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'New' Bancroft School to sit at front of current property

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER
The new school that replaces Bancroft Elementary will be built in front of where the existing school sits now. The School Building Committee voted 6-1 Wednesday morning, March 3, in favor of a design that builds a two- and three-story school with

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a south-facing entrance at the front of the property off Bancroft Road.
Outgoing Superintendent

Claudia Bach was the lone vote against the plan, saying she believes the idea will take "a complicated fix" to make traffic patterns work. Bach supported building the new school behind the existing Bancroft school in two phases of construction. 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 state guidelines are met. The proposed school would be near the west border of the Bancroft property, several hundred feet from the home of Tim Vaill of 9 Bancroft Road. Vaill suggested

the committee consider a school design in the center of the property, to be fair to all abutters. "I believe when you have a choice of putting a building on previously developed land versus undeveloped land, you should choose the previously developed land," said Annie Gilbert, member of both the School and School

Building Committees. Gilbert voted for the design because it gives more flexibility for the school's interior design and preserves wetlands and some trees on the property, she said. However, some trees will have to come down to accommodate
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TODAY'S GYM CLASSES: SWIMMING, YOGA AND MORE



Andover High School junior Brianna Byers watches her progress on a new computerized fitness program called FitLinxx. The new program allows students and instructors to track fitness progress on individual machines. "I can definitely feel a difference from when I was working out on my own," said Byers.

Three-year federal grant beefs up equipment, offerings

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER
Elementary school students are taking swim lessons, and high schoolers can learn yoga or use \$60,000 in new exercise equipment in the Andover Public Schools thanks to a federal grant worth \$780,000 over three years for physical education programs. Brian McNally, K-12 program coordinator for health and physical education, says more federally-funded programs and equipment are to come, with a new fitness

center, using the same FitLinxx equipment as the high school, slated to be installed at West Middle School this spring. "These are things that are really making our physical education program better and richer for students, that would have not been allowable without federal dollars," said McNally. The grant comes on the heels of last year's budget cuts that eliminated the elementary stand-alone health program in Andover, combining



Senior Liz DiModica enters her information into the new computerized fitness program called FitLinxx, installed in December, which allows six physical education instructors to build and track individual fitness regimens for students.

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You make the call

Voters asked to buy more land near proposed fields

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Andover residents have already supported buying Blanchard Street land to create a new home for baseball and soccer fields. Now, the town wants residents to purchase another piece of land next door, to improve access and add to the parking spaces at the proposed facility.

Director of Plant and Facilities Joe Piantedosi said the town wants to buy an antique white farmhouse at 3 Blanchard St. that sits on just over an acre of land for \$400,000. The town assesses the property at \$382,100. If the land is bought, the town would demolish the old house. "With or without this, we get the new fields at 15 Blanchard (St.)," he said. "But, the road curves and getting 3 Blanchard (St.) will just make the accessibility a lot better...We'll get more off-street parking which is good for the neighborhood."

WHOLE NEW BALLGAME

A public meeting on the new fields project on Blanchard Street is scheduled to update residents on the plan, which includes the idea of buying an abutting property to improve parking, accessibility.

WHEN: Thursday, March 18, 7-9 p.m.
WHERE: Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Offices, third floor.

WHERE ARE THE FIELDS?: Take Route 133, pass Raytheon, bear left on Bellevue Road, take left on Osgood Street, when road forks, bear right onto Blanchard Street.

On Thursday, March 18, a neighborhood public meeting is scheduled to talk about the fields project. The meeting is from 7-9 p.m. in the Selectmen's Conference Room, Town Offices, third floor. It will be the third public meeting to update residents on the Blanchard Street Field Project, Piantedosi said. He will talk about the proposed acquisition of the property at 3 Blanchard St.

It's shaping up to be a Town Meeting of proposed real estate deals aimed at improving

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Town returns to normal after violent windstorm

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER
Al Croteau's weekend ski trip with his son and family in New Hampshire was interrupted on Friday, Feb. 26, as a neighbor called with the unhappy news that two 50 foot tall pine trees had fallen on his home at 196 Shawshen Road. Croteau wasn't the only Andover resident who would

spend the weekend cutting tree limbs. The month of March certainly came in like a lion, packing a one-two punch of pounding rain and gusting winds that felled trees, flooded basements, blew storm windows off buildings and caused power outages across town. Heavy rain and hurricane-like velocity winds Feb. 25 caused Sanborn, South and Bancroft Elementary schools to lose power, leading Superintendent Claudia

Bach to cancel school on Friday, Feb. 26. Roads throughout town were closed, as town and utility company employees worked to clear downed trees and power lines through the weekend. Luckily, the Croteau home sustained only external damage and no one was home when the trees fell. Al Croteau, along with his brother, son, and several friends with heavy-duty chainsaws, spent Sunday clearing tree limbs and

readying the house for a new utility meter and wires, which had all come down with the pine trees. "It turned what could have been a very bad experience into a good experience. They were there when I needed help. Bingo, they showed up," said Croteau of his friends, family and neighborhood. "It's nice to have people like that. The neighbors have



During the storm, Chris Wagner props up pipes leading to three pumps getting rid of a foot of water in his basement on North Main Street.

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Girls basketball survives, heads to TD Garden

Just 3:30 into the game, Andover was facing a worst-case scenario in its Division 1 North semifinal.

Only moments into play, Golden Warriors All-Scholastic guard Nicole Boudreau was forced to the bench after being called for her third foul. Her teammates found themselves in a hole.

But they did not surrender. Andover trailed by just three points at the half, and with Boudreau back in action in the second half, the Golden Warriors earned a 69-67 victory over Westford Academy to advance to Friday's North finals at the TD Garden against archrival Central Catholic, in a game tentatively scheduled for 2:30 p.m.

Andover has beaten the Raiders in two of their three meetings this season.

"When Nicole went to the bench, I was sick to my stomach," said Andover coach Jim Tildsley. "But, when we went into the locker room only down by three, I was skipping in there."

Westford did hold a 65-64 lead, with 48 seconds remaining in the game. But clutch free throws for Boudreau (12 points) and Natalie Gomez-Martinez (game-high 19 points) put the game away.

Stepping up for the Golden Warriors was freshman Devon Caveney and senior Dianna Bill.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo.

Andover's Devvon Caveney, left, and Alex Alois, right, fights for the rebound against Westford in the DI North Semifinals.

Caveney came off the bench and led the Warriors with 11 of her 16 points in the first half, while Bill added 13 and pulled down key rebounds.

"Our goal was to get to the Garden, and we've got Central and that's what everyone wanted," said a relieved Tildsley. "But let's just enjoy this for awhile. This was a great high school basketball game."

- From staff reports

BANCROFT: New building won't be far from the old

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playing fields that will be moved, Gilbert told the roughly 20 residents at Wednesday's 8 a.m. meeting.

Building committee members emphasized their vote decided only where the new school will sit, and decisions surrounding school population, building design, playing fields and traffic patterns – including whether an additional access road will be built to the school – will come later.

"The cards are going to continue to move. This is not the footprint, merely a location in front of the site," said building committee member Joseph Reilly.

LOG ON FOR ONGOING COVERAGE

The School Committee expected to review enrollment levels for the new Bancroft Elementary on Wednesday night at 7 p.m., after Townsman deadline. On Thursday night, it was expected to select a new superintendent. It interviewed finalists Susan Nicholson on Monday, and Kelly Clenchy on Tuesday, and planned to interview Christopher Farmer and Marinell McGrath on Wednesday and Thursday. For



Kelly Clenchy



Susan Nicholson

the latest on those decisions see www.andovertownsmen.com.

Building committee member Tom Deso said the advantage of the chosen single-phase

construction is the building will be ready sooner at less cost, with less chance for delay than a two-

phase construction. It impacts the smallest amount of abutters, he said.

The School Committee is slated to discuss and possibly vote to solidify a school population figure for the new school at its March 3 and 9 meetings. The School Building Committee will vote on secondary access roads to the new school at their March 10 meeting, and do a site visit to the West Knoll Road cul-de-sac on Friday, March 5 at 8 a.m.

Neighbors who live in the wooded neighborhood next to Phillips Academy have voiced concerns against some dramatic changes proposed for the site – especially the idea of changing a walking path into a paved access road.

GRANT: Provides more options for PE classes

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health and physical education classes into one "wellness" program. First- through fifth-graders have more physical education class time than previous years, after 4.6 elementary health teaching positions were cut last spring.

"The whole grant targets just physical education, yet there are certain (health education) things that fit in the realm of physical education, such as encouraging exercise and battling obesity," McNally said.

McNally found out in mid-July that Andover, along with neighboring North Andover, had been selected as grant recipients. Carol M. White Physical Education Program grants are funded by the federal government and regulated by the Department of Education.

"First and foremost, we wanted (grant funding) to affect all students, K-12, and make it a district-wide initiative," said McNally.

The grant has paid for a yoga class at AHS this fall as well as a program that sends fourth- and fifth-graders to the Andover/North Andover YMCA for swim lessons. The cash has also reinstated PE plus, a program for kindergarten, first- and second-grade students that have

ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS PHYSICAL EDUCATION GRANT SPENDING 2009-10

Here is how Andover schools are using the money they received in a federal grant:

- FitLinxx System for Andover High School (and associated costs): \$63,801
- Installation of two new elements for the Project Challenge ropes course: \$5,356
- West Middle School Fitness Center (equipment and room prep work): \$24,775
- Treadmills for Andover High School: \$6,540
- Middle School Special Needs Swim Program: \$4,891
- Elementary Learn to Swim Program

(after school): \$11,825

- 1.0 FTE Elementary PE to target motor development K,1,2: \$50,000
- 0.1 FTE High School Yoga Teacher: \$7,324
- Intramural Programs (In each school and in conjunction with Andover Youth Services): \$14,000
- Professional Development for Teachers (including national, state and local conferences, workshops, etc.): \$12,000

Source: Brian McNally, K-12 Program Coordinator for Health and Physical Education for Andover Public Schools

"One of the beauties of our physical education program is that it already has a reputation for being different. This is allowing us to do even more."

Brian McNally, K-12 program coordinator for health and physical education

convention and another to go to a convention on challenge courses, like the one at AHS.

Also, all Andover physical education teachers will attend the state physical education conference in November 2010, thanks to grant funding. In the future, McNally said grant money could fund heart-rate monitors and pedometers for all 10 Andover schools, plus additional yoga and contemporary dance classes at AHS.

The grant allows for programs and equipment, such as the possible purchase of snowshoes for outdoor hikes, that reach out to students who may not be totally comfortable in a traditional gym class, said McNally.

challenges added to its outdoor ropes course, which every student uses during a required Project Adventure course meant to teach problem-solving, leadership and teamwork, said McNally.

"One of the beauties of our physical education program is that it already has a reputation for being different," he said. "This is allowing us to do even more."

Professional development for physical education teachers has been "beefed up," said McNally, with one teacher attending a national physical education

difficulty in physical education classes, but don't quite qualify for special education adaptive classes. Previously cut from the budget, the grant is paying for PE plus staffing that is the equivalent of one full-time position this year.

The new FitLinxx equipment at the high school replaced some aging, outdated equipment and has been popular with both students and staff, said McNally. The computerized equipment tracks the workout routine of each user, giving real-time feedback.

AHS also will see two new



This antique white farmhouse at 3 Blanchard St., assessed at \$382,100, abuts an area where Andover plans to build playing fields. Town Meeting will be asked to buy it for \$400,000 to make way for more parking and better access to the new fields.

BLANCHARD: Buying house

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town recreation. Besides the 3 Blanchard St. article, the Conservation Commission will ask residents to buy three house lots on Fosters Pond for \$480,000, to create a picnic area and boating access to the pond.

Piantedosi said 3 Blanchard St. abuts 15 Blanchard St. and buying it would calm some "concerns voiced at our last meeting by allowing a safer entrance to the site and more off-street parking."

Piantedosi said buying the old house is ideal because it "squares off the design" of the new fields.

Piantedosi met with the homeowner of 3 Blanchard St. earlier this week and took photographs for the upcoming public meeting.

The house is currently rented and the tenant knows about the possible sale of the home, Piantedosi said.

Some history on the antique farmhouse is on file at the Andover Historical Society. A 1849 deed reports that Alexander Jennings bought 14 acres at the site from John Harris of Lowell for \$450.

But additional historical notes say the house may date earlier — from the 1700s — as both the Blanchard and Osgood families had extensive farms in the area.

"Maybe someone will want the house and will move it," Piantedosi said. "That's fine."

The Blanchard fields are meant to replace fields that will be lost when the town recaps its landfill.

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Due to incorrect information supplied by the regional Yankee Clipper Council, there was some incorrect information in a story about scouting. Andover Troop 76 is chartered to and meets at the Ballard Vale United Church. Pack 76 is chartered to and meets at the Andover Sportsmen's Club.

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In Brief

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

“ I have been through a whole lot, Pop. War is everything Sherman said and a whole lot more.”
Letter from the French front during World War I, from Frank C. Hughes, who lived on Brechin Terrace before the war.
Bill Dalton column in Townspeople, page 9.

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Developed as housing for the American Woolen Company's executives as part of William Wood's planned community, the homes of "brick Shawsheen" were placed on the open market by Wood's successor in the mid-1920s, only a few years after they were built. To this day, many still lack a common feature: a garage. Note Shawsheen School to the rear of the home.



NOW: The brick home at 13 William St., was one of several homes that were part of William Wood's planned community, which he called Shawsheen Village.

Zumba for a cause: Shake it for earthquake relief

Andover Youth Services invites people to work out and dance for a good cause. On Sunday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at the Andover High School Field House, Andover Youth Services and Katie Pina will host a Zumba Hour for Haiti, with all proceeds going to Partners in Health's efforts in

earthquake-ravaged country. Zumba is a dance workout that combines Latin, Afro-Caribbean, top-40, and rock 'n' roll dance into a fun, party-style cardio workout. Pina, an Andover High School social studies teacher and local Zumba and aerobics instructor, will lead. All are welcome.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

School Committee superintendent finalist interview of Marinell McGrath, followed by School Committee meeting, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 4 p.m.
Interstate-93/Lowell Junction Task Force, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, the hall
Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessor's conference room, 4 p.m.
Green Advisory Board, Public Safety Center, first-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square, the hall, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 8

Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Cultural Council, Memorial Hall Library, trustees room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

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

conference room, 6 p.m.
Joint meeting of Selectmen and Finance Committees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Council on Aging, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 8 a.m.
Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.
TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

Schools seek input on town's priorities

As part of a strategic planning process, the Andover Public Schools will host a community meeting and focus group next Thursday, March 11, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Andover High School, Shawsheen Road. All citizens of Andover are invited to share their priorities,

values and vision for our school district. "We need your valuable input to help guide decision-making and resource allocation for the next three to five years. Join us for this unprecedented opportunity to directly impact the future direction of the Andover Public

School District," wrote Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson in a release. "Our goal is to have well over 100 people engaging in conversations about our school district." The format of the evening will be large and small focus groups. Each group will have a trained facilitator

who will ensure that every voice will be heard. If you are interested in participating in the community meeting and focus group, call Susan Nicholson, assistant superintendent at 978-623-8506 or e-mail her at SNicholson@aps1.net.

Former AHS teacher talks about writing, addiction

Richard Farrell, who wrote about his addiction to heroin in the memoir titled "What's Left of Us," will be the featured speaker at the Sunday, March 7, White Fund Enlightenment Series presented by Northern Essex Community College. Farrell, who taught at Andover High School for 4 1/2 years, will talk about his own personal story as well as the art of memoir writing in a presentation titled "Story Truth

and Happening Truth: The Line that Blurs Reality." Free and open to the public, Farrell's presentation will begin at 2 p.m. in the White Fund Room in the Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center at 78 Amesbury St., Lawrence. Farrell is an author, filmmaker, teacher, journalist, and adjunct professor of English at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He produced and

directed the 1995 documentary, "High on Crack Street," which aired on HBO and received Columbia University's DuPont Award. A feature film based on that documentary, "Fighter," will be released in 2011 starring Mark Wahlberg, Christian Bale and Farrell playing himself. Farrell is a co-author of "A Criminal and an Irishman: The Inside Story of the Mob-IRA Connection" as well as "What's Left of

Us" which was published last year. Farrell now lives in Milford, N.H. The White Fund's purpose is to have a free series of interactive presentations for Lawrence area adults, youth, and children. For directions to NECC's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, visit www.necc.mass.edu and click-on maps and directions at the top of the home page.

One mile run/walk on April 17 benefits troops

Bill Pennington is setting up a short Andover run/walk to benefit Homes For Our Troops. The group builds houses for troops coming back from the wars with disabilities (www.homesforourtroops.org).

On Saturday, April 17, the run/walk steps off at 8:30 a.m. A free pancake breakfast follows. Donations will go to Homes For Our Troops. Email bbgmp@comcast.net.

March health mini clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, March 8, from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, March 22, from 1

to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, March 10, 17, 24 and 31. No appointment is necessary.

Hudson River crash survivor speaks at Andover church

Steve O'Brien, one of the surviving passengers on the plane that went down on the icy Hudson River last January, comes to St. Augustine Church this weekend. O'Brien shares his story on Sunday, March 7, after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in the Parish Center.

O'Brien will share his perspective of the power of what he calls a miracle. The public is welcome.

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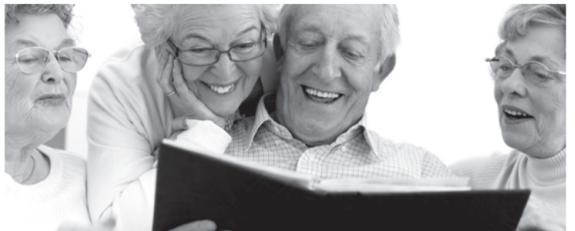
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Losing someone or something you love is very painful. After a significant loss, many people experience all kinds of difficult and surprising emotions such as shock, anger and guilt. While these feelings can be frightening and overwhelming, they are normal reactions to loss.

Grieving is a personal and highly individual experience. How you grieve depends on many factors including your personality and coping style, your life experiences and the nature of your loss. The grief process takes time. There is no "normal" timetable for grieving. One of the most important things you can do is be patient with yourself and allow the grief process to happen.

The single most important factor in healing from a loss is having the support of other people. Sharing your loss makes the burden easier to carry. Merrimack Valley Hospice offers general bereavement support groups as well as support groups for widows and widowers, siblings, and for adults grieving the loss of a parent. They also have support groups for people who are caring for aging family members and for people who are caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's. All support groups are offered at convenient locations in and around the Merrimack Valley, are free of charge and open to the public.

If you, or someone you know, needs support after the death of a loved one, please contact the Bereavement Department at Merrimack Valley Hospice at 978-552-4904. To find a current list of available groups, you can also go to our web site at MerrimackValleyHospice.org.

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Is Andover government open? Selectmen candidates disagree

Candidates for selectmen expressed different levels of satisfaction with the town's current degree of openness this week in answering a question from the local League of Women Voters.

The League asked the three selectmen candidates the following question: **The League of Women Voters encourages informed and active participation in government. Please address any concerns you have about the flow of information and how the citizens of Andover can become informed about issues prior to Town Meeting. What would you handle differently, if anything?**

Candidates were given 200 words to answer and those whose answers ran long were edited.

Jerry Stabile, incumbent

8 Blueberry Hill Road

Age: 50
Occupation: COO SW Development Company

Family: Wife, Amy; daughters Alexa, Joslyn, Carly and Julia

Answer: One of the great things about Andover's form of government is it gives everyone a chance to vote on the issues. The downside is that there are a lot of issues, some of which are very complex. There are multiple ways to become informed and volumes of documentation. So how can the average resident and taxpayer get informed to the point where they can responsibly vote on these issues at Town Meeting?



Jerry Stabile: 'Up to you to get informed, many ways to do it'

If you are serious about getting informed the most complete and extensive information you can review is the Town Manager's recommended FY2011 Budget (<http://andoverma.gov/publish/recbud/>), Capital Improvement Program (<http://andoverma.gov/publish/reccip/>) and the Finance Committee Report, which will be out in early April (<http://andoverma.gov/>). Another great online resource is the Andover Budget Blog (<http://andoverbudgetblog.blogspot.com/>). This is a forum where you can actually participate in the dialog. You can also find the School Department's information online (<http://www.aps1.net/index.aspx?NID=411>).

If you are not an Internet person you can obtain copies of these documents at Town Offices, Bartlet Street. There is also the traditional media, including the Townsman, and the public access stations. You can actually attend meetings. It is up to you to get informed and there are so many ways to do it.

Alex Vispoli, incumbent

7 Alison Way

Age: 52
Occupation: Director of Sales, for Waltham's Venyu Inc., data protection and availability solutions company.

Immediate family: Spouse, Ann (Maguire) Vispoli; children: Colleen, 25, and husband Ian Callahan.; Alexander 23; Christine 21; Kevin, 11.

Answer: I ran for selectman to improve proactive communication with residents and town government. When residents are informed, town government functions better.

I proposed and implemented a mid-fiscal year review. This annual event provides a "board of directors"-type of consolidated review for residents. Projects are presented by department heads, including resident questions and concerns. These public meetings are televised live, and rebroadcast.

To provide the community the opportunity to ask questions or



Vispoli: 'Will continue to support innovative ways to keep residents informed'

make suggestions, especially for residents who cannot attend meetings, this year the Andover Budget Blog was launched. The blog is moderated by a subcommittee from the Board of Selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee as a way to address residents' questions.

Last year, we began streaming on-demand video of all our meetings on the town's Web site. The Finance Committee Report is mailed to all residents 10 days prior to Town Meeting; the Townsman covers key budget items. The League of Women Voters hosts a budget forum. All

information planned for Town Meeting can be found on the town's Web site.

As your selectman, I will continue to support new and innovative ways to keep residents informed on issues throughout the year in preparation for Town Meeting.

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 (AHS '09)

Answer: We live in an "information age" - unless you're looking for information about how Andover spends its annual \$140 million budget.

Our finance report gives little or no information about actual contracts or purchases. As selectman, I would advocate posting every contract, every invoice, every payment on the town's Web site. Too expensive? We already have a programmer on payroll making \$92,000 a year.

Right now a citizen is allowed access to supporting documents if demanded. It's a time-consuming process, going to Town Hall, filing an official request, being charged for copying each page of the document, etc.



Larry Bruce: 'Get Andover out of Dark Ages, into Information Age.'

What's the problem with transparency? The truth shall set you free. As an example, I was told that no town money was spent on the library's polar bear statue. It took a couple of weeks, but I now know that at least \$9,750 came from our general funds. That money could have been better spent. And I dare say that it would have been, if the taxpayers had known about it, which they would have if the financing plans had been posted before approval.

Open the books. Put them online. Let's get Andover out of the Dark Ages and into the Information Age.

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Feb. 23 - At 8:48 p.m., Estaban Lopez-Perez, 23, of Club Crossing Road, Apt. S3, Salem N.H., was arrested and charged with distribution of a class B substance.

At 10:35 p.m., Stacy Swank, 30, of 15 Pine Valley St., Wilton, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance and being a fugitive from justice on a court warrant; also on a warrant for heroin possession.

Friday, Feb. 25 - At 2:09 p.m., Matison R. Dias, 27, of 245 Rantoul St., Apt. 2, Beverly, was arrested and charged with driving with no inspection sticker and with a suspended license, subsequent offense.

At 10:03 p.m., a report was received of a large group of kids with no adults home on Memorial Circle. At 10:34 p.m., Ariel G. Mateo, 18, of 31 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with two counts of underage possession of liquor and keeping a noisy and disorderly house.

Saturday, Feb. 27 - At 6:58 a.m., Robert M. Ford, 65, of 17 Rocky Hill Road was arrested and charged on warrants for a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor, third offense.

Sunday, Feb. 28 - At 7:53 a.m., Jose Faiao, 29, of 1025 Gorham St., first floor apartment, Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving without a license; also on a warrant for driving without a license.

Monday, March 1 - At 12:23 p.m., Michael S. Lopez, 17, of 63 Brookfield St., third floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

THEFTS

Thursday Feb. 25 - At 10:45 a.m., a West Hollow Road caller reported someone else had ordered items using the caller's amazon.com account.

Friday, Feb. 26 - At 10:11 a.m., an Iron Gate Drive resident reported fraudulent activity on his credit card.

At 4:13 p.m., there was a report

of a purse stolen on North Main Street.

Saturday, Feb. 27 - At 10:57 a.m., an Avella Circle resident reported fraud.

At 4:56 p.m., a Fairway Drive resident reported that while he was away his daughter had a party at the house, and now there are things missing.

Sunday, Feb. 28 - At 2:12 p.m., a LaQuinta hotel guest reported theft of items from her room and vehicle yesterday.

Monday, March 1 - At 10:32 p.m., the front desk clerk at Andover Suites, Riverside Drive, reported she was robbed by a Hispanic male wearing a gray sweatshirt, who jumped over the counter and placed a weapon, possibly a knife, up against her throat. There was a second male suspect, but the clerk could not describe him. Seven officers responded to the incident.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 23 - At 9:01 a.m., a 911 caller reported a female lying on the side of Bullfinch Drive, bleeding from the mouth.

An ambulance was dispatched.

At 10:09 a.m., a 911 caller reported a suspicious vehicle driving up and down Winchester Drive. The vehicle was found to be a private investigator.

At 12:55 p.m., Sgt. Cecilia Blais filed a report of an injured officer.

At 12:57 p.m., two trespassing youths were told to leave the property of a River Road school.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 - At 11:56 a.m., a caller reported vehicle vandalism on Old River Road. At 11:36 p.m., a caller reported being locked in the School Administration Building after a School Committee meeting.

Thursday, Feb. 25 - At 2:36 p.m., the IRS, Lowell Street, reported getting a call from a suicidal male in Katy, Texas. Texas police were notified by Andover police.

Beginning at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 25 through the weekend, police received numerous calls about downed trees and utility wires, power outages and blocked roads throughout town.

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Highway crash



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff Photo

A helicopter airlifts a tractor-trailer driver to Boston following a rollover on Route 495 southbound in Andover Tuesday afternoon. The state police's preliminary investigation indicated a Geo Prizm, operated by a 17-year-old male from Attleboro, entered Route 495 South from the Route 93N ramp and moved into the second travel lane when the operator lost control. The Prizm struck the guard rail, traveled back across the lanes, spun out of control and was struck by the tractor-trailer. The tractor-trailer then rolled over.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 4

FACULTY ART SHOW OPENS, runs through March 26, Northern Essex Community College, Art Space Gallery, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. Exhibit showcases a wide variety of mediums, including photography, oil painting, graphic design, and sculpture; Patricia Kidney, chair of the NECC Art & Design Department, pkidney@necc.mass.edu.

AUTHOR TALK, former Massachusetts Senate and UMass President William Bulger talks about his new book "James Michael Curley: A Short Biography," free event, O'Leary Library, Room 222, UMass Lowell South, 61 Wilder St., Lowell; Christine_Gillette@uml.edu.

COPING WITH LOSS, A Conversation with Three Perspectives, 7 to 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.

LINE DANCE DEMONSTRATION, for area seniors, try the electric slide, boot scootin' boogie and other popular line dances, 2 p.m., \$2, with Haverhill's Barbara Skofield and her Company, Technology Center on the Haverhill Campus of Northern Essex Community College, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; Charlene Boucher, Life Long Learning Program Coordinator, 978-556-3825, cboucher@necc.mass.edu.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

GENEALOGY LOCK-IN, 5:30 to 10 p.m., beginner and expert genealogists are invited to register for an evening of after-hours genealogy research at Memorial Hall Library, attendees will have exclusive access to computers, microfilm, the Andover Room, WIFI, and databases from Heritage Quest, Ancestry Library and New England Ancestors. A light dinner will be served, \$10, space is limited; 978-623-8401, ext. 49 to register.

LIVE FOLK MUSIC, with Eliza Gilkyson, Crossroads Coffeehouse, Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, 2nd floor, North Andover, 8 p.m., \$20; 978-687-3960, www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

LIVE FOLK-ROCK MUSIC, with Duo Aztec Two-Step, Firehouse Coffeehouse 8 p.m., \$18, First Church Unitarian, 19 Foster St., Littleton; 978-742-9957, http://www.fcunitarian.org/firehousecoffeehouse.php.

ARTIST RECEPTION, for just-opened exhibit, Imagining Past and Present, The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Ave., 2nd floor of the A-Mill, Lowell, 6 to 9 p.m.; www.theloadingdockgallery.com, Maxine Farkas, 978-349-8069.

LIVE MUSIC, The Phillips Academy Choirs and Chamber Music Orchestra, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, free and open to the public; (978)749-4263, www.music@andover.edu.

GREAT AMERICAN SONGBOOK CONCERT, with New England Light Opera, 8 p.m., \$15-20, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 6

LIVE PIANO MUSIC, with Pianist Carol Graves, 3 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

CAPTURED...THE JOURNEY SHOW, 8 p.m., \$25, "Captured" is as close as it gets to experiencing the real Journey live in concert, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978.462.5888, www.tupelohall.com.

DANCER SHOW, Jose Eric Cruz, a highly skilled, extremely fit gymnast performs, 8 p.m., \$16-18, Firehouse at Market Square, Newburyport; Students and \$18 for Adults; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

ANNUAL WELLNESS DAY, tips on dealing effectively with stress and other health issues, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover; 978-689-0147.

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Josh Cheung and Michael Chang play with an LED yoyo.

RAISING MONEY, RAISING AWARENESS

Group's Saturday show helps spread knowledge of Chinese culture

By ERIC BRYDEN
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

On Saturday, March 6, the J. Everett Collins Center at Andover High School will host what is said to be an exhilarating performance; the Chinese Folk Art Workshop. The Chinese Folk Art Workshop aims to promote cultural enlightenment and interaction through artistic performances. Since its initiation, the program has grown to 40 members ranging from ages 12 to 18, who perform 30 shows a year in the New England area. Members of the workshop perform a wide range of Chinese traditional folk arts such as Dragon Dance, Lion Dance, Drums, Chinese Yoyo, and Chinese folk dancing. The workshop has performed at Boston First Night and the National Folk Festival in Richmond, Va. A full performance takes two to six years to perfect, and many members have been actively practicing and performing for over five years, according to those involved. "Most people," says Kun Chang, the director of Chinese Folk Art Workshop Inc., "have never seen this type of program."

Currently in its 11th year, the Chinese Folk Art Workshop began as a recreational activity for adolescents of Chinese descent. Gradually, the primary purpose of the program became to promote diversity and spread awareness of Chinese culture. "The program makes people



Michael Chang shows the power of drums.

more aware and accepting of different cultures and people," said Aaron Yang, a senior at Andover High who has been actively participating in the workshop for four years. Most performers were raised in the United States and the workshop is often their first interaction with their culture's traditions.

"The program showed me how there was so much that made up my background," said Yang. Exhibiting their culture through performance helps many members develop pride in their Chinese backgrounds.

"The best way to make people feel good is by sharing cultures," said Chang.

This is the first benefit performance from the workshop, and proceeds from the show will go to developing areas of China as a way to contribute even more to the Chinese culture, say

organizers. Proceeds will benefit the Dandelion Middle School outside Beijing, China. Andover's Brendan Wang went to China and taught English at the middle school, which was founded to serve the children of migrant workers in the surrounding areas. Because of current laws in China, parents must have a living permit within a city to send their children to a public school. Obviously migrant workers do not have living permits, says Andover resident Jane Wang. She says the Dandelion Middle School offers tuition for only \$200 US a year.

"Brendan's experience inspired him to start his own chapter of an already existing organization in Andover. This organization is the Hope Scholarship Fund. Their goal is to raise money in the US to send to the school to give out scholarships to talented youth in the area who cannot even afford the \$200 tuition. Brendan's own club has raised about \$1,300 since its creation about a year and a half ago. They have launched a tutoring program within Andover High School and West Middle School, with all the proceeds going to the Fund," reported Wang.

Saturday's performance could raise more. The Chinese Folk Art Workshop will perform at the J. Everett Collins Center at Andover High School from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, and \$5 for seniors and children.

Youth author, artist night March 10

Andover elementary and middle school students will present some of the town's best work during an author and artist night at Memorial Hall Library.

Residents are invited to come listen to Andover students read from AppleSeed, the magazine with stories, poems, and drawings by third- to fifth-graders, and AppleSauce, a magazine highlighting the work of students in grades 6 to 8, on Wednesday, March 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

AppleSeed and AppleSauce literary magazines are published by the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative. Andover students will represent Bancroft, High Plain, Sanborn,

South and West elementary schools, and Doherty, West and Wood Hill middle schools.

AppleSeed and AppleSauce are made possible in part by grants from The White Fund and the Lawrence Cultural Council, the Andover Cultural Council, Methuen Cultural Council, and the North Andover Cultural Council, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. All are welcome to attend the evening's festivities.

For more information contact Beth Kerrigan, Children's Room, at 978-623-8401 Ext. 40. Program will be held at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.



"Waiting on the Steamer"

In new space, Lorica unveils new Irish works

Lorica Artworks will celebrate its new location with a new show Friday, March 12. New paintings of Ireland fill the walls of Lorica Artworks for its next show called "Time and Again" on March 12, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. at 96 Main St., Andover.

"The collection of (more than 45) paintings is a group labor of love by artists from Ireland and here at home, a first for a number of the regional artists," according to gallery owner Mia Guerrero. "They've all chosen some aspect of Ireland as subjects. In that respect the images are universal statements and easily recognizable. The similarity ends there however, and the uniquely descriptive approach of the artists takes over."

In a series of drawings titled "People of the Islands," Dublin born artist, Sue Bryan brings to life the human condition of the Aran and Basket Islands as she interpreted it from photographs taken at the turn of the last century. Bryan's images are stark and her use of de-saturated color recreate in acute realism, of drained vitality, of austerity and hardship, according to Guerrero. "Waiting on the Steamer," where two women sit wearily resigned on creel baskets, "brims with implied narrative and symbolism of a long ago Ireland that continues to echo through the years," she states. Included in the show will be the



"Four-Birds"

work of Alan Bradshaw, Helen Brocklehurst, Mary Christie, Dennis Colverson, Pat Cowley, Terry Coyle, Chris Dearden, Robert Duff, Patsy Farrell, Brian Ferran, Frank Fitzsimons, Gavin Fitzsimons, Fidelma Flanagan, John Patrick Flynn, Marie Hennessey, Desmond Hickey, Trish Hurley, Linda Lee, Edith Martin, Helen McFarland, Lorna Millar, Erik Minzner, Jay Mulligan, Leslie Nesbitt, Hugh O'Neill, Hamilton Sloan, Chuck Sullivan and Lorin Willey. "Time and Again" will be on view at Lorica Artworks through April 17, 2010. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10-5; Thursday, 10-7; and Sunday by appointment. The gallery is closed on Mondays. Admission is free.

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Music can give early start to St. Patrick's Day

Kick off your St. Patrick's Day celebration early this year, and take in the traditional Celtic sounds of the season on Saturday, March 6, when the Makem Brothers with Mickey and Liam Spain make a return engagement to the Rogers Center. The show starts at 7:30 p.m. and tickets are on sale now.

The Makem Brothers – Shane, Conor, and Rory – were born in Drogheda, County Louth, about an hour north of Dublin. Their father is Tommy Makem, the modern-day "Bard of Armagh." Now considered an icon, he helped to bring Irish music out of the corner and into the international spotlight.

The cost of advance tickets are \$22. All tickets at the door are \$25. Call the box office at 978-837-5355 or visit www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

Andover youth perform in symphony orchestra's ensembles

Andover musicians with the Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra will offer a chamber music concert on March 7 at 3 p.m. in Reading.

Andover High students James Booth, Caylen Bryant, Katie Conti, and Tommy Yang, Doherty Middle School student Viviane Garth and Wood Hill Middle School student Katherine Geffken will play during this special concert at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading.

The students, representing the Merrimack Valley, North Shore, southern New Hampshire and Maine, will perform music of Bach, Telemann, Mozart, O'Connor, Haydn, Arnold, Schubert and others.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



EVENTS CALENDAR

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LIVE IRISH MUSIC, with The Makem Brothers with Mickey and Liam Spain, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover, 7:30 p.m., \$22 advance, \$25 door; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

CHINESE FOLK ART WORKSHOP SHOW, A Benefit for the Hope Scholarship Fund, Collins Center, Andover High School, 7 p.m., \$5 Children 12 & Under, \$5 Seniors, \$8 General Admission, tickets will be available at the door (Handicap Accessible); www.folkartboston.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR HAITI, presented by the Phillips Academy Music department, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, featuring American folk music, African drumming, jazz, classical, gospel and choir music, suggested donation is \$10.

CAMP AND ENRICHMENT FAIR, for families seeking summer activity programs and camps, free, Merrimack College in North Andover, 7-9 p.m., hosted by The Mother Connection, geared to parents of children ages 2-7; enrichment-fair@themothersonnection.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Merrimack Valley Philharmonic, 2:30 p.m., Rogers Center, Merrimack College, with Julie Scolnik, flute soloist and Maestro George Monseur, \$18 adults, \$12 seniors, students, \$5 children; 978/685-3505.

<http://www.mvpmusic.org>.

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, The Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra, 3 p.m., free, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading.

LIVE MUSIC, Ireland's Hothouse Flowers, 7 p.m., \$30, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978.462.5888, www.tupelohall.com.

AUTHOR TALK, with former Andover High teacher Richard Farrell who wrote about his addiction to heroin in "What's Left of Us," 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, White Fund Room in the Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

BRAHMS VIOLIN SONATAS, featuring violinist Gabriela Diaz and pianist Lois Shapiro, 4 p.m., suggested donations \$10-15, the First Religious Society Unitarian Universalist Church, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-465-0602, ext. 401, www.frssuu.org.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9

RESEARCHING CIVIL WAR GENEALOGY, with Dennis Ahern, who has lectured on a variety of historical and genealogical subjects in Ireland, Canada and New England, 7 p.m.; Memorial Hall Library, Andover; www.mhlor.org/resources/guides/genealogy.htm.

STOMP, explosive, provocative and utterly unique, appeals to all ages, has won awards and rave reviews for filling the stage with magnificent rhythms, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, 8 p.m., rescheduled from Feb. 24; (978) 454-2299, boxoffice@lowellauditorium.com.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10

GETTING A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP, presented by Kelly MacDonald RN, MSN, 10:30 a.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

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.

ANNUAL MEETING, Andover Village

Improvement Society (AVIS), North Andover Country Club, 500 Great Pond Road, North Andover, social hour at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m.; Libby Poland (978) 475-6159, www.AVISandover.org.

READINGS BY ANDOVER STUDENTS, they read from AppleSeed, the magazine with published by the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative, Bancroft, High Plain, Sanborn, South and West elementary schools and Doherty, West and Wood Hill middle schools represented, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; Beth Kerrigan, Children's Room, 978-623-8401, ext. 40.

STOMP, rescheduled from Feb. 25, see March 9 listing.

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

GOOD NUTRITION TALK, with Lisa Brown, PhD, RD Assistant Professor of Simmons College Nutrition Department, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

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

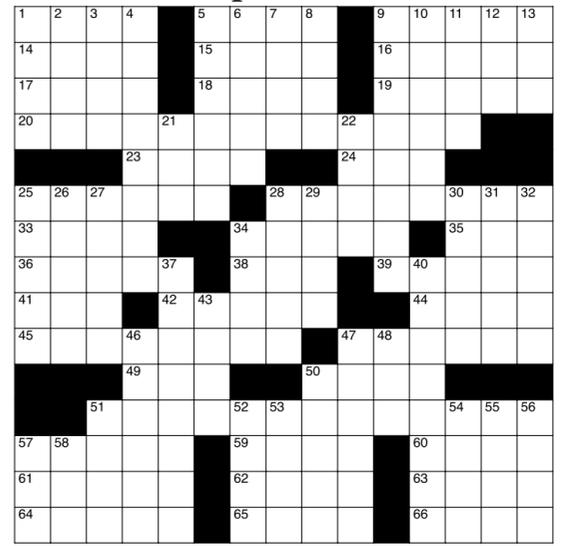
SING-A-LONG, with Nancy Helenski, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

SATURDAY, MARCH 13

ARTIST RECEPTION, for just-opened Ginger Levant: Landscapes and Still Lifes exhibit, 2 to 4 p.m., Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen Street, Lowell; 978-452-7641, www.whistlerhouse.org.

LIVE IRISH MUSIC, with The Corin Ashley Trio, 8 p.m., \$12, Crossroads Coffeehouse at Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, 2nd floor, North Andover; www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org with PayPal, 978-687-3960, www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- Self help Carnegie
- At the peak
- Syrup tree
- Gorse genus
- D ____; non-musical play
- aka
- A citizen of Denmark
- N.E. fruit: ____ berry
- Candied fruit
- Google and Bing
- Prompted
- A way to sink
- Cosseted
- Standards
- Expression of sorrow or pity
- Collect funds for a purpose
- ____ nezer Scrooge
- Nostrils
- Heat unit
- Indian frocks
- Association for Research & Enlightenment, (abbr.)
- Santa's helpers
- Hitler's party
- One who writes the words for songs
- Two-dimensional
- Foot digit
- Where computer nerds meet
- Act of making into a product
- In a grip
- Hebrew kor
- River into The Baltic
- Imminent danger
- Christian ____ designer
- Swain
- Comic book

- hero Dick
- Man ____: type of roof
- Pinnas

CLUES DOWN

- Informal clothes
- Wings
- Singer Horne
- Workout
- Bowed
- S ____; gazed intensely
- Arabian Sultanate
- Stabbing twinge
- Business leaders
- Assert to be true
- Uto ____; perfect places
- ____tose: milk sugar
- Point midway between E and SE
- Signal or prompt
- Egyptian goddess
- Unoriginal
- Wing shaped
- Less covered
- Insert mark
- Tractor-trailers

Solution

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Opinion

Physical education earns gold medal for innovation

Despite the budget issues that face every town and school department, Andover's physical education group continues to find ways to offer new, innovative programs that engage students. We suspect that in large part because of this ability to suggest new approaches to student exercise, the Andover program was awarded a three-year federal grant that has allowed it recently to install new workout equipment and machines at Andover High School, and to bring additional new programs, such as swim instruction for elementary students and new rope course challenges for high-schoolers.

While we offer great praise for the entire staff's effort and results, we encourage the school system to ensure all remaining grant money is spent on physical items and on staff development that will benefit students long after the three-year cash infusion is gone. Spending temporary grant money to hire staff is likely to result in a program having to be terminated in 2012, meaning students who have started with a program would be unable to continue. After 2012, the money will not be there. In any economic climate, such spending is a bad idea. In the current climate, it would make the blooper reel.

From what has been seen so far, the plan is an exciting addition to all levels of education in Andover. The changes being made with the grant include adding items such as new challenges on a rope course at Andover High School. The schools expect to add items such as snow shoes and other equipment that might engage students not as interested in traditional sports. Plus, the cash arrives at a fortuitous time, as this school year's budget eliminated the elementary stand-alone health program in Andover, and health and physical education classes had to be combined into a "wellness" program.

Residents should know that new ideas are nothing new to the Andover physical education department. Its "The Warrior Way" program sends Andover High School athletes to elementary physical education classes to mentor Andover fifth-graders and encourage good sportsmanship. Members have won PE teacher-of-the-year awards, and Carol Martini is also so respected by students and staff alike she was the guest speaker at the 2008 Andover High School graduation.

A big high-five is in order for all the teachers and administrators who contribute to this special team.

Neighbors step up again

As so often is the case, the best news to come out of last week's powerful wind and rain story were the stories about neighbors who opened their doors or gassed up their chainsaws to help others in need.

Al Croteau of Shawsheen Road was away for the weekend, but received a call from a neighbor, letting him know two large trees had fallen on his house. Neighbors invited him in for dinner and friends helped cut up the tree.

Croteau told reporter Bethany Bray that his section of Shawsheen Road is a very tight neighborhood, and you never return home from a long trip to find a snow-covered driveway. There is an unspoken rule, he said, that neighbors look out for each other, clearing each others driveways and keeping an eye on vacant houses when families are away. Croteau's neighborhood is certainly not the only one in Andover like this.

Kudos to all those who stepped forward quietly in a time of need.

WEB QUESTION

Last week's question: Feedback

The School Committee will vote to hire a new superintendent to replace Claudia Bach on Thursday, March 4, after interviewing candidates through the week and that afternoon. Last week, we asked you "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?"

With just 13 responses, the top choice, with 53.85 percent of the vote, was "no."

Second choice, with 30.77 percent of the vote, was "The School Committee does not need feedback at that point."

Third choice, with 15.38 percent, was "yes."

This week's question: Is Bambi a bully?

AVIS will host a meeting about the problems that deer create in suburban communities like Andover. Are deer real creating problems in Andover?

■ Yes, they eat our bushes and bring lyme disease.

■ Yes, they are a nighttime driving hazard.

■ Yes, for another reason.

■ I'm unsure.

■ No, I never see them.

■ No, I like when they are around.

■ No, for another reason.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

CAUGHT ON CAMERA



ANN HERMES/Staff photo

Andover High School senior Michela Smith interviewed fellow students to find out what they are looking for in the new superintendent as part of a teachers union television show on cable access shown this week.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town mismanaged beaver dams

Editor, Townsman:

I would like to add some information to the press release published Feb. 4, "AVIS is deceiving troublesome beavers." The flooding addressed by the installation of a deceiver in the Hammond Reservation was the result of a massive breach of a beaver dam on Gray Road, which resulted in extreme flooding downstream. The emergency and threat to a resident's septic system, in effect, was caused by environmental mismanagement.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Office of Health and Human Services have laws regarding beaver dam management. The law states that no breaching occur after October because it exposes the entrance to the lodge and jeopardizes the survival of the beavers and their kits. The law also states that both upstream and downstream be dam be considered before breaching a dam.

The laws have been disregarded and dams mismanaged by the Conservation Department, the Health Department and the Andover Highway Department. I understand the need to manage beaver activity by the use of deceivers and ongoing maintenance, but I also concern myself with wildlife and recognize the need for protective laws.

ALEX CHANLER
40 Gray Road

Union head perplexed by letter supporting grant money use

Editor, Townsman:

I am perplexed and disappointed by the recent remarks made by Lisa Glickstein, the public schools' grant writer, concerning the federal grant proposal, "Race to the Top." In her Feb. 11 letter, she indicated, "I am not aware of any published information from the state or federal government indicating the amount of an award to an individual district from this program."

The state's Department of Education has made available to all stake holders the amount of each district's possible financial award. Because of Andover's significant wealth, our district was eligible for up to 15 percent of the \$211,715 of FY 2010 Title I funds. This amount is \$29,909. This data is available at <http://www.doe.mass.edu/nclb/grant/>.

This is the first time Andover educators have decided against supporting a possible increase in revenue for our schools. As I indicated in a Jan. 21 letter, "we believe that the grant would send learning toward mediocrity." The grant would require that teacher evaluations be tied to compensation. Thus teachers would be assessed through the performance of our students. We would be embarking upon the establishment of a structure which desires to measure each student as an assembly line product so that a base line can be constructed to evaluate teachers. I am disappointed our grant writer fails to understand that as educators we do not view our students as products to be manufactured on an assembly line so that they

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can grow into dissociated automations. Instead, we would like to invite Glickstein and all of the stake holders to work with us to help cultivate a thirst for knowledge and to foster students' creative passions so that they can pursue rich productive lives.

Finally, I am perplexed as to why our grant writer mentions that by voting against the grant Andover foregoes opportunities for "collaborations projects with other districts that are eligible for funding and perhaps opportunities to generate revenue by offering training or professional development to other districts." These ideas have been fostered by our union for the past 20 years. We have placed them in our formal bargaining proposals. I hope her intent in writing was not to simply join forces with a few individuals whose goal is to denigrate educators whenever possible. Such actions do not help to foster the innovative learning environment we need to be striving towards in Andover.

TOM MEYERS
Lawrence
President, Andover Education
Association

Public pensions should be taxed

Editor, Townsman:

Doing my annual tax return brought to mind a long standing concern - why does Massachusetts continue to not apply the income tax to state, county, municipal and federal retirees' pensions? Purely on the grounds of equity and fairness this seems wrong. These retirees use the same state services that I do.

I am not trying to gore someone else's ox here as I have a half dozen public employees in my immediate family. When state budgets aren't sustainable, where spending is the problem but won't be tackled by the legislature, why do we go for more revenue from the same folks we already tax, and miss the elephant in the room of untaxed public pensions?

I do not intend to belittle public employees in any way, but they must do their share. I don't want to hear that they worked for less, that they don't get Social Security, and that their untaxed pension are much deserved rewards for this. All this is already balanced by job security and the scarcity of layoffs unheard of in the private sector where a series a career layoffs decimate savings.

The current "Great Recession"

is one almost exclusively of the private sector. Private sector pensions are much much lower for the same set of salary and years of work than public pensions, if such private sector pensions exist at all. Private pensions almost never have cost of living increases, public pensions almost always do. Many private sector retirees get no health insurance, most public sector retirees get health insurance for life. Until a few years ago, teachers with 30 years of work, got 80 percent of their working salary, all without state taxation - effectively having 86 percent of their working salary in retirement. The private sector should not be taxed to support public benefits so disparate from what they see in their own working experience.

This should be an easy legislative fix and a significant new income source for the state, with widespread public support. Call or write your local legislator and tell them not knock on our door for more revenue until everyone in this state is paying for the services they receive from the taxpayer.

ROBERT R. MCCUMBER
23 Arundel St.

A longer version of this letter appears online.

Lawyer disappointed in reference to high-profile cases

Editor, Townsman:

I was disappointed with the nature of your article entitled "Light fight goes to vote" dated Feb. 4, 2010. The online responses to your article were not unexpected, and I would like to state the following.

Gays and Lesbians have marched, and continue to march, in the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade sponsored by the South Boston Allied War Veterans' Council. The issue in the case was the forced inclusion of a group that had protest messages and sexual themes that were rejected by the parade sponsors. The Mandated inclusion of values and messages endorsed by the Supreme Judicial Court into a privately permitted First Amendment activity was reversed by a unanimous 9-0 judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States. *Hurley v. Irish American Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual Group of Boston, Inc.* 515 U.S. 557 (1995).

Not mentioned in your article was the fact that I represented a group of gays and lesbians in Lawrence that had been denied a permit for a Gay Pride Parade. After two days of tumultuous hearings before the Lawrence City Council, I secured their parade permit.

As to my representation of a minister that "whipped" his son with a leather belt, my client actually spanked his fully clothed 9-year-old a couple of times on his rear end, resulting in an "injury" described as "a teeny tiny pink mark that went away in 10 minutes." This crude attempt by the Department of Social Services, the Attorney General of the Commonwealth, and a Superior Court Judge, to eliminate spanking in the Commonwealth, were tossed out by

the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts in a unanimous 5-0 judgment.

As to the nativity scene on the Battle Green in Lexington, Massachusetts, I was unable to restore the religious expression that had been on the Battle Green for over 80 consecutive years, due to residents who objected to a Christian display. I also successfully represented a Rabbi and his congregation that were denied the placement of a Menorah on the Boston Common during two holiday seasons.

CHESTER DARLING
9 Mayflower Road

The writer refers to the first sentence of the "Lights" article, which referenced court cases in which he had been involved.

Selectman praises superintendent search

Editor, Townsman:

I must acknowledge the School Committee for its outstanding effort to select Andover's next superintendent of schools. Over the years, I have witnessed the diligence used by our town manager to select an outstanding group of department heads. Recently, I had the opportunity to view portions of the superintendent selection process and I am equally amazed as to the thoroughness used to ensure that Andover selects the right candidate to replace Dr. Claudia Bach. Not only have they involved the participation of parents, teachers, town employees and former School Committee members, but they are finishing the process by spending a full day interviewing each of the four finalists and various school and town personnel who have worked with or along side them.

Even though I do not know myself which of the four finalists is the best, I can sleep well knowing that the best candidate will be selected.

BRIAN MAJOR
11 Odyssey Way

The writer is an Andover selectman.

Compassionate gift of truck correct choice

Editor, Townsman:

Regarding the gift of a fire truck to the Dominican Republic.

I was both outraged and saddened when reading that Larry Bruce, candidate for selectmen, puts profit of a possible \$10,000, which equates to .0007142 percent of Andover's \$140 million annual budget, over compassion and caring for those less fortunate than we in Andover.

What better example could our town leaders set for the youth of Andover?

In talking with several young people, who are participants in Andover Youth Service activities, fund raising and community-service projects, all enthusiastically endorse the giving of the ladder fire truck to the Dominican Republic.

Andover's leaders should be applauded for using good judgment in disposing of equipment that is of little or no value to the town.

PEGGY MCLEOD
149 Shawsheen Road

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Town planning its approach for town yard land

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover Planning Director Paul Materazzo said the ball is typically in the developer's court when it comes to the details of most redevelopment projects.

But as the town looks to redevelop 24 downtown acres in and around the Lewis Street town yard, he said the rules of the game have been written by Andover residents.

"This is kind of a role reversal," said Materazzo. "The town is saying, 'This is what we want to see.'"

After soliciting public input at several "community conversations" he considered well attended, Materazzo said Andover planners have written a 20-page town yard redevelopment document detailing everything from zoning guidelines to building architecture and streetscape design requirements.

Voters will be asked to approve this Smart Growth Overlay District at Town Meeting this spring. A two-third majority is required.

Materazzo said the document will serve as a master plan for contractors as they work with the town to redevelop the area located within Railroad, Pearson Essex and North Main Streets.

Plans to relocate the 2.5-acre Lewis Street town yard — where road sand, salt and other materials are stored and vehicles and equipment are repaired — have been ongoing for several years.

Town Meeting voters will also be asked to buy at least seven acres of land elsewhere in town to relocate the town yard. The estimated cost of relocating the

town yard and designing a new facility is expected to be between \$10 and \$20 million, according to Town Yard Task Force Chairman Hooks Johnston.

The location of a new town yard is expected to be either 5 Campanelli Drive or 146 Dascomb Road.

The current town yard is considered inadequate. The town plans to sell it for development into a mix of residential, commercial and office space.

Details of the overlay district adhere to the state's Chapter 40R zoning program. The town will be eligible for various monetary incentives by redeveloping the town yard area under 40R guidelines.

According to the town's Web site, the proposed overlay district "promotes compact design, preservation of open space, and a variety of transportation options."

More specifically, the overlay district will promote use of the nearby Andover Commuter Rail station by providing both residential and retail development in the area.

Under the current overlay district proposal, the redevelopment project will include 219 housing units over 13.5 developable acres. A total of 10 percent of those units will be considered affordable housing, and 10 percent of those affordable units will be handicap-accessible. The overlay district will also feature 350,000 square-foot of retail and office space.

For more information on the town yard redevelopment project, and to view the 20-page document detailing the overlay district, go to <http://andoverma.gov/planning/townyard/>

AVIS meeting focuses on suburban deer dilemmas

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When Andover Village Improvement Society hosts its annual meeting next Wednesday, March 10, deer will get a lot of the attention.

The active conservation group will discuss whether deer are becoming a bigger problem in Andover.

AVIS often gets calls from residents concerned about deer. "Residents are concerned that too many deer are eating plants in backyards that there are more car-to-deer accidents on roadways and that more cases of Lyme Disease could result from the increasing number of ticks that come with the deer," according to a release from the organization.

Sonja Christensen, deer/moose project leader for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, is the guest speaker at



Staff file photo

A six-point buck white-tailed deer grazes in a local meadow. An upcoming meeting will discuss whether deer are becoming more of a problem.

the event. She did not return a telephone call to the Townsman before presstime.

Organizers say the Andover area, and other suburban areas,

DEER VS. CAR

Here are the numbers of deer-hit-by-car cases reported in Andover during each of the last four years, as provided by Andover Police Lt. Cmdr. James Hashem:
2009: 47 deer hit by a car
2008: 66
2007: 49
2006: 60

has an overabundance of deer. Christensen will speak about the safety concerns around traffic and other deer-related topics.

If deer are causing more problems for residents, police are not yet seeing the evidence on local roadways. Andover Lt. Cmdr. James Hashem said deer-related trouble happens every year in town. But he doesn't see this year as different from other years.

"It's not unusual," he said of deer-related car accidents. "We always have reports of cars hitting deer."

He tracks deer deaths as a result of car accidents and the numbers do not appear to be increasing.

Hashem said drivers of cars that hit deer have the right to take the dead animal with them. If a driver is not interested, police turn to the town's list of 24 names of people interested in the animals as food.

The March 10 AVIS meeting is at the North Andover Country Club, 500 Great Pond Road, North Andover. The meeting starts at 6 p.m. and is open to the public. A social hour at 6 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 7. A short business meeting and the speaker's presentation will start at approximately 8:15 p.m. Call Fred Snell, AVIS President 978-686-3647 or John Hess 978-470-0806 for a ticket.

Shawsheen River returns to more normal levels after storm

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover had some minor flooding as a result of last week's rain and wind storm, but fears of a more serious problem on the Shawsheen River were not realized.

On Saturday, the Shawsheen was running 31 feet above sea level, with 3,300 cubic feet per second passing a Shawsheen River gauge near Balmoral Street. By Tuesday morning, the river was running 500 cubic feet per second, said Bob Rauseo, Shawsheen River Watershed Association's president.

"This typically happens with the Shawsheen — it peaks quickly and then comes back down quickly," said Rauseo. "It came fast, but it went fast."

SRWA vice-president Jack Brady canceled a kayak and canoe trip planned with friends for Saturday morning.

"It would have been fool



ANN HERMES/Staff Photo

Residents along North Main Street in Andover watched as the Shawsheen river started to break its banks and creep into backyards and basements last Friday.

hearty (to go). With the amount of water out there, the river would have been very fast, too dangerous," said Brady, who

lives in Andover and kayaks the Shawsheen year-round. "Any time we get rain when the ground is frozen, the Shawsheen will come close to flood stage."

"We usually get flood conditions about every five years, and usually this time of year, when the snows melt and the frozen ground won't absorb it, and we get a lot of rain," he said.

Conservation Director Bob Douglas said he was told a small bridge over the Shawsheen, a private connector road downstream from Stevens Street near Powder Mill Square, had flooded over the weekend.

Highway Superintendent Chris Cronin noted that Fish Brook swelled up over High Plain Road for about 24 hours on Friday.



STAFF FILE PHOTO

The town is looking to move the town yard and is developing "rule of the game" for how the land in the downtown could be redeveloped.

WIND: 6,000 Andover residents lost power on Friday

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been extremely accommodating, inviting me over for dinner, making sure I'm OK. Everybody just pulled together to help out."

Such neighborliness was needed, as National Grid reported that 6,000 Andover customers were without power on Friday, Feb. 26. The majority of homes were restored over the weekend with the last Andover customer's power restored overnight Monday, March 1.

Town forestry crews were called in "the wee hours" of Friday morning, said Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities department director. Town crews worked in tandem with National Grid contractors, sawing felled trees and clearing roads as utility crews reattached fallen wires.

"Our priority is to keep the roads open, to the best of our ability," said Tree Warden Randy Pickersgill. "Until National Grid and their contractors remove a tree from off a (live) wire, we can't clean them up. Our guys aren't trained to be working around high-voltage wires."

High Plain, Blood and Sunset Rock roads were closed for portions of Friday. An 80 foot pine tree and fallen wires had to be cleared from the corner of Osgood and Bellevue Roads, said Piantedosi.

With cleanup scheduled

SCHOOL CANCELLATION COMES TOO LATE FOR SOME

It was close to 7 a.m. when Superintendent Claudia Bach announced her decision to cancel school on Friday, Feb. 26, after some school staff had already come into work. She apologized for the late notice in an e-mail that read: Dear staff and parents, I apologize for the late notification today regarding the school cancellation. The word that four of our schools were without power came to me relatively late, and then later still was word that many of the roads were not passable due to fallen branches. I know that many of you were already on your way to work or waiting for the bus. I also know that many of you couldn't get the call at all because you were without power. I had thought we had made it through the week without a cancellation, but Mother Nature has her way of throwing us a curve now and then. Again, I apologize for any inconvenience this late notice may have caused you. Have a good weekend. Sincerely, Claudia Bach

through Saturday, March 6, Piantedosi has projected \$5,900 in employee overtime costs as a result of the storms.

Highway Superintendent Chris Cronin said final clean-up will come with street-sweepers later



ANN HERMES/Staff Photo

Jerahmy Vello, 12, searches for skipping stones to throw into the Shawsheen River which has broken its bank and moved into the backyards and basements of residents along North Main Street in Andover on Friday.

in the spring. "It was a challenging event, but nowhere near one of our worst storms," he said. "We were very fortunate. It gives us all something to talk about, but it wasn't earth-shattering."

The senior center, Town Offices and the Town House closed Friday, Feb. 26, after losing power. Senior center staff stayed in case the facility needed to open as an emergency shelter, said Kathy Urquhart, director of elder services, but the need never arose.

The police chief, consulting with the town manager, makes the call whether to open an emergency shelter in cases of weather disasters, said Police Lt. Commander James Hashem. This storm did not warrant opening a shelter, he said, and residents without heat or power mostly stayed with friends, relatives or in hotels.

The water treatment plant operated by generator power on Friday until electricity was restored that evening. Water quality was never effected, said

Piantedosi. A number of smaller "wet wells," which can go for several hours without power, were serviced with truck-mounted generators that traveled around town on Friday, he said.

Backup generators powered emergency lighting, computer servers, refrigerators and other essentials at Town Offices and school buildings, said Piantedosi. Sanborn Elementary School was the last town building to have full power restored, at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

The Shawsheen River Watershed Association has been keeping an eye on river levels, which swelled over the weekend. A Shawsheen River gauge near Balmoral Street showed peak levels at midnight on Thursday, Feb. 25 and then again at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27.

Amy Guay, who owns the Shawsheen Luncheonette with her husband, Bryan, said the cafe was "crazy busy" Friday, Saturday and Sunday as residents without power came in for hot food and coffee.

"A lot of people wanted comfort food, like pancakes. We sold out of macaroni and cheese on Friday, and soup and fish chowder," said Guay. "People were talking about trees down, and they had to go around the universe (to get here, because of closed roads). At one point, I had to take the phone off the hook, because I couldn't work while answering calls asking if we were open or not."

In 21 years, the Guays have closed the Shawsheen Square diner just once, because a state of emergency was declared.

"We're a local hangout, and no matter how much snow we get, my husband and I always open up. They know we're here," said Guay.

POLICE LOG:

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Friday, Feb. 26 — At 9:20 p.m., a mother called to report her son had been assaulted by two males on Central Street about two hours before the call.

At 2:31 p.m., a caller reported a fight at Harrison's Roast Beef in North Andover.

Sunday, Feb. 28 — At 9:28 a.m., a caller reported overnight vandalism to the soccer fields at Wood Hill Middle School, Cross Street.

Monday, March 1 — At 10:40 p.m., a 911 caller reported driving by the St. Constantine Church, Chandler Road, and seeing a person on the lawn with a rifle. A responding officer found the

person to be a high school student taking photographs.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Feb. 25 — At 9:01 p.m., a Lowell Street motorist reported having a tree limb come down on him while driving, smashing his windshield.

Friday, Feb. 26 — At 2:52 p.m., a 911 call was received reporting a car crash into a tree on High Plain Road, with injuries.

Saturday, Feb. 27 — At 7:08 a.m., a vehicle crash with injuries was reported on Red Spring Road. A motorist had struck a utility pole and hurt his or her hand.

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Townspeople

In lieu of flowers, a home

For Wesson, group builds 'Charlie's House' in Jamaica

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Charlie Wesson was a quiet and unassuming man who never cared for the spotlight, preferring to help those in need behind-the-scenes, say those who knew him best.

The former selectman was a regular at St. Augustine Church on Exxex Street and all six of his daughters attended the parish school.

When he died last September at 77 after a brief battle with cancer, family friend Katie (Scanlon) LeBlanc knew the parish would want to do something special in his memory. After consulting with Wesson's widow, Mary, a mission trip was launched.

"We found Food for the Poor and it hit a cord with our goals," LeBlanc said. "We wanted to do a mission trip that had a direct impact on the poor and, if possible, build a house for a needy family."

"Charlie's House," a home in Kingston, Jamaica, was born. "I was thinking how Charlie would say, 'Why don't you just stay home, Mare. You don't have to go,'" Mary Wesson said. "He preferred to do things quietly, behind the scenes."

But this grandmother who lives on Marwood Drive, did go, banging nails, putting in windows and handling other construction-related assignments that needed to be done. The St. Augustine team had 14 members and over \$6,000 was raised for the trip.

"It was a mission of love for a man who has been committed to social justice in a very quiet way his whole life," LeBlanc said.

Mary Wesson said she felt positive signs for the group's plan started emerging right after its arrival in Jamaica. First, there was an empty bottle of "Wesson" oil noticed among some beach trash. Then, a boat in the fishing village had the letters "CW" on it. The new house is in the Clarendon



Standing with family members who will live in "Charlie's House" are members of the St. Augustine Church volunteer group that included Greg Rickenbacker, Katie LeBlanc, James Kerrigan, Jack LeBlanc, Mary Wesson, Tom Rickenbacker, Jeannie Scarpa, Barry Bickley, Dana Lanio, Bri Bickley, Anne Marie Yastrzemeski, Ro Bermingham, Jen LeBlanc and Caitlin Kennedy.

section of Kingston and Charlie Wesson worked at John Hancock Insurance on Clarendon Street in Boston for 28 years.

Those sightings will always stay with Mary Wesson, as will other treasured memories of the trip, she said.

"My goal was to share the wonderfulness of Charlie and we did that," Mary Wesson said of her late husband, a selectman from 1983 to 1995. Charlie Wesson was also active with numerous community groups in town.

The crew from the Andover church built Charlie's House over February school vacation. The Jamaican mom with three kids who will live in Charlie's House, kissed Charlie Wesson's photograph at the dedication and called him an angel, Mary Wesson said.

"He used to call the girls his six angels. Now, he has more," Mary Wesson said.

Check out www.youtube.com/watch?v=WX_kn2CW_-s to see more photos of Charlie's House.



Mary Wesson of Andover (center) stands beneath a photograph of her late husband and former selectman, Charlie Wesson, with her daughters Dana Lanio (left) and Anne-Marie Yastrzemeski at the dedication of Charlie's House in Jamaica.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELGIGET

100 Years Ago March 4, 1910

A change in location of one of the town's important businesses is announced this week through the lease by O.P. Chase of the store in the Arco Building on Main Street. Mr. Chase will occupy the entire store except the corner used by the Western Union, and will thus secure a very effective room for his long-standing news stand business. The rear entrance will provide for heavy bundle and horse-team work.

An illuminated sign has been placed on the front of the Musgrove building in Elm Square, which reads, I.O.O.F. Hall Lodge 230. IOOF stands for the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

The fragrant cluster of pear blossoms, the first of the season, which were brought into the Townsman office on Monday from the estate of Peter D. Smith, was a pleasant reminder that the winter is almost over and spring is coming.

75 Years Ago March 1, 1935

Only one close contest is promised for the annual town election on Monday, that being between Frank H. Hardy, chairman of the board of selectmen, and J. Everett Collins, School Committeeman, for the three-year term as selectman and assessor.

The Andover Historical Society and a large number of friends shook off a half century on the holiday eve when a diversified program entitled "An Evening in the Eighties" was presented as the principal feature of the annual Washington party. The November clubhouse was crowded to its capacity.

Mrs. Mary G. Robertson and daughter Alice of 6 Avon Street were overcome by smoke and excitement last Saturday morning as the result of a cellar fire, which caused about \$300 damage. Mrs. Roberson was taken unconscious to the home of Alexander Waldie nearby.

50 Years Ago March 3, 1960

A carefully laid trap by Andover police paid off last Sunday night when they arrested a man accused of leaving a series of indecent letters in and around the railroad station. Sgt. Robert Deyermund testified that after several complaints Officer William Tammany drew up an answer to one of the letters,

which was left where the defendant could find it. Then the spot was watched between 7-8 o'clock Sunday evening. Sgt. Deyermund drove by the railroad station and saw the accused man sitting in a car on Essex street. Deyermund parked his own vehicle where he could watch him without being seen. The trap closed around the man when Officer Tammany arrived at the station hidden in his car, which was driven by a young woman. Within two minutes, the man had driven alongside the woman and was met by the officer. He was unable to explain why he wrote the letters and left them where they could be found.

Edward A. Romeo of Summer street, former manager of a local inn, has purchased Fieldstone's restaurant on South Main Street, which is re-opening today.

Despite the presence of three candidates for selectmen and others for School Committee, the campaign seems to have failed to catch the public imagination to any degree. Political observers agreed that 50% of 8,914 eligible voters can be expected Monday at the polls. Most of the so-called experts feel that the outcome of the election depends not so much on the wide popularity of any of the candidates as on the strength of their political organization to seek out voters and take them to polling places. Candidates for Selectmen—Russell Doyle, Frank Michel, Donald Thompson, Robert McIntyre, Joseph Serio and Robert Zollner.

Advertisement: "Every Friday at Rickey's—Fish, Fried Clams, Chips—Eat or Take Home. Next to Depot GR-5-3012."

Letter from the WWI front: 'I have been through a whole lot, Pop.'

Bill Dalton



The first World War had raged since 1914, when Mary and Marlborough Churchill moved from Andover to Paris in the

spring, 1916. They brought their young daughter, Mollie. Marlborough was an Army lieutenant assigned to the French forces as an observer. A year later, just before America entered the war, Mrs. Churchill was sending weekly "Letters from France" to the Andover Townsman.

Mrs. Churchill's letters became dramatic as the war progressed. The German spring offensive of 1918 drove within 75 miles of Paris. After years of stalemate, this was the moment the Germans had fought for. All Germany celebrated with a holiday, but it was premature. British and

French forces dug in, as 10,000 American troops a day arrived in Europe.

During the offensive, German "Paris Guns" (also called "Big Berthas") fired 183 shells into the city. It was a terror weapon aimed at Parisians. Bombs were dropped by Gothas, the German's heavy bomber. The biggest explosion was caused by sabotage that destroyed much of the city's factory district. Many Parisians fled.

In a letter dated March 24, 1918, at the high point of the German offensive, Mrs. Churchill wrote: "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."

By April 5, the Germans were stopped, although Mrs.

Churchill wasn't certain: "Since the great crises of a week ago, there has been a lull of no more meaning than the calm before a storm." Mollie had to change dentists, because her old dentist was in an area that shells could reach. She told her mother, "If I am going to be killed, I don't want to be killed in a dentist's chair."

Mary and Mollie adapted to the shelling. Mrs. Churchill wrote, "Last night we had a bombardment from the long Bertha's and after a couple of hours I turned over and went back to sleep. Molly did not even hear it." Mary mentioned the Parisians exit of Paris, writing, "Many people who got stampeded three weeks ago are returning to Paris having encountered cold houses, poor food, and frightful expenses, to my mind all more dangerous than a few bombs."

By June 21, 1918, the Churchills had returned to Andover. On that date, Churchill, then a Colonel, attended a Phillips Academy alumni dinner in Andover and gave a rousing speech about

the leadership that men from places like Phillips provide to our armed forces. [By war's end, Churchill was a brigadier general. After the war, his work with the "Black Chamber," or Cipher Bureau (a forerunner of the National Security Agency) was so significant that he is in the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame.]

While leaders like Churchill were doing their work, many other town men were doing theirs.

Letter from Frank Crockett, May 15, 1918: "Dear Andover Townsman, Sunny France is Muddy France. By the time you get this letter we will have been at the front a little over four months. I have all kinds of homes, first living three feet above the ground and then 60 feet beneath it... Please thank the Andover Comfort Committee for the nice socks they sent... they were dandies. I remain as ever, One of the Boys From Andover." [Frank Crockett fought in most of the battles in which Americans were involved and was in combat for 189 days. Following the war, he

moved back to Andover and lived on North Main Street.]

Letter from Frank C. Hughes, who lived on Brechin Terrace before the war: "From Somewhere in the Mud, June 15, 1918. I am in the first line and have not washed for days... I have been through a whole lot, Pop. War is everything Sherman said and a whole lot more." [Frank C. Hughes fought in several major battles and moved back to Andover to live on Baker's Lane. "Sherman" was Civil War General William Tecumseh Sherman, one of America's greatest combat generals, who said, "I've seen cities and homes in ashes. I've seen thousands of men lying on the ground, their dead faces looking up to the skies. I tell you, war is hell!"]

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving your email at billdalton@andover-townie.com. His previous two columns on Andover's participation in the First World War are on www.andovertownsmen.com.

TOWN TALK

New home for school finalist?

As the School Committee's March 4 vote loomed for Andover's new school superintendent, all four finalists were asked by the Townsman via email: Will you move to Andover?

Only Susan Nicholson, the assistant school superintendent in town, responded and wrote: "My house has been on the market for six months now and as soon as it sells, I will have flexibility to move. My son is attending Providence College and my daughter is attending Holy Cross so there would not be a concern about uprooting them. I have recently attended a number of 'open houses' in Andover including a house on Main Street and one on Salem Street. If anyone is looking to purchase a home in

Methuen on a golf course, please do not hesitate to contact me." — Judy Wakefield

Easy access confession

Cardinal Sean O'Malley has asked all Catholic churches to lead an initiative during Lent to encourage Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. This initiative is called The Light is On For You. Each Wednesday evening this Lent, from 6:30 to 8, through March 31, the priests of the Archdiocese of Boston including those at St. Augustine at 43 Essex St. and St. Robert Bellarmine at 198 Haggetts Pond Road will leave their church and chapel open "to welcome back Catholics to the Sacrament of confession."

"If you've been waiting for a sign to return to the Church or to the Sacrament of Reconciliation, this is your chance to reestablish and strengthen a relationship with God that will last forever," said a letter signed by Bishop Robert F. Hennessey.

Boutique Blowout this weekend

Retailers in downtown Andover are joining forces and hosting a "Boutique Blowout" weekend this Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7. Participants include First Date, Rapids, Bella Beads, Night & Day, CoCo Collection, Chic Consignment, Sweet Mimis, Carina & Co. and Helen Thomas.

"All retailers will be open (hours vary) and offering deep discounts on merchandise," according to a release.



Thyra Sherman of Wethersfield Drive sent pictures of a fisher she spotted in her back yard at 7 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 20. "They are sometimes heard at night but rarely seen. Just thought it might be of interest, if not serve as a warning to those with small pets," she wrote.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS FOR FEBRUARY



Sarah Catherine Witman
Sarah Catherine Witman turned 1 on Feb. 16. She is the daughter of Ted and Shannon Witman. Grandparents are Ted and Mary Ellem Witman of Andover and Terry and Cathie Lee of Atkinson, N.H. Sarah Cate is a very curious and energetic little girl. She enjoys playing with her big brother, Davis, 3 1/2.

Babies born in March 2009 should be published in the March 25 issue. Send a short write up and photo to Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com, or mail to 33 Chestnut St., Andover MA 01810.

ENGAGEMENT



Nicki Shoemaker and J.R. McNair

Beth and Art Shiro are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Nicki Shoemaker to J.R. McNair, both of Chicago, Ill.

Ms. Shoemaker is a graduate of Andover High School, Colby College and the University of Illinois, and is an attorney.

Mr. McNair is a graduate of Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich., the University of Michigan and the University of Illinois, and is also an attorney. He is the son of Cathy and John McNair of Ann Arbor, Mich.

The couple plans to wed in May.

TOWNSPEOPLE

In the military

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Leah B. Herman graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four



Leah Herman

credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Herman is the daughter of Robert Herman of Andover and sister of Tara Herman of Hudson, N.H. She is a 2008 graduate of Merrimack High School in New Hampshire.

WEDDING



Jessica Leider and David Plummer

Jessica Diane Leider and David Kent Plummer were married on Jan. 2, 2010 at the Atkinson Congregational Church in Atkinson, N.H., with Pastor Paul Dionne officiating the ceremony. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Joel. A reception followed at the Atkinson Resort and Country Club.

Jessica is the daughter of Jean and Joel Leider of Andover. David is the son of Janet Plummer and Ronald Plummer of East Aurora, N.Y.

Maid of honor was Laura Cohen of Andover. Bridesmaids were Ashley Hegarty and Helen Hodges, both of Andover.

Best man was Brian Lewis of East Aurora. Ushers were Jason Edinger of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Joshua Banuelos of El Paso, Texas.

Jessica is a graduate of Andover High School. She also graduated from Syracuse University and is a candidate for an MBA degree from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

David is a graduate of East Aurora High School. He also graduated from State University of New York Environmental Science and Forestry. The couple vacationed in Playa Del Carmen, Mexico for their honeymoon.

Girl Scout Camp experience over April break

Andover girls interested in a scouting experience during April school vacation will be able to get on a bus in Andover that will take them to a special day camp.

This spring break, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts will offer four days of activities at Camp Cedar Hill in Waltham. Camp begins Tuesday, April 20 and ends Friday, April 23, and will operate from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$40 per day per Girl Scout, and for non-Girl Scouts there is a one-time \$12 registration fee. Girls can attend one or more days. The camp is for girls in grades 1-6.

There are bus stops throughout Massachusetts including one in Andover. The daily offerings are listed below.

Programs

Back to Basics, April 20: Meant to "jam an entire summer's fun into one day." Tie dye, cook over a campfire, explore the woods and experience what camp has to offer.

Chillin' Out, April 21: Meant to provide "a break from school" where girls can try yoga moves, make ice cream and explore "this summer's hottest camp fashions designed

by you."

Grossology, April 22: Do you love things that make everyone else cringe? This day is beyond messy-and you can get creative in a gooey way! Play with slime; make a gooey snack and more as you squish, squash and mix-up a day of hands on fun!

Be a Sport, April 23: Play basketball and "work as a team to conquer the challenge course."

To sign-up for April Vacation Camp or learn more, visit www.girlscoutseastern-mass.org/programs.

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.

March 15 deadline

The club is soliciting nominations from the Andover community for both awards. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the Web site 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. For further information on nominating someone for the Citizens Who Care award contact Peter Johnston at TheSavingsBank.pjohnston@tsbawake24.com. For Educator of the Year, contact Raymond Cannon at raycanatt@aol.com.



LOCKS OF LOVE - Cassie Robinson, 7 and a student at the Pike School in Andover, has donated her hair to Locks of Love, so that the hair can be made into wigs for sick children who have lost their hair.

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Education

Shawsheen remains open ... certainly for a few more years

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

No matter what happens with building a new school to replace Bancroft Elementary, Shawsheen School will remain open for at least another three years. So kindergartners who enroll in the kindergarten through second grade school next

year will be able to stay there for their entire Shawsheen career.

That's what Shawsheen school staff and district administration have been telling parents concerned they can't enroll their child in the pre-kindergarten through second-grade choice school.

"If Shawsheen is going to close or not is not determined, by any means," said School Committee member Dennis

Forgue. "Any potential closing, at the earliest, would be two or three years out."

The School Building Committee is researching whether overcrowding issues at Shawsheen School could be resolved as part of building a replacement for Bancroft Elementary School. The building committee expected to vote on a model for the new school on Wednesday, March 3.



High Plain Elementary School second-grader Nolan Brezinski, 7, pantomimes lugging as the school holds its own Olympic closing ceremonies in the gym. Each grade chose a country to represent, and the teachers and staff participated in a race.

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Education flame lit at closing ceremonies

The 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver, B.C., may have ended on Sunday night, but High Plain Elementary School kept them going at the school until its own special closing ceremonies on Tuesday, March 2.

Several teachers had found ways to incorporate the popular international sporting event into their lessons.

Physical education teachers Beth Shiff and Jess Pennell organized the closing ceremony, which was originally slated for Friday – before a power failure canceled school that day.

Music teacher Martha Giguere and art teacher Betsy Wish created a program together that focused on Chinese culture. They incorporated that program into the closing ceremonies.

"We thought it would be a great opportunity to collaborate on a subject matter. We both wanted to expose the fourth grade children to some aspects of Chinese culture that they might not be aware of. The students in fourth grade do touch upon China in social studies," according to Giguere.



High Plain Elementary School music teacher Martha Giguere, left, and principal Pam Lathrop, right, get ready to race fellow teachers and staff in the school gym during a re-enactment of the closing Olympic ceremonies.



High Plain Elementary School music teacher Martha Giguere encourages students to sing louder during a re-enactment of the closing Olympic ceremonies in the school gym. Each grade chose a country to represent and the teachers and staff participated in a race.



High Plain Elementary School librarian Gerri Fegan holds cue cards for first-graders during their Olympic closing ceremonies.



Adam Wish and Rachel Epstein push Tara Stuart and Jessica Newcomb during a teacher and staff race at the High Plain Elementary School gymnasium.

Promoting the partnership of schools and community

By Ken Seifert



There is no question in my mind that growing to adulthood today is much more challenging and the future more uncertain than at any other time in my lifetime. When meeting with my senior citizen friends, the subject of the future of our grandchildren is discussed frequently. Even the politicians talk about mortgaging the future and the demands this will place on the next generation. In addition, these economic times cause us to think primarily about what we can preserve to balance our budgets. This is necessary but perhaps we do not spend the time and energy on how we can make things better within our financial limitations. The youth in our community need the best we can give them to prepare for the road ahead. A very significant role in this journey is the level of assistance we provide both formally and informally.

For over 50 years I have heard the schools are the problem. On the other hand, I hear that if only the parents and community would do their part our problems would be solved. There is some truth to both sides of the issue, but I have a different viewpoint. It is not an original thought.

For the most part the home, the school and the community do care and exert energy in the process. It is the partnership that is the problem. It is the partnership that has failed. We talk about community and parent involvement but the specifics of such plans can be hazy or there can be volunteerism with good intent but no strategy. There are fine examples of partnerships, but they are the exception and not the rule.

It has been my dream that a school is a place where life long learners dream, share plans and make the community a better place for everyone. I also believe a schoolhouse is a school, primarily, and a community center when used for appropriate public activities. The schoolhouse is underutilized.

Recently we have been receiving feedback from far and near about the impact Andover Youth Services has had on many young adults. I have met with Bill Fahey, director of youth services. We discussed his vision, plans and hope for the youth of Andover. He has assembled a staff and a

group of volunteers that share the blueprint. If you were to visit the Pearson Street facility, you would see the energy, passion and commitment to the stated philosophy. They have designed a publication that says it all—Andover Youth Services, changing the world one kid at a time. The model "The Ultimate 15 Year Old" is impressive. The feedback they have received is both accurate and deserved. Such effort is a critical piece in any community partnership. It should be expanded.

If there is one thing that has always impressed me about our town it is the level of volunteerism. If it were not for such energy and time by the citizens' generosity, Andover would not be the place it is. There are hundreds of people available if we can identify their talents and they can see the results of their effort. Recognizing the uniqueness of a person and giving him a place to apply it with results and without a long commitment of personal time, produces remarkable results.

There are many activities that can enhance the quality of life, cost little or no money and create better connections in our community. The schoolhouse (community center) has the greatest potential to facilitate such results. We all have our favorite ideas on the subject. I would, in a series of articles, propose a few that are examples of possibilities. I am sure a pooling of ideas would produce many possibilities. Here are some examples:

- Parents as educational coaches, coaching children through the school years

- In the year 2025, The National Chess Champion will come from Andover. The future champ lives in town, is 8 years old and doesn't know how to play chess.

Let's answer:

- How can a kid in a wheelchair be the best ball player in the neighborhood?

- There is a difference between negative peer pressure and positive peer pressure. What is the difference?

- In every life long activity there are young and old alike who have a community of interest. How do we connect?

If there is enough interest maybe we could present our collective thoughts to the school committee and the selectmen. If it doesn't fly, it was worth the effort. If you make few attempts in life, you make few discoveries.

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

Students of all ages can learn to use hand tools at historical society

Those with an interest in old-school woodworking have the chance to use authentic 19th century hand woodworking tools in a special program by the Andover Historical Society.

"Hand Planes & Wireless Routers" begins Saturday, March 6 and is designed to meet the needs of woodworkers, from the novice looking for an introduction to traditional hand woodworking skills to the advanced woodworker. The class will meet in the historic Amos Blanchard Barn on Main Street.

"Leave the 21st century behind to step back in time to an era before electricity when you enter the 187-year-old Amos Blanchard Barn. Breathe in the atmosphere of this unique place. Listen to the

hum of a hands cutting through air-dried lumber and the sound of a sharp plane shaving curls of wood from a board. Pick up a 19th century plane or router and try your hand at traditional woodworking. Feel the warmth of the wooden tools and the satisfaction of learning an old "new" skill," writes the historical society.

The 2010 six-week session runs Saturdays, from 9 a.m. to noon, March 6 to April 10, with a make-up session on April 17. The fee is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members, with a discounted student rate of \$40. For further information, call the Andover Historical Society at 978-475-2236, or visit www.andoverhistorical.org for information.



Among the South Elementary School students starring in Willy Wonka are Stephen Bambury as Grandpa Joe, Dana Donovan as an Oompa Loompa, Emma Kaufmann-LaDuc as Charlie, Anna Root as Willy Wonka, John Moreland as the Candy Man and Allie Iamonaco as Neebler. The performance will be at West Elementary School.

South School student actors plan sugar high

Staging 'Willy Wonka' March 12-14

Pack a gobstopper and experience Willy Wonka's "world of pure imagination" as South Cooperative Theater production of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Junior on March 12, 13 and 14.

Dahl's timeless story of the world-famous candy man and his quest to find an heir comes to life in this stage adaptation of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory performed by South Elementary School students. The musical features songs from the classic family film "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," including "The Candy Man," "Pure Imagination," "Oompa Loompa," "I Want it Now," as well as new songs written just for the stage version. The cast of characters includes Charlie Bucket, his parents and four grandparents, Augustus Gloop, Veruca Salt, Mike Teevee, Violet Beauregarde, Willy Wonka, the Oompa Loompas, and many more.

Adults leading the production are Beth Kennedy as artistic director and choreographer, Crystal O'Keefe as choreographer, Jen Fecteau and Jen Prudden as drama directors and music directors Hillary Brooks and Amanda Potts. The production team is working with more than 60 third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students from South Elementary.

There will be three performances at West Middle School on Beacon Street, Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Mar. 14 at 1 p.m.

You won't need a "golden ticket" for the performance, but you will need an \$8 ticket, which can be purchased at Learning Express, Bella Beads, South Elementary School from 8:15 to 9 a.m. on Monday, March 8 thru Friday, March 12, as well as at the door, according to organizers.

Local students honored for artistic ability

The following is a list of students from Andover who won awards recently as part of a Boston-area Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, according to a release.

Andover High School

Larissa Booth, Honorable Mention in Art
Maggie Carter, Honorable Mentions in Art
Sheila Cremin, Silver Key in Art

Conor Davidson, Silver Key in Art
Jacob Gilman, Honorable Mention in Art
Javin Gulbin, Silver Key in Art
Alex Kreiger, Honorable Mention in Art
Danielle Lauretano, Honorable Mention in Art
Olivia Li, Gold Key in Art
John Lincoln-Vogel, Honorable Mentions in Art
Evan Price, Silver Key in Art

Alexander Tibbitts, Silver Key in Art.
West Middle School
Jonathan Klayman, Silver Key in Writing
Ashley Richmond, Honorable Mention in Writing.

Wood Hill Middle School
Caroline Lu, Silver Keys in Writing and Honorable Mentions in Writing.

Phillips Academy

Yerin Pak, Gold Key in Writing and Honorable Mention in Writing
Jin Heok Park, Silver Key in Writing
Michael Scognamiglio, Honorable Mention in Art.

Home Schooled

Peter Lee, Honorable Mention in Writing.

Learn how to earn your group a grant at NECC

Non-profits eager to break into the grant-writing arena can send participants to attend a series of free workshops, sponsored by the American Grant Makers of Lawrence, and Northern Essex Community College. The workshops are being held at Northern Essex Community College's Lawrence campuses.

The first class, Introduction to Grants Research, was on Friday, Feb. 19, introducing participants to the world of philanthropy.

The second class, Grants Research Databases: An In-Depth Look, will be held Friday, March 5 in one of two sessions, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This workshop will take a detailed look at the American Grant Makers Databases and the

Foundation Center's Foundation Directory Online, the two key databases used to conduct grants research. This workshop provides hands on experience using an organization's needs for funds to create the search strategies. Participants will be able to take research results home with them at the end of the workshop.

The third class, Introduction to Grant Writing, will be held Friday, March 19, from 9 to 11 a.m. Participants will learn how to create a winning grant proposal. Different types of grant proposals will be examined including the typical components of a proposal and the steps in the process.

The fourth and final class, Grant Writing II, will be offered Friday, April 9, from 9 to 11

a.m. This is for individuals who already have some experience in grant writing, but would like to take it to the next level. During this two-hour workshop individuals will learn how to plan a grant for maximum funding success, simple ways to package a grant for maximum effect, grant writing do's and don'ts based upon well written sample grants. The workshop will provide time for interaction with concrete examples and lively discussion.

All classes will be held at NECC's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78 Amesbury St., Lawrence except for Grants Research Databases: An In-Depth Look, which will be held at the college's Dimitry Building, 45 Franklin St., Lawrence.

Seats in these courses are limited so those interested are encouraged to register early by sending an email with the subject line "AGM workshops registration."

E-mails should include the name of the person registering, the name of the affiliate organization, the address for the organization or the home address, a phone number where the individual can be reached, e-mail address, and name of workshop you are registering for. Send e-mails to Glennys Sanchez at gsanchez@necc.mass.edu or Dawna Perez at dperez@necc.mass.edu.

For questions, visit www.necc.mass.edu/ or contact Glennys Sanchez at gsanchez@necc.mass.edu or call 978-738-7438.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 8-12:

Elementary schools

Monday: French toast, breakfast sandwich, bagel and yogurt, home fries, turkey bacon or sausage and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken burger on a roll, pot roast and potatoes, manager's choice, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans and blueberries and cream.

Wednesday: Ravioli and garlic bread, teriyaki chicken dippers, roll, grilled cheese, veggie sticks and dips, side of caesar salad and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Chicken tenders and dips, Rib-A-Que on a roll, beef and bean burrito, bean soup, veggies, oven smile fries and fresh

fruit.

Friday: French bread pizza, cheese or veggie, garden salad and blueberry crisp.

Middle schools

Monday: Cheese quesadilla with salsa and chips, grilled chicken on a roll, pizza burger on a roll, roasted red bliss, carrot sticks and dip and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Baked macaroni and cheese with dinner roll, buffalo chicken sub, manager's choice, garden salad and chilled fruit.

Wednesday: American chop suey, chicken cacciatore, ham and cheese panini and chips, italian green beans, italian bread and blueberry crumb cake.

Thursday: Turkey pie in a bread bowl, Rib-A-Que on a bulky roll, manager's choice, sweet potato bake, steamed broccoli and fresh fruit.

Friday: Fish sandwich, beef and cheese nachos, manager's choice, garden salad, rice and fresh fruit.

Andover High School

Monday: Country barbeque, jumbo chili cheese dog, chicken and bacon flat bread sandwich with ranch dressing, baked chicken breast, rice pilaf, bread stick, steamed broccoli with lemon zest, american sub with the works and pudding with topping.

Tuesday: Open face turkey and gravy sandwich, pizza burger, ham and cheese panini, roast turkey and vegetable dinner, honey wheat roll, italian sub and apple crisp.

Wednesday: Deluxe burger on a roll, twin hotdogs, cheese quesadilla, spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread, chicken

tender sub and fruit.

Thursday: Grilled teriyaki chicken, meatball sub, manager's choice, chicken fajitas with toppings, grilled veggies, bean soup, buffalo chicken and fresh fruit.

Friday: Chicken cutlet parmesan, BBQ pulled pork sandwich, manager's choice, cheese tortellini in garlic and butter, dinner roll, side salad, manager's choice and fresh fruit cup.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

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

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We studied the first 33 presidents the past two weeks. This week, we learn about our most recent 11 American presidents.

Before he became president, **Dwight D. Eisenhower** commanded the Allied Forces during World War II. He liked to cook; his specialties were vegetable soup and cornmeal pancakes.

In 1961, the citizens elected **John F. Kennedy**. He was the youngest elected president and the first Catholic president. His speeches inspired America to send astronauts to the moon. The country mourned when he was shot and killed in 1963.

Lyndon B. Johnson became president when John F. Kennedy was killed. Before entering politics, he was an auto mechanic and school teacher. He was our second tallest president and rejected his official portrait because it was ugly.

Richard M. Nixon gave ad-

vice on a play to the Miami Dolphins in Super Bowl VI. He was the only president to resign from office.

While **Gerald R. Ford** was president, his daughter's high school prom was held in the White House. He was a model for Cosmopolitan magazine when he was younger.

Jimmy Carter was the first president to be born in a hospital. He was a submarine officer in the U.S. Navy, and then took over the family's peanut farm when his father died.

Ronald Reagan was an actor in more than 50 movies, including one with a chimp as a co-star. He was 69 years old when he took office, making him our oldest president.

George H. W. Bush survived four plane crashes during World War II. He went to college after the war and was captain of the baseball team.

William J. (Bill) Clinton played the saxophone on national TV. He played in a jazz trio in high school. Today he is working to raise money for the people of Haiti.

George W. Bush loves baseball. He managed a profes-

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43. George W. Bush	2001-2009
44. Barack Obama	2009-

sional team before becoming president. He has a collection of over 250 autographed baseballs. He is the second president to have a father who was also president.

Our current president is **Barack Obama**. He is the first African-American in the job. He loves to play basketball and collects Spider-Man and Conan the Barbarian comic books. Marvel Comics put out a special Spider-Man comic featuring the new president.

Comic Quiz

Cartoonists love to draw cartoons of presidents. Write each of these president's name under his cartoon:

Ronald Reagan
Jimmy Carter
George HW Bush
Bill Clinton



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3. If so, why do you think you would be a good President?

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Sports

'AN AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT'

McConnell wins third straight All-State sprint title

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

ROXBURY — Having watching his accomplishments for four years, Andover track coach Peter Comeau best described senior star Christopher McConnell in a few words.

"McConnell takes care of business," said Comeau. "He just steps into a meet and does all he can. He's a gamer. He ran great."

Take care of business McConnell certainly did.

Already well entrenched among the greats of Andover track history, McConnell established himself as possibly the most successful sprinter in Massachusetts indoor track history on Friday.

The Golden Warriors senior blew away the field at the All-State meet championship on the way to his stunning third straight title in the 55-meter dash and ran the first leg of the record-setting 4x200 relay at the Reggie Lewis Center on Friday. The Andover boys finished a devastating second as a team, one point behind Mansfield. The girls placed fifth.

"All season long I was working towards the goal of being a three-time (All-State) champion in the 55, and it happened," said McConnell. "You have to lay it all out in the big meets. I did it and won."

McConnell didn't just win, he dominated the field with a 6.35, well ahead of second-place Quinn Ryder of Oliver Ames (6.53). McConnell's time was just off the meet record 6.34, which he set just one year ago.

"I can't say enough about Chris McConnell," said Andover sprint coach Scott Price. "What an amazing achievement it is to be a three-time All-State champion."

"You're lucky if you're good for one year. If you're good for two years, it's amazing. But if you go back, there aren't too many three-time champions, especially in an event as explosive as the sprints because new runners are always emerging."

The All-State podium is nothing new McConnell. After finished fourth overall as a freshman



Andover junior Moira Cronin sails over 5-8 in the high jump at All-States. That jump was good enough to earn her a second-place finish.

ALL-STATE MEET (GIRLS)

Team scores (48 scored): Newton North 32, 2. Mansfield 26, 3. Bishop Feehan 25; 5.tie Andover 18
Andover results (top 6 score):
55 meters: 14. Kayla Baldwin 7.45; **1 mile:** 14. Maggie Mullens 5:17.67; **HJ:** 2. Moira Cronin 5-8, 10. Jess Salley 5-2
4x200: 3. Andover (Eve Bishop, Baldwin, Vanessa Singleton, Emily Shields) 1:44.70;
4x400: 4. Andover (Singleton, Sydney Eberth, Salley, Bishop) 4:05.05

ALL-STATE MEET (BOYS)

Team scores (52 scored): 1. Mansfield 35, 2. Andover 34 1/3, 3. Central Catholic 20
Andover results (top 6 score):
55 meters: 1. Christopher McConnell 6.35; **HJ:** 6.tie Andrew Osborne 6-2, 15. Pat Morrow 6-0; **LJ:** 8. Mark Vetere 20-10, 16. Kerrick Stevens 20-1 3/4
4x200: 1. Andover (McConnell, M. Vetere, Stevens, Connor O'Neill) 1:30.04, meet record; **4x400:** 2. Andover (M. Vetere, Stevens, O'Neill, Adam Vetere) 3:23.99;
4x800: 3. Andover (Will Ossoff, Scott Waller, A. Vetere, Simon Voorhees) 8:06.24

(6.61), he broke through with a victory as a sophomore (6.45) and junior before capping off his three-peat last week.

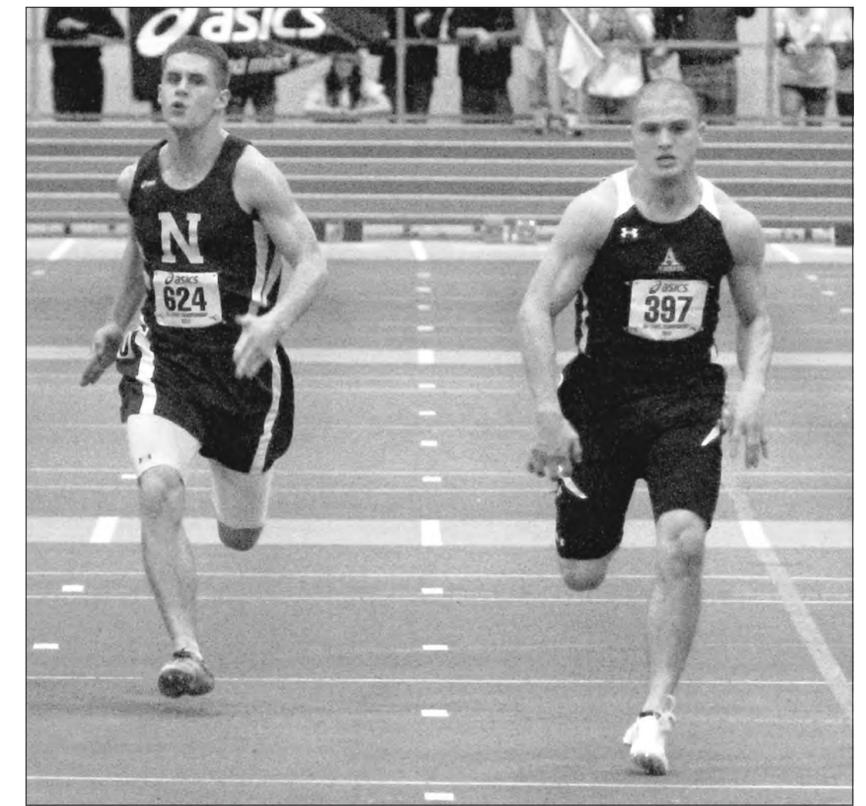
"As a sophomore, I don't think Chris knew how good he was," said Price. "But he worked so hard. I think this championship was the hardest because there was so much pressure on him and he rose to the top. Not many people can say they are national performers, but he is."

Despite his career of dominance, the UConn-bound McConnell was taking nothing for granted going into the race.

"The whole field was seniors so you never know what they can do in their final race," he said. "Being the top seed, you feel some extra pressure because everyone is going to know if you mess up. You know you're targeted, so you have to block it all out, visualize and run a great race."

Record run

McConnell wasn't done after his victory in the 55-meter dash. The two-time defending All-Scholastic then teamed with Mark Vetere, Kerrick Stevens and Connor O'Neill to make a



Andover's Christopher McConnell flies to the finish in the 55-meter dash at All-States on Friday. McConnell won the event for a stunning third straight year, and ran on the record-setting 4x200 relay.

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little history.

The foursome won the 4x200 relay in a blistering 1:30.04, shattering the All-State meet record (1:30.56) set by Reading High School in 2008. It was also well ahead of second-place North Attleboro (1:31.97).

"All year my responsibility was to get out to the lead and hand it to Vetere," said McConnell. "Then he would get a bigger lead, and so would Kerrick and O'Neill. We led the whole way and broke the record."

McConnell, Vetere and Stevens teamed with then-senior Brendan Crawford to win the event at All-States a season ago.

While hustling off to another event, newcomer O'Neill summed

up the record run.

"It was awesome," he said.

Cronin keeps excelling

Record-setting Andover junior Moira Cronin continued her stellar season, placing second overall in the high jump with a 5-8. Winner Kristen McDonagh (Mansfield) also jumped 5-8, but won because she missed fewer jumps.

"I was a little disappointed at not finishing first," said Cronin. "I really wanted to win, but I'm happy at what I did. I got a little mixed up on my first attempt at 5-8. At the gun I blinked. But I really want to do 5-10 at New England."

Relaying success

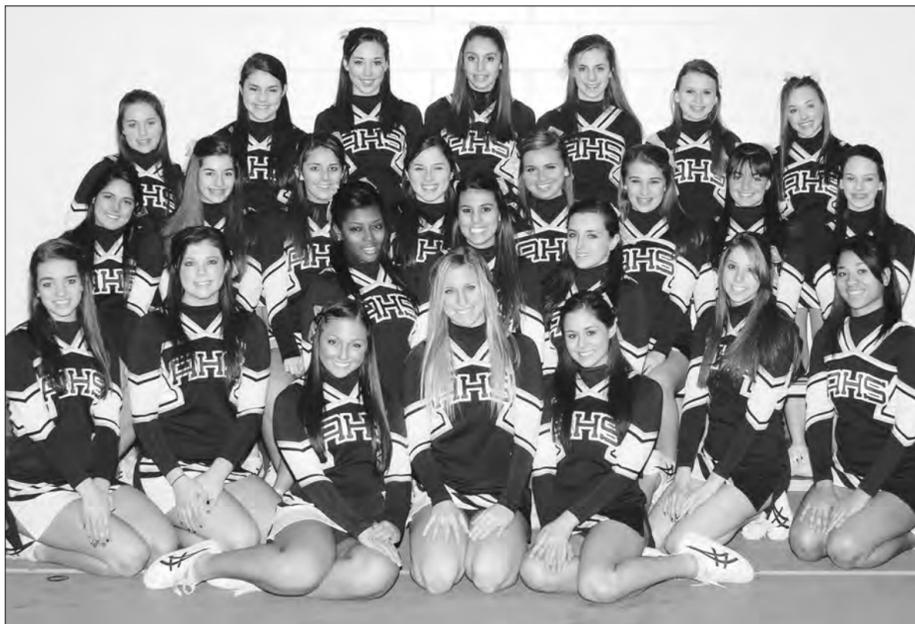
They may have finished third, but Andover's girls 4x200 relay team couldn't have been any happier.

"I was thrilled with it," said senior Kayla Baldwin. "Our goal was to hit that exact time. We wanted to be first, but we reached our time and that's what matters. We are proud."

Baldwin teamed with Eve Bishop, Vanessa Singleton and Emily Shields to finish with a 1:44.70 in the 4x200, breaking their own school record.

"We all had index cards with inspirational quotes," said Singleton. "We are so proud. I feel awkward running without a baton. I love running with the girls."

Chance to root for this home team Sunday



Andover High School cheerleaders have qualified to compete in North Regional Cheerleading Competition, which will be hosted at Andover High's Dunn Gymnasium, 80 Shawsheen Road, on Sunday, March 7.

The Andover High squad qualified for the regional competition by coming in second place to Lowell High School in a recent contest.

Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$5 for students. The event will begin with Division 4 and Division 1 (Andover's division) at 10:30 a.m. with Division 3, Division 2 and Division Co-Ed starting at 1:30 p.m.,

according to a release from parent Audrey Hamilton.

Pictured above are, from left, first row: Captains Kristen Garcia, Deidra Peterson, Kim Hornung; second row: Elsie Washburn, Laura Hamilton, Felisha Smith, Anna Silva, Michaela Melver, Jessica Torres, Pauline Russell; third row: Carmen Antoni, Michaela Zukowski, Megan Laramie, Kaleigh Wilson, Sarah Gillis, Danielle Jacobsen, Caitlin Kemp, Jesslyn Sargent; fourth row: Caitlin Burke, Jillian Wilson, Lynzie Luschenat, Courtney Papa, Taylor Masse, Sydney Gillis and Emma Lamoreaux. The coach is Karen Clark.

SPORTS FROM COMMUNITY

Nasta hat trick puts UMass Boston in semifinals

UMass Boston senior forward Maria Nasta, of Andover, registered her fourth career hat trick to lead the No. 3 seed University of Massachusetts Boston women's ice hockey team over visiting sixth-seeded University of Southern Maine, 6-2, Saturday afternoon, Feb. 27, in the quarterfinals of the Eastern College

Athletic Conference East tournament. The Beacons improved on their best-ever record at 17-9-0. UMass Boston tied the school-record for most goals in a playoff game, matching its total from a 6-4 road victory over Rochester Institute of Technology on Feb. 28, 2004.

The Beacons advance to play No. 2 seed Norwich University on Saturday, March 6 in Rye, N.Y. at the Playland Ice Casino in the semifinals, which will be hosted by top-seeded Manhattanville College.

Nasta took the air out of a four-on-three Southern Maine power play when she carried the puck from end to end and finished with a spectacular shot that found the back of the net for a shorthanded tally at 7:59 of the second period and a 4-2 lead for the home team, according to a release from the school. Nasta's short-handed goal, which was assisted by Kirwan, tied an NCAA record for short-handed goals in a game and gives her a school-record six for her career.

Playoffs

Gomez-Martinez, girls rolling; other teams fall

Note: Girls basketball won its North semifinal game to advance in the playoffs. See story, page 2.

Below is coverage of earlier action:
GIRLS BASKETBALL

Already a three-year starter, **Natalie Gomez-Martinez** thrives in the postseason.

The junior scored 21 points on 9-of-17 shooting, poured in 3 of 5 3-pointers and had five assists as Andover blasted Masconomet 62-22 in the Division 1 North quarterfinal on Friday.

"I think if I grow a few more inches I can (dunk)," said Gomez-Martinez, who also skied to retrieve the ball when it was stuck between the rim and backboard. "I always do that in practice. I get up there pretty easily and hang on the rim just pretending I can dunk. I had my opportunity tonight so I showed the crowd."

She made a sweet move to drive past a defender to put her team ahead by 21 points in the second quarter and then nailed a 3 from near the top of the key to put the Golden Warriors ahead by 24.

Just as impressive as Gomez-Martinez was the Andover defensive effort, which forced 30 turnovers and made 17 steals. Gomez-Martinez as well as **Nicole Boudreau** and **Alex Alois** each had four steals.

"Defense wins championships and that's the goal," Alois said. "Every time we get out there, every possession we focus on playing good defense for 30 seconds."

After nine days off, **Nicole Boudreau** and Andover started the postseason off in style. Boudreau knocked down her first six shots as the Golden Warriors rushed out to a 23-point first quarter lead on the way to crushing Methuen 79-44 in the first round of the Division 1 North tournament last Wednesday.

"We wanted to come out strong," said Boudreau, who wound up with a game-high 23 points. "As the No. 3 seed, we wanted to make a statement that we're ready."

Natalie Gomez-Martinez, with some superb drives, backed up Boudreau with 20 points and **Alex Alois**, in addition to guarding Methuen standout **Rashidat Agboola** quite effectively, scored 15 points.

"We had a long time between games and we were anxious to play," said Andover coach **Jim Tildsley**. "I thought we played very well for our first (tournament) game."

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warriors fall to archrivals

Andover's **Jimmy Johnson** scored 12 impressive points, and teammate **Brian Miller** threw down an eye-popping slam dunk in traffic that sent the crowd into hysterics.

But, in the end, it wasn't enough and the Golden Warriors fell to archrival Central Catholic 78-56, in the Division 1 North quarterfinals before over 2,000 fans on Sunday.

"Every game we played them, they had two guys in double figures, the same two guys, **Carson (Desrosiers)** and **(Jimmy) Zenevitch**," said Andover coach **David Fazio**, who called the sloughing-off defense an inverted triangle-zone with man-to-man on Desrosiers and Zenevitch. "We said no touches for them. If the other three guys make shots, we'll make adjustments. And they go (7 for 8 to start the game)."

Joe Bramanti added a team-high 13 points and **D.J. Fazio** added eight for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS HOCKEY

Swett, Warriors bow out

Matt Swett finished off his breakout junior season with a goal, but Andover fell to Woburn 2-1 in the first round of the Division 1 North tournament last Wednesday. **Joe Kuta** added an assist and **Kyle Berthiaume** made 30 saves for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Andover bid falls short

Andover fell to St. Mary's 6-0 in the Division 1 first round on Saturday.

Sarah Oteri, **Meaghan Leary** and **Laura Cahill** each scored a goal as Andover topped Marblehead 3-2 in the Division 1 preliminary round last Wednesday. **Nicole Giroux**, **Lea Macheras** and **Meagan Keefe** each had an assist and **Kyla Mosquera** made 30 saves for the Winners.

Business

Andover lawyer in media law cases

Andover resident Peter J. Caruso Sr., a shareholder of the Merrimack Valley law firm of Devine Millimet, has recently been involved in two media cases involving the open meeting law and publishing fair and accurate news articles.

On Dec. 31, 2009, the SJC ruled in the District Attorney for the Northern District v. School Committee of Wayland case that the School Committee violated the law when it met in secret session to discuss the performance evaluation of Wayland's superintendent of schools, and also when the committee exchanged private e-mails regarding the evaluation in advance of the meeting.

"This important open meeting case reaffirms that secret sessions and e-mailing among

public officials violate the public's right to know," reported Caruso. "The performance of local officials ought to be discussed in an open public forum - not behind closed doors." Caruso co-authored the amicus brief as General Counsel for the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association.

On Jan. 7, the SJC in Howell v. The Enterprise Publishing Company, ruled on the newspaper's right to report on a public meeting by a Board of Selectmen that fired the superintendent of the sewer department for having pornographic images on his town computer. The sewer superintendent sued the newspaper for libel and emotional distress for reporting the selectmen's actions, all of which were conducted in a public hearing.

Lower courts, both District and the Appeals Court, had allowed the suit against the newspaper to continue. The SJC ruled that so long as the news report of the official actions of the board is fair and accurate, a safe harbor is created for the press. A resounding decision that "protects the press when it reports on official actions that members of the public could have witnessed for themselves," even if the report, by its very nature, is defamatory. Caruso, again as General Counsel for the MNPA, was on brief for the defendant newspaper. He states, "The press has always been the public's eyes and ears."

Caruso is the former managing partner of Caruso & Caruso LLP in Andover.

Homebuyers seminars offered

Three free homebuyer seminars have been scheduled at the Emond Tax and Financial Group Conference Center, 11 Middlesex Ave., Suite 10, in Wilmington. The seminar dates are March 11, March 25, and April 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

They are open to the general public and will include information to navigate all prospective homebuyers through the process including finding your new home and your best mortgage option, to finalizing the purchase at closing, according to a release from the Frank Co.

Attendees will also learn how to receive up to \$8,000 in tax credits (for first time homebuyers); and up to \$6,500 in tax credits for "longtime residents" looking to buy a new principal residence.

Presenters include Joseph E. Emond III, E.A., Emond Tax and Financial Group, Kathleen Wentworth, Sr. loan originator, Leader Bank, Jessica M. Prince, Esq., Dalton and Finegold, LLP, and Kevin Vitali, certified buyer's agent, Exit Group One Real Estate. For the March 25 and April 8 seminars, Mark Graey of

The Gracy Team at Keller Williams Realty will make the real estate presentation.

According to Joseph Emond, "These are challenging times for new homebuyers as all the changes in the real estate market leave them confused about how to proceed. We have assembled a panel of local professionals from various disciplines who will break down all the barriers in an easy-to-understand format."

Reservations should be made early by calling Beverly at 978-657-7851 or email bus.ctr@emondtax.com.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Governor coming

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner will be Wednesday, April 14, cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 6:45 p.m., at DiBurro's Function Hall, 887 Boston Road, Haverhill.

The Ralph B. Wilkinson Award will be presented to Salvatore Lupoli, President Riverwalk Properties/Salvatore's and the Community Spirit Award will be presented to Joan Stygles Hull, Merrimack Valley Hospice.

Featured speaker will be Gov. Deval Patrick.

Tickets are \$95. For more information call 978-686-0900.

Kendall Storch of Andover, senior vice president with Longfellow Benefits, a Boston employee benefits consultant and brokerage, was named to the list of the 300 Most Influential Advisors in Defined Contribution by The 401kWire.

The 401(k) industry insiders nationally cast more than 75,000 votes as part of the process used to create this inaugural list. The 401kWire.com, 401kExchange Inc., and the Boston Research Group will host a special dinner and awards ceremony to

recognize the honorees.

"This peer recognition shows that Kendall is truly among the elite in his field," said Joseph M. Gray, REBC, CLU, LIA, managing partner of Longfellow Benefits.

Storch, CFP, AIF, was named one of "20 Rising Stars of Retirement Plan Advisors" by Institutional Investor magazine in 2007.

The 401kWire.com is the first place defined contribution industry insiders turn to learn what they need to know to make the right strategic decisions for their company and themselves.

Obituaries

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Maurice J.A. Hache, 47



ANDOVER — Maurice J. A. Hache, a long-time resident of Andover and beloved husband of Belkis (Vasquez) Hache, died suddenly at his home on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010. He was 47.

Born in Moncton, New Brunswick, he was the beloved son of Florence (LeBlanc) Hache of Moncton, New Brunswick and the late Albert Hache. Maurice was a graduate of St. Joseph High School, Class of 1980 and a 1984 graduate of UMass Lowell, where he earned his BS in applied chemistry. Mr. Hache also was a graduate of Emmanuel College, Class of 1992 and had received his master's degree in science and management.

Maurice was employed as a

chemistry teacher at Merrimack High School in Merrimack N.H. He was an avid chess player and Patriots fan for many years. Maurice was the creator and director of the Rocket Club at Merrimack High School. He was also a history buff, always reading and learning about all kinds of history.

Above all, Mr. Hache was a devoted husband, father and family person and will be greatly missed by his beloved wife of 22 years, Belkis (Vasquez) Hache of Andover; three children, Sacharie Hache of Atlanta and Isaac Hache and Chantelle Hache of Andover; four sisters and four brothers-in-law, Cecile and her husband Fredrick Mattei of Salem, Lucille Hache and her husband Kenneth Reed of St. Phillippe, New Brunswick, Anne Hache and her husband Daniel Hebert of Moncton, New Brunswick and Annette and

her husband Daniel Fortin of Moncton, New Brunswick; and six nieces and nephews, Samantha and Dennis Mattei of Salem, Justin and Nicholas Hebert and Jacob and Madeleine Fortin, all of Moncton, New Brunswick. Maurice is also survived by many loving aunts, uncles and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Thursday, March 4, 2010, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours were to be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Wednesday, March 3, 2010, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial will be in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations in Maurice's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Robert Nolin



LEESBURG, Fla. — Robert Nolin, formerly of Andover, died on Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 in Leesburg, Fla., following a short illness.

He was born in 1937 in Lowell to the late Edward and Virginia Nolin. He grew up in Ballardvale and graduated from Punchard High School in 1955. He joined the U.S. Navy that

same year and rose through the enlisted ranks to retire after 23 years with the rank of Lieutenant. After retirement in 1978, he was employed first G.E., and later Martin Marietta where he served as Security Director in Northern, Va. He retired to Florida in 2001.

He was predeceased by his son, Robert of Woodbridge, Va.; brother, Richard of North Andover; and sister, Lois Mambro of Bristow, Va. Survivors include his wife, Jill Nolin of Leesburg, Fla.; daughter, Regina

Cotton and her husband Richard, and their three children of Springfield, Va.; daughter-in-law, Paige Nolin and her son of Poquoson, Va.; stepdaughter, Allison Graham of Cicero, N.Y.; brother, Raymond Nolin and his wife Barbara of Londonderry, N.H.; former wife, Mary Nolin of Woodbridge, Va.; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A military burial will take place in late March in Bushnell, Fla.

William J. Rancourt, 101

BRONX, N.Y. — Mr. William J. Rancourt, 101, of Bronx, N.Y., formerly of Seabrook, N.H., Andover, and Barefoot Bay, Fla., passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2010 at the Saint Patrick's Nursing Home in Bronx, N.Y.

He was born in Lawrence on July 27, 1908 to the late Paul and Lucy (Goupil) Rancourt. He attended the local schools and was a graduate of Lawrence High School.

William attended Saint Monica Church in Methuen, and was a

mill worker for the Wood Mills of Lawrence. He enjoyed traveling with his wife Arlene, through Europe and the United States.

Husband of the late Mrs. Arlene (MacDonald) Rancourt who passed away December of 2008, his family members include his step-daughter, Joyce Quinlan and her husband Robert of Andover; his step-son, George Haigh and his wife Nancy of Belmont; as well as several grandchildren, nieces and nephews, including his nephew, Brother Richard

Rancourt of Bronx, N.Y.

He was the step-father to the late John Haigh.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 11 a.m. in Saint Monica's Church in Methuen. His burial followed in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Lawrence. Family and friends called on Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For online condolences and other information please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.

Edith M. Swanson, 97

ANDOVER — Edith M. (Herbert) Swanson, 97, of North Andover, and formerly of Lawrence and Somerville, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 at the Wingate of Andover.

Edith was born in North Reading to the late Edwin and Florence (Cheever) Herbert. She attended Andover schools and graduated from Punchard High School. Edith worked for Grieco Jewelry Store in Andover for

many years and was a longtime member of the Andover Baptist Church and belonged to the Friendly Circle.

Edith was the beloved wife of the late Gunnar Swanson and had lived in Somerville for many years before returning to Andover in 1986. She is survived by her niece and caretaker, Barbara "BJ" Hinckley of North Andover, as well as several nieces and nephews. She was

predeceased by her three sisters, Alice Johnson, Evelyn Ward and Marion Kennedy.

ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements will be private and have been entrusted to the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. For those who wish, Edith may be remembered through donations to the Andover Baptist Church, 11 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. To sign the family guestbook please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

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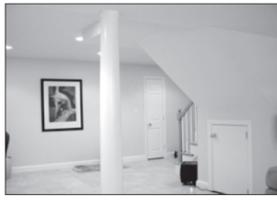
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Obituaries

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Paul F. Burton Jr., 89



ANDOVER — Paul Frederick Burton Jr. died at home surrounded by his family on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010. He was a resident of Andover.

He was born in New York City to Sophie Jay Burton and Paul Frederick Burton, on Jan. 4, 1921. He moved to Melrose with his mother and his step-father, Thomas Costello. Paul enlisted in the Army Air Corp. in September of 1942. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps - Eighth Air Force and served in Europe. He was a prisoner of war from April

1944 to May 1945. Paul was liberated by General George Patton's 3rd Army in 1945. He received, among other awards, the Purple Heart, due to his injuries and loyal service in the war.

Paul enrolled in Tufts University prior to his enlistment. Upon his return from war he went to Boston University under the GI Bill. He graduated with a bachelor's degree from the School of Management. He worked in sales and received several awards for his salesmanship.

Paul was an active member of his community and the local senior center. He was an accomplished artist having had many local shows.

His wife of 57 years, Pauline C. (Knowles) Burton passed away

in April of 2006. He is survived by his sons, P. Jeffrey Burton and his wife Tamara of Anchorage, Alaska, Craig T. Burton and his wife Marnie of Andover; and daughter, Jennifer Burton Tolomeo and her husband Duane of Kingston, N.Y.; five grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial service on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Calling hours preceded the service from 4 to 6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to VNA of Middlesex-East and Visiting Nurse Hospice, 607 North Ave., Suite 17, Wakefield, MA 01880.

Theresa A. Champagne, 78



ANDOVER — Theresa A. "Terri" (Stopyra) Champagne, 78, a resident of Methuen and former long-time resident of Lawrence, died on Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2010 at the Wingate at Andover.

She was born in Lawrence on Jan. 24, 1932, to Peter P. and Agnes M. (Sierzega) Stopyra. She attended Holy Trinity Grammar School and was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Lawrence.

She worked for Raytheon in North Andover for 26 years until her retirement. She was a

parishioner of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, St. Theresa Church, in Methuen.

She is the wife of the late Andre "Andy" M. Champagne, and is survived by her daughter, Michelle Champagne-Saltman and her husband Michael of Lawrence; her son, Joseph and his wife Charlene Champagne of Yorba Linda, Calif.; three grandchildren: Shaun and Nicholas Saltman of Lawrence, and Zakary Champagne of Yorba Linda, Calif. Her brothers and sisters: Helen Previte of Salem, N.H., Anthony Stopyra of Lawrence, Fr. David Stopyra, OFM, Conv. of Taunton, Mary Pitochelli and her husband William of Andover; as well as many nieces and nephews. She

is predeceased by her brothers and sisters: Fr. Alfred Stopyra, OFM, Conv. Francis Stopyra, Stanley Stopyra, Charles Stopyra, Walter Stopyra, Katherine Dziadosz, and Victoria Stopyra.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 1, 2010 at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, St. Theresa Church, 22 Plymouth St., Methuen, MA 01844. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery in Lawrence. Family and friends called on Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. For more information or to send an online condolence, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1332 N. Halsted St., Suite 201, Chicago, IL 60642-2642.

Robert K. Devejian, 87



ANDOVER — Robert K. Devejian of Andover passed away peacefully on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010 from the complications of chronic illness.

Born in November 1922 in Haverhill, son of Maritza and Yervant Devejian, he attended local schools and graduated from Haverhill High School in 1940. Pursuing further education, Mr. Devejian earned an engineering degree from Tufts University and later a Master of Science degree from Boston University.

During World War II, Mr. Devejian served with the U.S. Navy in the Western Pacific. For a short period in the late 1940s, Mr. Devejian worked as an electrical

engineer at Western Electric, but in 1949, he began a 37 year career in college mathematics. Beginning at what was then the Lowell Textile Institute, Mr. Devejian taught mathematics, and assisted in the development of more complex educational programs at the institution which would later grow into Lowell Technical Institute, and then the University of Lowell. He spent the final twenty years of his career as a full professor of mathematics, and retired in 1986.

In 1954, Mr. Devejian was married to Agnes Derderian, an elementary school teacher in Everett, who, during 54 years of marriage, shared his passion for education, family, friends and their vacation home in Centerville. She predeceased him in 2008.

Robert Devejian will be

remembered as an intelligent, amiable, and humble man, who valued family, education, community, and country.

He is survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews throughout the Northeast and Toronto Canada.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service is planned for Saturday, March 6 at 2 p.m. at the West Parish Church on Reservation Road in Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Knights of Vartan Arakadz, School Support Project, Attn: John Amboian, 6 Regis Road, Andover, MA 01810 or to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York City, NY 10008-0780. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. To leave online condolences, visit, www.confefuneralhomes.com.

Frederick C. Eastman, 88

ANDOVER — Frederick C. Eastman, 88, a lifelong resident of Andover, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 2010 at Prescott House Nursing Home, Andover.

He was born Aug. 4, 1921. Fred was an electrical engineer for Westinghouse Electric, Service Division for 42 years, working in Pittsburgh, Boston and Framingham until his retirement.

He was a member of Andover Baptist Church, St. Matthew's Lodge, and Maine Society of Mayflower Descendants. He was a graduate of Pynchard High School and Wentworth Institute. He was a veteran of

the U.S. Navy during World War II, where he was an Electronic Technicians Mate. He held an engineers, land surveyors and an amateur radio license.

The widower of Edith L. (Dunnells) Eastman, he is survived by one daughter, Carol Cottrill and her husband James of Rumford, Maine; two sons, Allen Eastman and his wife Phylis of Methuen, Malcolm Eastman and his wife Andrea of Methuen; six grandchildren, Catherine Scheid, Kristine Boisvert, Kerri Healy, Katy Eastman, Eric Eastman and Daniel Eastman; 10 great-grandchildren, Zackery, Sean

and Kayla Healy, Madison Eastman, Kambra Himelrick, Jacob Scheid, Samantha, Victoria, Adam and Amand Eastman; one sister, Rovena Teckham of Norway, Maine.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial service on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 1 p.m. at Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Fred's memory to MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. For more information go to www.burkemagliozzi.com.

Richard J. Eldred, 77



ANDOVER — Richard J. Eldred, 77, a lifelong resident of Andover, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 in St. Augustine, Fla.

Richard was one of nine children and he was born on April 10, 1932. He graduated from Pynchard High School with his class in 1950. Mr. Eldred served his country from 1952 to 1956 with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War aboard the USS Missouri BB63 and the USS Des Moines CA134.

Richard was a electronic technician at Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge for 35 years until his retirement in 1998. He was a member of St. Matthews Lodge of Andover, where he had just recently received "The Mason of the Year" award and also was a member of Ashlar Lodge in St. Augustine, Fla. Richard was Warden for A.V.I.S Conservation

of Andover, where he was responsible for overseeing the Shawshen River Reservation. Richard was a communicant of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Richard is survived by his beloved wife, Shirley (Pilgrim) Eldred of Andover, with whom he shared 54 years of marriage; his daughters, Lee Anne Surlis and her husband Billy of Oklahoma and Paula Marie Appleby and her husband Tom of Andover; his three granddaughters, two grandsons and his three great-grandchildren, as well as his brother, James J. Eldred of Methuen.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend his visitation on Saturday, March 6 from 10 to noon in the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. A Masonic Service will be held in the funeral home at noon, followed by his funeral service also in the funeral home at 1 p.m. For those who wish, Richard may be remembered through donations to St. Matthew's Lodge, P.O. Box 3, Andover, MA 01810 or to A.V.I.S,

P.O. Box 5097, Andover, MA 01810-0823. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guestbook please visit www.confefuneralhomes.com.

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