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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 this year's budget, and I'm lookclose a budget deficit.

administration last week requesting heat in all school buildings be between now and April vacation, lowered 2 degrees, or from an I'll be satisfied. If we get a warm average low classroom temperature of 68 to 66 degrees.

"We're looking at a deficit in ing a \$600,000 deficit this year.

principals, senior custodians and be. It depends on the weather. But have been asking parents to dress budget, would have mitigated the emails from parents supporting plant and facilities department every little bit will help," said Tuttle. "If I can save \$5,000 or \$10,000 spell, we'll do better."

Tuttle said the schools are fac-

Although the heat turn-back ing to save some money. It's hard has coincided with a warm spell, Tuttle sent a memo to all to say how much (the savings) will principals throughout the district taken, including a freeze on the ence, and she has even received

their children accordingly, adding deficit, and to some extent it has," extra layers if needed.

the heat down earlier in the win- can take. If we can save a few dolter, when heating bills are at their highest.

said Tuttle. "By this time of year, Tuttle said he chose not to turn we're limited as to the action we

lars, we will." On Tuesday, March 9, High "We thought that as things Plain Elementary Principal the building remains conducive to progressed during the budget Pamela Lathrop said her staff has learning. year, perhaps other actions we've not noticed the two-degree differ-

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

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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. 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

State Sen. Susan Tucker: Not running

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



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

Girls headed to state title game

First, on Friday, the Golden Warriors

"I feel so lucky to be a part of this team

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



Marinel

been selected as the next McGrath 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.'

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STAFF WRITER

BY DAVID WILLIS

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 out chance."

needed overtime to knock off archrival and have the opportunity to have this Central Catholic 69-65 for the Division 1 experience," said Caveney. "We were so 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.

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 Please see FINALS, Page 2

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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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.

Authority is partnering with the want." 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 Bancroft, built in 1969, has of Symmes, Maini and McKee, the structural problems and the project architect. "Operationally, Massachusetts School Building the roads can be whatever you

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 oneway or open to passenger traffic only.

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

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ANN HERMES

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 welltravelled foot path could become an access road to the new school.



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TUCKER: Stepping down to take on new challenges

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a full six-month campaign." Local politicians, including those interested in Tucker's senate seat that represents Andover, and parts of Lawrence, Tewksbury and Dracut, have praised Tucker for her work since becoming Andover's state senator in 1999. She is perhaps best known for her work that earned her a Pioneer Institute Better Government Award – targeting auto-insurance fraud, which lowered insurance rates significantly for people throughout the state and especially in Andover in Lawrence. But the Andover Chamber Community Service Award winner is also known for voting against the recent tax hikes, and work to provide housing support needy children and elders and promote more streamlined, customer-focused service in departments such as motor vehicles and health and human services.

While she has joined about 30 state Democrats in planning to leave office in Massachusetts, she said her decision is not out of fear of anti-incumbent backlash.

that's less intense." That includes visiting her sons, Mark and David, and her 1-year-old granddaughter, Secova, in California.

Until then, some of the Andoverspecific issues at the top of her agenda include:

Interstate-93 interchange

It's been decades in coming and it will be years before a shovel hits the ground, but Tucker sees this as a pivotal time for the Interstate-93 interchange project that will bring open the area to development. The a ramp into southern Andover, state can award a money for every opening up to development 700 child who moves into new "smart

Endorsing a successor?

"No. At this point. It's going to be a huge field and a robust field."

In Andover alone, outgoing School Committee Democrat Deb Silberstein and Republican resident Jamison Tomasek have both announced they are candidates for Senator of the Second Essex & Middlesex District, and Andover state Rep. Barry Finegold is "seriously considering running" and expects to make his decision within a few days. Tomasek had expected to run against Tucker.

Reason for stepping down at this time

Tucker said that neither the antiincumbent feeling nor support for

acres in Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington. As am experienced senator representing both Andover "I would like to do something and Tewksbury, Tucker expects to help shepherd this project between federal, state and local officials.

"It will not die. It will not be built. But it will either move forward or not progress for a long, long time," depending on what happens during the next 10 months, she said.

Town yard

Tucker also plans to focus on getting state smart growth or 40R money to help the town move its town yard from the downtown and

TUCKER ON.

Republicans like Scott Brown that seems so prevalent in the state affected her decision. She simply is ready for something "less intense" than her elected Statehouse job.

"I enjoy campaigning. I like to get out and remind people what I have done and what I intend to do," she said. "The truth his, when you're more concerned with winning than losing, then it's time to leave."

Women in politics

"Common wisdom was women couldn't run because they couldn't raise the money," said Tucker, who in 1982 became Andover's first female state representative. "Politics has become more negative and caustic and I think a lot of women don't want to put their families through that. I

growth" housing. The town-yard

project will be viable without the

money, but with the movement of

the town yard and development of

the area estimated at between \$10

million and \$20 million, Andover

would welcome help from the

hoping I can deliver that to the

town," said Tucker. "Right now,

the governor raided that fund, so

it will be a challenge – but it's very

On Jan. 11, Andover selectmen

"It's not a deal breaker, but I'm

state, said Tucker.

high on my agenda.'

Health plans

thought as more women became involved in politics, we could elevate it a bit."

What to call her decision

"Not a retirement. New challenges. I fully expect to do other things.

Traveling now Her first priority is seeing her new

granddaughter in California. "You can get airline fees cheaply," she says, "except not when I can go, which is school vacation weeks, when the legisla-

ture is not in session. Tucker says she and her husband are also looking forward to visiting South Africa, Ireland ("which I've never seen") and more of the national parks.

saying a top priority is to have the state give municipalities the ability to choose health-care plans for employees, a move expected to save towns like Andover significant money. While avoiding specific commitments, Tucker acknowledge that the issue will be an important one during her last year.

"I support giving them much more control over health plan design – whatever form that might take," she said. "There is growing recognition that the state has to give communities serious relief on the health care costs – and I can't say more than that because sent Tucker and Reps. Barry Fine- everyone has different ideas of gold and Barbara L'Italien a letter what 'serious relief' is.'

BANCROFT: Three access roads under consideration

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access road to West Knoll Road and \$100,000 to Holt Road.

Bancroft sits in a quiet, historical neighborhood next to Phillips Academy, and many neighbors have voiced concerns against the additional traffic and changes, including felling trees and moving wetlands, that could come from adding additional access roads.

Residents filled every chair in

the third-floor conference room of Town Offices for Wednesday's 8 a.m. meeting, with several more standing in the doorway.

"I realize this is a really major change for abutters on both sides," said building committee member Tom Deso.

"I've read all 275 of your e-mails. I get up every morning, and there's more e-mail," said Johnson.

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'NEW BANCROFT' K-5 POPULATION SET AT 680

The School Committee voted Wednesday night, March 3, to remove the pre-kindergarten program from the new school being designed to replace Bancroft Elementary. It said the school will serve a kindergarten through fifth grade population of 680 students.

In December 2009, the School Committee voted to support a 700-student school to replace Bancroft, at the time meant to house 620 students in kindergarten through fifthgrades as well as the district's pre-kindergarten program of 80 children. The March 3 vote to change this followed a study by Symmes, Maini and McKee, Bancroft project architect, that found the "new



Bancroft" and remaining elementary schools in Andover would be overcrowded if Shaw-

sheen Primary School closed. "We came up with a more enhanced understanding of what our capacity needs are. If we built the original configuration of 620 and 80, we would not solve our kindergarten through fifth-grade capacity problems, going forward," said Annie Gilbert, who sits on both the school and school building committees. "If we were to close Shawsheen, we would need more capacity on the Bancroft site." The School Committee will now address Andover's preschool program as a separate issue, said Gilbert. All but two pre-K classrooms are housed at Shawsheen School, a building that is expensive to maintain and does not provide handicapped access.

TEMPERATURE: Cost cutting

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Joe Piantedosi, director of plant and facilities, and Tuttle agreed that school staff can use discretion for spaces – and employees - that are colder than others.

Tuttle, who stepped in this fall to replace outgoing business administrator David Keniston,

tor before Keniston was hired in April 2008. "For the most part I haven't gotten much pushback. The staff understands the deficit situa-

tion," said Tuttle this week.

said he's employed thermostat

turn-back as a money-saving

tactic in Andover before. Tuttle

was also an interim administra-

FINALS: Girls advance

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after deadline.

'We are in the finals and that is our goal," said Andover head coach Jim Tildsley. "Hopefully we'll play our best game of the season in the tournament." Andover last made a Division

1 title game in the 2007-08 season when the Golden Warriors fell to Northampton in the title game.

"This is a dream come true," said senior co-captain Alex Alois. "This is what we wanted and now we have the chance to do it."

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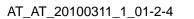
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In Brief

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.

his candidacy for US Repre- on small government through sentative in the 5th District spending cuts, and a return of Massachusetts. He is run- to constitutional free market ning as an Independent can- ideals, according to a release didate against incumbent Niki from his campaign.

Bob Clark has announced Tsongas. His platform focuses

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.

Representatives from Selectmen, Finance Committee and Youth Services, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12

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, let St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m. 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 Bart-

Schools seek input on town's priorities

ning process, the Andover district. Public Schools will host a community meeting and focus group to help guide decision-making tonight, March 11, from 7 to 9:30 High School, Shawsheen Road.

"We need your valuable input

and resource allocation for the p.m. in the cafeteria at Andover next three to five years. Join us for this unprecedented oppor-All citizens of Andover are tunity to directly impact the invited to share their priorities, future direction of the Andover

As part of a strategic plan-values and vision for our school Public School District," wrote facilitator who will ensure that Assistant Superintendent Susan every voice will be heard.

Nicholson in a release. "Our goal is to have well over 100 people ticipating in the community engaging in conversations about our school district."

Each group will have a trained aps1.net.

If you are interested in parmeeting and focus group, call Susan Nicholson, assistant The format of the evening will superintendent at 978-623-8506 be large and small focus groups. or e-mail her at SNicholson@

Meet with Rep. L'Italien

of Andover will hold constituent speak directly with L'Italien's office hours at the Andover Senior office anytime by calling 617-722-Center on Friday, March 26, from 2380. L'Italien represents the 18th 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. either L'Italien Essex District which includes preor her legislative aide will be avail- cincts 1, 7 and 8 in Andover. able to meet with any interested

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien residents. Residents can also

Andoverite picked as Beverly superintendent

Just as Andover finishes the as the new superintendent of the office worker who also served as Beverly Public Schools on the a civilian contractor in Iraq from North Shore.

Galinski, who is currently the assistant superintendent in Bev- 30, and Erika, 33, also live in erly, will take over as superinten- Andover. dent on July 1.

Galinski, 61, has lived in 2003 to 2007..

Galinski's daughters, Kate,

- Cate Lecuyer, Salem News

Rabies clinic to be held April 3

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



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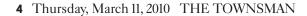
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Christina I. Donahue



ANDOVER of Naples, Fla., Marylin Murphy and her husband Colin of Christina I. Donahue, born Methuen, Connie Comtois and Nov. 22, 1917, her husband David of Methuen and Denise Peterson and her died Thursday, March 4, 2010, husband Richard of Methuen; surrounded by five grandchildren, Meaghann her loving fami-Jackson and her husband Derek, Brendan Murphy and his wife Chris was the only daughter of Jenessa, Jillian Comtois and fi-Joseph and Bridget (Daly) Igo. ance Craig Harmon, Zachary She was a graduate of St. Rita Comtois and Liam Comtois: as Grammar School and valedictorian of her high school class at St Mary High in Lawrence. She was the wife of the late John R. (Bob) Donahue. Prior to her marriage she was employed in the Law-

Margaret Beaulieu, who was with Chris for 85 of their 92 years, and Nan Murphy of Quincy, Jack Peterson of Lawrence and joins the late Claire Peterson of Lawrence,

A special thank you is also extended to the A2 staff at Academy Manor Nursing Home who not only lovingly cared for her but also for her family during her fi-

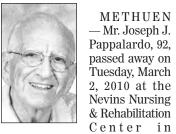
ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, on Monday, March 8, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, on Sunday, March 7, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial was to be in St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. For additional infromation, please visit www.burkemagliozzi.com.

olas Guerrera and wife, Virginia of

She leaves her son, Joseph W. Donahue and his wife Kathleen

and the St. Clare League.

Joseph J. Pappalardo, 92



with Parkinsons.

Methuen.

Joseph was born in Lawrence, Jan. 13, 1918 to Alfio and Catarina (Sambataro) Pappalardo and lived in the area his entire life. He was a 1933 graduate of Holy Rosary Grammar School and Lawrence High School, class of 1937. Joe was a member of the Montauk Club and the IACA in Lawrence. He was a lifelong communicant of Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence. Joe Papp was the devoted husband of the late Rita Pappalardo who died in September 2009 to whom he was married for 43 years.

He worked at the Navy Shipyard during World War II and for General Electric for many years. He

well as four great-grandchildren, Thomas, Alexander, Matthew Jackson and baby Murphy. Chris also leaves many lifelong friends, especially her chosen sisters, rence mills as an office worker. After raising her children she worked as a nursery school teacher in Andover and Haverhill. She lived in Andover for 54 years and Ann Sweeney of Andover. and was a parishioner of St. Augustine Church and a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians Her greatest joy in life was her family. Having been an only child nal days. she loved raising her four children. As a mother she was a role model of boundless giving which was extended to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also was the wind beneath her husband's wings as he did his charity work, for which they were well known in the community. Her support enabled him to be active throughout his long battle

Methuen, daughter, Connie Napolitano and husband Frank of Lawrence and son-in-law Clement Wasson of New Hampshire. Nanno will be missed by his grandchildren,, Atty. Nicholas Guerrera and wife Susan of North Andover, Linda Tejada and husband Henry of Methuen, Diane Ladd and husband Stuart of Andover, Mark Wasson and wife Susana of California, Christine Napolitano of Salem, N.H., Cara Green and husband Kenneth of Lawrence and Dr. Frank Napolitano and wife Nicole of Virginia. He is survived by his loving nephews, Alfred, Donald, Frank and Robert Pappalardo; nieces, Sandra Pappalardo, Millie Pellegrino, Katie Contarino, Margaret Lapiana, Rosemarie Pellegrino and Sandra Pulvirenti. He was also loved by his 13 grandchildren and many grandnieces and grandnephews. Joe was predeceased by beloved daughter, Grayce Wasson, who died in 1995. He was also

William L. Peters, 77

LONDONDERRY, N.H. — William L. Peters, 77, of Londonderry. N.H., died Wednesday, March 3, 2010 in St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, N.H.

Mr. Peters was born in Andover on Sept. 9, 1932, son of the late Joseph and Mary (Ellis) Peters. He grew up in Andover and for a while lived in Long Island, N.Y., where he worked as a foreman for A and S Welding. It was there he also pursued his passion of racing cars, racing in Islip Long Island and on many other tracks in the area. Mr. Peters held his private pilots license and flew small airplanes. He enjoyed wood working, surfing the web and seeking out new Chinese restaurants to try out. Mr. Peters also greatly enjoyed traveling and he worked for Merchants Auto Group for over 10 years transporting cars across the country.

He is survived by his daughter, Karen Palmeri and her husband Tom of Brookline, N.H.; two grand-

Haverhill, Richard was the

son of Cecil E. and Florence G.

(Cotton) White. Educated in

Haverhill, Richard was a gradu-

ate of Boston Trade High School.

He entered the U.S. Navy where

he served during World War II

and was honorably discharged

in 1947. During the 50s and 60s

Mr. White was employed by three

of the area's largest Buick deal-

erships as their general parts

and service manager. In 1970 he

became the president of Dick

White Buick in Marlboro. In 1977

he sold the dealership and joined

the senior management team of

Deluca Enterprises of Andover.

In 2003 Mr. White retired after

Mr. White was a communi-

cant of St. Augustine's Church

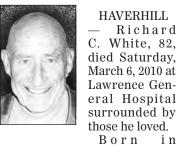
in Andover, and was a member

of the Knights of Columbus

26 years.

Richard C. White, 82

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Andover. For many years he belonged to the Andover Juniors Richard League. The widower of the late Rose

sons, Alex and Jason Palmeri, both

of Brookline; three brothers, Jo-

seph Peters of Methuen, Clifford

Peters of Torrington, Conn. and

Philip Peters of Willow Springs,

N.C.; three sisters, Pauline

Levesque of Londonderry, Carol

Davis of Pueblo, Colo. and Phyllis

Baker of Florida. He is also sur-

vived by many nieces and neph-

ews. He was predeceased by his

wife, Jean (Aprea) Peters in 1983;

his son, Douglas Peters in 2005;

ARRANGEMENTS: Following crema-

tion visiting hours will be held on Sat-

urday, March 6, 2010 from 1 to 3 p.m. in

the Peabody Funeral Homes and Cre-

matorium, 290 Mammoth Road,

Londonderry with a funeral service to

be held at 3 p.m. Memorial contribu-

tions may be made to the American

Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framing-

ham, MA 01710. To send a condolence or

for more information, please visit,

www.peabodyfuneralhome.com.

and his sister, Doris.

Ann (Lyons) White, Richard will be deeply missed by his fiancee, Carole Pelchat; his five children, Richard A. White and his wife Linda of Vienna, Va., Kathleen Cooke and her husband Dr. William Cooke of Boston, Susan J. Lawlor and her husband John of Brightwaters, N.Y., Nanci Sirois and her husband Daniel of Windham, N.H., Michael D. White and his wife Kristin of Darien. Conn. He will also be missed and live on in their hearts forever by his nine grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorials can be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Massachusetts Chapter, 9 Erie Drive, Natick, MA 01760, or visit www.lls.org. Family and friends called on Wednesday at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Funeral Mass will be celebrated today, Thursday at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Burial will follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery, also in Andover. For condolences or directions please visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com.

Nyle M. Dutton, 49

ANDOVER — and husband brought him the Nyle Millard Dut- most joy. His eyes lit up with pride ton, 49, died Sat- and devotion in the presence of his urday, March 6, children and wife. 2010 at home sur-

Nyle is survived by his wife, Dorounded by his reen (Martin) Dutton; daughter Mackenzie, age 15; and son, Zach-

ary, age seven. Nyle was prede-

ceased by his father, Neil Dutton

and is survived by his mother,

Micke Dutton; his brother, Natt

Dutton and his wife Stefanie; his

sister, Nim Collins and her hus-

band Rob; his sister, Nesha

O'Callaghan and her husband

Dan; his sister, Nean Dutton; as

well as many nieces and nephews.

warmly received on Wednesday, March

10, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Thursday,

March 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Ken-

neth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Law-

rence St., Methuen. A Mass of Christian

burial will be held Friday, March 12, at

10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church,

Andover, with burial to follow in Spring

Grove Cemetery. Memorial contribu-

tions may be made to The ALS Associa-

tion. National Office, 27001 Agoura

Road, Suite 250, Calabasas Hills, CA

91301-5104. For directions, and to send

online condolences please visit www.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends were to be

Edith F. Broscoe, 86

LAWRENCE – Edith Florence (Entwistle) Broscoe, 86, of Lawrence, died Sunday morning, March 7, 2010 at the Mary Immaculate

Health Care Center, Lawrence. Born Dec. 7, 1923, in Tewksbury, she was the daughter of the late Ralph F. and Mildred (Brown) Entwistle. She was raised in Lowell for four years with her parents. She then moved to West Andover and was raised by her grandparents, John Henry and Emma (Schoolcraft) Entwistle, on their vegetable farm. She was educated in Andover schools and was a graduate of Punchard High School in Andover.

During World War II, she was employed at Tyre Rubber Company in Andover. After her marriage to her husband, Guido, she raised her family. After raising her family, she was employed at Mary Immaculate in the dining room as an attendant with Sister Lillian for over 20 years, until her retirement. She resided in Lawrence for over 50 years. She attended Holy Rosary Church-Corpus Christi Parish. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, Council No. 67 of Lawrence. She enjoyed crocheting and dancing, along with theater and movies. She was a devoted mother and extended mother to many nieces, nephews and friends. For Day Care, Activities Fund, 172 Lawrence the last 12 years, she was a daily St., Lawrence, MA 01841.

attendant of Mary Immaculate Adult Day Care. She was lovingly known to all as "Auntie Edie." She will be missed by her son, Ralphie.

www.andovertownsman.com

The wife of the late Guido James Broscoe, with whom she shared 25 years of marriage until his death in 1972, she is survived by her son, Ralph F. (Ralphie) Brosco, with whom she shared a home on Kendrick Street, Lawrence; a daughter, Patricia A. (Broscoe) Stella and her husband Gary Thomas Stella of Lawrence; her grandson, Christopher Thomas Stella of Lawrence; her loving in-laws, Francisco and Rose (Brosco) Benenati of Salem, N.H.; and her dozen loving and caring nieces and nephews.

She was the mother of the late infant Joyce Marie, who died in 1946 at the age of eight months. She was predeceased by her parents and grandparents and her only brother, Ernest Raymond Entwistle, who died in 1956.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass of Christian burial was to be celebrated, Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. in Holy Rosary Church-Corpus Christi Parish, Essex Street, Lawrence. Burial was to follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. Relatives and friends called Tuesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence (978-686-0386). At the request of Mrs. Broscoe, please do not send red flowers. Memorial contributions in her memory may be made to the Mary Immaculate Adult

MCGRATH: Returns to Andover

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\$175,676, according to Hamilton-Wenham human resources. The advertisement posting Bach's job listed a salary range of \$180,000 to \$200.000.

School Committee members lauded McGrath's budgeting experience and collaborative leadership style.

"She has a priority of building trust in the community, and a bigger-picture view. That was impressive to me," said School Committee member Dennis Forgue.

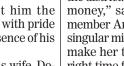
"Every year as (Hamilton-Wenham) superintendent, she's had to make (budget) reductions. Despite that, she's kept the vitality alive in the district. There's never been any money," said School Committee member Annie Gilbert. "She has a singular mix of all the qualities that make her the right person at the right time for Andover. She knows the district, but also has eight years

both Bach and McGrath were hired. "I think about Claudia (Bach) and Marinel (McGrath) and I don't see so many differences, but similarities that I like. They have very strong values, are clear thinkers and see the larger picture, which I think is important as a superintendent."

Tom Meyers, Andover High School teacher and president of the Andover teachers union, remembers working on a teacher evaluation model McGrath introduced, still in use today. McGrath hosted a summer work session on the model at her home, serving lunch, said Meyers.

At first the collaborative model was met with "considerable skepticism" from staff, said Meyers, but after the success of a pilot program, it was accepted district-wide.

"It was a major accomplishment, and I think we, as a community can be proud. It was very much part of her legacy, and demonstrates the positive skills she has, of getting in and really understanding the depth of an issue," said Meyers. "I'm delighted she's coming on board. She's always been a bright person, and very well prepared, no matter what the topic is. She's a fair person, and I would use the word tenacious, in trying to stick with an issue and see it come to fruition, but also a consensus-builder," he said. "One of the most difficult issues she'll have to deal with is bridging the funding gap, and I look forward to dealing with her in that endeavor, given her talents." At the March 4 meeting, School Committee members Annie Gilbert and David Birnbach praised McGrath's innovation in orchestrating a budget tied to two towns. She preserved two teaching positions after the high school principal retired, said Birnbach, by having a middle school principal become both middle and high school principal. "She has had eight years experience as a superintendent dealing with very onerous budget challenges. With the challenges that Andover has, to me, that is a really important skill set criteria," said Birnbach. "She has very, very strong operational experience." As Hamilton-Wenham superintendent, McGrath deals with two separate Finance Committees and Boards of selectmen as well as a nine-member School Committee. Andover School Committee members said McGrath has been grooming a team of relatively young principals, including several first-time principals hired from classroom teaching. McGrath has fostered mentorship, goal-setting and support programs, which translates well to Andover, where a majority of the town's 10 principals have been hired within the last five years. Selectman Mary Lyman was involved in school parent-teacher organizations while McGrath was assistant superintendent, and says she was "highly regarded" by teachers, parents and school staff. "Marinel is a leader in education, has an extremely hard work ethic and she understands the community well," said Lyman, a former School Committee member. "She is strong in professional development and strong in curriculum. She sets high expectations. She can hit the ground running, and establish goals that are appropriate for our system, very quickly.



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was the proprietor of Josef's Tro- brother of the late Angelo, Anthophy House on Newbury Street in ny and Frank Pappalardo, Nellie Lawrence where he delighted in Pappalardo, Frieda Pellegrino, providing wedding rings for his customers and trophies for the bowlers and little leagues throughout the city. He had an unfailing memory for his age recalling family names of those he met and remembering odd tidbits about all their relatives. He and his wife, Rita. were always together walking arm in arm. They enjoyed many wonderful vacations especially their home at Hampton Beach where he could always be found at the grill preparing his famous sausage and steaks. He will be sorely missed by all who loved him. He is survived by children, Nich-

Bridget Pappalardo and Connie Bonnacorsi.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Friday, March 5, at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. His funeral Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, March 6 at 10 a.m. in the Corpus Christi Parish at the Holy Rosary Church, 35 Essex St., Lawrence. Entombment followed in St. Marv's Mausoleum, Barker Street, Lawrence. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Joe's memory to the Holy Rosary Church. For directions and condolences, please visit our Web site and online guestbook at www. cataudellaFH.com.



Nyle was born in Springfield, Vt., Feb. 25, 1961; he is one of five children.

Nyle graduated from North Middlesex High School, Townsend in 1979 and from the University of Lowell in 1983 with a BS in plastics engineering. He worked for many years and traveled extensively for Kendall Corp, Borden Global Packaging, Battenfeld Gloucester Engineering and most recently Millipore Corp of Bedford.

Nyle was raised on a small farm in Pepperell, had a very generous and loyal personality. Incredibly industrious, after graduating college he designed and built a home in Pepperell. He loved life, his family and friends meant everything to him. Though he enjoyed skiing, cycling, photography, yard sales and water sports, being a father

Diane Guthrie, 54

MADISON, Diane loved her dog, Hobbs, who N.H. — Diane was a special friend and protector. Diane Kept her spirits high even (Devermond) Guthrie, 54, of during the past few weeks when Madison, N.H., her illness took its toll and was an died at the inspiration to all who knew her. Diane is survived by her loving

husband, James Guthrie; sons, A.J. Guthrie of North Andover, James Guthrie of Andover and William Guthrie of Salisbury; brothers, Mark Devermond of Newburyport and William Deyermond of North Andover; a sister, Susan Beaudoin of Haverhill.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends were invited to calling hours on Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Michael's Parish in North Andover. Burial will take place at a later date at The Madison Cemetery in Madison, N.H. Memorial contributions may be made to The Merrimack Valley Hospice House, 360 North Ave., Haverhill; or Jen's Friends, P.O. Box 1842, North Conway, NH 03860. For online condolences please visit our website at www.conte-

WEST PARISH CHURCH DINNER

A corned beef and cabbage dinner with be served Saturday, March 13 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. Suggested donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

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of experience under her belt. She brings a fresh set of eyes, which I think we need."

McGrath was chosen from a pool of four finalists that included Susan Nicholson, current assistant superintendent in Andover; Kelly Clenchy, superintendent of a regional school district in Orono, Maine; and Christopher Farmer, superintendent of Gloucester schools. The vote came about 90 minutes after the committee completed its interview of McGrath, the last finalist interviewed.

School Committee members visited each finalist's home district, and the candidates spent a day last week visiting Andover schools; all four finalists fielded questions from residents in an open meetand-greet session and the School Committee in a public interview.

Bach, Andover superintendent since 1998, announced in October her intention to step down. Her contract lasts through June 30, but the School Committee has given her permission to leave earlier, if she were to find another opportunity. When reached this week, Bach said she anticipates staying through June.

At Thursday's meeting, Gilbert, Silberstein, Forgue and David Birnbach all expressed preference for McGrath, while Dick Collins supported Susan Nicholson as his first choice. However, Collins said he believes it is important for the vote to hire a new superintendent to be unanimous, and he ultimately voted for McGrath.

"We've made a very good choice. I support the other members of the committee on this," said Collins after the vote was taken.

Clenchy and Farmer have been selected as the only two finalists for superintendent of the Triton Regional Schools. They are being interviewed today and tomorrow by the district, which is comprised of Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury. Nicholson, Andover's assistant superintendent, did not return a call before Townsman deadline, seeking comment on whether she expected to seek a superintendency elsewhere.

McGrath's legacy

Andover school staff and community leaders remember McGrath as a values-centered leader.

"She has an inclusive management style, and I always felt she was very respectful of all the stakeholders," said Tina Girdwood, who was on the School Committee when

Joyce A. McGrath, 73 ANDOVER include her brother-in-law. Jo-



Hospital.

(McCaffrey) McGrath, 73, a longtime resident of Andover, passed away on Friday, March 5, 2010 at the Lawrence General

Born in Lawrence, she was a

graduate of St. Mary High School,

Emmanuel College and Boston

University. Joyce taught at Law-

rence High School as well as in

Scotia and Glenville, N.Y. She al-

so taught in the Andover School

Scott and her granddaughter,

Sydney. Other family members

System for 30 years.

Joyce Ann seph A. McGovern; her niece, JoAnn Reed; her nephews, John and James McGovern, their spouses, and five grandnieces and nephews. Joyce would appreciate your

prayers and kind thoughts to speed her on her way.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, March 9, in St. Marv of the Assumption Church in Lawrence. Burial followed in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, also in Lawrence. Family and friends called on Monday, March 8, 2010 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. To send an online con-She is survived by her son, dolence or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome. com.

Ruth L. McSurdy, 87

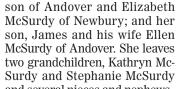
ANDOVER — Ruth L. (Cashman) McSurdy, 87, of Andover, died on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at Academy Manor, Andover.

Ruth was born, raised and educated in Andover. She served with The U.S. Coast Guard, 'SPAR" as a clerk during World War II. She was a member of St. Augustine Church, Andover and The Andover Senior Center. She worked for 30 years as a clerk with Doherty Insurance, Andover. Ruth enjoyed sewing and crafts.

The widow of Francis J. Mc-Surdy, her family members include her daughters. Anne Peter-

McSurdy of Newbury; and her son, James and his wife Ellen two grandchildren, Kathryn Mc-Surdy and Stephanie McSurdy and several nieces and nephews,

Monday, March 8, at The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. A funeral Mass followed on Monday at 1 p.m. in St. Augustine Church, Andover. Burial was to be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. To send an online condolence, please visit, www.dewhirstfuneral.com.



ARRANGEMENTS: Friends called on



Haverhill, Sunday, March 7, 2010. Diane was Born in Methuen,

Sept. 9, 1955 to the late William J. and Marion (Quinlan) Deyermond.

Diane grew up in North Andover, moved to Salem, N.H. 20 years ago and moved to Madison on Dec. 8, 2009.

She enjoyed spending time at their home in Eidelweiss Village in Madison, landscaping, reading a good book at the beach and entertaining family and friends. She especially looked forward to the ski season at Cranmore Mountain Resort in North Conway, where Diane and her husband Jim had so many close friends and where Diane had taught skiing the past two years.





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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 11

GOOD NUTRITION TALK, with Lisa Brown, PhD, RD Assistant Professor of Simmons College Nutrition Department, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

AUTHOR READING, Hallie Ephron will read from The Bibliophile's Devotional. For every day of the year, Ephron has chosen a wonderful reading from "classics that have stood the test of time and others that look as if they might." After each passage, there is a quote by another famous author about every title, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., Andover: 978-475-0143.

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, 15 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 St., Lowell; 978-452-7641, www.whistlerhouse.org

FEAST OR FAMINE, A Global Hunger Banquet, 6 p.m. Guests draw tickets at random that assign them each to either a high, middle, or low-income tier-based on the latest statistics about the number of people living in poverty. Each income level receives a corresponding meal: The high-income tier are served a sumptuous meal: the middle-income section eat a simple meal of rice and beans; and the lowincome tier help themselves to small portions of rice and water. Free Christian Church hosts, 31 Elm St., Andover, 6 p.m., \$5 per person, \$20 per family, proceeds donated to Cor Unum - meal center in Lawrence; http://www.freechristian. org, www.freechristian.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.crossroadscoffeehouse.org.

ST. PATRICK'S DANCE, The Social Life of Haverhill, American Legion, Rte 121, Main St., Haverhill, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$9; Cindy, 978-373-3504

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

TALENT RECRUITING, sponsored by Andover and North Andover Rotary Clubs, The Mall at By JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

A popular Irish singer in town is more than ready for St. Patrick's Day next Wednesday, March 17. He's been recording and posting an Irish song on YouTube each day for nearly two months.

After 63 days, Brian Corcoran, who has lived in town for more than 30 years, will end his tunea-day Irish songbook on March 17, St. Patrick's Day.

Sitting with his guitar and wearing that Irish staple, a gold claddagh ring, he plays guitar, sings and records an Irish song each day at his Andover home on Ivy Lane. Wistful, joyous and sentimental is how he describes the playlist. A friend handles the recording as he sings comfortably in his home.

YouTube viewers hail from as far away as Ireland, Canada and New Zealand, and also include a servicewoman stationed in Afghanistan who heard his Irish concert at Hampton Beach, Corcoran said.

"It's really taken off," he said of his Irish songbook. "People send me notes and their requests online and I play them. They love

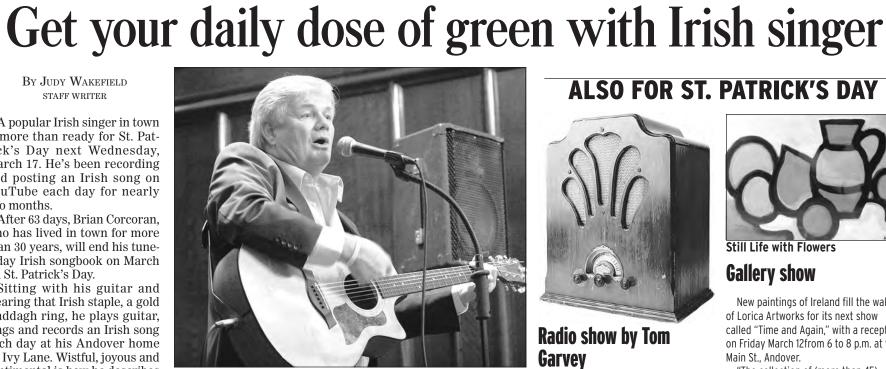
Listeners have heard "Gen-tle Annie," "Peggy Gordan," "Streets of London," "Red is the Rose" and numerous other Irish songs.

Corcoran said he simply likes to sing. This all started on Jan. 14 when Corcoran launched his online Irish songbook and pledged to sing an Irish song a day for a total of 63 days.

It's time to dust off the photo Whitman.

month-long series dedicated to Using These Valuable Resources."

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Brian Corcoran, who performed at the West Parish Chapel last year as part of the chapel's 100th birthday celebration, is recording an Irish song a day through St. Patrick's Day.

home," he said. "I just thought Doherty Middle School, and this would be good for those who their oldest, son, Corey, who can't get to a show."

He's a regular at Atria Marland Place and Wingate, both in Andover, as older listeners are among his biggest fans. This 50-something singer has been performing for 40 years, in concerts and nightclubs in Boston, Ireland, New York and Las Vegas.

"And everywhere in between," he laughed.

He's shared the stage with some big-name Irish singers, including Tommy Makem, Liam Clancy and Seamus Kennedy.

These days, he's enjoying his homebase in Andover. He and "I sing at home all the time, his wife, Jane, have two daughso I thought why not do a ters-Molly, who attends college,

■ On Tuesday, March 30 at 7

p.m., Laura Prescott, will present

"Diaries & Journals: Finding and

Personal diaries, letters, and jour-

STAFE FILE PHOTO

cuit this spring and summer as word of his Irish songbook is spreading.

"I told my family about it first," he said, adding that he grew up in Lynn and is one of 15 kids so they alone can share the news with many.

St. Patrick's Day will be a typical one for Corcoran. He starts out in concert at Bancroft Elementary School every March 17. The tradition started when his daughter, Molly, attended the school. She's in college now. It's been 15 years with several different principals but he said he

ALSO FOR ST. PATRICK'S DAY



Radio show by Tom Garvey

St. Patrick's Day will be ushered in again by Andover resident Thomas J. Garvey on radio station WCCM-1110AM, from noon to 4 p.m.

A program of the traditional music of Ireland as well as conversation will be featured, including a report from one of the marching units of the County Leitrim Society on Fifth Avenue, New York City.

This will be the 24th anniversary of the Irish show hosted by Garvey and station program director Bruce Arnold. The Internet will carry the show as well on www.1110wccmam.com

still looks forward to the show.

Then he's off to The Sports Zone

in Dracut. He'll be perform-

ing there from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

He's also been doing that show

for years and Andover fans are

plentiful, he said.

Still Life with Flowers

Gallery show

New paintings of Ireland fill the walls of Lorica Artworks for its next show called "Time and Again," with a reception on Friday March 12 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 Guerrera.

"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."

"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.

on March 17, Corcoran said he hasn't decided what Irish song he will sing.

"I don't plan, I just wait to get the requests," he said.

You can make song requests or view the songs at the www. As for the grand green finale youtube.com site. Type "Brian on the last day of his songbook Corcoran" into the search box.

'Birth' process intense for AHS actors

BY COURTNEY CASPER WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

It was early during the final rehearsal before the big day.

Give always loved small cast shows. Fest is such a learning

shows," said Andover High junior actress Chelsea Frei. "Fest is such a learning experience because it's a lot of one-onone time with the director."

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virtual concert people can get at and Kiley, an eighth-grader at

lives in Texas. But he's hoping to land a few gigs on the Irish festival cir-

Rockingham Park, Salem NH, 2nd Floor Atrium (Formerly entrance to Macy's), 1 p.m., \$20, for high school age and older, under 18 must be accompanied by parent/guardian; http://merrimackvallevhastalent.com, info@Merrimack ValleyHasTalent.com. (To benefit Shelter Boxes for Haiti, Literacy Program, Bike Bank, Lazarus House.)

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION, w/ accordionist Eddie Marando, 3 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

MONDAY, MARCH 15

ACTING AND SINGING GROUP SHOW, the Music Masters, 7 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY RECORDS, Documents, and Photographs, 7 p.m., with Stuart Walker, Boston Public Library's Book Conservator. Walker will discuss storage, repair and preservation issues for books, papers, scrapbooks and photos, Memorial Hall Library, Andover; www.mhl.org/resources/guides/genealogy.htm.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MUSIC, radio station WCCM (1110AM), noon-4 p.m., a program of traditional Irish music and conversation, with a report from the County Leitrim Society of NYC, hosted by Thomas J. Garvey of Andover; www.1110wccmam.com.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY BREAKFAST, Exchange Club of Haverhill hosts, 7:30-9 a.m., DiBurro's of Ward Hill. Haverhill, benefits the child abuse prevention programs through the Exchange Club of Haverhill, live music, \$25; Rick Barry, (978) 372-9311.

FREE HIKE, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker

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a variety of genealogy resources including local history materials in the Andover Room, town to use them in your research. and vital records, directories and street lists, family histories, military records, newspapers on microfilm, maps, immigrant and passenger lists, and high school yearbooks.

albums and dig out your family

history research. Memorial Hall

Library is hosting its annual

genealogy this March.

Visit www.mhl.org/resources/ guides/genealogy.htm for a full list of helpful genealogy resources at Memorial Hall Library. For Andover-specific information, the Reference Librarians have created the Andover Answers wiki of "people, places, and events that, in one way or another, have some connection with Andover." The Andover Answers wiki, which includes facts, sources, and images, is available at www.mhl. org/answers.

Upcoming events include:

■ On Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m., Stuart Walker will discuss "Preserving Your Family Records, Documents, and Photographs." Walker, Boston Public Library's Book Conservator, will discuss storage, repair, and preservation issues for books, papers, scrapbooks, and photos. He will demonstrate some dos and don'ts for preservation and repair for family records and keepsakes. Trained at the Northeast

■ Document Conservation Center in Andover, Walker has been the Book Conservator for the Boston Public Library since 1982. He received a Fulbright award in 1992 to teach library and archive preservation in Ecuador, and is currently working on a book about the Boston artist and book designer Sarah Wyman North Main St., Andover.

the lives of our ancestors. Learn where to locate diaries and how Prescott will explain the advantages of using diaries, letters, and journals in compiling a comprehensive and appealing genealogy. Opinions and observations written by our ancestors or someone who knew them add a personal dimension to names, dates, and places. Also covered are methods for locating elusive materials, as well as how to preserve your own documents. Prescott is a professional researcher, writer, and speaker. Her degree in History from Dartmouth College enables her to offer a unique mix of history and genealogy, coupled with using technology to find family. She is president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, genealogist for the Nickerson Family Association, and a consultant at Footnote.com.

Also in March, enjoy an afternoon concert by members of the Essex Chamber Music Players on Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m. This performance features chamber music from the 17th through 21st centuries performed by Artistic Director flutist Michael Finegold and pianist David Pihl. Michael and David are the founding members of the Essex Chamber Music Players.

Genealogy Month events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. The Tuesday lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32. Programs are held at Memorial Hall Library, 2

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As the lights went down on the J. Everett Collins Center stage, five nervous actors muttered aloud together, all wondering similar thoughts. "What was our time? How long was that? Did we make the cut?"

Suddenly, the beep of a stopwatch sounded and the unmistakable voice of director Susan Choquette cut through the darkness: "40 minutes and 51 seconds, friends.'

The murmurs quickly melted into long groans.

Andover High student actors recently participated in the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival, an annual event encompassing more than 100 public, private, and parochial schools. Not only is it a showcase of each school's talent – it is also a heated competition in which each school performs a timed, one-act play that is judged and compared to the others in each individual round. Each play must clock at no more than 40 minutes, with an additional five minutes to put up and strike the set, or else it faces automatic disqualification.

Clocking in at 40:51 meant there were still 51 seconds to cut.

This year, Andover High School entered a performance of Tina Howe's "Birth and After Birth," an absurdist play about those universal ups and downs of childbirth and life afterwards. Although AHS did not progress past its preliminary two weekends ago, a great deal of time and effort was poured into the

experience because it's a *lot of one-on-one time* with the director.?? Chelsea Frei, junior

production. The AHS actors themselves were required to do lengthy research on both the absurdist genre and the piece itself.

"Rehearsing a 40-minute show naturally became quite repetitive for all involved, but it was necessary. Everything had to be perfect. Our biggest obstacle was a combination of time constraint and memorization," said Choquette. "The genre is so challenging in itself – everything jumps around."

The timing of "Birth and After Birth" varies greatly from minute to minute, and is laced with moments of both darkness and light humor. Additionally, the cast was extremely small – only five actors – with lots of fast-paced dialogue, which left little room for error. For some, this immense amount of pressure is what creates the thrill of festival.

"I've always loved small cast Andover High School."

Actress Karen McNamee following in her older sister Nancy's footsteps, broke out into the spotlight this year. A sophomore at Andover High, McNamee acknowledged what many consider to be one of the festival's greatest challenges: standing out in the crowd. "Since there are so many schools being judged and compared...you have to make people remember your show.'

AHS sophomore Sean McCall loves the entire concept of the MHSDG Festival. "I'm a competitive person," he said, "so this is just a lot of fun for me."

Conor Richardson, a fellow sophomore and no stranger to Merrimack Valley theater, nodded in approval. "I enjoy Festival because we get to meet new people from all different schools, too.'

As the only senior in the production, this ending to the winter theater season has been bittersweet for Joseph Downes-Berry.

"I've enjoyed the story as well as the people I'm working with," he said. They're all excellent actors, and I'm honored to have this show be one of my last at

THE CAST

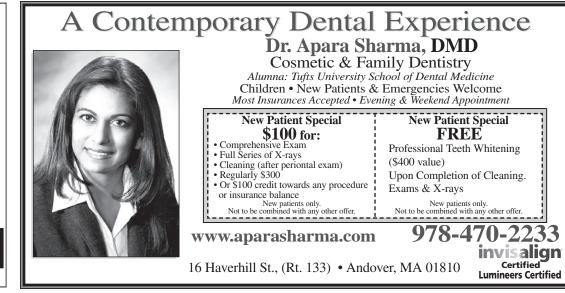
Joseph Downes-Berry: Jeffrey Freed, anthropologist, studies exotic and primitive children

Chelsea Frei: Mia Freed, fellow anthropologist, wife, and childless by choice Conor Richardson: Nicky Apple, tantrum-prone 4-year-old

Sean McCall: Bill Apple, doting father

Karen McNamee: Sandy Apple, doting mother, cousin of Jeffrey Freed









EVENTS:

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State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, wear appropriate foot wear - 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 Rollfs, 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 Angel 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 n 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 Historica 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 for the stage version. The cast grade students from South 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 is working with more than well as new songs written just 60 third-, fourth-, and fifth-

of characters includes Charlie Bucket, his parents and four grandparents, Augustus mances at West Middle School Gloop, Veruca Salt, Mike Teevee, Violet Beauregarde, Willy Wonka, the Oompa Loompas, and many more.

Adults leading the production are Beth Kennedy as ticket" for the performance, artistic director and choreographer, Crystal O'Keefe as choreographer, Jen Fecteau and Jen Prudden as drama Beads, South Elementary directors and music directors School from 8:15 to 9 a.m. Hillary Brooks and Amanda Potts. The production team well as at the door, according

Elementary.

There will be three perforon 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 but you will need an \$8 ticket, which can be purchased at Learning Express, Bella through Friday, March 12, as to organizers.

AYS Zumba dance to help Haiti this Sunday

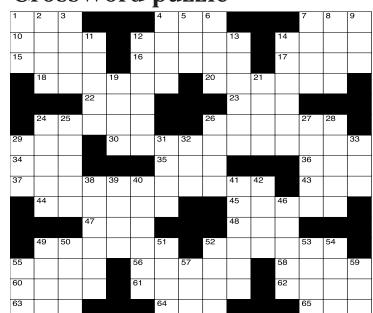
Just for Women. Join Us For:

Andover Youth Services country. invites people to work out and dance for a good cause.

On Sunday, March 14, at 6 p.m. at the Andover High 'n' roll dance into a fun, School Field House, Andover party-style cardio workout. Youth Services and Katie Pina, an Andover High School Pina will host a Zumba Hour social studies teacher and for Haiti, with all proceeds local Zumba and aerobics going to Partners in Health's instructor, will lead. All are efforts in earthquake-ravaged welcome.

Zumba is a dance workout that combines Latin, Afro-Caribbean, top-40, and rock

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

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55. Suffix expressing capacity

56. Edible lily bulbs

61. Spanish appetizers

63. Point midway between

62. Missing soldiers

64. National security

65. Reciprocal of a sine

58. Swiss river

60. Buddies

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department

28. An identifying marker 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 50. Young woman (French) 51. Not alive 52. More terrestrial frog 53. Worldly rather than spiritual 54. Amounts of time 57. Central mail bureau 59. Top left corner key

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Solution





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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

29. Thrust horse power (abbr.) 49. Abba , Israeli politician 55. Copy another's behavior

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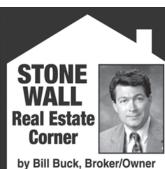
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NEW SHORT-SALE GUIDELINES A "short sale," in which lenders agree to accept the sale price of a home to pay off mortgage even if the price falls short of the amount owed, is largely favored as an alternative to foreclosure. Although lenders may realize steep losses, their ecovery is usually much better than under oreclosure, and short sales enable home-

owners to preserve their credit rating. However, lien owners and mortgage insurance companies often slow the process, stifling sales. To facilitate the process, the Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternaives Program provides financial incenives and simplifies the procedures for hort sales. Among its requirements, nortgage servicers must approve/disapprove a short sale request within ten days and the completed transaction must fully elease borrowers from the debt.

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Opinion

THE TOWNSMAN Thursday, March 11, 2010 7

Job well done, by Tucker

For the first time this millennium, someone other than Susan Tucker will serve as Andover's state senator. An effective local voice in the Legislature, Tucker balanced the need to support jobs and reasonable taxes with providing state services for those in need. She has served her constituents well and will be difficult to replace.

The Andover Democrat announced Friday she will not seek re-election. Tucker, 65, will continue to serve until the end of her term in January 2011. "I love this job and I did struggle with my decision. It's such a challenge intellectually and because every day brings a brand new challenge with a new issue," she said. Ultimately, she decided it was time for something different, something a bit less intense, she said.

During her time in office, Tucker focused on social issues such as improving foster care, allowing seniors to stay in their homes and ending homelessness. [A list of some of her awards is available online at www. andovertownsman.com.] But Tucker also has voted against her party leadership in opposing the 25 percent increase in the sales tax passed last year. She has disdain for what she would call "rip-offs" – whether those came from predatory gambling, inefficient state agencies or higher auto insurance premiums caused by criminals' fraud. One of her biggest disappointments, she said, is that she hasn't seen more quality management and customer service brought to government. She had some success there, at the Registry of Motor Vehicles and in Health and Human Services.

Tucker played a pivotal role in the fight against auto insurance fraud. She wrote and pressed for passage of laws that made auto insurance fraud a felony and made it a crime to solicit phony accident victims with the intent of defrauding an insurance company. These laws gave investigators and prosecutors the tools they needed to crack the auto fraud rings that plagued Lawrence. Such scams in Lawrence drove up insurance rates in Andover and around the state, as all drivers were charged higher premiums. As a result of Tucker's efforts, there has been a dramatic reduction in fraud and lower premiums for drivers across Massachusetts.

Tucker has also been a strong opponent of casinos in Massachusetts, a voice of reason against those who see expanded gambling as a source of easy money for the state. She knows such enterprises cause other, expensive societal problems, and money spent on gambling is sucked away from more productive businesses in the state.

She intends to focus on several issues in her remaining 10 months, including creating jobs and homes, in part by helping plans to turn old mills into homes in Lawrence. She plans to push to integrate financial literacy into every school math curriculum. She will push to advance the Interstate 93 interchange project, the town yard move and giving Andover town government more flexibility over employee health plans and their costs.

Her work is not yet done, but when it is, we hope her successor looks to her example and picks up the torch in these areas.

LETTER FROM SEN. SUE TUCKER

I am profoundly grateful to you for allowing me to serve as your State Senator for many years. It is a wonderful privilege to be of service to the communities and the people who put their trust in me. I especially thank my family, friends, and supporters who have given so much time and energy to my campaigns and shaping my public policies

Whether you agreed or disagreed with my positions and votes on the hundreds of complicated issues that came before the State Senate this decade, I always listened carefully to both sides and then "called it like I saw it." regardless of party affiliation or special interests. Whether it was my vote against raising the sales tax or my vote for ethics reform, I always had the best interests of my district first and foremost.

Working as a team with so many of you in the district led to some terrific accomplishments, such as dramatically reducing the cost of auto insurance for all good drivers by kicking fraud out of the system, passing comprehensive legislation to reduce the foreclosure crisis, and preserving the Tewksbury State Hospital open space for



Phillips Academy senior, Jasmine Stovall, left, paints junior Kristina Ballard, center, in preparation for a fashion show by Vivian Chen to raise money for the relief effort in Haiti.

Alter town spending to maintain schools

Editor, Townsman:

Once again, we enter a budget process with the town manager demanding cuts – \$2.6 million worth - from what the superintendent of schools deems necessary. The superintendent's initial proposal for the 2011 School Budget is just a scant \$38,000 above what it was two years ago. Is not educating our children the most important thing we do in this town?

One year ago, in a letter to the Townsman, I inquired as why our snow-plowing expenses were at 160 percent of the state average in terms of cost per mile. In May of last year the town department head in charge of snow plowing wrote they were "looking at it and the study would take months to complete." What is the result of the study? Nothing has been made public defending or supporting our snow-plowing expenses.

Ongoing town studies looking at the consolidation of town and school technology and business and financial service efforts continue to yield no results while we continue to avoid making decisions and cutting expenditures. In September 2009, almost 30 Andover educators lost their jobs, salaries and health benefits. How many town employees not involved in educating our children lost their jobs, salaries, or health benefits last year? I believe the answer is zero, possibly one. We have a pattern of eliminating FTE positions from town departments that were never filled in the first place.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. We will include letters for candidates that arrive before Friday at

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I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns,

Re-elect Selectman Alex Vispoli

Editor, Townsman:

There is always a lot of rhetoric during political campaigns so our members; rather we voted to I'd like to set the record straight. Under Alex Vispoli's leadership for which we had worked and and fiscal conservative approach, Andover has again received Standard & Poors highest rating of AAA. Fewer than 10 percent of cities and towns in the Commonwealth are awarded this status. This rating has produced a savings of \$1.3 million in interest on refinancing long term bonds.

in one of the worst economic amount to much for Andover, struggles in our history and was achieved in the face of significant cuts in state aid and double digit health insurance rate hikes. I call that smart fiscal management. Who in their right mind wants that to change?

Vispolihas opposed any Proposition 2 1/2 overrides for the ness go "out the window," then operating budget and would still civil discourse will not be far bells, bonfires, and illuminations be opposed to any in the future. from one end of this continent to His approach and philosophy continue to be fiscally conservative. He is committed to ini- harm the children and the town tiating action with measurable goals to improve the efficiencies of Andover's services. He was instrumental in the creation of the town's volunteer Information Technology Committee that is helping the town achieve significant operational efficiencies, cost savings, and cost avoidance by the alignment of the townwide IT functions so they better support the town of Andover's mission. Vispoli also makes the time to serve as a mentor in the Service encourage all residents in our Club of Andover's Career Mentoring program. I urge you to consider these facts and re-elect Selectman Alex Vispoli on Tuesday, March 23.

than predicted. The administration was unwilling to assure us that the reduction in our salaries would be used only to prevent layoffs. We did not vote "to sacrifice the economic well-being" of wait and to maintain the contract negotiated. Thirty-five members were not "laid off." If you believe the newspapers, the budget was balanced, in the end, without any 'give backs.'

ANN HERMES/ Staff Photo

Finally, the Race to the Top monies were not explained well to anyone, each choosing the interpretation that suited him. This is a huge accomplishment They do not really appear to and have strings attached to them that gave even school committees in the Bay State pause.

I'd hope that the folks aren't in favor of subverting the democratic process by ignoring the results of votes, by whatever body. If balance, reason and fairbehind. Acrimony around the schools budget and the activities of the AEA will ultimately of Andover. Surely that is not anyone's intention?

The Townsman accepts letters to

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enerations to come.

Most of you know that I have been a tireless advocate for senior citizens to have the choice of remaining in their homes; for better schools; and for using quality management tools to make government more efficient and customer-friendly. Above all, I hate rip-offs whether public or private, and that is the reason I am working to keep predatory gambling out of the Commonwealth.

Together with my family. I decided that it is time for me to trade the long hours and rigors of public life for new opportunities, especially getting to know our new granddaughter.

Please remember that I will continue to work hard as your Senator until January, 2011. My priorities include local aid for the towns I represent; creating jobs, especially for the trades by converting the wonderful old mills into housing; and passing my Financial Literacy bill. Please visit my web site, www.suetucker.org for more information

I am always available at 617-722-1612 or susan.tucker@state.ma.us. With warmest wishes and gratitude, Sen. Sue Tucker

WEB QUESTION

Schools getting the cold shoulder? Mixed response on Bambi average of 68 to 66. What

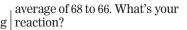
An upcoming AVIS meeting reaction? will focus on the problems that deer create in suburban communities like Andover. Last week, we asked are deer real a few bucks.

creating problems in Andover? Top choices were "Yes, they eat our bushes and bring lyme disease" and "No, I never see them," which both received 33.3 percent of votes.

Second place, with 22.2 percent of votes was "No, I like when they are around." Third | freeze. place was "No, for another reason," which received 11.1 percent.

Heat miser

stats by two degrees, from an andovertownsman.com



 Shows schools are doing all they can.

■ Common sense way to save

■ If leaders want to save on heat, why'd they wait until March?

■ This is about politics, not savings. It's budget season.

■ Support it, no one will notice.

■ Oppose it, people will

■ Other. To cast your vote, go to www. andovertownsman.com and

scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different The Andover schools are or lengthier answers, e-mail turning down their thermo- Editor Neil Fater at nfater@

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Why do they even exist? Almost two years ago the

selectmen conducted a study of town-owned vehicles and their use by town employees. A year later it was determined that retirement and attrition was the best way to reduce the fleet of cars being used by town employees, and that "agreements" prevented it from happening earlier. Do all of these employees have written contracts of employment that provide for a vehicle? There is justification for the Police and Fire Chiefs, and the Town Manager, having "company cars," but no one else.

Frustration does not begin to describe how too many residents feel about town expenditures. As Town Meeting draws near, management should find new and creative ways to reduce our townwide expenditures without the simplistic, distressing and shortsighted plan of further reducing what we spend to educate all of our children.

WILLIAM L. GIBSON 125 Argilla Road

Fireworks light lessons of our history

Editor. Townsman:

I agree completely that there has to be better ways of saving "town money" other than turning off streetlights. However, eliminating the Fourth of July fireworks! ("Must be better way to save than shutting off streetlights," Townsman letters, Feb. 18). That is unAmerican!

As John Adams said in regards to Independence Day (which he believed was to be the Second of July), "The second day of July 1776 will be the most memorable epocha in the history of America.

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the other from this time forward forever more."

For those unaware, illuminations are fireworks.

As a Revolutionary War reenactor and volunteer at Minuteman National Park it has become far too obvious to me that very few Americans today have much of an understanding of our American History. It should be our obligation to insure that future generations learn of our history so that perhaps one day we can begin to learn from it.

STEVEN LEET 9 Crescent Drive

SOS: Save Our Summers Editor, Townsman: Growing up in Andover when

I did, I was lucky enough to take the Andover Youth Service summer program for granted. Now that I am old enough to look back on the memories and experiences taken away from those amazing summers, I cannot sit back and watch the people running this town make that same mistake of taking the program for granted.

How can Andover's leaders remove funding from something so positive? Kids these days are given so few opportunities to form bonds and friendships with their peers outside of school. Between the rising prices for after-school activities and summer camps, the Andover Youth Service summer program provides a breath of fresh air. Simply meet with the employees and you'll realize how much they love what they do and care about this town's youth. These employees are some of the most selfless people this town could ask for, and Andover's parents are lucky to have them.

Do not take Youth Services for granted: force this town's leaders to realize that it is not OK to slash a program's budget by 96 percent. Annually, over 1,500 kids use the summer program as a form of camp. As a result of the slash in funding, local employment within the program will drop significantly and cutbacks will be made on trips. Most importantly, the summer program provides those who use it memories and friendships that last a lifetime.

ANDREW JENKINS

LEN D'INNOCENZO 8 Orchard St.

On teachers union activities

Editor, Townsman:

Letter writer John Zipeto is upset about the actions of the Andover Education Association, the professional organization representing the interests of the teachers, librarians, assistants and nurses in the Andover public schools. First, he credits an unattributed rumor to the "leadership" of the AEA with creating a "political maelstrom." The AEA is a democratic organization that arrives at decisions after discussion and voting. The Andover budget is similarly discussed and voted upon. If the AEA decides that more money is needed to effectively run the schools, we let that be known. That the town might have more resources than it lays out in the annual budget seems borne out by the raises given to the town manager and the monies for the new assistant manager. I'm certain the new superintendent will not suffer when that contract is signed, either.

The refusal of the AEA memto our negotiated, contractual raises was not a decision taken lightly. If we had been assured that any savings would benefit our members, we might have voted differently. Despite the dire predictions of the superintendent and the inaccurate reportage of the news, the actual reduction of 15 West Parish Drive staff was very, very much lower

TIM VAN WEY Salem, Mass. Andover High School teacher

A longer version of this letter appears online.

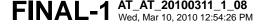
Be counted in Census Editor, Townsman:

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover is a federal 2010 Census partner. We communities to complete and return the federal census which will arrive in our mailboxes in mid-March. This Census is different from our local census. The 2010 Census is a Constitutionallyrequired questionnaire that will count every person residing in the United States as of April 1. The form contains 10 questions and should take no more than 10 minutes to complete. An accurate tally could have a far-reaching beneficial impact on our communities for many years to come.

Census results are used to determine our representation in the U.S. House of Representatives and to draw our state legislative districts. Census results are also used to award local and state government grants for public safety, education, transportation, health services, and to assist the elderly, the disabled, veterans, and lowincome families.

With regard to concerns about privacy, the law states that the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities, for 72 years. In addition, census workers are required to take a lifetime oath of non-disclosure. This privacy policy is intended to encourage new immigrants, including those whose documentation is incomplete, to be counted in the cenbership to allow a reduction sus, so that government funding reaches the cities and towns where they reside. For more information about this, go to http://2010.census. gov/2010census/privacy/index.php. We encourage you to stand up and be counted.

> **STEFANI TRAINA** Roulston Circle, President, League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover





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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.

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Selectmen candidates differ on meeting issues

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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 straints. Other towns have done public safety. We engaged the full safety assessment and implepublic safety. It does however, free up money that helps us fund critisafe and strong.

March 12 to review this.

3. No. We should plan on replacing the reserve ambulance next will be 10 years old. We currently





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.

Alex Vispoli

5. No. Although very appealing, 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 appropria-

tion 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.

Undecided. 3. 4 and 5. No. I'm not necessarily opposed to future acquisitions of conservation land, but not now when the town (and its taxpay-

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 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 proers) are struggling to keep their would enable the fire rescue but not at this time.

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. posal in the works that 5. No. I really support open space,

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popular answer, but it is the right this is a nice-to-have item that we thing to do given our budget conthis with no negative impacts on Andover Police Department for a mented this so it does not impact cal programs that keep our town

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,

year, when the reserve ambulance have four ambulances, two are in reserve.

4. Yes. We have purchased the adjacent land to accommodate for the loss of the Devermond Fields. This purchase will allow for better access, parking and increased



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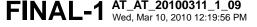
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Townspeople **Mr. AHS 2010**

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 sports-

wear, 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-andanswer 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.

FOR AN INTERVIEW WITH

CASEY SCHUH, SEE PAGE 10.

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 Hagigeorges.



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."



COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELLIGET

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-yearold 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







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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 shows off one of his "fashion designs" during the Talent Competition.

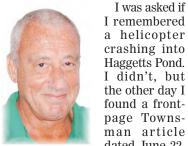
sections include about one-third of the town's total thirty-two miles of area.

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



page Townsman article dated June 22, 1961. It's headline was: "Helicop-

ter 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

water, which was and is Andover's drinking water.

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 umn for the Andover Townsman and neatly and sent him out for a walk. As years passed, boys grew up

oil and gas would befoul the pond's who had little or no knowledge of the war. They didn't understand why a neatly-attired, shell-shocked man The caption below the picture said silently walked about town with his that they "enjoyed an opportunity to 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, Punchard High School Class of 1938, wonders if any of her classmates are still living, and if so, whether they would they get in touch with her through her daughter's e-mail: jmarble01969@ yahoo.com. Ms. Moore's mailing address is 5841 Joanne Drive, Racine,

Bill Dalton writes a weekly colenjoys receiving e-mails at billdalton@andovertownie.com

Anchors away, for Andover Scouts



Andover Pack visits WBZ news

Weblos Pack 76 from the had the opportunity to meet picture above, from left, are: South Elementary School Dis- reporters Dan Roche from Carissa Agostino, Molly Agostrict 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

Andover, Steve Burton, Ken tino, sports anchor Steve Bur-MacLeod, and Barry Burbank from North Andover.

vision station was planned for Noah Rodgers, Colby Agostino, the group of boys to earn a Alex Yang, meteorologist Barry badge in communication. The Burbank, Ryan Neal, Samual names of the individuals in the Zhang and Kevin Kiely.

ton, Sam Huntress, Caroline Huntress, PJ Ganci, Jacob Dali-The Feb. 28 trip to the tele- monte, reporter Ken MacLeod,

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Allison Jean Pennelli and Matthew Ryan Lawler

Patty and Paul Pennelli are at Bain and Company in Boston. pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Alison Lynnfield High School and Bates Jean Pennelli of Boston, to Mat- College in Lewiston, Maine. He thew Ryan Lawler of Worcester, is currently attending medical son of Karen and John Lawler of Lynnfield.

Ms. Pennelli is a graduate of Brooks School in North Andover and Bates College in Lewiston, Maine. She is currently employed

Mr. Lawler is a graduate of school at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester.

The couple plan an October 2010 wedding.

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ing out. No class April 22 or May

Boomer Bridge: Mondays: April 5

to May 17, six-week session. 1:30

to 3:30 p.m., \$100 or \$25 drop in

BoomerVenture spring registration upcoming

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By KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR BOOMERVENTURE STAFF

BoomerVenture Campus will begin spring registration on March 15. Offerings include those listed below.

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

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

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



fee, no class on April 19. Each week we'll play duplicate hands that practice your bidding and strategic skills. Great handouts and analysis weekly. This is not an introductory course but is appropriate for returning players and those who want to

advance their games. Terry Kay Bargar, ACBL Accredited Bridge Instructor.

Pre-registration required beginning March 15. Call 978-623-8321 for information or visit www.boomerventure.com to download registration form. All classes held at Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, All

strongly encouraged because the Scout Afternoon, girls will learn this Girl Scout Afternoon, girls SENIOR NOTES

> March 12: Spring Crafts Fair: Drop by to support your local senior center starting March 12 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and running until the first of April. Lovely handmade gift items, knit goods, quilted bags, floral arrangements, live plants and more. All proceeds directly benefit programs at the center.

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

Andover's Leading Ladies: Andover Women Who Made a Difference

Thursdays, March 11, 18 and 25 from 1:30 to 3 p.m. \$5 per session. Community welcome. Series about women who have made outstanding contributions to the town of Andover, both past and present.

March 11: Story of "Black Lucy," freed Andover slave, by Barbara Brown, Lawrence Historical Society Director.

March 18: Andover's two leading preservationists brought to life by Susan Lenoe, local actress.

March 25: Performance and discussion of the creative process by Julie Scolnik, founder of Andover March 19, 8:30 a.m.; \$4 advance

Chamber Music, along with Franziska Huhn, harpist.

girls were taught how to be a

fine young lady? In this Girl

Food on Film: Mondays, March 8, 15 and 22, 1 p.m. Free of charge reservations encouraged. All are welcome. Four part International

March 15: Babette's Feast

March 22: Julie and Julia special time at 12:30 p.m. featuring

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

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

Men's Breakfast: Pandas, Pagodas, Pageantry and People: Friday,

tickets. Enjoy a hearty breakfast buffet as we journey to China to experience historical sites, industry and the unique pleasures of the Chinese people.

ladies, and learn how to properly

Did you know the ancestors of

Laura Ingalls Wilder, author of

books, lived here in Andover? In

behave at the tea table. April 14, Girl Scout Afternoon:

Little House on the Prairie in

EBay Basics: March 23, noon, \$4 Soup's On. Want to buy, sell or just find out how to start? Meet area expert who will give us the "basics" and invite us back for a three week series to dig into the art of the deal Ebay style. Soup, drinks and dessert. Pre-registration necessary.

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

Fun and Games: March 24 at 1:30 p.m. Bring your friends and enjoy our warm and bright new Four crafting and more. All classes Seasons room, nestled between may be audited first time, pending the Senior Center and Doherty Middle School. This room is open daily from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

or just enjoying the great outdoors while snuggled in a cozy come to all events.

armchair. A la carte snacks and drinks available. Support Groups; Pain Manage-

pasttimes suitable for young been like to travel West with the

the Little House on the Prairie to the Society's blog, www.

ment, March 8, 1:30 p.m.; Parkinson's Support, March 11 at 1:30 p.m.; Bereavement Support, March 25, 1:30 p.m. Call for more information.

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

Free Blood Pressure Clinic: The Andover Board of Health holds a free blood pressure and wellness clinic at the center every Wed. from 2 to 3 p.m. The clinic is open to all Andover seniors on a first come, first served basis.

Registration began Feb. 15 for tai chi, aerobic, strength training, tap and yoga sessions. Groups available in wood carving, art instruction, quilting, knitting, available space. Call the Senior Center at 978-623-8321.

Or drop by for a tour. In week for games, reading, conversation prior to beginning of class, if space is available, the community is wel-

An interview with the new Mr. Andover High Ivy Lane.

books had him wearing a about the jab. The punch line But blood-sucking jokes are too teacher; he was just having fun typical, so Andover High School junior Casey Schuh agonized over a punch line to die for. He Mr. AHS and has felt like sort of succeeded.

"I know what you are," his date said. "You are a math teacher."

His parody of the Twilight subject, is all Casey would say to have." with the Mr. AHS competition. Schuh came out as the new

a king in the hallways this week at school.

"I feel great about it," he said.

Schuh said he was relaxed as vampire cape on his dream date. was not directed at a particular audiences don't terrify him. He is a free prom ticket and free has been involved with school productions over the years and performs with the Andover High School Jazz Ensemble.

His mom, Kathy, made his vampire cape. She and his dad, David, were very supportive "It puts a smile on a face when of his skits, which helped with Math is not his favorite you tell people...it's a good title rehearsals. The family lives on

The grand prize for Mr. AHS tuxedo rental for the event. Schuh plans to escort his girlfriend, Catherine Carney, also an AHS junior. She inspired the Twilight parody as he read the books just for her, he said.

Mr. AHS is a great event to be involved with, Schuh said, and he saluted those involved including the technical crew, advisor Etta Wagner and

Girl Scouts can learn about yesteryear's Andover

Andover?

Girl scouts, ages 7-11, are programs fill quickly. Please call manners, try some 19th century will explore what it might have invited to attend special "Girl 978-475-2236 for more informa-Scout Afternoons" at the tion or to reserve your place. March 17 Girl Scout Afternoon: Andover Historical Society, on Manners and Decorum Wednesdays, March 17 and April 14, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. The cost Every girl needs to understand for this pre-registered program manners and decorum to be sucin \$8 per Scout, which includes a cessful today, but what were the lessons like in the 1800s when snack and all craft supplies.

Programs are limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration is

BY SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Film Series focused on food. March 8: Tampopo subtitled

commentary by Terry Kay Bargar, who in 1977 as a WGBH film intern got her first taste of TV production sitting in on the weekly taping of Julia Child's landmark show "The French Chef."

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Education

Peer program paves roads to conflict resolution

By Courtney Casper WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Fifteen Andover High School students are providing a sounding board – and a resolution – for fellow students unsure of how to resolve differences with one another.

The peer Mediation Program, coordinated by Kim Bergey and Peggy Cain of the Andover High School Counseling Department, is a place where students go to resolve emotional conflicts in the presence of trained administration.

is to allow the students them- restart the program. selves to come to some sort of peaceful resolution," said Bergey. "And we've found that students are more open with kids of their the skill sets of mediation and own age than administrative adults.

in 1994, when Andover High of the program. Park insists that received the Punchard Grant to fund the group. At the time, the times interrupt one another counseling department believed there had been a lot of issues in terms of bullying and mean-spirin conflict with one another can ited rumors, and when they saw success at other schools, they decided to give it a try. Last school peers, rather than members of year, Andover High received some money once again, and

In 2008, 15 male and female sophomores were selected from an applicant pool and trained on conflict resolution. Jessica Park, a iunior at AHS and one of selected The program was first started mediators, is in her second year although students may someduring a session, those who are trying to resolve their conflict are "never really resistant."

Reinforcing Park's point, Bergey mentioned that "as long as students are willing to try it, that's when peer mediation is most effective. Both students "The main goal of the program began training peer mediators to have to be willing to come to that

resolution together."

When questioned, Bergey that have arisen have involved males. "I think it's because, typically, boys' conflicts tend to move more towards physical violence a lot of the time," said Bergey. "Girls' conflicts are usually more behind the scenes and under the radar.'

Perhaps the most common way students are initially avoiding adult involvement while instigating conflict is through the use of technology. Both Bergey and Park are quick to agree that one of the most challenging obstacles involved in student conflict is the heightened use of text messaging and the Internet.

"A lot of the stuff we've been said the majority of conflicts seeing this year is stuff that first goes on Facebook, and then gets blown up to the point where everybody knows about this conflict," Bergey said. "Now [kids] can type or texts things instead of having to say it to people's faces...which makes it a lot easier for them."

> To avoid stirring up more talk after a peer-mediation session, the program prides itself on confidentiality.

"We don't want kids going around and talking about it; that would reverse all the work that's High student earning high school been done," Bergey said. However, because the students who *ship at the Townsman*.

use it are supposed to keep all that is disclosed to themselves, the program is not very well known.

'We're hoping that by getting the word out, kids will be aware that it's an option," she said.

Both Bergey and Park believe the peer-mediation program teaches kids how to resolve their conflicts through communication and active listening.

"We face all kinds of conflict on a daily basis," said Park. "Having these skills will only move us forward and help us in the end."

Courtney Casper is an Andover course credit for doing an intern-



West Middle School students, from left, Peter Minigell, Eddie Martin and Danny Reilly visit the TD Bank table during Career Day at the school.

Future so bright they gotta wear ... 3D glasses?

BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER



School Committee candidates address town's big changes

of Andover/North Andover posed Debra Silberstein stepping aside and planning a run for the state senate seat that will be vacated by Sen. Sue Tucker.

The League's question: The Andover public schools face significant changes in the near future, including hiring a new superintendent, replacing an elementary school, and developing a strategic plan. Discuss your plans to navigate these changes.

Paula Colby-Clements School Committee candidate **Chestnut Street**

By the time I am seated on the School Committee the major decisions regarding the Bancroft project and the hiring of the superintendent will be made. I see my job as a facilitator in terms of navigating our schools through these tendent some years back and did new changes. As to the superin- an outstanding job. She has just tendent, I believe it is important completed a tour of duty where to establish strong communica- she did a tremendous job as supertion up front so that the com- intendent in Hamilton-Wenham mittee's vision for our schools and I am confident will do an outis understood and embraced by our new superintendent. That vision includes raising the bar by which we judge the success of our schools and children while balancing fiscal responsibility as we implement new curriculum. As to the Bancroft project, we will need to continue to increase the amount of communication between the parents and the committee as the project moves forward. The challenge will really be how to ensure the quality of the education at Bancroft during the are the best and they deserve construction phase and to have a well-defined long-term vision of educational system and we shall what the entire district will look do everything possible to keep it like once the building is complete. that way.

The League of Women Voters These things will be no easy task when we are faced with upcoming the following questions to the two union negotiations, budget deficits people set to join the Andover and shrinking government aid. I School Committee. There are two continue to believe these difficult seats facing election, and only economic times present a wontwo candidates, with incumbent derful opportunity to open lines of communication that may have been closed before. I look forward to working with the committee, town officials and parents to forge creative problem solving and develop new ideas that challenge the conventional way of thinking so we can deliver a superior education to our children.

Richard J. Collins School Committee incumbent

117 Lovejoy Road

I am writing regarding the three issues facing the Andover School Community as you suggested.

We have just selected our new superintendent of Schools, Dr. Marinel McGrath. Dr. McGrath was with us as assistant superinstanding job here. The Bancroft school is an excellent one. I have two grandchildren there and am very familiar with its operation. I am confident a new school will be built on the same location and it will be an outstanding one. I can assure everyone that we are working diligently on our strategic plan and it will have one primary objective, to provide our young people with the best education possible. Our children our best. Andover is a first-rate

West Middle School eighth-graders have a jump-start on career planning, after visiting more than 20 professionals at a school-hosted career fair on March 4.

Roughly 175 eighth-graders circulated through cafeteria tables last Thursday morning, asking questions of nurses, engineers, financial planners, police officers, bankers and media professionals, including television sportscaster Dan Roche.

Students were drawn to a veterinarian who brought a dog and several employees from Andover Youth Services, who showed film footage of their wrestling program and played a beanbag-toss game.

Prepared with questions, students asked job fair participants how they

West Middle School students Shea Manship, center, and Jenny Hill talk with nurse Lori Brown, left, and others during Career Day at the school.

what is the most challenging thing of a writing assignment, according to about what they do. Information the the school. eighth-graders learned at the career Bethany Bray was a participant at the career landed their job, what they enjoy and fair will be used in curriculum as part fair.

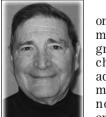
More meaningful experiences for kids, not more gadgets

Ken Seifert

I then followed that with our chil-

dren deserve the best we can give

conversation, and she told me the



one of my statements was that growing from childhood to adulthood was more difficult now than at any other point

in my lifetime.

the paper arrived and I reread the Last week article I could see why she stated her opinion. From her point of view it made sense. My position needed more focus and some observations. What follows should have been in the article last week. Our children do not need more

technology. We could use more computer-assisted instruction and a plan, but let's not buy more technology until we maximize what we have. Some don't need mom and them. Even before I had my weekly dad sheltering them from all of copy of the Townsman delivered, the realities of life. Some children more time with their children. It is I received a telephone call from a do not need to be making fashion reader responding to my article statements and behaving like they on youth services. We had a long are 25 when they are only 13. They do not have to have every item children in Andover do not need Madison Avenue says they should

more, they have enough. I thanked have and feel deprived because children do not see the mother the child who is given much in the – partnerships, connections, call the caller for her thoughts. When they don't. They do not have to have a car just because they turned 16.

> It sounds like that's the problem, but it isn't. Sociologist Arlie Hochschild said in 1991, "For all the talk about the importance of children, the cultural climate has become less hospitable to parents who put children first. This is not because parents love children less, but because a job culture has expanded at the expense of the family culture."

> Most parents want to spend very hard for them to fit the pieces together. That may be reality but where does that leave the child?

There are too many families who do not eat meals together. Some

Some parents spend the entire weekend playing taxi cab all over the Merrimac Valley in the hopes their child will make it to the pros. Some families cannot count five weekends in an entire year when they stayed home as a family. Some grandparents have become those people who raised my mother and father to their grandchildren. You remember those "anyone over 30 doesn't know what he is talking about" days.

Can you imagine the child n Andover whose family is struggling just to make ends meet while the neighbors provide every gadget Toys R Us ever offered and spend their vacations traveling all over the world? How about

or father from Monday to Friday. way of things but has a feeling of them what you will - in the categoemptiness? Self esteem for some children is a serious problem no and making our town better. We matter how much or how little the bank account totals.

> There are two dominant processes for youth in our town. Both are very worthwhile and we are successful at them. They are getting into college and excelling in athletics. What if you have additional or different interests? Where can you pursue them? There are hundreds of such options children would like to pursue and significant problems that need to be addressed.

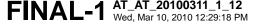
Don't take my word for it. Talk to the clergy, social services, teachers and others who work with your children. We can provide more meaningful experiences dent of the Andover schools.

ries of talents, interests, problems should share our thoughts and use the school facilities where appropriate. I love the line from the play Auntie Mame, "Life is a banquet and most people are starving to death." Next week I would like to share the concept of parents as educational coaches through the school years.

It is not necessary to worry about the issues and then conduct business as usual. This is a talent-laden, giving community. It's time for a broader dialogue and solutions.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superinten-







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YOUTH BOOK REVIEW

'Going After Cacciato' takes readers on worthy journey

By Mari Miyachi WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Tim O'Brien is best known for his collection of short stories called The Things They Carried. However, his strong ability to capture the essence of war is not limited to that work. In Going After Cacciato, O'Brien continues to explore the human psyche in Vietnam.

I have never been overwhelmingly compelled to read novels about war. In fact, for a long time, I did my best to avoid such books, mostly frightened by the prospect of gore and graphic violence. Going After Cacciato proves to be a captivating and clever story that manages to encompass not only the physical brutality of combat, but also the mentality of the soldiers on the ground.

The protagonist, Paul Berlin, is a young man recently deployed to fight in Vietnam. The year is 1968, when confusion about the Viet Cong and their guerrilla tactics were at their height. Berlin is no stereotypical soldier: he is overwhelmed with fear and unsure of purpose. Indeed, he is nearly inspired when one soldier in his brigade, Cacciato, goes

AWOL with the fabulous and outlandish intention of reaching Paris. What follows is a series of events that take Berlin and his comrades on a fascinating journey through time, as the reader witnesses the inner workings of a man torn between his individual being and his call to duty.

Going After Cacciato, just like Paul Berlin, is not an ordinary war story. My first qualm with novels about war and fighting is that they will dehumanize the people involved. O'Brien does just the opposite. He writes with two threads: one with Berlin as the narrator and the other with himself, the result being a multi-dimensional portrayal of the logic and illogic of war, and how the two vie for dominance.

I give Going After Cacciato an 8 out of 10. O'Brien tells a complex tale that I believe puts an interesting and fresh perspective on the Vietnam War. I especially recommend this book to those who lived through that war, but anyone interested in the time period, or aware or involved in the controversial war of this era, will enjoy this story.

The writer is an Andover res*ident and student at Phillips* Academy who writes reviews for young adults.



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Students Brigid Misage, Eric Faulkner, Ellie Pendleton, Jackson Burns and Maz Byron stand by a large "Cat in the Hat" type hat at Shawsheen School. Each stripe represents a book that someone at the school enjoys.

Shawsheen students loosed to celebrate Seuss

Shawsheen School celebrated Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's March 2 birthday all week long last week.

In addition to an all-school assembly where students played a Dr. Seuss trivia

game, other activites at the kindergarten through grade 2 choice school included Krista Galligani's kindergarten class dressing up as Horton the elephant from the Suess book "Horton Hears a Who," and students adding stripes to

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 15-19:

Elementary schools

Monday: Beef-and-cheese nachos, egg salad pocket with lettuce, tomato and pretzels, manager's choice, spanish rice, tossed salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Chicken and beef sliders, veggie burger on a roll, manager's choice, baked potato wedges, broccoli salad and jello.

Wednesday: No Lunch - Early Release Thursday: Turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes, meatball sub with sauce and provolone, manager's choice, cole slaw and kiwi.

Friday: Personal cheese pizza, fish sticks with lemon wedge, tossed salad and fresh fruit.

Middle schools

Monday: Buffalo chicken or hamand-cheese calzone, fruit on a raft and bacon-waffles- manager's choice, garden salad and fresh fruit. Tuesday: Chicken tenders,

cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, manager's choice, roasted red bliss potatoes, seasoned veggies and chilled fruit cup.

reuben panini, grilled hotdog on a roll, refried beans, corn and chilled pineapple.

steak and cheese sub with pretzels, pasta primavera, mashed potatoes, steamed broccoli and fresh fruit. Friday: Tuna salad pocket, peanut but-

ter and jelly, manager's choice, veggie sticks and dip, macaroni salad and fresh melon.

Andover High School

Monday: Steak-and-cheese, cheese panini, open-face turkey sandwich, chicken finger basket with french fries, veggies, chicken caesar salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Grilled teriyaki chicken, crispy chicken sandwich, ham and cheese club. tacos with all the toppings, spanish rice, refired beans, meatball sub and pineapple.

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Andover students make grade at Brooks

The following Andover students made the honor roll for the fall 2009-10 semester at Brooks School in North Andover. Brooks is an independent, coeducational, college preparatory boarding and day school for students in grades 9-12.

Highest Honors

Zachary Allen Julia Caffrey **Daniel Conway** Sarah Crockett Alice Grant **Daniel Smith**

High Honors

Andrew Bruno Louisa Dallett **Cameron Johst Glen Martin Kevin Neville** Peter Nossiff Lopa Rahman Neal Rahman Sawyer Rogers Michael Sciascia Isha Singhal Heather Youngman Lindsey Zucchino

Honors

school's Cat-in-the-Hat hat.

of a student or staff member

and a book they love to read.

It is the biggest hat we have

choice, lasagna with meat or marinara

sauce, garlic bread, side salad, buffalo

Friday: Sloppy joes, veggie chili bowl,

veggie quesadilla, baked fish with crumb

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;

At Andover High School there is a

wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to

sandwich offering, daily specials, and

order with favorite toppings, plus a daily

For prices or other information about

lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

topping, mashed potatoes, corn, man-

chicken wrap and fruit cup.

ager's choice and fresh fruit.

and milk.

panini specials.

ever seen," reported Paige Holman, Shawsheen School

librarian.

"Each stripe lists the name

Andrew Coke James Costello Jacquelvne DiTroia **Coleman Egertson Nicholas Flannery** John Hartigan Marina Moschitto **Stephanie Neville** Morgan Pearce Naomi Smith **Zachary Vieira**

LOCAL SCHOLARS

The Esperanza Academy, School of Hope, in Lawrence, a private tuition-free middle school for socio-economically disadvantaged girls, held an event known as, Shadow Day in February. During Shadow Day various professional women ranging from lawyers, physicians, nurses, and small business owners, volunteered their time to speak to grades 7 and 8 about their professions and to take the girls as "shadows" to their place of employment for the

This event is sponsored by Great Women to Know.

Grow Up in a Media-Saturated World Sponsored by Meritor Academy's Parent Advisory Committee

Remote Control Childhood: Helping Children

Please join us at the Stevens Library on March 24 to find out how the sex, violence and marketing in media are harming children's development, learning and play and making the job of teachers harder - through scenarios that illustrate the issues. Learn specifics about what schools and families can do to counteract these negative effects and why "Back to Basics" is exactly the opposite of what we need to do. Find out what new policies can be created in schools and the wider society to promote healthy development in these times.

• Lecture by Dr. Diane Levin, Professor of Education, Wheelock College.

• FREE – OPEN TO THE **PUBLIC**

• Space is limited -TICKETS REQUIRED

• To register for tickets, please call Meritor Academy 978-774-8033 or email smorrissey@klcorp.com

Wednesday: Bacon burger on a roll, gyro, manager's choice, corn beef and cabbage dinner, roast beef club on whole wheat and fresh fruit. Thursday: Barbecue pulled-pork Wednesday: Irish nachos, grilled sandwich, veggie chili bowl, manager's

Thursday: Grilled teriyaki chicken,



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IRS Commissioner: We are not a faceless bureaucracy

The Andover Internal Revenue Service building on Route 133 is one of the largest employers in town. There are 949 people who work at the Andover facility with another 548 and 596 in satellite offices in Methuen and Lowell, respectfully.

Last week, IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman submitted a letter, which was in response to Vernon Hunter's attack on an IRS building in Texas.

Editor, Townsman:

On Feb. 18, a small plane was intentionally crashed into an office building in Austin, Texas where almost 200 IRS employees work. This wanton act of violence took the life of Vernon Hunter, 68, who served his nation as an IRS employee for almost three decades. Others were injured, and given the enormous damage to the building, it is a miracle that more were not killed.

Our deepest sympathies go out to all who suffered through this terrible ordeal, but especially to the Hunter family and leagues who are struggling to make sense out of this senseless attack.

They are struggling to understand why Mr. Hunter was so callously slain. Why a husband won't come home for dinner. Why a father, grandfather and loyal family man won't be there for holidays and birthdays. Why



An IRS worker goes through paper tax returns at the IRS building in Andover last year.

and survived two tours in Vietdeath in Austin, Texas.

Sadly, in the mind of one deeply disturbed individual, it was because Mr. Hunter worked Internal Revenue Service. IRS employees were demonized respected – human life no longer to be valued.

In today's world, it is difficult for some to see beyond the labels – to see the person. Mr. Hunter worked for the IRS – a difficult and demanding job. But he did answers difficult tax questions learn from this terrible tragedy. the church usher won't be at Sun- his job fairly and he did it well. over the phone. The guy down day services at Greater Mt. Zion He was a dedicated public ser- the street helping with the com-Baptist Church. Why a soldier vant who respected taxpayers munity food drive may be a

serving the taxpaying public as a out of his way to help taxpayers whenever he could.

And there are tens of thousands of Vernon Hunters IRS processing tax refunds. their neighbors, friends and col- in a building that housed the throughout the country working at the IRS, helping taxpayers navigate a difficult tax code human beings no longer to be that we did not write and collect- wrong. In fact, it is an organiing the taxes to keep our nation zation of hard-working people vibrant and strong.

The person standing next to of public service were embodied you at your daughter's soccer in Vernon Hunter – a spirit that game may be an IRS customer lives on in them today. I sincerely service representative who hope that is one lesson we can

who honorably served our nation and their rights. He viewed revenue agent who investigates wealthy individuals trying to nam died a senseless and violent high and noble calling and went hide money in secret offshore bank accounts. And the woman behind you in the supermarket check-out line may work at the

> For some in America, the IRS will always be viewed as a faceless bureaucracy. But they are whose love of country and spirit DOUG SHULMAN Commissioner,

Internal Revenue Service

POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 2 - At 5:51 p.m., Leonardo Polanco, 37, of 30 Railroad St., was arrested and charged with driving with no inspection sticker and a revoked license.

Wednesday, March 3 – At 3:50 p.m., Jeremy Dalmer, 31, of 173 Johnson St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with driving with no inspection sticker and a suspended license.

At 4:32 p.m., Milton Duran, 34, of 142 Boxford St., Apt. 1, Lawrence, was arrested regarding a larceny at Proctor and Gamble, and was charged with larceny over \$250, accessory before the fact and conspiracy.

At 5:27 p.m., Lenin Matos, 33, of 91 Osgood St., Lawrence, was charged with assault and battery arrested and charged with break- on a household member.

Street reported her boyfriend just tried to break into the home. At 9:59 a.m., David M. Connors, 25, of 550 Mount Vernon St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property over \$250 and breaking and entering in the daytime for a felony. At 10:09 a.m., Jesse C. Martell, 17, of 17 Marland St., was arrested and charged with malicious destruction of property over \$250 and breaking and entering in the daytime for a felony, person in fear.

At 2:13 p.m., Jose A. Rijo, 35, of 33 Woodcock Ave., Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

At 6:06 p.m., a resident called police regarding a domestic incident. At 6:43 p.m., a 16 year-old male juvenile was arrested and

p.m., six officers and a canine responded to Pioneer Circle to track a suspect wanted on a warrant. At 4:29 a.m. on Friday, March 5, a 911 caller from Pioneer Circle reported waking up to find the suspect, David Wishnack, in his room after he broke in through a window. Four officers responded. At 5 a.m., David Wishnack, 31, of 3 Pioneer Circle, was arrested and charged on warrants for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and four restrainingorder violations.

Saturday, March 6 – At 10:21 p.m., five officers responded to a drug sale incident on Andover Street. Paul Scola, 21, of 12 Elmwood St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with pos- been done in several months. session of a class B substance with intent to distribute, posses- ing resident reported identity

Thursday, March 4 – At 8:51 charged with distribution of a class B substance.

THEFTS

Tuesday, March 2 – At 11:49 a.m., a Burtt Road business reported two pallets of razor blades stolen.

Wednesday, March 3 - At 6:39 a.m., a Lowell Street church reported the theft of a notebook computer last Friday.

At 2:07 p.m., a Fulton Road resi dent reported credit-card fraud. Saturday, March 6 - At 4:49 p.m., a Samos Lane resident reported fraud.

Monday, March 8 – At 11 a.m., a Charlotte Drive resident reported larceny, after paying a deposit to have work done, which has not

At 1:54 p.m., an Orchard Cross-

Free retirement seminars from Edward Jones

the Edward Jones office at 12 Essex St., is hosting two "Free Annuities and Your Retirement" seminars.

"When it comes to generating retirement income, one option to explore is an annuity. Join us to review the different types of annuities available and how an annuity can supplement your

Elaine LeBlanc-Banker, of retirement income," the company says in a release. The seminars are:

■ March 15, from noon to 2 p.m. at Palmers Restaurant, 13 Elm St., Andover.

■ April 6 from 6 to 8 p.m., at Glory, 19 Essex St., Andover.

Seating is limited. Call 978-470-0073 to reserve a seat.

Patrick to speak at Chamber of Commerce dinner

ber 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 wealth of Massachusetts. will be presented to Salvatore Lupoli, President Riverwalk mation call 978-686-0900.

The Merrimack Valley Cham- Properties/Salvatore's and the Community Spirit Award will be presented to Joan Stygles Hull, Merrimack Valley Hospice.

Featured speaker will be Governor Deval Patrick, Common-

Tickets are \$95. For more infor-

TD Bank foundation awards MV Hospice \$25,000

Merrimack Valley Hospice Charitable Foundation," said Joan recently was awarded \$25,000 from the TD Charitable Foundation to support its "End of Life Care for All" program. This program enables the Valley Hospice. "As a mission hospice to provide subsidized endof-life care to patients with limited Hospice is committed to providing or no health insurance.

the continuing support of the TD services."

Stygles Hull, RN, MBA, President/ CEO of Home Health Foundation, the parent company of Merrimack driven agency, Merrimack Valley care for all who need us, regardless "We are extremely grateful for of their ability to pay privately for

Zimmerman pleads guilty, given probation

BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER

Zachary Zimmerman plead guilty Feb. 22 to charges of providing alcohol to minors at a 2009 Valentine's Day gathering at the Zimmerman home on William Street. The decision brought to a close his case more than one year after Wellesley 16-year-old Elizabeth Mun committed suicide after 15, was also home. leaving the overnight party.

Lawrence District Court and will spend the next 18 months on probation.

Mun, a fellow Concord Academy student, was reported missing to the Andover police at 6:50 a.m. on Feb. 15, 2009. After a four-hour search, Mun was found unresponsive in Hussey Brook Pond, and pronounced dead that afternoon in a Boston hospital.

The medical examiner later ruled Mun's death a suicide, and "that her consumption of alcohol was not those two years she cannot drink a contributory factor to her death," and will be subject to random said Essex Assistant District Attorney Jessica Connors at an August court hearing. Townsman attempts to contact Zachary Zimmerman and his

mother, Laurie, for comment this week were unsuccessful. A call to John Valerio, Zimmerman's attorney, was also not returned before Townsman deadline.

Laurie Zimmerman was not home the night of the February 2009 party, but returned the next morning after receiving a call from Zachary once Mun went missing. Zachary's younger sister, Zoe, now

The night of the party, Zachary Zimmerman, 19, appeared in Zimmerman drove another Concord Academy student, Morgan Ingari, to a liquor store, where she purchased beer and vodka with a fake ID.

> Ingari, 18, was also charged with providing alcohol to minors. She appeared in court on Aug. 20 with Zimmerman, and admitted to sufficient facts in the case. At that time Zachary Zimmerman pled not guilty.

Ingari's case was continued without a finding for two years. During alcohol screens. She must also complete 50 hours of community service and the "Brains at Risk" program on driving and traumatic brain injury.

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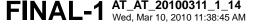
a person house-sitting on Marland receiving stolen property.

At 8:09 p.m., Nicholas R. Bowarrested and charged on warrants Thursday, March 4 – At 9:17 a.m., for larceny and possession of or

sion of a class A substance with ing cocaine. Amanda Hardy, Drive resident reported theft of 21, of 418 Massachusetts Ave., two sets of golf clubs from her North Andover, was arrested and garage.

theft. At 6:24 p.m., a Wild Rose







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Sports TITLE TIME

TRACK & FIELD Andover dominates at New Englands No one would have blamed

Andover's 4x400 relay for being heartbroken, even devastated after falling to Mansfield in the event that decided the All-State crown. But the Golden Warriors were

not about to let it crush them.

"It was really difficult," said Adam Vetere. "I felt it for a long time. The coaches convinced me everybody could have done more. This makes it awesome."

The squad of Vetere, twin brother Mark Vetere, Connor O'Neill and Kerrick Stevens responded to that adversity like champions by staring down Mansfield and beating the Hornets in convincing fashion, 3:22.71 to 3:24.21 to bring home a coveted New England title in their specialty on Friday.

"It's great," said O'Neill. "Beating Mansfield and we were second in New England (indoor 2009, outdoor 2009) the last two times."

Returning three members from last year's New England 4x200 relay title team — Christopher McConnell, Mark Vetere, Stevens and Connor O'Neill - the Golden Warriors were marked men. But how did they responded? By running a blistering 1:30.20 for gold in the 4x200, well ahead of secondplace Lawrence (1:32.54).

McConnell wasn't done from there. The legendary senior blazed to his second straight New England 55 meter championship with a 6.39 clocking.

"It never gets old," he said, clutching the championship roses and plaque. "People say you should win, but it is always exciting."

Frustrated with a second-place finish at All-States, Andover's Moira Cronin responded in her event, winning the high jump with a 5-9 leap, beating Mansfield junior Kristen McDonagh on misses. McDonagh beat Cronin the same way a week earlier.

"(I said to myself) It's your last jump ever. I have to make this. I have to make a statement," said Cronin.



Andover players tackle their Eagle mascot in celebration after clinching a trip to the Division 1 state title game on Tuesday night.

ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Andover High girls ready to play for the state crown

By DAVID WILLIS STAFF WRITER

BOSTON — Andover point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez stopped to take a moment to ponder the last three seasons.

"Two years ago as a freshman I didn't know what to expect," she said. "I started, but I was clueless. Now, coming in I have a feel for it. I feel like I'm ready."

For the second time in three vears, Gomez-Martinez the Golden Warriors will play for a state title, having downed Mansfield in the Division 1 state semifinal 60-52 on Tuesday. That after defeating archrival Central Catholic in overtime on Friday.

"I'm so excited," said Andover up big in the clutch. sophomore Ally Fazio. "I can't believe we made it all the way to "Devon (Caveney) and Ally both six straight points to help lead her that game could have easily gone the championship game."

sion 1 semifinal between East the job done." Longmeadow and Shepherd Hill.

Andover has advanced to the state title game four other times in program history, winning the only heros to deliver. state hoops title in school history in 2003 and losing the title game in 1998, 2004 and 2008.

"Now we have made it to the finals and that was our goal," said Andover head coach Jim Tildsley. "I know we can play better than how we did (against Mansfield), and hopefully we will."

With Mansfield locking down on star guards Nicole Boudreau (13 points) and Gomez-Martinez (nine points), Andover was forced to look to its role players to come $\$ as he can, and \tilde{I} can hear him out

the winner of Wednesday's Divi- Alois and Dianna Bill) both just get game-high 13 rebounds.

Caveney grabbed the headlines, posting a career-high 19 points. But she was just one of the unsung

With Andover in search of offense and the lead down to six points, struggling Fazio opened the fourth quarter with a 3-pointer, and added a baseline jumper moments later on the way to her 10 points.

"I was struggling a bit at the beginning of the game," said Fazio. "But my brother (Andover boys point guard D.J.) and my father (Golden Warriors boys coach Dave) were encouraging me from the sidelines. My dad sits as close there."

"Coach always tells us the important thing is to fight back," said Alois. "I knew they'd be strong, but you have to keep working hard even when things aren't going well. That's our motto.'

Caveney then iced the contest with a pair of free throws with a minute left, clinched the Golden Warriors' trip to the title game.

"I can't wait to go out there." said Gomez-Martinez. "Two years ago we should have won the state title, and this year we can go out and prove we can do it."

OT thriller over Central Catholic

"I trust every player we put on Known more for her low-post first had to beat Central Catholic. nine steals while Natalie Gomezbelieve we made it this far. I can't the floor," said Gomez-Martinez. defense, forward Bill chipped in Andover coach Jim Tildsley knew Martinez also added 25 points.

overtime," said Tilsley. "They had all of the momentum."

The Golden Warriors had seen a 33-21 halftime deficit disappear to their archrival when Katie Zenevitch hit a layup and free throw with a second to go in regulation to send their Division 1 North final into overtime. But the Golden Warriors did not surrender, and downed the Raiders 69-65 to advance.

"It was the biggest game I have ever been in," said Nicole Boudreau at the time. "To be at the Garden and beat Central Catholic in overtime was amazing."

Andover, which beat Central three times this season, iced the victory with a pair of free throws for Ally Fazio. Boudreau finished To reach the semifinals, Andover with 25 points, 11 rebounds and

Team sport: Adult spelling bee April 9

Adults have the chance to compete in a different kind of team sport, the 13th Annual Andover Spelling Bee.

The Andover Fund for Education will host its bee on Friday, April 9 at West Middle School starting at 7 p.m. For additional information and to download a Spelling Bee registration form, go to www.Andover-FundforEducation.org.

"A fun-filled community event, the bee offers participants a chance to support educational innovation in the Andover Public Schools while also promoting a local school, business, or organization. AFE offers several ways to participate: enter a team of four adults in the competition; sponsor a round of the bee; or place an ad in the program," report organizers in a release."

Many the teams arrive in costume, as do many of the audience members - especially young students – who show up to cheer on their favorite team. A Spirit Trophy is awarded to the school team supported by the most enthusiastic fans, who are invited to strut their stuff in the Spirit Parade that takes place just before the final round. A Most Creative Team Costume award is given out as well.

At the end of the evening, prizes are awarded to the winning team of spellers.

came out and played great games squad while her frontcourt mate in a far different direction. The Golden Warriors will face and our two low post players (Alex Alois dominated the glass with a "We could have packed it in was soaking it all in."

"To be here doing this is unbelievable," said Gomez-Martinez. "I

Freshman phenom Caveney a spark for Golden Warriors

BY DAVID WILLIS STAFF WRITER

BOSTON — Andover freshman Devon Caveney still looked in awe of the game she had just delivered.

"I just had the best game of my life," she said, "and it was at the (TD) Garden. I can't believe it."

In fact, Caveney turned in a pair of tremendous performances at the TD Garden in the Golden Warriors' victories over Central Catholic and Mansfield to earn a berth in the Division 1 title game.

"Devon just plays with a kind of confidence that most freshman don't have," said Andover coach Jim Tildsley.

Caveney set the tone on Friday. In a game with more than enough highlights, her play may have been the most impressive at the 2:27 mark of overtime.

After an Andover miss, the ball was loose on the court with two Central Catholic players seemingly easily within reach of the ball. But Caveney flew in



Andover's Devon Caveney hustles for a loose ball. The freshman wowed with a game-high 19 points.

from behind, dove outstretched between the two standing Raiders to recover the ball as if she were a football player diving on a fumble. She was then able to to have that ball," said Caveney, get a pass off to set up a Golden who scored five points in the Warriors bucket.

"I was just thinking that I had felt like it was a big play."

BILL NEARLY SHOELESS

Few athletes could imagine a more terrifying moment than **Dianna Bill** experienced prior to Tuesday's game.

"Before the game I opened my athletic bag and saw that I only had one of my sneakers," said Bill. "I was flipping out. I was in the stands with my best friend crying, 'I can't find my shoes.' My father was running around Boston looking for the nearest sporting good store.'

Fortunately for Bill, teammate Courtney McDonald lent her a pair of shoes, and Bill had one of her best performances of the year.

"They were a size too small, but they were stretched out from the season and actually felt really good," said Bill. "I don't know, maybe they were lucky. I might have to wear them in the championship game."

game. "I knew I had to get it. I

ently a confidence booster, I think I did. And I'm thrilled." because Caveney provided an even better performance in a 60-52 win over Mansfield.

than I was," gushed Boudreau. "She flies under the radar more than you would think, but she has such a great stroke."

It will be difficult for Caveney to fly under the radar after the game she delivered on Tuesday.

"I was so ready and excited and I knew I had to play a good game," said Caveney. "Once I hit my first shot it was a lot easier to keep going. That first shot is so key.

Her first 3-pointer was a sign of things to come for Caveney. By the time the first half had ended she had scored 11 points, and just rolled from there.

In only 19 minutes off the bench, Caveney posted a gamehigh 19 points on 6-of-11 shooting, 4-of-9 from 3-point range. 'It's a lot of pressure some-

times to come off the bench," she

A big play it was, and appar- said. "I know I need to step it up.

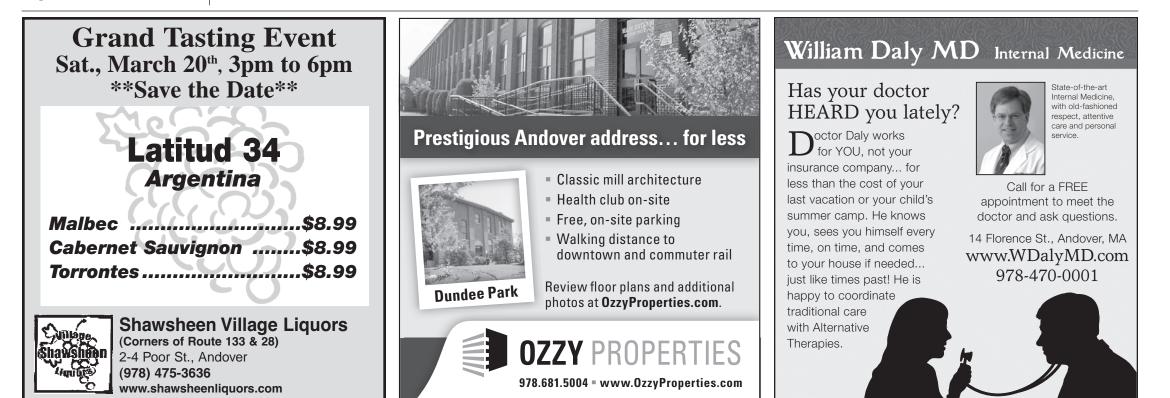
The 19 points were a careerhigh for the freshman. She had scored 18 against Notre Dame "She may be a better freshman of Hingham and 17 in a Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney victory over Methuen. The 5-foot-7 freshman averages 7.9 points a game, and for the season, she has knocked down 48 3-pointers.

'Devon came up huge for us in the first half," said Tildsley. "She was a little nervous, but she provided the spark that we needed.

"She drives the ball pretty well. She's only going to get better. She made a great three-point play there with the right hand. That was unbelievable."

Caveney can now end her perfect tourney with a victory in the state title game.

"I cannot wait for Saturday," she said. "I'm so thrilled and I feel like I stepped up today. I am so pumped because I wanted more than anything to win."



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More than just luck



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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



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

season. The team's record was Murphy. Back row, from left, 16-3-5. Team members pictured above include, front row, from left, Danny McCarthy, Chas Varsity hockey team won its Heseltine, Nathaniel Spellacy, conference championship, Cole Dillman, Colby Gilbert, Pat O'Sullivan, Josh Chevalier, beating Central Catholic in a Chris Olson, Dan McLaughlin, nail-biter of a final game, 3-2, Andrew Eriksen, Steven Cast- Cam Farnham, Brett Coneeny and ending a very successful aldo, Andrew Deloury and Ben and coach Steve Neal.

are coach Kevin Drew, team manager Danny Keenan, Kyle Wakefield, Joe Baglio, Will Vogel, Scottie Campbell, captain Joey Comeau, Justin Brosnan,

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

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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 Boyl-

ston placed in the finals. Gillian was also named to the 13-15 East Zone All Star Team. Jessica Mancini of Andover also

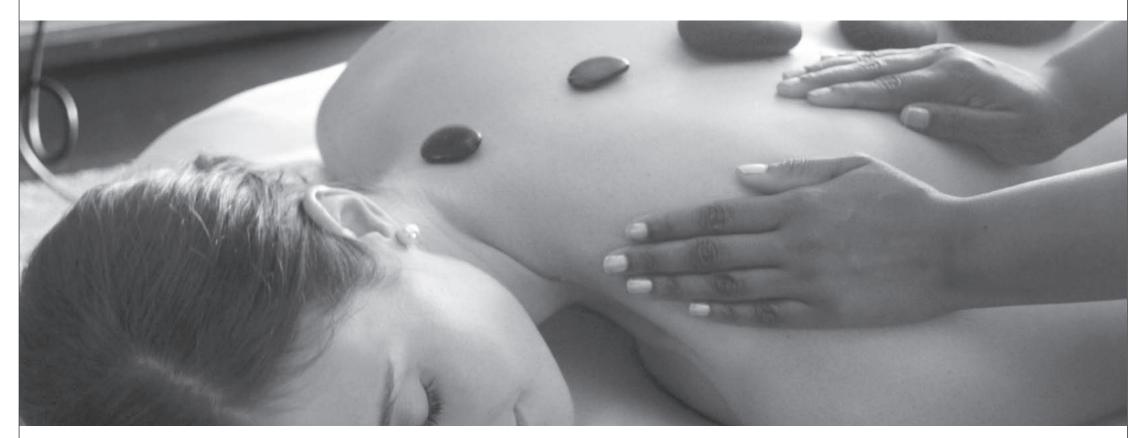
placed third in figures.

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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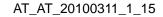
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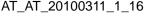
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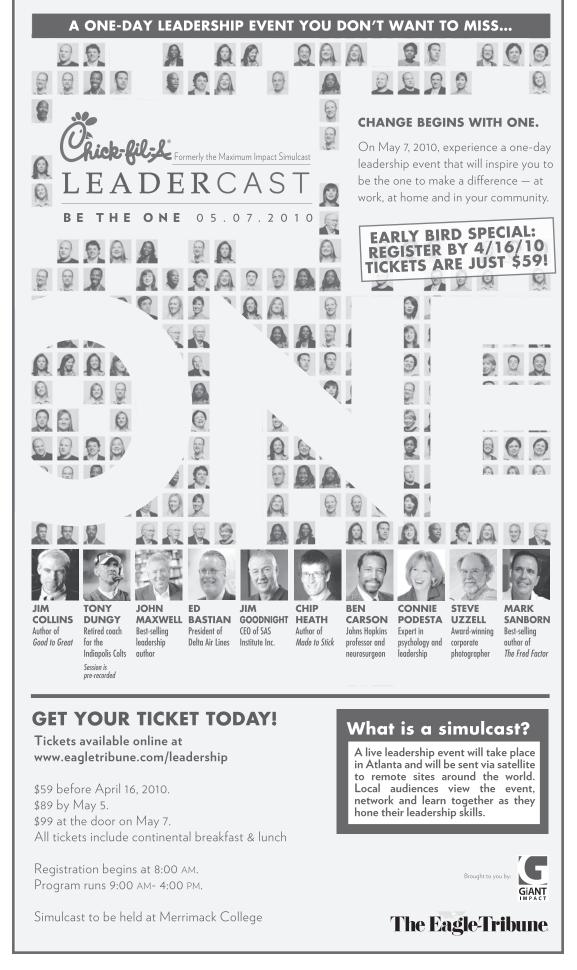
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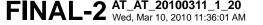


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