitch to just 10 points through three



CARL RUSSO/staff photo

Andover senior Dianna Bill, center, drives to the basket against North Andover. Despite a lack of height, Bill has emerged as a standout in the middle for the Golden Warriors in her first year as a starter.

quarters as Andover built a lead on the way to winning the Christmas tournament final.

Not bad, considering Zenevitch stands approximately six inches taller than Bill (assuming she is 5-foot-8), and Agboola is four inches taller.

"Against the bigger players I want to outmuscle them," said Bill. "I'm mostly a rebounder and I'm more motivated than ever against the bigger players. I don't want them to think they have an advantage just because they're taller and bigger. I have to get physical."

"Against Zenevitch, I just faceguarded her the whole time. I don't leave her. She's bigger and stronger, but I can play her. So to hold her to a tough game is a big accomplishment."

Through the regular season Bill, who describes herself as a short jumpshooter with developing post moves, is averaging 6.7 points and six rebounds a game for the Golden Warriors (19-3).

"She does a great job of guarding

players much bigger than her," said Tildsley. "She plays Zenevitch and Agboola so well. And we have one certain play to set up a shot for her on a back screen and she usually hits it."

Bill credited her ability to play larger opponents to her years of playing backyard basketball with her older brothers Joe and Michael who she said each played basketball at New Hampton Prep, and have never held back contact in their games. Her father also played basketball at American International College.

Bill now hopes to continue her playing career in college, ideally at Babson. She has already done an overnight visit, and the coaches have expressed interest.

But she doesn't expect Andover's season to come to an end anytime soon.

"I'd say our expectations are to win a state title," she said. "If we do our jobs, we can beat any team. If you have to make an extra pass, make it, and if you have a shot, take it."

## COMMUNITY SPORTS

### Local helps Bentley women's hoops team

The Bentley women's basketball team includes three Falcons who have knocked down at least 30 three-pointers. One of these is Andover High School graduate Meghan Thomann, a sophomore at the college.

### Dempsey shines for Plymouth State hoops

Junior Ian Dempsey, of Andover, is a member of the Plymouth State University men's basketball team. He has served as a reserve guard and played in 15 games this season as of last week.

The Panthers were 16-8 overall and tied for third in the Little East Conference at 8-5, before their final regular season game against conference foe Rhode Island College. They were scheduled to enter the first round of the LEC post-season tournament on Feb. 23.

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► Boys and girls track

# With All-States on horizon, Andover dominates D1 states

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

If Saturday was any indication, Andover track could be entering uncharted territory on Friday.

"We're making real history here," said Golden Warriors track coach Peter Comeau. "The prospect of winning back-to-back winter All-State titles is thrilling. I think everyone is excited to do something that has never been done, and Andover has never accomplished that."

On Friday at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, the Andover boys will look to win their second straight All-State winter title. Andover won its first indoor track title in program history a year ago, and followed that up with an outdoor title in the spring. The girls last won the indoor title two years ago.

"The boys are the team to beat," said Comeau. "But we are reminding them to run like underdogs. And if we have a perfect meet, the girls could win the title too. We are excited about what we are doing right now."

The Golden Warriors set the tone in a big way over the weekend. Led by stellar efforts from Mark Vetere, Christopher McConnell and the relays, the boys continued their dominance by winning the Division 1 state meet with 60.5 points, easily besting second-place St. John's Prep (46). The Andover girls placed fourth with 34.66 points.

Long known for their dominance in the relays, the Golden Warriors reached historic levels on Saturday with a pair of meet records.

First, the team of McConnell, Kerrick Stevens, Vetere and Connor O'Neill won the 4x200 in a blazing 1:30.02, breaking the old meet record (1:30.92) set by Brockton in 1999.

Then, Chris Goodwin, Scott Waller, Adam Vetere and Simon Voorhees teamed to win the 4x800 in 8:02.74, besting the old mark (8:02.90) set in 2006 by Xaverian. Mark Vetere, brother Adam Vetere, Stevens and O'Neill added a victory in the 4x400 (3:25.01).

"Everyone here is so unselfish," said Comeau. "We took guys like Mark and Adam (Vetere) and Connor out of other events for the relays. We are dedicated to those events."

McConnell added a little history of his own, tying the meet record in the 55-meter dash with a 6.41 not once but twice, in the preliminaries and the finals.

"McConnell is getting back on track and in his groove," said Comeau. "Now that the college choice is behind him, he's having fun now."

Just learning the event, Mark Vetere placed second in the long jump (21-01.75) while Stevens was third and Simon Voorhees placed second in the mile (4:25.35).

The girls also had plenty of success in the relays. The team of Eve Bishop, Kayla Baldwin, Vanessa Singleton and Emily Shields were second in the 4x200 (1:45.93) while Singleton, Jess Salley, Rae Bronenkant and Sydney Eberth were third in the 4x400.

Moira Cronin continued to dominate, winning the high jump (5-7) while Bishop chipped in with a fourth in the 300 (41.33).

"We know everyone's going to be gunning for us this week," said Comeau. "This will be big."

## Boys Track

### Division 1 State meet

Top team scores (32 scored): 1. Andover 60.50; 2. St. John's Prep 46; 3. New Bedford 26

Andover scorers:  
50 yard dash: 1. Christopher McConnell 6.41; Mile: 3. Simon Voorhees 4:25.35; 4x400: 1. Andover (Mark Vetere, Kerrick Stevens, Adam Vetere, Connor O'Neill) 3:25.01; 4x200: 1. Andover (McConnell, Mark Vetere, Stevens, O'Neill) 1:30.02; 4x800: Andover (Chris Goodwin, Scott Waller, Adam Vetere, Simon Voorhees) 8:02.74; HJ: 6. Andover Osborne 6-0; LJ: Mark Vetere 21-01.75

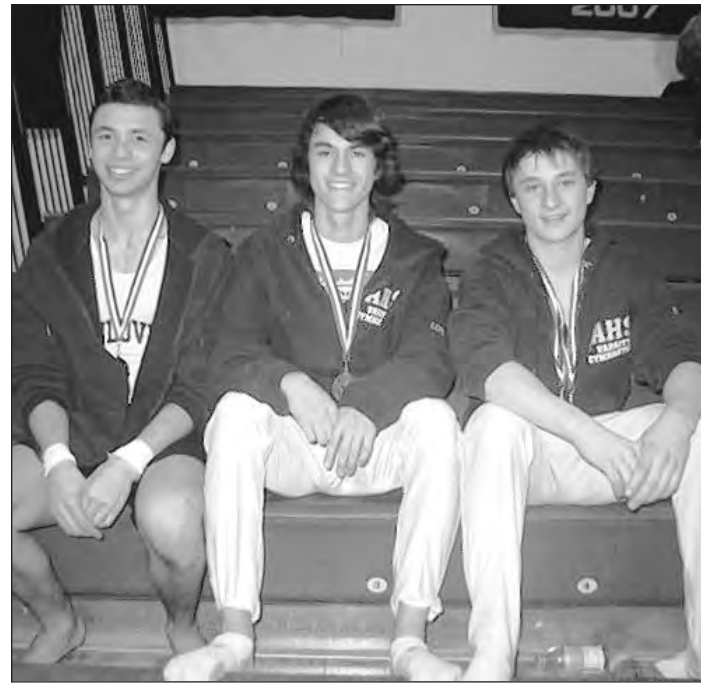
## Girls Track

### Division 1 State meet

Top team scores (25 scored): 1. Newton North: 2. Wachuset 38.33; 3. Boston Latin 38; 4. Andover 34.66

Andover scorers:  
50 meter dash: 6. Kayla Baldwin 7:50; 300: 4. Eve Bishop 41.33; Mile: 6. Maggie Mullens 5:12.87; 4x400: 3. Andover (Vanessa Singleton, Jess Salley, Rae Bronenkant, Sydney Eberth) 4:07.43; HJ: 1. Moira Cronin 5-7; 4. Rosie Forster 5-1; 4. Jess Salley 5-3; 4x200: 2. Andover (Bishop, Singleton, Kayla Baldwin, Emily Shields) 1:45.93

## Outstanding skills



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Medalists at the recent Coaches Invitational included Andover High boys gymnastics team athletes, from left, Sam Nieves, Chris Chu and Brian Manning.

## ► Andover High Roundup

# Rose red hot in Andover tourney opener

Note: All games played after Feb. 22 took place after deadline

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover was simply red hot from 3-point land in its tourney opener.

Spenser Rose matched a career-high with six triples, five coming in the second-half as the Warriors took out Lincoln-Sudbury comfortably, 78-61 on Monday, to advance to the North quarters against the winner of Thursday's Central Catholic/Charlestown matchup.

"If they win," said Warrior captain Joe Bramanti of the top-seeded Raiders, who have won 12 straight over Andover. "Then, we get that shot, and we're excited about it."

Bramanti exploded out of the gate for the Warriors, knocking down 7 of 13 shots in a 23-point first half. The junior again set the tone with a game-high 32 on the night. Rose was next best with 18 points.

"After the first one, I think I missed my next three," admitted Rose, who torched Malden for six threes in the Weymouth Tournament last year. "Then (Coach Fazio) called a play for

me. I hit it and it got me going." Added coach Dave Fazio, "It changes things fast when you can knock down those 3's. So good for him. Guys found him and he hit them."

Joe Bramanti scored 10 points and Brian Miller chipped in with 16 as Andover downed Brookline 70-45 on Wednesday. D.J. Fazio added 11 for the winners.

### GIRLS SKIING

Christopher excels

Andover's Kerry Christopher was first overall (44.66) and Jess Kearns was second (45.41) in the junior division of the Bove Race. Alex Driscoll, Will Maye and Matt McIver each had an assist for the Golden Warriors.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gomez-Martinez's big day paces Andover to win

Natalie Gomez-Martinez exploded for 36 points as Andover blasted Bayview Academy 77-51 last Monday in the St. Mary's of Lynn tournament. Nicole Boudreau

## PMA athletes honored

### Andover's McDonough 3-sport athlete

Earlier this month, two Presentation of Mary Academy student-athletes were recognized for their participation in athletics at "Stay Strong, Play On: the Massachusetts Celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day," held in Faneuil Hall.

The day has been celebrated throughout the country for 23 years.

Gov. Deval Patrick proclaimed Feb. 5, 2010 to be Girls and Women in Sports Day in Massachusetts. His declaration was presented at the awards ceremony.

Presentation of Mary Academy's representatives were Margaret McDonough, 17 of Andover, and Jessica Biggart, 17 of Haverhill. McDonough is a three-sport athlete, excelling in soccer, basketball, and track. Biggart is a standout member of both the soccer and track teams.

When asked about the

significance of being a woman in sports, Biggart said, "Being a female athlete has always shown me that I can be strong in what is still a male-dominated world. Playing my hardest and strategizing with teammates has given me the skills to maneuver around obstacles that would otherwise block the path to my dreams. It has revealed to me what I can do and how to overcome anything that may come my way."

McDonough echoed the sentiments of her classmate and added, "it was an honor to be nominated and to attend the event. The speeches were inspirational and affirming; I am more than just a student-athlete. I am a leader in my school and my community, someone who others can look to for both assistance and respect. I will cherish the experience of meeting the other distinguished female athletes and speakers."

knocked down four 3-pointers while Olivia Biles chipped in with eight points for the winners.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

Keefe's efforts for naught

Emma Keefe scored one goal and assisted on another, but Andover fell to Wakefield 7-4 last Monday. Morgan Muggia, Sarah Oteri and Emily Appleton each scored once for the Warriors.

### BOYS HOCKEY

Warriors play to draw

Alex Patti and Dan Colombo each scored once as Andover played Reading to a 2-2 tie last Monday. Alex Driscoll, Will Maye and Matt McIver each had an assist for the Golden Warriors.

### BOYS SKIING

Carrington, Binder lead way for Knights

Andover's Adam Carrington (42.46) placed first and Matt Binder (43.28) was second in the senior division of the Bove

Race. Ben Weiner (43.93) added a fourth in the senior division and Tom Suglia (42.97) and Adam Risman (42.98) were fifth and sixth in the junior division.

### GIRLS GYMNASTICS

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