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## Schools turn back thermostats to get two degrees of savings

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Andover Public Schools have been ordered to lower their thermostats by two degrees, a move Bernie Tuttle, interim business administrator, hopes will save thousands in utility bills and help close a budget deficit.

Tuttle sent a memo to all

principals, senior custodians and plant and facilities department administration last week requesting heat in all school buildings be lowered 2 degrees, or from an average low classroom temperature of 68 to 66 degrees.

"We're looking at a deficit in this year's budget, and I'm looking to save some money. It's hard to say how much (the savings) will

be. It depends on the weather. But every little bit will help," said Tuttle. "If I can save \$5,000 or \$10,000 between now and April vacation, I'll be satisfied. If we get a warm spell, we'll do better."

Tuttle said the schools are facing a \$600,000 deficit this year.

Although the heat turn-back has coincided with a warm spell, principals throughout the district

have been asking parents to dress their children accordingly, adding extra layers if needed.

Tuttle said he chose not to turn the heat down earlier in the winter, when heating bills are at their highest.

"We thought that as things progressed during the budget year, perhaps other actions we've taken, including a freeze on the

budget, would have mitigated the deficit, and to some extent it has," said Tuttle. "By this time of year, we're limited as to the action we can take. If we can save a few dollars, we will."

On Tuesday, March 9, High Plain Elementary Principal Pamela Lathrop said her staff has not noticed the two-degree difference, and she has even received

emails from parents supporting the money-saving idea.

West Middle School Principal Steve Murray took the change in stride, and said his staff is monitoring room temperatures to make sure students are comfortable and the building remains conducive to learning.

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## Tucker sets final agenda

By NEIL FATER  
STAFF WRITER

One of the state's most passionate opponents of gambling, Andover state Sen. Sue Tucker, will leave office in January 2011. Counter intuitively, that could be terrible news for those hoping to bring casinos to Massachusetts.



State Sen. Susan Tucker: Not running

With Tucker declaring last Friday she will not run for reelection, she says she is now free to focus "like a laser beam" on fighting casino gambling - and on a handful of important

Andover-specific issues that will hit the jackpot or crap out based on what happens during the next 10 months. There will be no reelection campaign to eat into her time.

"I'm just beginning to think about how that with play out," she said. "Instead of being out here setting up a campaign headquarters, I'll be able to be up there [at the Statehouse] focusing like a laser beam."

"I have always called it like I see it. In terms of freeing my up politically there's no effect," she said. "But from a time point of view and an energy point of view, it's definitely freed me because [a senate race] is

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## State championship, here we come



Andover girls celebrates their win over Mansfield following Tuesday's State Basketball Tournament Semi-Finals at TD Garden in Boston.

ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff Photo

## Girls headed to state title game

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

BOSTON — The dream season for Andover girls' basketball will now culminate with the Golden Warriors playing for a Division 1 state title.

"This is the greatest feeling ever," said Andover star sophomore Nicole Boudreau. "This was our ultimate goal. This has been my dream since I was a little girl watching Andover play. And now we have our chance."

First, on Friday, the Golden Warriors needed overtime to knock off archrival Central Catholic 69-65 for the Division 1 North title led by 25 points each for Boudreau and Natalie Gomez-Martinez.

Then, on Tuesday, the Golden Warriors defeated upset-minded Mansfield 60-52 in the Division 1 semifinal to earn a berth in the state title game. This time they were led by freshman Devon Caveney (19 points).

Both victories came at the TD Garden, home of the Boston Celtics.

"I feel so lucky to be a part of this team and have the opportunity to have this experience," said Caveney. "We were so ready and so excited. It's unbelievable."

Andover advances to the Division 1 title game on Saturday at the DCU Center in Worcester at 5:45 p.m. The Warriors will face the winner of Wednesday's matchup between West champ East Longmeadow and South champ Shepherd Hill, which was played

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## McGrath named to lead town schools

Was assistant superintendent

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

School Committee members say they hope to solidify a contract with Marinel McGrath, current superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham regional school district, this week, bringing her to Andover July 1 to replace outgoing superintendent Claudia Bach.

Thursday night, March 4, the Andover School Committee voted to select McGrath, Andover's assistant superintendent from 1995 to 2002, concluding a three-month search process.

"I am thrilled to have been selected as the next superintendent," said McGrath, when reached by cell phone Thursday night, shortly after the School Committee's decision. "I'm looking forward to serve, once again, the students, families and community (of Andover). I'm very pleased it was a 5-0 vote."

McGrath did not return messages left over Monday and Tuesday this week, seeking further comment.

For fiscal year 2009, McGrath is making

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Marinel McGrath

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## New Bancroft School could have three access roads

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Discussion continues on whether a school built to replace Bancroft Elementary will have one, two or three access roads.

The School Building Committee voted Wednesday morning, March 10, to study the possibility of 24-foot-wide access roads, with sidewalks, leading to Holt and West Knoll Roads, in addition to a driveway that leads to the school from Bancroft Road.

Bancroft, built in 1969, has structural problems and the Massachusetts School Building

Authority is partnering with the town to pay to build its replacement. The school was built with just one paved driveway. Students also walk to school on a footpath from Holt Road.

Wednesday's vote begins a study of which combination of roads makes the most sense for the site.

"Everything will be refined with the schematic design. What does the road look like? Is there a sidewalk, or a curb?" said Lorraine Finnegan, a representative of Symmes, Maini and McKee, the project architect. "Operationally, the roads can be whatever you

want."

An access road to Holt Road would relocate wetlands. Superintendent Claudia Bach noted that Holt Road needs improvements and cannot handle large, emergency vehicles.

Building committee member Joseph Reilly and Joe Piantedosi, town Plant and Facilities director, suggested that if a Holt Road access is built it should be one-way or open to passenger traffic only.

Finnegan gave approximate cost estimates of \$125,000 to build an

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ANN HERMES/ Staff Photo

Bancroft Elementary School students, front left, Matt Belluche; front right, Charlie Stahley; back left, Nathan Goldthwaite; back right, Josh Kravetz, and Juliana Luss, take a walking path to Holt Road. The well-travelled foot path could become an access road to the new school.

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## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** This photo taken around the 1940s shows The Aberdeen, at left, at 346-362 North Main Street. It was built in 1922 by William Wood, president of the American Woolen Company. The company, which employed 40,000 people in 60 mills over eight states, had its headquarters in Shawsheen Village from 1923 to 1925.



**NOW:** The Aberdeen building, left, was built in 1922.

## New candidate for US Rep.

Bob Clark has announced his candidacy for US Representative in the 5th District of Massachusetts. He is running as an Independent candidate against incumbent Niki

Tsongas. His platform focuses on small government through spending cuts, and a return to constitutional free market ideals, according to a release from his campaign.

## NEWS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MARCH 11

Council on Aging, Andover Senior Center, behind 36 Bartlet St., 8 a.m.  
Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.  
TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.  
Finance Committee subcommittee, School Administration Building, behind 36 Bartlet St., School Committee room, 11 a.m.  
School Committee contract negotiations, Andover High School Cafeteria, Shawsheen Road, 6 p.m.  
School Committee community meeting, focus groups, Andover High School Cafeteria, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 12

Representatives from Selectmen, Finance Committee and Youth Services, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.  
MONDAY, MARCH 15  
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.  
TUESDAY, MARCH 16  
Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.  
Joint meeting of Selectmen and Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.  
Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.  
MONDAY, MARCH 22  
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.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 tonight, 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.

## Meet with Rep. L'Italien

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien of Andover will hold constituent office hours at the Andover Senior Center on Friday, March 26, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. either L'Italien or her legislative aide will be available to meet with any interested

residents. Residents can also speak directly with L'Italien's office anytime by calling 617-722-2380. L'Italien represents the 18th Essex District which includes precincts 1, 7 and 8 in Andover.

## Andoverite picked as Beverly superintendent

Just as Andover finishes the search for a new superintendent of the public schools, resident Marie Galinski has been hired as the new superintendent of the Beverly Public Schools on the North Shore. Galinski, who is currently the assistant superintendent in Beverly, will take over as superintendent on July 1.

Galinski, 61, has lived in Andover for two decades with her husband, Fred, a retired Massachusetts Teachers Association office worker who also served as a civilian contractor in Iraq from 2003 to 2007. Galinski's daughters, Kate, 30, and Erika, 33, also live in Andover. -Cate Lecuyer, Salem News

## Rabies clinic to be held April 3

The Andover Animal Hospital will conduct the annual rabies vaccination clinic for dogs and cats on Saturday, April 3, from 8:30 a.m. to noon at 233 Lowell St., Andover. The cost of the vaccination will be \$10 per animal. All animals should be leashed or restrained. Rabies Vaccinations will be good for three years if you bring proof, current rabies certificate that your pet has been immunized within the past year, otherwise the vaccination will be good for only one year. State law requires that all dogs and cats must be vaccinated against rabies by six months of age and must be three months of age before they can be vaccinated. If residents have not yet

licensed their dogs for 2010, contact the Town Clerk's Office for more information at 978-623-8255.

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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; 617-828-1728, http://www.mass.gov/dcr/events.htm.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 18**

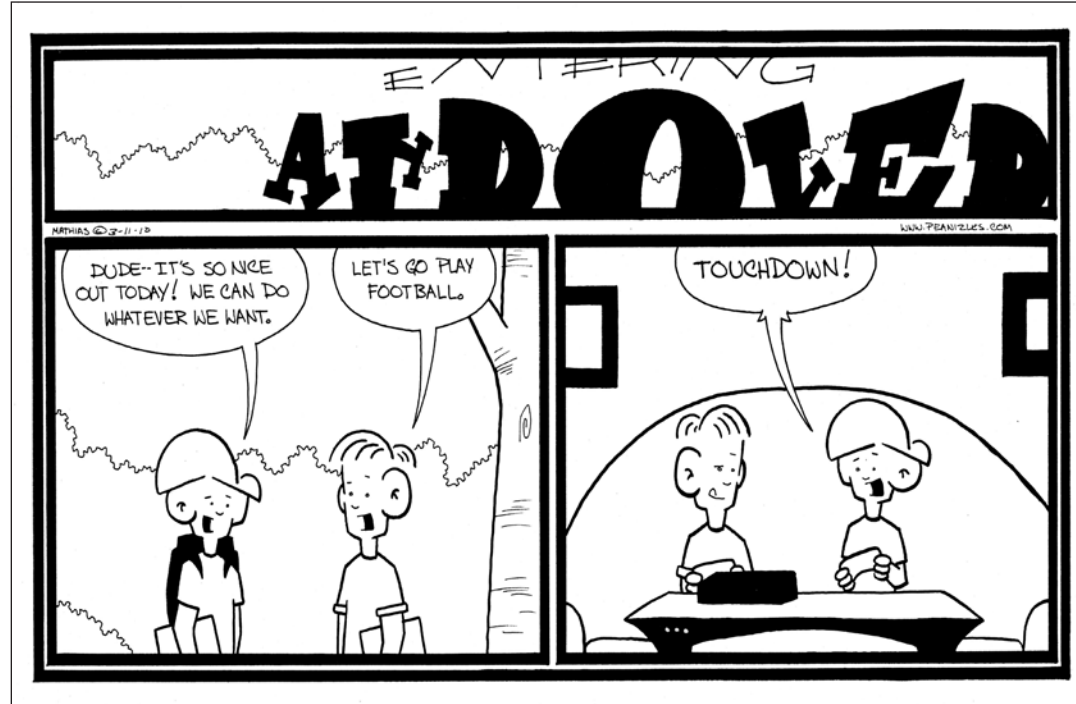
**WORKSHOP.** Nancy Engels will present to the Village Garden Club "Lavender and Other Essential Oils," aromatic delight focusing on lavender, \$4 to make and take a sachet, will be held at the home of Sue Rolfs, 28 Prospect Road, Andover. Hostesses are Micki DeYoreo, Dee Henry and Rita DeLollis. Flower arranger is Cathy Henderson.

**AUTHOR READING.** Nick Trout will be doing a slide show and talk about the animals and their owners that he meets as a surgeon at Angell Animal Medical Center. His latest book, Love is the Best Medicine, is subtitled, What Two Dogs Taught One Veterinarian about Hope, Humility, and Everyday Miracles, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 7 p.m.: 978-475-0143.

**PLAY OPENS.** commissioned by Merrimack Repertory Theatre and receiving its world premiere, "The Last Days of Mickey & Jean," by Massachusetts native Richard Dresser. It's a retirement story with a twist directed by MRT's Artistic Director Charles Towers, Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell, 7:30 p.m., running through April 11: 978.654.4MRT, www.Merrimack-rep.org.

**HISTORY FOR KIDS.** Haverhill Historical Society presents "History for Half-Pints: The Merry Merrimack," for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers, 10-11:30 a.m., Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water St., Haverhill, Admission is \$4/child and \$1/adult for museum members; \$5/child and \$1/adult for non-members. Registration is required: 978-374-4626, www.haverhill-history.org.

**ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias**



**'Willy Wonka' at West Middle this weekend**

South Cooperative Theater will bite into 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 Tee-vee, Violet Beauregarde, Willy Wonka, the Oompa Loompas, and many more.

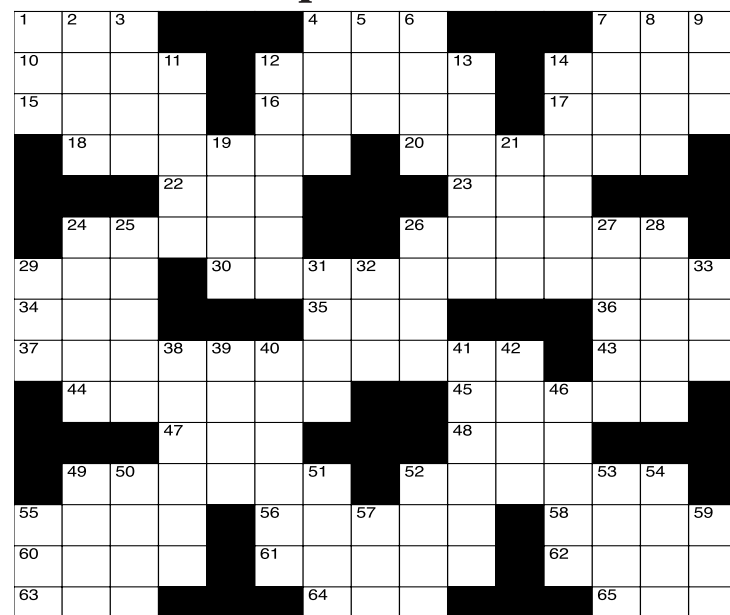
Adults leading the production are Beth Kennedy as artistic director and choreographer, Crystal O'Keefe as choreographer, Jen Fecteau and Jen Prudden as drama directors and music directors Hillary Brooks and Amanda Potts. The production team is working with more than 60 third-, fourth-, and fifth-

grade students from South Elementary.

There will be three performances at West Middle School on Shawsheen Road, Friday, March 12 at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 13 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 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. through Friday, March 12, as well as at the door, according to organizers.

**Crossword puzzle**



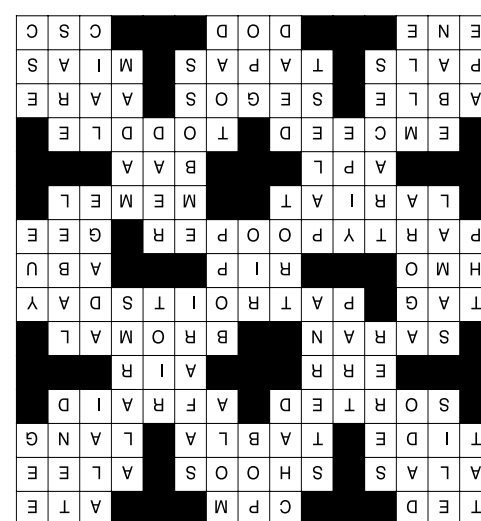
**CLUES ACROSS**

1. Business tycoon Turner
4. Cost per thousand
7. Digested
10. Expression of sorrow
12. Chases away
14. Away from wind
15. High, low or rip
16. Indian drum instrument
17. Auld \_\_\_ syne
18. Arranged by size
20. Filled with fear
22. Make a mistake
23. Atmosphere
24. Clear wrap
26. About a bromegrass
29. Game where "you're it"
30. 3rd Monday in April
34. Health insurance organization
35. Tear
36. \_\_\_ Dhabi, UAE capital
37. Killjoy
43. Command right
44. A long noosed rope used to catch animals
45. Klaipeda
47. \_\_\_ omb: assuredness
48. A sheep's cry
49. In a way, hosted
52. Baby walk
55. Suffix expressing capacity
56. Edible lily bulbs
58. Swiss river
60. Buddies
61. Spanish appetizers
62. Missing soldiers
63. Point midway between NE and E
64. National security department
65. Reciprocal of a sine

**CLUES DOWN**

1. Make lacework
2. Ancient Olympic Site
3. Construction groove
4. African nation
5. Letter box
6. Ocean sunfish
7. Jai \_\_\_\_, sport
8. Be inclined
9. Records brain currents
11. More dried-up
12. Tern genus
13. Urban definition of "cool"
14. Signals warning of danger
19. Sandy golf hazard
21. Wild disturbance
24. Language of Sulu islands
25. Ancient Athenian marketplace
26. British Institute of Professional Photography, (abbr.)
27. Saying
28. An identifying marker
29. Thrust horse power (abbr.)
31. A gait faster than a walk
32. \_\_\_ de Janeiro
33. Cantonese dialect
38. Scarcely detectable amounts
39. Expression of surprise
40. Most fair
41. A way to imprint
42. Make sense of writing
46. A woman of refinement
49. Abba \_\_\_\_, Israeli politician
50. Young woman (French)
51. Not alive
52. More terrestrial frog
53. Worldly rather than spiritual
54. Amounts of time
55. Copy another's behavior
57. Central mail bureau
59. Top left corner key

**Solution**



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**AYS Zumba dance to help Haiti this Sunday**

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.

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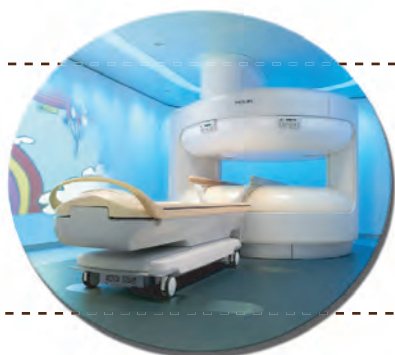
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## TOWN TALK

### ACE-funded language lab to come

Andover High School's new high-tech language lab, originally planned to be installed over February break, has been delayed but is on track to come online mid-March, says AHS language teacher Chris Krueger.

The language lab's total price tag will come to more than \$100,000, funded by the Andover Coalition for Education as well as a grant from the Horne Family Foundation, said Tina Girdwood, ACE member.

- Bethany Bray

### SC shows team spirit

The School Committee rescheduled its Tuesday meeting March 9 to show support for the Andover High School girls basketball team,

who played in the 2010 MIAA State Division I Semifinals that night. The March 9 School Committee meeting is rescheduled to Tuesday, March 16, at 7 p.m. in the School Administration Building.

- Bethany Bray

### Hip-hop for Haiti

The Andover High School Dance Club will offer a "Dance for Haiti Benefit Performance" next Friday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the school's Collins Center for the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. "Please come enjoy an evening of AHS student choreographed dance including hip-hop, lyrical, and Indian cultural dance. Proceeds will go to Partners in Health to support the people of Haiti," said Kim Bergey, AHS Dance Club advisor and guidance counselor.

## Selectmen candidates differ on meeting issues

By Neil Fater  
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen candidates were asked five Yes/No questions about issues that will be decided at Town Meeting this spring. They were then given a total of 200 words to further explain their answers.

The questions were:

1. Do you support the Town Meeting article to turn back on 600 street lights that have been darkened?
2. Do you support spending up to \$50,000 more on Andover Youth Services than the town manager recommends?
3. Andover can only use two ambulances at a time and has a 2009 and a 2007 vehicle, plus a 2001 in reserve. Do you support buying a new ambulance this year?
4. Do you support spending up to \$400,000 for about 1 acre of land near the proposed Blanchard Street playing fields?
5. Do you support spending up to \$480,000 for conservation/recreation land at Fosters Pond?

### Alex Vispoli

#### Incumbent

1. No. That is not necessarily a popular answer, but it is the right thing to do given our budget constraints. Other towns have done this with no negative impacts on public safety. We engaged the Andover Police Department for a full safety assessment and implemented this so it does not impact public safety. It does however, free up money that helps us fund critical programs that keep our town safe and strong.
2. Undecided. We haven't completed the current budgeting process. I've always been a strong supporter of Andover Youth Services. My children participated in AYS programs. We need to maintain AYS programs at current levels while staying within the budget constants all departments face. I called a special meeting for Friday, March 12 to review this.
3. No. We should plan on replacing the reserve ambulance next year, when the reserve ambulance will be 10 years old. We currently have four ambulances, two are in reserve.
4. Yes. We have purchased the adjacent land to accommodate for the loss of the Deyermund Fields. This purchase will allow for better access, parking and increased



Alex Vispoli



Jerry Stabile



Larry Bruce

### CANDIDATES ON TOWN MEETING ISSUES

ISSUE	Alex Vispoli	Jerry Stabile	Larry Bruce
Turn back on street lights	NO	YES	YES
\$50,000 for youth services	UNDECIDED	YES	YES
New ambulance to join 2009 and 2007 vehicles	NO	YES	UNDECIDED
Spend \$400,000 for land near proposed fields	YES	NO	NO
Spend \$480,000 for Fosters Pond land	NO	NO	NO

### safety.

5. No. Although very appealing, this is a nice-to-have item that we cannot afford at this time.

### Larry Bruce

#### Selectmen candidate

1. Yes. Turn them back on! Shutting off the streetlights last May was our selectmen's tacit admission that they are out of ideas. It was an act of finality - turn out the lights, good night everybody. The streetlight motion was introduced by an incumbent selectman and seconded by another, and I'm running against both of them. Remember on March 23 - the two incumbents are the same guys who shut off your streetlights, after raising your property taxes and your fees. We need to send them a message.
2. Yes. I'd double the appropriation for AYS to \$100,000. Look at all the programs and after-school activities AYS sponsors - snowboarding, flag football, lacrosse, field hockey, etc. Busy kids are a lot less likely to get into trouble. Better to pay for AYS than for yet another hire at Town Hall.
3. Undecided.
- 4 and 5. No. I'm not necessarily opposed to future acquisitions of conservation land, but not now when the town (and its taxpayers) are struggling to keep their

financial heads above water. Why pile even more indebtedness on ourselves and future taxpayers for what is not, let's face it, a critical need? Fire, police, schools and AYS come first - in that order.

### Jerry Stabile

#### Incumbent

1. Yes. I understand the rationale behind the decision. We have been reducing expenses in every corner of the budget but the real budget issue is labor costs. We are a state leader when it comes to utility-cost reductions, however, streetlight shut-off makes us look desperate. A 1-percent cost-of-living-increase give-back in the union contracts would more than cover the streetlight savings. I have challenged union leadership to start thinking more in line with the times.
2. Yes. Visit the AYS office at 3 p.m. on a weekday and you will see firsthand the value they bring to our kids. I would challenge every school and town department to lend AYS the gap and know that they are willing to contribute to sustain the programs. It is my intent to ask the town manager to make this request in support of AYS prior to Town Meeting.
3. Yes. There is a proposal in the works that would enable the fire rescue

### LWV'S CANDIDATES FORUM MARCH 13 AT LIBRARY

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

The three candidates for the Board of Selectmen and the two candidates for the School Committee will make opening statements and respond to questions from the audience. Candidates without contested races will have the opportunity to make a statement concerning the duties of their office and to answer questions. The moderator will be Eva Valentine from the LWV of Greater Haverhill.

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

department to perform transport services in Andover that would generate much needed revenue.

4. No. It makes sense for alleviating some traffic concerns but I cannot see appropriating the funds at this time. That parcel will be there down the road if it is required.

5. No. I really support open space, but not at this time.

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# Townspeople

## Mr. AHS 2010

By NEIL FATER  
STAFF WRITER

He can play the piano, row a boat, impersonate a vampire and carry a tune. Just don't ask the new Mr. AHS any geography questions.

Andover High School junior Casey Schuh was named Mr. AHS 2010, topping six other juniors vying for the crown through sportswear, talent, dream-date and question-and-answer competitions.

In sportswear, during a dream sequence, Schuh rowed a boat in the Olympics (with a river on the video screen behind him), fought off sharks and was overcome by icebergs. For talent, he played the piano and sang a duet with his sponsor Sarah Brown, and for his dream date he pretended to be a vampire whose dream date turned out to be a professional blood donor.

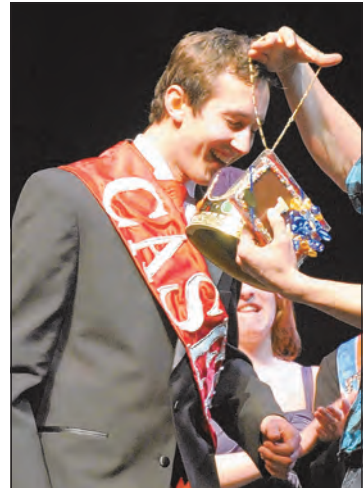
During the question-and-answer session when he was asked what his first act would be if he learned he was the new king of Finland, Schuh said he would find out where Finland is located.

The runner up for Mr. AHS 2010 was Connor Dunbar who gave a powerful drum solo for talent and was a humorous ghost hunter for sportswear.

Contestants in the often tongue-in-cheek competition help each other with their skits. Dunbar served as a memorable overprotective dad for Elliot Cooper's not-so-dream date, and Chris Quartararo played a hilarious Igor to Schuh's vampire.

The contestants, who included Jeremiah Mottram and Jared Rosen, spent more than three hours entertaining the crowd at the Collins Center.

- Some other memorable moments from the evening included:
- Second runner up Quartararo playing an easily winded Adam West-style Batman for the Sportswear Competition,
  - Cooper dancing as Napoleon Dynamite during the Talent Competition,
  - Connor "Sully" Sullivan admitting to a dance addiction during a video for his Sportswear entry; and
  - performances by the dance team and dance club.
- The hosts were Josh Jacobs and Dina Haggeorges.



FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH CASEY SCHUH, SEE PAGE 10.



After Casey Schuh is announced as the new Mr. Andover High School, sponsor Sarah Brown jumps into his arms to celebrate.



Connor "Sully" Sullivan picks up his sponsor Jen Caro to go on their date during the Dream Date Competition. A student dressed in black holds up thought bubbles, as might appear during the television show "Blind Date."



ABOVE: Without money, Connor Dunbar and his sponsor Nicole Hardgrove sing during an open mic night at the restaurant to pay for their dinner during the Dream Date Competition of the annual Mr. AHS contest. Earlier, during the Talent Competition, Dunbar had shown off his drumming skills.



AT RIGHT: Elliot Cooper dances on stage dressed like Napoleon Dynamite.



ABOVE: Jeremiah Mottram lip-syncs to "Jeremiah Was A Bullfrog" by Creedence Clearwater Revival during the Talent Competition.

AT LEFT: Chris Quartararo rips open his shirt, to show off one of his "fashion designs" during the Talent Competition.

## All Those Years Ago

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

### 100 Years Ago March 11, 1910

There has just been placed in a new mortuary chapel in the West Parish burial ground of Andover, erected by Mr. William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen Co., one of the largest collections of art glass windows ever brought together under one roof in New England, except the Arlington Street and Central Congregational churches of Boston. These windows were made by the Tiffany studios in New York.

The Merry Widow Club met at the home of Miss May Dugan on Wednesday evening.

Ralph D. Paine, the noted war correspondent and story writer, was in the Archaeology building last Monday evening. Mr. Paine's talk dealt with the adventures and experiences of a filibustering expedition in aid of the Cuban rebellion.

### 75 Years Ago March 8, 1935

Articles nine through twelve on the Town Warrant call for the following appropriations: \$850 for another police automobile; \$500 for traffic lights at Shawsheen village; \$300 for the installation of warning signs on the approaches to Andover Square.

The town hall was crowded last night at the opening of the Legion musical production, "Movie Queen." Movies, music, dances, a fashion show, and a comedy were all included on the program.

Peter Ostrowski, a 2-year-old boy, died last Friday afternoon from second degree burns received Thursday when he fell into a boiler full of hot water in the kitchen of his home.

### 50 Years Ago March 10, 1960

One of the most crucial decisions facing the voters at Town Meeting Saturday is the question of two-acre lots in large areas of the town. The widely separated sections include about one-third of the town's total thirty-two miles of area.

Andover had its own "abominable snowman" last weekend, when four Merrimack College students built a 17-foot monster at 64 Haverhill St. The task took six hours, and included spraying colors on the snowman so he would be properly and smartly dressed.

One of the hottest issues to face the voters Saturday will be the police salary-increase proposal. An article in the warrant asks the voters to accept a state law, which sets police officers' salaries at a minimum of \$4,800 and a maximum of \$5,500. Present salary range is \$4,060 to \$4,510.

## Helicopter crashed, sank in Haggetts Pond

Bill Dalton



I was asked if I remembered a helicopter crashing into Haggetts Pond. I didn't, but the other day I found a front-page Townsman article dated June 22,

1961. It's headline was: "Helicopter Crashed, Sank at Haggetts." I thought I was on to something.

There was a picture of two men, neither worse for the wear, standing in front of the pond. There was no helicopter; it was under water. The picture showed Robert Walker, the pilot, and Kim Bolten, of 15 Geneva Road, a road next to the pond.

The caption and story said the photo was taken following the crash of the helicopter in which the two were riding, and that it sank very swiftly—in two seconds—yet, Walker and Bolten managed to slip out of the cockpit and swim to shore.

Walker's expression was more serious than Bolten's, but we'd expect that as it was his helicopter that was under water. The story did not mention if and when the helicopter was to be recovered, or if the

oil and gas would befoul the pond's water, which was and is Andover's drinking water.

The caption below the picture said that they "enjoyed an opportunity to change clothes when the photo was taken." (I assume the caption meant "they enjoyed an opportunity to change clothes before the photo was taken.")

### World War I story

In response to my World War I columns, I was told a rather sad story. "Shell shock" was a trauma that some combat troops suffered who were in the front lines of the war. For months at a time, the lines moved little, and the men lived in semi-permanent trenches and underground huts while the constant pounding of exploding shell imperilled their existence week after week after week.

For some of these men, it was too much to cope with, and they entered a semi-catatonic state called "shell shock." Today, most would remain in veterans' hospitals if they suffered such trauma, but back then many were released to the care of their families in hopes that they'd improve in a normal environment. One of these shell-shocked lads returned to Andover and his family. Each day, the family dressed him up neatly and sent him out for a walk.

As years passed, boys grew up

who had little or no knowledge of the war. They didn't understand why a neatly-attired, shell-shocked man silently walked about town with his eyes cast down to the sidewalk. He became the brunt of these little boy's idea of humor.

He would never speak even if spoken to, and the little boys would try to talk to him, and then they'd lie in front of him on the sidewalks to see what he'd do. When he approached their prone bodies, he very simply walked around them, without saying a word.

When those little boys grew up, they must have remembered and regretted their prank and wondered what sadness was imbedded in that poor man's brain and if they contributed to that sadness.

### Calling Class of 1938

Marion Dennison Moore, Pynchard High School Class of 1938, wonders if any of her classmates are still living, and if so, whether they would get in touch with her through her daughter's e-mail: jmarble01969@yahoo.com. Ms. Moore's mailing address is 5841 Joanne Drive, Racine, WI.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving e-mails at billdalton@andovertownie.com

## Anchors away, for Andover Scouts



## Andover Pack visits WBZ news

Webelos Pack 76 from the South Elementary School District visited WBZ-TV news station in Boston recently. The Boy Scouts group watched the 6:30 p.m. news being broadcast live, and were able to take part in the "behind the scenes" of the show.

After the evening news, they

had the opportunity to meet reporters Dan Roche from Andover, Steve Burton, Ken MacLeod, and Barry Burbank from North Andover.

The Feb. 28 trip to the television station was planned for the group of boys to earn a badge in communication. The names of the individuals in the

picture above, from left, are: Carissa Agostino, Molly Agostino, sports anchor Steve Burton, Sam Huntress, Caroline Huntress, PJ Ganci, Jacob Dalimonte, reporter Ken MacLeod, Noah Rodgers, Colby Agostino, Alex Yang, meteorologist Barry Burbank, Ryan Neal, Samuel Zhang and Kevin Kiely.











## More than just luck



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff Photo

To reach the state semifinals that they also won on Tuesday, Andover had to beat archrival Central Catholic in the March 5 Division I Sectional Finals at the TD Garden in Boston. Above, the team celebrates its overtime win over Central by kissing the Lucky the Leprechaun logo at center court.

### COMMUNITY SPORTS



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover High Schools Junior Varsity hockey team won its conference championship, beating Central Catholic in a nail-biter of a final game, 2-1.

#### Andover JV wins conference banner

Andover High School's Junior Varsity hockey team won its conference championship, beating Central Catholic in a nail-biter of a final game, 3-2, and ending a very successful

season. The team's record was 16-3-5. Team members pictured above include, front row, from left, Danny McCarthy, Chas Heseltine, Nathaniel Spellacy, Cole Dillman, Colby Gilbert, Chris Olson, Dan McLaughlin, Andrew Eriksen, Steven Castaldo, Andrew Deloury and Ben

Murphy. Back row, from left, are coach Kevin Drew, team manager Danny Keenan, Kyle Wakefield, Joe Baglio, Will Vogel, Scottie Campbell, captain Pat O'Sullivan, Josh Chevalier, Joey Comeau, Justin Brosnan, Cam Farnham, Brett Coneeny and coach Steve Neal.

## Synchers zoned in on silver medal

Westfield, N.J. proved to be a sweet place to compete for the YMCA's ANA Synchers, according to the team.

This synchronized swim team from the Andover/North Andover YMCA competed against 27 teams from a quarter of the country in the East Zone Junior Championship. Not only did the Synchers take home the silver medal for the team routine, they placed two solos in the finals, one duet in the top 10, received a silver and bronze for trios and finished the event placing second in overall points, according to the team.

#### Complete Results

**Team:** Silver, featuring Jessica Mancini, Sheila Cremin, and Candace Ju of Andover; Laina Gray, Caitlyn MacGregor, and Alice Rodgers of N. Andover; Jenny Flanagan of Boylston and Janine Kopeski of Sterling.

**Trio:** Silver for Caitlyn MacGregor, Jenny Flanagan and Jessica Mancini; Bronze for Laina Gray, Candace Ju and Alice Rodgers.

**Duet:** Laina Gray and Janine



Dan Gillan

East Zone Junior Championship Silver Medalists from the ANA Synchers are, pictured from top center, clockwise: Sheila Cremin (Andover), Alice Rodgers (North Andover), Jenny Flanagan (Boylston), Candace Ju (Andover), Laina Gray (Andover), Jessica Mancini (Andover), Janine Kopeski (Sterling) and Caitlyn MacGregor (North Andover).

Kopeski placed in the top 10.

**Solo:** Gillian Brassil of Andover and Jennifer Flanagan of Boylston placed in the finals. Gillian was also named to the 13-15 East Zone All Star Team.

Jessica Mancini of Andover also placed third in figures.

#### Boys gymnastics camp

A boys gymnastics camp will be held at Andover High School on Sundays, March 14, 21 and 28 from 2 to 5 p.m., coached by Steve Sirois. There is no fee. Just call the athletic department or show up.

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