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## Two selectmen will be chosen by voters on Tuesday

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Selectman candidate Larry Bruce says there is so much money to be saved in the town's budget, Andover could pave Main Street with gold. "There is plenty of money

**CANDIDATES QUESTIONED AT LENGTH. PAGES 9, 12.**

here in Andover. Our problem is how we spend it," said Bruce. Getting to the bottom of town spending is one of the promises

Bruce made at the League of Women Voter's candidate forum on March 13.

Bruce and incumbent Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Jerry Stabile Jr. will face off for two seats on the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday, March 23, in

the only contested race of 2010 town elections. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Andover High School field house on the left side of the building at 80 Shawshen Road.

The March 13 question-and-answer session between Bruce,

Vispoli and Stabile became icy at times, as the incumbents bristled at Bruce's claims that the board has overspent, gutted the Andover Youth Services budget and repeatedly raised taxes and fees.

Bruce said he would double

the AYS budget and turn all Andover's street lights back on, if elected.

Stabile called Bruce's "paving Main Street with gold" claim immature.

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## HEAVEN ON HARDWOOD: STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Andover girls celebrate their victory in the Division 1 State Final at the DCU Center in Worcester Saturday.

## Andover girls run away with state title

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

By the time halftime had arrived on Saturday, the celebration had already begun. "This is such an amazing day," said Andover sophomore Ally Fazio. "We had set out goals before this season, and we reached the ultimate goal."

**MORE PHOTOS IN SPORTS, KIDS SECTIONS.**

The Golden Warriors closed out their dream season in dramatic fashion over the weekend, and it wasn't even close.

Andover High rolled past overmatched East Longmeadow 73-37 to take

home the Division 1 girls basketball state title at the DCU Center in Worcester.

It was the second state hoops title for the Golden Warriors, the other coming in 2002-03.

"This is the best feeling in the word," said starting point guard and co-captain Natalie Gomez-Martinez. "It's just crazy. We are so proud, and did it for the seniors."

A junior, Gomez-Martinez dominated play throughout the final, posting a game-high 25 points in just over three quarters. It was an impressive final statement to a tourney run that saw her average 23.8 points per game.

"What more can be said about Natalie?" said Andover head coach Jim Tildsley. "She was a team leader and really produced. She played her best game of the year in the final."



Andover girls celebrate their 73-37 victory in the Division 1 State Final on Saturday. Many of those on the team will return next year.

Sophomore Nicole Boudreau continued to grow her legacy with 18 points, giving her an average of 20.2 point a game in the tourney. "This is just amazing," said Boudreau. "From day one, our ultimate goal was to take home the title, and we did it. We knew we had to go out and set the tempo, and we did it."

The Golden Warriors surged to a 24-5 first-quarter lead, and simply never looked back on the way to earning the state crown.

"I couldn't be happier to be able to go out on top," said senior forward Dianna Bill, who once again played a key role under the basket. "I'm so thrilled we all went out and played well and now we're champions."

## Flooding displaces hundreds

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

**DOHERTY FIELDS FLOODED PRIOR TO STORM. PAGE 4.**

It was Mother's Day, 2006, all over again. More than eight inches of rain fell on the Merrimack Valley March 13, 14 and 15 swelling Andover waterways and flooding streets and basements.

Like in 2006, many Andover residents, including the Washington Park Condominiums, found themselves being evacuated.

"This time, we had more warning, instead of having to be taken out in boats, like we did in 2006," said Dottie Winn, who has lived in a first-floor unit in Washington Park since 1983. "Unfortunately, having gone through this during the Mother's Day flood, replacing

everything, I'm very calm. My mantra is 'it's only material things'."

Andover schools and many roads closed Tuesday were reopened on Wednesday, but more than 100 people remained out of their homes.

For Andover native Gretchen Blamire, this week's events were a deja vu of a more distant time – the 1936 floods. Blamire was a sophomore at Punchard High School that year, and remembers her father riding around Shawshen Square in a motorboat. Thirteen of her extended

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PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Charles Murnane of Andover gets close to the Shawshen River in Ballardvale where it had flooded the parking lot of Ballardvale Company during this week's rain.

## Emergency call again for new ambulance

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

ambulance. Each patient eventually made it safely to their hospital destination.

Four different times in the last nine months, Andover's Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said a resident on the way to a hospital had to be unloaded from the town's oldest ambulance, a 2001 model, because it broke down. Each patient was reloaded onto a gurney in a newer replacement

That oldest ambulance was in service each time because a newer town ambulance (2002, 2007, 2009 models) was in the repair shop for routine maintenance, Mansfield said.

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# RAIN: Shawsheen River overflows, causing flooding, evacuations

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family members, all whom lived in Shawsheen, stayed with Blamire's family on Argyle Street until flooding receded.

Blamire returned to Andover this month, moving into Marland Place on Stevens Street on Thursday, March 11, only to be evacuated by flood waters on Monday, March 15. She is staying with her daughter in North Attleboro.

"I've been here for 13-and-a-half years and have never seen

the Shawsheen River so high," said Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities department director.

No school or town buildings were flooded this week; Piantedosi said he was thankful that a new drainage system was put in place at Andover High School in the summer of 2009.

"That whole field house would have been under water if we hadn't done that," he said.

Gov. Deval Patrick declared a state of emergency on Monday.

Route 28 was completely flooded in front of the Shawsheen Market Basket Plaza Monday and Tuesday. The sound of water rushing over the roadway could be heard from the Stevens Street intersection on Tuesday afternoon.

Residential streets throughout town bore the evidence of basement sump-pumps working overtime, as tubing stretched from countless homes to driveways and streets, spewing

water.

Close to a dozen roads throughout town were closed earlier this week. Andover Public Schools were cancelled on Tuesday, March 16 because so many roads were impassible.

When reached Tuesday afternoon, Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said it would be at least 24 hours before he anticipated reopening flooded roadways.

"The water at this point, as I'm speaking, is rising. The river is expected to crest somewhere around midnight tonight," said Mansfield on March 16. "We will reopen roads as soon as we possibly can. But we won't until it's absolutely safe."

Fire, police and town crews responded frequently to emergency calls early this week, evacuating residents and closing roads. Mansfield estimated fire personnel visited over 200 Andover homes, shutting of gas and electric utilities in flooded basements.

Emergency responders also rescued several motorists who ignored signs and drove into flooded roads, becoming stranded. Multiple drivers, including one who became stranded on High Plain Road with children in the car, were issued citations by police for ignoring emergency signs.

## Raw sewage into river

The extra groundwater and runoff caused a sewer pumping station to become overloaded Monday around noon, and emergency spillover of raw sewage was being dumped into the Shawsheen River next to the Shawsheen Plaza.

The pumping station was built with four pumps, the fourth used only as a backup. After running on all four pumps for more than 24 hours, the system maxed out, said Jack Petkus, public works director.

"If we don't offload it, we



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

The Atria Marland Place assisted living in Andover was evacuated Monday as a precaution. The place sits right next to the Shawsheen River, which had gone over its banks.



John Grecco and friend Mike O'Dey move furniture from the Washington Park home of O'Dey's mother, Mary. The development was evacuated.

can overload the main pumping station in Shawsheen. If that goes, then everything goes into river," said Petkus. "It's not done willy, nilly, it's done because you have a real bonafide emergency."

"The river is at such a high volume right now that it vastly dilutes it. The stuff we're pumping in is diluted (by all the rainwater), and going into a river that further dilutes it," he said.

Residents of Washington Park expressed concern that the raw sewage was being directed toward the condominiums, and away from Market Basket.

Winn said she is getting her tetanus shot updated before she returns home.

Washington Park management prepared for flooding by placing sandbags around the property Monday morning, advising all residents to leave voluntarily by 2 p.m. After 5 p.m. that day, the fire department called for a complete evacuation of the

complex and cut off utilities to some of the buildings.

"A handful" of Washington Park residents have refused to leave their homes, and public safety personnel cannot force them to leave, said Mansfield.

"We're strongly encouraging them to leave ... We know they're still on the property," said Mansfield Tuesday afternoon. "We're asking for everyone cooperation, in an effort to keep everyone safe."

Washington Park residents returning to gather essential items left behind have been accompanied by Andover firefighters, said Mansfield, and several returned by boat.

The 115 senior citizen residents of Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street were ordered to evacuate at 2 p.m. on Monday, March 15. Company spokeswoman Amira Rubin said 70 residents were transported to a Holiday Inn in Salem, N.H. and the rest were welcomed into the homes of relatives.

## HISTORY REPEATING?

The heavy rains and flooding of March 2010 are strikingly similar to March 1936. According to Memorial Hall Library's "Andover Answers" online database: "In March of 1936 there was a devastating flood in Andover. A torrential downpour on Saturday, March 14, was followed by another on Wednesday, March 18. This second rain storm proved too much for the already swollen waters of the Shawsheen River. The river had crested higher than in the previous 55 years that records had been kept."

"200 boys from the conservation corps and troops from the National Guard helped Andover clean up from the 1936 flood. 104 homes were evacuated in the Shawsheen and Marland Villages of Andover. The Marland Mill dam prevented flooding in Ballardvale. Although, at its peak, the water rose to the top of the dam."

Five full-time staffers stayed on site with residents at the hotel. The fire department expected residents to return to Marland on Wednesday.

Reporter Judy Wakefield contributed to this story.

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# RACE: Candidates answer questions at forum

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## YOU CAN SEE IT

"When it comes to tough decisions on how we're spending our money, don't tell me how we're not doing that," said Stabile. "ou don't know the facts, or are sitting there meeting in and meeting out, going through line item by line item."

Candidates for this year's uncontested races also answered questions at the March 13 forum: Paula Colby-Clements and Dick Collins for School Committee, Sheila Doherty for moderator, Marilyn Fitzgerald

Video recording of the March 13 League of Women Voters candidate forum can be viewed in entirety at www.andovertv.org. Click on "video archive" and then "League of Women Voters"

for Greater Lawrence Technical School Committee and Francis O'Connor for Andover Housing Authority.

A small audience attended the forum, held at Memorial Hall Library. The event was also broadcast on local cable

television.

When asked about the relocation of town yard, Vispoli and Stabile were in favor, saying it would create tax revenue and improve the woefully small, aging facility currently located off of Lewis Street.

"Town yard is working now. It may seem small but it's adequate," said Bruce. "It's not a good use of town funds to move it — \$20 million to move the town yard when it's working right where it is. My plan would be to put our needs first."

When asked about conflict of interest, Stabile, who along

with Selectman Ted Teichert has relatives in the Andover Fire Department, said he had studied the law carefully.

"It's something we take very, very seriously here in town and we don't compromise on it," he said.

After the exchange between selectmen candidates, Vispoli used his closing statement to assert a divisive Board of Selectmen "doesn't make sense" or move the town forward.

"They're looking for more revenue, I'm looking for less," said Bruce in his closing statement. "On Tuesday, March 23, you can unlock our wonderful future. You've already tried two keys that don't work (referring to Vispoli and Stabile). I will work for you as the key that fits."

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** The Shawsheen Manor on Main Street, was originally the estate of 19th-century mill owner John Smith. It was remodeled and expanded to serve as a hotel for businessmen who traveled to Andover to deal with the Andover Woolen Company. Vendors, agents, and salesman could use telephones for a fee across the street.



**NOW:** The location of the former Shawsheen Manor, on North Main Street. It was demolished in 1989.

## Town elections: Request absentee ballot by noon Monday, March 22

The Town Election will be held Tuesday, March 23, 2010. All nine precincts will vote at the Andover High School Field House between the hours of 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Absentee balloting is available only to registered voters who will be unable to vote at the polls on election day due to:

1. absence from the town during the hours the polling place is open
2. physical disability preventing the voter from going to the polling place
3. religious beliefs.

Requesting to vote absentee by, a registered voter, or a family member, may request an absentee ballot be mailed to the voter. That request must be in writing. The request must be received at the office of the Town Clerk no later than noon on Monday, March 22. Voters requesting mailed absentee ballots should request the ballot

with enough advance notice so that the ballot can be mailed to the voter and returned by election day.

The voter may make the request using the official absentee ballot application form available online at [andoverma.gov](http://andoverma.gov) or you may use any form of written communication such as a letter or postcard. The request must include the voter's name, address where registered to vote, the mailing address where the ballot will be sent, and the signature or each registered voter making a request for an absentee ballot.

Requesting to vote absentee in person: the deadline for requesting to vote absentee in person is noon on Monday, March 22. Voters may fill out the application for an absentee ballot and vote at the Town Clerk's Office during the same visit. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

## NEWS CALENDAR

### THURSDAY, MARCH 18

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.  
Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.  
Master Plan meeting about 15 Blanchard St. playing fields, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 19

School Committee in-district special education tour, various school buildings, 8 a.m.

### MONDAY, MARCH 22

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

### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

Tri-board of Selectmen, Finance and School Committees, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.  
Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

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

## Charity night raises money for Johnson scholarship

Friends promised to "keep the ship moving" after Corinne Johnson died of cancer in 2008. Johnson was a big believer in education. The Andover mom, whose son Jimmy Johnson is a senior at Andover High School, was the first female general manager at the General Electric Aircraft Plant in

Lynn. After her death, a committee was formed to raise scholarship money for kids who have suffered the loss of a parent, guardian or sibling. Last year, the group awarded nine scholarships.

This year's "Keeping the Shir Moving" memorial scholarship fundraiser is Friday, March 26 at

Andover Country Club starting at 6 p.m. A fashion show, raffles, music and dinner are planned. The live auction will feature basketball coach Dave Fazio and lacrosse coach Wayne Puglisi.

Organizers include Joan Ponti, Liz Burdeau, Lisa Pustis, Mary Miller, Colleen Fazio, Karen

Hennessey, Julie Gadziala, Beth Schumacher, Lisa McDonald, Tina Conlin, Kathy Pallotta, Jill McConnell and Dee Riemer.

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- Judy Wakefield

## Andona to award five \$2,000 scholarships to high school seniors

The Andona Society will award five \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors whose official, permanent residence is in Andover. One of these awards will be designated as a 766 PAC scholarship. Seniors attending Andover High School, Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational

Technical High School or a private school are eligible to apply for the scholarships. These scholarships are for one year only and are to be applied to the recipient's first year of post high school education.

Applications are now available at the Andover High School guidance office. Private school

seniors can obtain applications on the Andona Society Web site at [www.andonasociety.org](http://www.andonasociety.org) or the Memorial Hall Library Web site at [www.mhl.org/andover/](http://www.mhl.org/andover/). You can also mail a request to: Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, MA 01810 Attn: Lisa Kole. Andover High School applications must be received

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For more information on the Andona Society visit [www.andonasociety.org](http://www.andonasociety.org).

## Call 211 with flooding concerns

The Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency recommends that those who have been impacted by the storm and subsequent flooding should call 2-1-1 with any questions or issues. Mass2-1-1 serves as the Commonwealth's primary telephone information call center during times of emergency.

The easy-to-remember 2-1-1 telephone number is a 24/7 resource for human service, public safety and disaster response

agencies. It was designed, in part, to reduce the number of non-emergency calls made to 9-1-1.

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## Bancroft students show big heart, deliver big check for Haiti

Fourth-graders at Bancroft Elementary School raised \$1,300 for American Red Cross relief effort for Haiti during the month of February. This total is separate and in addition to the \$1,800 the whole school raised soon after the devastating earthquake. Bancroft school as a whole collected \$1800 for Haiti through a spare change drive sponsored by the school PTO.

In this more recent effort the fourth-grade classrooms took part in a reading program.

"The students read every night and as part of their homework had to fill out a special reading calendar which had them reading in a

certain place, with some specific person, or while wearing something fun," reported teacher Claire Touseau in an e-mail. "Then they asked for and collected pledges from family and friends."

The effort was meant to show how much the students care about others and want to help, she said.

## Census scam alert

While residents must take part in the U.S. Census, they should also be aware that there are some people trying to take advantage of the Census to gather people's information.

The U.S. Census does not request Social Security numbers, so do not divulge this information to anyone claiming to

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# Rains (not Tim Raines) try to steal third

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Rogers Brook tried to steal third base early last week, after heavy rains caused the usually tranquil waterway to swell and flood a baseball diamond behind Doherty Middle School, washing away the third base line.

The small diamond, Doherty's northern-most field past the track behind the school, was not in use when the flooding occurred. A town-hired contractor began repairs to the field last week after the Conservation Commission issued an emergency certification to disturb the wetland on March 9. A large backhoe worked to redistribute soil, rebuilding a bank that had washed away and fortifying it with granite.

The problem at Rogers Brook occurred days before this past weekend's heavy rain that left areas of the Merrimack Valley in disaster. The majority of repair work was finished Friday, March 12, to fortify the brook's bank before the weekend storm.

Granite used was recycled pieces of granite curbing and steps. Grass seed will be planted when weather permits. If left unrepaired, a fielder headed for a



BETHANY BRAY/Staff photo

**A town-hired crew works to rebuild the bank of Rogers Brook behind Doherty Middle School on March 12. Recent rains had caused the normally tranquil waterway to swell and flood a baseball diamond, washing away the third base line.**

pop fly would have taken just a few steps before slipping down a steep embankment into the brook. "The velocity of water was so great during the (late February rain

and wind) storm that it eroded away the bank," said Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities director. "And baseball season is right around the corner."

## AMBULANCE: 2001 in shop often for repairs this year

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Andover has four ambulances to respond to emergencies around the clock, although only two ambulances are typically used at one time because of staffing. The town's ambulance business is very, very busy, according to Mansfield. As a result, Mansfield wants to get rid of that 2001 ambulance and buy a 2010 or 2011 ambulance for the town fleet.

As highlighted in those four incidents shared by Mansfield, that 2001 model has to be used when the newer models need routine service. The newest models have computers on board and Mansfield said that requires frequent routine service.

### IT'S BACK

The \$225,000 request to buy a brand new ambulance was on the Town Meeting warrant in 2009. Selectmen rejected the idea last year as the town's newest ambulance, the 2009 model, was put on the road just a month before last year's Town Meeting.

Mansfield argues that the frequency of calls in town demands a new vehicle.

"Our oldest ambulance (2001

model) needs work all the time. Inspections have not been good," Mansfield said. "There's corrosion and technical safety issues."

"And, we are very busy. We average 15 calls a day, eight to nine hospital transports," he said. "About 60 percent of those calls involve the elderly. I would say we're at the high end (of community calls for help)."

With two major highways Interstate 93 and Route 495 served by Andover safety personnel and 305,000 cars driving through town each work day, wear and tear issues happen fast, Mansfield said.

"We get the calls and we go, no question about it," Mansfield said. "But, we need a new ambulance... we are busy."

### FACILITIES: BACKUP AMBULANCE 'A LEMON'

Plant & Facilities Manager Joe Piantedosi said the 2001 is not reliable.

"It's a lemon. It's had a terrible track record since we got it...No one will say it, but it's a lemon," Piantedosi said of the town's 2001 ambulance.

"Let me say this, I would not

want that ambulance to take me to a hospital," he said. "It's not reliable."

Piantedosi said mechanics in his department have serviced the ambulance too often over the years. The town bought the 2001 ambulance new, he said. Until the 2009 ambulance came in, the 2001 was used as the town's first responder, officials said last year.

"But, now it's ready for the junk yard," Piantedosi said.

He explained that bidding laws typically require the lowest bidder in community purchases. The town took the low bid with the 2001 ambulance purchase because it had to, he said.

"Sometimes, things like this happen. What can you do?" he said.

### TOWN MANAGER SUPPORT

Meanwhile, Mansfield has the support of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, who has included \$225,000 for a new ambulance in the Capital Improvement Plan.

"I know how busy they are," Stapczynski said. "Selectmen know it, too."

Last year, selectmen support for a new ambulance was dropped just before Town Meeting. First, selectmen were in favor

of buying a new ambulance. Then, they reversed their decision after learning the newest ambulance was being put on the road just a few weeks before Town Meeting.

The 2009 ambulance model took months to get on the road, which is typical, Mansfield said.

"It's not like buying a vehicle in a lot and driving it home," he explained.

Communities make the purchase, then the ambulance is ordered. It must pass inspection and be certified by the state office of emergency medical services before it is released to a community. The process takes months. For example, if Mansfield's request is approved at Town Meeting late next month, he said it will probably take a manufacturer "about 120 to 150 days," four to five months, to fulfill the order. Then, the state inspections begin.

"We have to stay on top of this," Mansfield said. "You don't go out and just get an ambulance. There's a lot involved."

Mansfield has said ambulances are kept in front-line service for five to six years, and then relegated to reserve status.

"I know all department heads have been told that the town is not prepared to spend money unless it's absolutely necessary. Well, we need an ambulance," he said.

## Three adults sent to hospital after school dismissal time crash

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Just as the bell rang to dismiss Doherty Middle School students on Friday, March 12, a two-car crash occurred in front of the Bartlet Street school that sent three adults to the hospital.

No Doherty Middle students were involved or injured in the accident, said Principal Theresa McGuinness Darby.

Teachers and Doherty administration flooded Doherty's front lawn just after 2 p.m., keeping students at a distance from the accident scene. One of the drivers in the incident was cited for driving without a license.

Police at the scene of the crash would release no further details beyond confirming three adults had gone to the hospital. Four messages seeking details from Lt. Commander James Hashem, who

acts as police department spokesman, were not returned before Townsman deadline.

The crash between a blue Toyota Tundra pickup truck and a gold PT Cruiser happened on Bartlet Street, where a parking lot empties onto Bartlet via Whittier Court, on the south side of the school. As McGuinness Darby surveyed the crash scene, she said she did not recognize either vehicle as belonging to a school employee.

The PT Cruiser's driver side door was peeled off as emergency personnel extracted the driver, a woman, who was put in a waiting ambulance. The car's windshield was broken and impact damage could be seen along the driver's side. The front driver's side of the pickup truck was smashed in and the tire flattened. As it was loaded onto a tow truck, it began to leak fluid. Airbags in both vehicles deployed in the accident.

### ■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

#### ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 9 - At 1:50 p.m., Anthony W. Martinez, 21, of 29 Whitman St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 3:26 p.m., George Henry Garhnum, 40, of 109 Main St., Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Thursday, March 11 - At 10:29 a.m., Aleks F. Mauricio, 42, of 35 Lancashire, Providence, R.I., was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license and a motor vehicle equipment violation.

Friday, March 12 - At 7:57 a.m., Luis A. Diaz, 38, of 340 Lincoln St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with trafficking cocaine.

At 8:19 a.m., Edwin E. Pacheco, 30, of 190 Park St., Apt. 2, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for fines for driving with a suspended license.

At 12:33 p.m., Mavis Jane Cusick, 52, of 18 William St., was arrested and charged on a section 35 warrant.

At 1:15 p.m., Kara Palmer, 25, of 15 Brookline St., Townsend, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

At 7:48 p.m., four officers responded to a vehicle break-in on Minuteman Road. At 8:13 p.m., John Rollins, 42, of 16B Fox Run Road, Swanzey, N.H., was arrested and charged with breaking and

entering in the nighttime for a felony, possessing a burglarious instrument, receiving stolen property over \$250, driving with a suspended license and operating under the influence of drugs. At 8:23 p.m., Jodi S. Merchant, 28, of 194 Gunn Mountain Road, Ashuelot, N.H., was arrested and charged with breaking and entering in the nighttime for a felony, possessing a burglarious instrument and receiving stolen property over \$250.

Saturday, March 13 - At 2:05 a.m., four officers responded to a report of vandalism at a Beacon Street elementary school. At 2:43 a.m., Jeffrey S. Grullon, 18, of 700 C Brookside Drive, was arrested and charged with trespassing with a motor vehicle and wanton destruction of property over \$250. At 3:09 a.m., Scott Bowman, 17, of 76 Haverhill St., was arrested and charged with trespassing with a motor vehicle and wanton destruction of property over \$250. Two other people were issued court summons for the incident.

At 10:03 a.m., police and a fire personnel responded to a vehicle that drove into a house on Highland Road. At 10:49 a.m., Michael J. Okeefe, 44, of 25 Clarks Road, Apt. 206, Amesbury, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, speeding and operating under the influence of liquor, second offense. Okeefe's airbags had deployed and he was evaluated by emergency workers.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

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

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

**PLAY OPENS,** commissioned by Merrimack Repertory Theatre and receiving its world premiere, "The Last Days of Mickey and 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.Merrimackrep.org.

**HISTORY FOR KIDS,** Haverhill Historical Society presents "History for Half-Pints: The Merry Merrimack," for children ages 2 to 5 and their caregivers, 10 to 11:30 a.m., But-tonwoods 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.haverhillhistory.org.

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

**LIVE THEATER,** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, by the South Church Players, 7:30 p.m., \$8 advance, \$10 door, proceeds benefit Earthquake relief in Haiti, South Church, 41 Central St., Andover, 978-475-0321.

**DANCE BENEFIT,** Andover High School Dance for Haiti, 7:30 p.m., AHS Collins Center, \$7 adults, \$5 children under 10, student-choreographed dance includes hip-hop, lyrical and Indian cultural dance; Kim Bergey, kbergey@apsl.net.

**WHAT'S IT WORTH APPRAISAL EVENT,** with Skinner appraiser and Antiques Roadshow regular Stuart Whitehurst, 7 to 9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Locke Street, Andover, hosted by the Andover Historical Society, \$15-20. Coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments will NOT be appraised at this event. To register, call the Historical Society, 978-475-2236.

**LIVE THEATER,** Annie Get Your Gun, Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover, \$12; 978-686-4445, offices@natrinitarian.org.

**LIVE THEATER,** Jack and the Beanstalk, The Fringe Theatre with Drew Reinhardt of Andover, Christ Episcopal Church, Needham; tickets can be purchased at www.thefringetheatre.com or by calling 781-267-3228, www.needhamtheatre.org.

**LIVE MUSIC,** Richie Havens, 8 p.m., \$30 and \$35, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978-462-5888, www.tupelohall.com.

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

**ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL,** showing "The Syrian Bride," 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel Lowell, 101 West Forest St., Lowell; www.temv.org, 978-454-1372.

**LIVE MUSIC,** the Essex Chamber Music Players, 2 p.m., performance features chamber music from the 17th-21st centuries, performed by Artistic Director flutist Michael Finegold of Andover and pianist David Pihl, Memorial Hall Library, Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

**LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC,** Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra chamber ensembles, 3 p.m., \$10 for adults/\$8 for students, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Newburyport; 978-462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

**WOODWIND CONCERT,** West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, 3 p.m. featuring the Merrimack Valley Woodwind Quintet, a "free will" collection will be taken to support the West Parish Youth Mission trip to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota this June.

**LIVE BLUES MUSIC,** Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, opening act is Brendan Hogan, 8 p.m., \$20, New Moon Coffeehouse, 16 Ashland St. Haverhill; www.newmooncoffeehouse.org, 978-459-5134.

**LIVE MUSIC,** The Stompers, 8 p.m., \$25, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978-462-5888, www.tupelohall.com.

**LIVE THEATER,** Annie Get Your Gun, see

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# FROM MR. AHS, TO A KING

## Beliveau brothers' Crash Kings earns record deal

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

His jazz piano playing skills helped Tony Beliveau capture the Mr. AHS crown in 1997.

Now, he and his brother Mike have a band with the No. 8 song on America's Music Chart and that song, *Mountain Man*, is being played on Boston radio stations WBOS and WAAF.

Tony and Mike are two members of the band Crash Kings and praise for them is coming from all angles. These Beliveau boys grew up in town and both graduated from Andover High School and Berklee College of Music. Their rock band has a record deal with Custard Records and Universal/Motown.

Crash Kings has opened for rock notables including Stone Temple Pilots, American Idol winner David Cook and Chris Cornell. A March 9 show at Boston's Paradise Club got good reviews and lots of hometown friends attended. Plans for tours in Europe and England are in the works, they said.

Currently on tour with the band, *Jet*, in Baton Rouge, La. and Austin, Tex. this week, Tony Beliveau took time out to talk about his band's success. He was on the phone from Arkansas when the Townsman caught up with him Monday afternoon.

"We love coming back to Andover," said Tony Beliveau, who graduated from AHS in 1998, two years before his brother, Mike. "It's been pretty crazy for us, but great."



From left, Crash Kings Mike Beliveau and his brother, Tony Beliveau, who both grew up in Andover, with bandmate Jason Morris.

He described the band's rock style as "high energy" and finds it "pretty cool" that his small, lead-guitar-free trio has been so well-received.

Less is more, he believes, and creating a massive sound with the absence of guitar was the goal. He knew Mike Beliveau's driven electric bass sound would compensate for the lack of guitar. With strong drummer Jason Morris, Crash Kings doesn't believe they are missing anything, Tony Beliveau says on his Web site.

His rock inspiration came from the popular bands of the 1990s including Nirvana and Pearl Jam.

His focus was classic jazz

piano while growing up in town and Herbie Hitchcock was inspiring in those days, he said. After high school he attended the University of North Texas.

He transferred to Berklee in 2000 and enjoyed "jamming out" as he branched out musically while attending Berklee until 2004. A move to New York City to join his brother followed and then the brothers were off to Los Angeles, Calif. LA is now home for the Beliveau boys and their band. They have lived there since October 2006.

Then, the record deal with Custard Records happened and Universal/Motown followed. "Custard liked us and Universal/Motown wanted to see us

live. So, we went to the studio... We basically signed with them that day," Beliveau said. "It was pretty exciting."

Beliveau writes all of the band's songs and proudly points out he continues to write lyrics by hand in this high-tech age.

"I write by hand because I can go back and feel the emotion I had that day I wrote. It's a dying method but I like to remember feelings and express them by handwriting," he said.

When he's not writing or rehearsing, he's showing his true Boston-area colors as he's still a crazy driver, just like his brother, he said.

"And we used to crash

parties and play," he said of his early days in LA.

That's how the band's name, Crash Kings, was born.

The video for their hit, *Mountain Man*, was filmed while the Beliveau brothers pursued another passion, skiing. Filmed at a concert stop in Vail, Colo., the brothers clearly know what they're doing on the slopes.

"We're diehard skiers," Beliveau said.

Family memories of week-ends at their parents ski house in Vermont are happy and plentiful.

"It was a great way to grow up. We loved it," Beliveau said. Look for a return visit to the area in late spring.

## Antique Roadshow regular back to answer Andoverites' questions

Back by popular demand, the Andover Historical Society will host its fourth annual "What's it Worth" Appraisal event with Skinner appraiser and Antiques Roadshow regular Stuart Whitehurst.

"What's It Worth?" will be held Friday, March 19, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover around the corner from the historical society.

Guests may bring one item to be appraised or come to listen and enjoy Whitehurst's appraisals. Tickets for the event are \$15 for Andover Historical Society members and \$20 for non-members. Coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments will not be appraised at this event. To register for the event, call the historical society at 978-475-2236.

"What's It Worth" is an open format appraisal event, which has become increasingly popular as appraisers have found that guests are just as curious about the treasures brought by other guests as they are about their own. As guests enter, they register their appraisal item, place it on tables at the front of the hall, and then take a seat in the audience. Whitehurst will examine and discuss each item on the tables, appraising up to 50 items during the event. Whitehurst is an entertaining and informative speaker whose goal is to teach the audience something new with each item he examines, says the historical society.

Whitehurst has worked for Skinner, Inc., since January 1995. He has over 14 years of



Stuart Whitehurst of Skinners, Boston, will make a return visit to Andover.

experience in the field of fine and decorative arts. Stuart was instrumental in establishing Skinner as a leading source for all manner of historical documents, including books, manuscripts, letters, and autographs, according to a release about the event. Beyond his knowledge of rare books and manuscripts, Stuart is a renowned senior generalist appraiser with extensive knowledge of Latin American Paintings; prints and manuscripts; and English, Continental and Chinese decorative works of art and furniture from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. He is a favorite on the PBS series *The Antiques Roadshow* and regularly conducts appraisal days and benefit auctions for non-profit and charitable organizations. Whitehurst has also made appearances on the *Ellen DeGeneres Show*.

For more information call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andover-historical.org.

## Jack climbs British-style beanstalk

Drew Reinhardt of Andover is part of a new theater group, The Fringe Theatre, which is putting on its first production *Jack & the Beanstalk* on March 19, 20 and 21 at the Christ Episcopal Church in Needham.

This family show is being performed in the style of a British panto and that means many jokes, skits, songs and just a little candy throwing along the way, according to organizers. The same team performed *Cinderella*, the panto through Needham Community Theatre to sell out audiences last year.

Panto is short for pantomime, though it is definitely not quiet. It is a traditional form of family entertainment in the UK. Well known fairy tales are retold in a quirky, comic style. "Think Monty Python, mixed with Benny Hill and Ricky Gervais and you are on the right lines. One of the traditions is that the lead boy is played by a girl, Jeanne Crowley in this case," according to a release from the group.

The cast has been drawn from all over the Greater Boston area and have, between, them put on more than 100 shows. Drew Reinhardt of Andover, who plays the valley girl Begonia says, "It has been incredible fun doing Jack, and I hope the audience will share in that. In the UK everyone would know the traditions, but this is new to us Americans. But there are so many hilarious bits in the show. And the kids, and everyone else in the audience, will love the shouting and singing that they get to do."

*Jack & the Beanstalk* opens in the evening of Friday, March 19, two shows on Saturday, March



Drew Reinhardt of Andover starred in *Cinderella* last year and will be in *Jack and the Beanstalk* this year.

20 and a final matinee on Sunday, March 21. Tickets can be purchased at www.thefringetheatre.com or by calling 781-267-3228.

## Explore life and times of John and Abigail Adams

The Andover Sister Towns Association of Andover and North Andover is presenting a program, "The Life and Times of John Adams and Abigail Adams," with Don Robb, discussion leader and local historian.

John Adams was a brilliant, independent Yankee patriot who

advocated the American Revolution and rose to become the second President of the United States. The program will be held at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover on March 27 at 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following a short business meeting

planning a visit to the John Adams National Historic House in Quincy, Mass. in April.

New members and the public are welcome to attend the program. For more information, contact Fred and Marge Snell at fredsnell@gmail.com or 978-686-3647.

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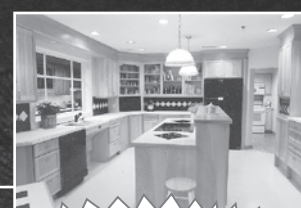
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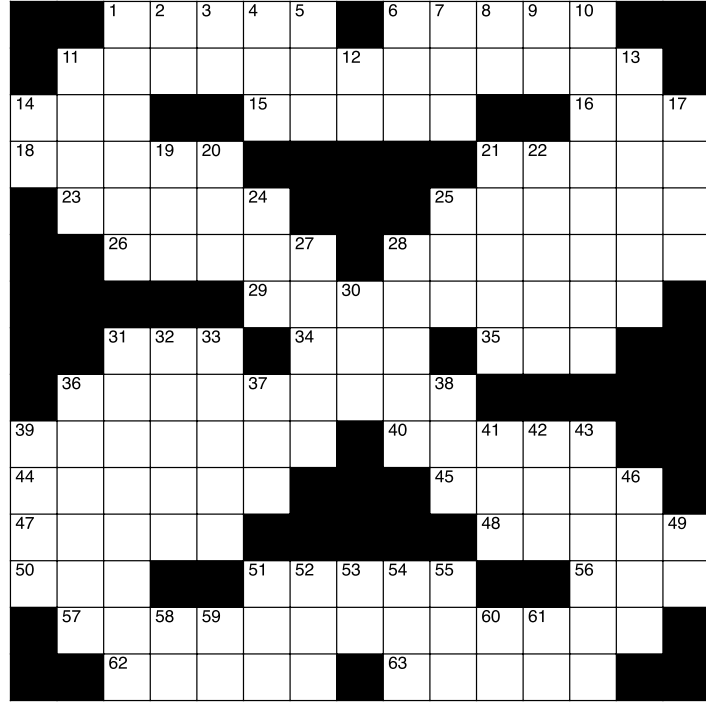


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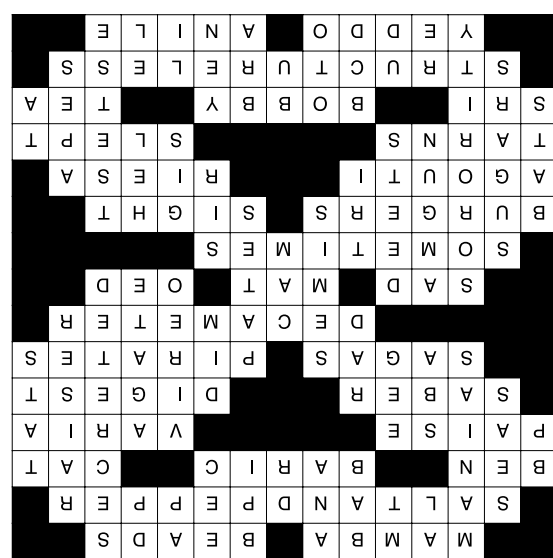


### CLUES ACROSS

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6. Rosary parts
11. Table spices
14. Damon's friend Affleck
15. Of barium
16. Feline mammal
18. Monetary unit of India
21. \_\_\_ble: likely to change
23. Sword with a curved blade
25. Assimilate food
26. Adventure stories
28. High seas thieves
29. 1/10 of a hectometer
31. Unhappy
34. A gymnast's thick pad
35. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
36. On occasion
39. Grilled beef sandwiches
40. The ability to see
44. Rodents
45. German town
47. Small mountain lakes
48. \_\_\_ like a baby
50. Hindu holy man title
51. British policeman
56. An English cuppa
57. Devoid of cells
62. Tokyo
63. Like an old woman

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30. A rotating mechanism
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33. Insect repellents
36. Cane powders
37. Denotes three
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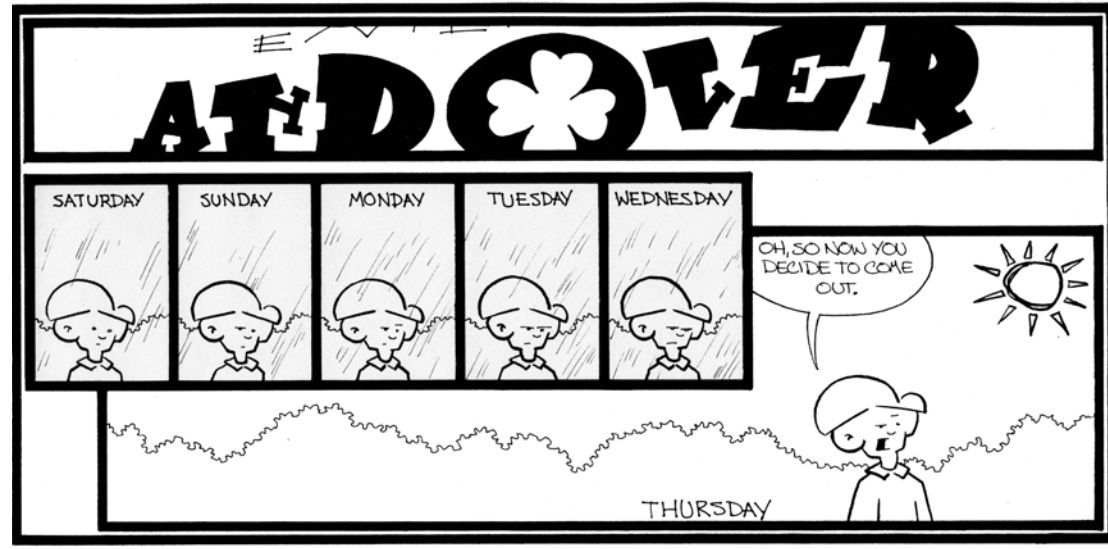
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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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March 19 listing.  
**LIVE THEATER**, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 5:30 p.m., see March 19 listing.  
**LIVE THEATER**, Jack and the Beanstalk, The Fringe Theatre, see March 19 listing.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 21

**LIVE MUSIC**, Merrimack Valley Chorus presents Ringing in Spring!, featuring performances by The Merrimack Valley Chorus and many regional quartets. Silent auction, refreshments, cash bar, 2 p.m., \$5, Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks, 777 South St., Tewksbury; www.merrimackvalleychorus.org, 800-928-6151.  
**READING SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA**, in concert, 3:30 p.m., Reading Memorial High School's Performing Arts Center, Reading, \$15 adults, \$10 students, seniors, under 12 free; 978-664-5614.  
**LIVE MUSIC**, THE ROBERT CRAY BAND, 7 p.m., \$50, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978-462-5888, www.tupelohall.com.  
**LIVE THEATER**, Annie Get Your Gun, see March 19 listing.  
**LIVE THEATER**, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, 2 p.m., see March 19 listing.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 23

**ONE-WOMAN SHOW**, "Wings of Night Sky," with Joy Harjo, Native American poet, songwriter, musician, singer, playwright and author, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Cascia Hall, Merrimack College (limited seating for general public available), hosted by the Women's and Gender Studies Program, 978-837-3530 or Ext. 5478 or email mackenzie@merrimack.edu or collelan@merrimack.edu.  
**TV METEOROLOGIST DICK ALBERT**, 2 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

**WORRIED ABOUT YOUR WORRIER?**, North Andover Parent Teacher Organizations Speaker Series, 7 p.m., North Andover High School Auditorium, 430 Osgood St., North Andover; Kathleen Pease, thepeases@comcast.net.  
**DIABETES ALERT DAY**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., diabetes information booklets and recipes available, diabetes-friendly refreshments will be served, Angel Homecare, LLC, 200 Brickstone Square Suite G 07, Andover; 978-475-2244, www.angelhomecare.com to register.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24

**ALZHEIMER'S TALK**, with Author and Creator of the Reminder Book Emma Donnelly, she will discuss this redirection and comfort tool for individuals with Alzheimer's Disease and those who care for them, 8 a.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 27 Stevens St., Andover, 978-475-4225.  
**FREE HIKE**, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, wear appropriate footwear hiking footwear is best no sneakers, snowshoes/skis on days with snow welcome. Trail is of moderate difficulty. Bring water and sunscreen on sunny days; 617-828-1728, http://www.mass.gov/dcr/events.htm

### THURSDAY, MARCH 25

**AUTHOR READING**, Lydia Peele reads from her new collection of short stories, Reasons for and Advantages of Breathing. Peele writes about our loss of connection to the land, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.  
**LIVE MUSIC**, Big Bad VooDoo Daddy General, 8 p.m., \$35, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978-462-5888, www.tupelohall.com.  
**BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL VARIETY SHOW: "THE BIG TIME,"** see Bancroft staff and student performers at the Collins Center for Performing Arts at Andover High School, 100 Shawsheen Road, 5:30 p.m., Tickets are \$8 at the door. For more information, contact

mjmhall@aol.com

### FRIDAY, MARCH 26

**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.  
**CONTEMPORARY DANCE**, The North Shore Dance Alliance, showcasing current work by a range of North Shore choreographers and companies. 8 p.m., the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, \$15, \$12 students, seniors and members; 978-462-7336, www.firehouse.org.  
**LIVE MUSIC**, LIVINGSTON TAYLOR, 8 p.m., \$30, Tupelo Music Hall Salisbury, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; 978-462-5888, www.tupelohall.com.

### SATURDAY, MARCH 27

**IRISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL**, with Irish author Peter Cunningham who wrote "The Sea and the Silence," part of Lawrence Irish Heritage Festival, 2 p.m., Heritage State Park Center, 1 Jackson

## How'd you like to join or fight Fagan's band?

Consider yourself invited. The Summer Theater Ensemble auditions for the musical Oliver, for students entering grade 7 through 12 in September 2010, are at South Elementary School, on Woburn Street Tuesday and Wednesday, March 23 and 24 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Contact Rita Casper for information via her e-mail: rcasper@aps1.net. The theater program will run from July 12 through Aug. 6, with performances Aug. 6, 7 and 8.

St. Lawrence.

**ANDOVER SISTER TOWNS ASSOCIATION**, presents historical program, "The Witches of Andover," Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served following a short business meeting. New members, public welcome; Fred, Marge Snell, 978-686-3647, fred@snell.com.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 30

**DIARIES & JOURNAL**, Finding and Using These Valuable Resources, 7 p.m., with Laura Prescott, who will explain the advantages of these documents. Prescott is a professional researcher, writer and president of the Association of Professional Genealogists, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, www.mhl.org/resources/guides/genealogy.htm.  
**TALK ON RESPIRATORY SYSTEM**, with Dr. Glen Newsome, a Pulmonary Consultant for Academy Manor, 5 to 6 p.m., Academy Manor, 89 Morton St., Andover; 978-475-0944. RSVP by March 22.

**PASSOVER SEDER**, Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley, 101 West Forest St., Lowell, 6 P.M., \$5/person, \$18/family, reservations required by March 28 to seder@tem.org; www.tem.org, 978-454-1372.

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# Education

## Coaching your child through the school years

Ken Seifert



The American family is the foundation on which the education of a child will be built. Some founda-

tions are as solid as the Rock of Gibraltar. Others are built on the shifting sands of randomness, indifference and in some instances good intentions but no direction.

In most cases, parents are the first and most essential teachers. The first milestones in learning occur, not in the classroom but in the home. It is where language is first encountered and values take root, for better or for worse. As has been said many times in many ways, no surrogate or substitute arrangement, however well planned or intended can replace a loving supportive family. It is not just speech and early literacy that good family members confer, but excellent examples of how to live.

The research is clear. Appropriate parent involvement has a positive impact on academic achievement, behavior in school and positive attitudes about school and work.

I call such effort coaching. It is possible to build a sequence to parent coaching. If one looks at the normal growth and development of a child to adulthood, a natural coaching role takes place. It progresses from head coach in the early years and as the child transitions to the middle and high schools one becomes the assistant coach. The role then becomes advisor and confidant in the remaining years. There are individual differences, but the evolution is a reasonable guide.

For over 20 years, a pre-school partnership has been established in some communities. Most communities have informal activities but a partnership has a greater degree of commitment. It is based on the premise that such an arrangement during preschool years can improve a child's chance for school success. The aim is to build a connection very early between home and school and give guidance to those who wish to participate. There are a number of readiness activities, and the aid of a good coach at home, makes success in school a very high probability.

I like to use the example of a tool box. To be a good coach you need a tool box filled with strategies and ideas. You use these tools when coaching the child. The child also has his tool box. What is in it when he goes to work that first day of school? If you follow the progression through school and both put the best tools in the boxes, you will have built quite an education for your child by the time the diploma is received. There is no question that the successful triangle has the teacher, the parent and the student in a partnership, building a successful and satisfying future.

Next week's article will contain a sample preschool partnership with a few suggested tools for head coaches. Such a partnership can be established in any school, in any town.

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

## New superintendent's total pay similar to Bach's

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Marinel McGrath will receive a nearly \$20,000 raise to become Andover's next superintendent of schools on July 1.

School Committee members and McGrath, Andover's former assistant superintendent, finalized a three-year contract on Monday, March 15. She will be paid \$195,000 per year, close

to the final compensation for outgoing Superintendent Claudia Bach, who has led Andover schools since 1998.

School Committee member Dennis Forgue said McGrath's \$195,000 salary is "cost neutral," coming in just a few thousand dollars less than Bach's total compensation.

The School Committee voted March 4 to hire McGrath, superintendent of the Hamilton-

Wenham school district, from a pool of four finalists.

"She's excited about returning to Andover," said Forgue, releasing details of the contract at the March 16 committee meeting.

Forgue and School Committee member David Birnbach spearheaded negotiations with McGrath, meeting with her several times in closed-door executive sessions over the last two weeks. She agreed to the terms

on Monday night, said Forgue.

Claudia Bach, Andover's superintendent since 1998, will step down at the end of this school year. Her contract goes until June 30, but the School Committee has given her permission to leave earlier, if she were to find another opportunity.

Bach said last week she anticipates staying through June.

Added to Bach's base pay is more than \$20,000 in additional

financial compensation, plus a \$5,000 travel allowance, according to the town.

Because McGrath will have no additional compensation added on top of her \$195,000 salary, "the net cost to the town is slightly under Bach's," said Forgue.

McGrath is making \$175,676 in Hamilton-Wenham this year. The advertisement posting Bach's job listed a salary range of \$180,000 to \$200,000.

## Three schools, three favorite books

### Elementary students read, vote for state's favorite story

Fourth- and fifth-grade students at South, Bancroft and High Plain elementary schools have been plowing through volumes for the Massachusetts Children's Book Award program.

The program, started and run by Salem State College, encourages students across the state to read five new books from a list compiled by Massachusetts teachers, librarians and publishers. Children then vote for their favorite, crowning a winner each year.

This was the 11th year Bancroft Elementary participated in the program, celebrating with a breakfast on Thursday, March 4. Fifty-five students in fourth- and fifth-grades read books for the program, said Nancy Snow, Bancroft media specialist.

"In order to attend the breakfast and vote, a student had to read at least five of the titles and write a connection that they had to each book. Their 'admission ticket' to the event was an original poster that they created of the book that they wanted to win. We had five students who read all 25 books: John Crowley, Erin Hanrahan, Liddy Kasraian, Philip LeBlanc and Hannah Roos," wrote Snow in an e-mail. "After the students voted (through secret individual ballots), the votes were tallied and a winning book for Bancroft was determined. The Bancroft winner this year was 'Simon Bloom: The Gravity Keeper' by Michael Reisman. We sent our vote into Salem State College where votes from across Massachusetts will be tabulated



From left, Bancroft students Erin Hanrahan, Jacob Peffer (dark hair in back), Henry Wakelin (front), Matthew Joyall (Obama sign), Peter Berube (far right), Scott Jackson (back/top) show off posters they created for the Massachusetts Children's Book Awards. Jacob Peffer is holding a poster for the book that got the most votes at Bancroft.

and a statewide winner will be announced on April 2."

At High Plain Elementary, about 100 students participated, voting for "Found" by Margaret Peterson Haddix as their favorite.

South Elementary Principal Colleen McBride said students at her school voted a three-way tie for their favorite book, between "Found," "How to Steal a Dog" by Barbara O'Connor and "Pizza, Pigs and Poetry: How to Write a Poem" by Jack Prelutsky. Nineteen South students read five or more books and voted in the program, said Julianne Toomey-Kautz, South library media teacher.

— Bethany Bray



From left, Bancroft Elementary students Dakory Godo-Solo, Erin Walsh, Julia Beckwith and Lily Cronin write down their favorite book titles as suggestions for the Massachusetts Children's Book Awards.

### ON CAMPUS

The following Andover students were named to the University of Massachusetts Boston dean's list for the fall 2009 semester:

**David York Mary Pettoruto, John Scira Jr, Kristin Anderson, Samantha Amerault.**

To qualify for this academic honor, the student must maintain at least a 3.5 grade-point average.

Springfield College has named the following Andover students to the dean's list for academic excellence for the fall 2009 term:

**Katie Anderson**, a third-year student majoring in psychology; **Jeffrey Farmer**, a fourth-year student majoring in sports management; and **Kerry Haugh**, a fourth-year student majoring in criminal justice.

**Zachary Goodman** of Andover was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Franklin Pierce University in Rindge, N.H.

**Goodman**, a sophomore majoring in education and history, earned dean's list status by maintaining a term grade-point average of at least 3.3 on a scale of four.

**Michael Campinell**, son of Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Campinell of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the 2009 fall semester at the University of New England. Dean's list students have attained a grade-point average of 3.30 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

A 2006 graduate of Andover High School, Campinell is a major in environmental and political science. He is also actively involved at the university in student government, intramural volleyball and is the student representative on the universities board of trustees.

Middlesex Community College dean's list students for the

fall 2009 semester who live in Andover are:

**Franklyn Abreu, Michael Alouane, Jessica Boulanger, Lindsey Burgess, Jocelyn Gerety, Gyongyver Illyes-Tamang, Jun Lu, Aradhna Masih, Catherine Mazzuchi, Peris Mbugua, Adam McCabe, Kimberly Pudlo and Edward Sawyer III.**

All students carrying 12 credit hours or more, who earn a 3.20 grade-point average or higher without D, F, I or IP Grades, shall be acknowledged by inclusion on the Middlesex Community College dean's list which is posted each semester. Part-time students receive similar consideration upon completion of each block of 15 credits.

**Peter Maher**, son of Thomas and Nancy Maher of Andover, recently began studies as a first-year student at Hamilton College.

A graduate of Kimball Union Academy, Maher was selected

from a pool of 4661 applicants to the college, and joins a class of 466.

Saint Anselm College, Manchester, N.H., has announced that the following students from Andover were named to the dean's list for the first semester:

**Amanda E. Carrington** a nursing major and a member of the class of 2011.

**Katelyn D. Greeley** a nursing major and a member of the class of 2012.

**Ryan Mazur** of Andover a criminal justice major and a member of the class of 2013.

**Kelly C. O'Dea** of Andover a biochemistry major and a member of the class of 2010.

**Erika B. Sartor** a business major and a member of the class of 2011.

To be eligible for this honor, a student must compile a grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Wentworth Institute of Technology announces **John Bertorelli** and **Daniel Powers** of Andover have earned dean's list recognition for the fall 2009 semester.

Salem State College has announced the Andover students named to the fall 2009 dean's list:

**Jennifer Brown, Nicole Fluet, Faye Gianopoulos, Derek Goff, Maxanne Holman, Gracie Jackson, Scott Lownie, Elizma Marais, Vincent Monaco, Lydia Pustell, Abigail Reilly, Danielle Riendeau and Marc Turiano.**

**David Hathaway** of Andover was named to the dean's list at Furman University for the 2009 fall semester. Furman's dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade-point average of 3.4 or higher on a four-point system.

Hathaway is the son of Stephen Hathaway.

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# New leader named at Merrimack College

Christopher Hohey has been selected as the next president of Merrimack College and will start July 1, 2010. The Andover/North Andover town line runs through the college campus.

The selection of Hohey to lead Merrimack College "comes as a result of a long and thorough national search by the College's Presidential Search Committee and the nomination of a final list of candidates by the Prior Provincial of the Order of St. Augustine, the Very Rev. Don

Reilly, O.S.A. from Villanova University," according to the school. The Board of Trustees voted unanimously to select Hohey.

Hohey served as vice president and dean of Northeastern University's College of Professional Studies, as well as vice dean of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. Described as a collaborative leader in higher education, his strategic planning has led to the success of several programs both at Northeastern and

the University of Pennsylvania.

"His experience in faculty affairs, academic planning, enrollment management and fund-raising will position Merrimack to advance its purpose as a highly competitive Catholic college in the Northeast," according to a release from the school.

He has a doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.P.A. and B.S. in political science from Northeastern

University.

"I am convinced that Dr. Hohey's energy, leadership skills, and demonstrated expertise in higher education will enable Merrimack College to advance its academic programs to a higher level of excellence and achievement," said Dr. Laurence Demers, chairman of Merrimack's Board of Trustees. "He will provide the necessary leadership for our long range strategic planning to position the College for growth and development as

we enter a decade of increasing competitiveness for the most talented students in New England and beyond."

"I am honored to be selected as the eighth president of Merrimack College," said Hohey. "Merrimack's history as an Augustinian institution of higher education, its position as a leading Northeast Catholic liberal arts college, the academic excellence of its faculty and Merrimack's thriving student and alumni communities make the

college well positioned for future growth with academic excellence and distinction."

Ronald Champagne has served as the president of Merrimack College for a two-year term while the college established a search committee for a long term president. According to Dr. Champagne, "Dr. Hohey is clearly the best suited individual to fulfill the College's mission to enlighten minds, engage hearts and empower the lives of our students."

## State honors



High Plain Elementary first-grader Rachel Gealow (center) is pictured with High Plain Principal Pamela Lathrop (left) and Librarian Gerri Fegan at the Statehouse in Boston on March 9. Gealow's bookmark design was recognized as an honorable mention in the Massachusetts School Library Association's bookmark contest. Nine High Plain students were named semi-finalists in the statewide contest, for which students designed bookmarks that reflected their favorite activities, lessons or experiences they've had in the library. The semi-finalists were Brynn Moynihan, Wendy Zhang, Nicholas Makiej, Paige Long, Rachel Gealow, Caroline Yang, Kate Ma, Jack Hayward and Dominique Devani.

## Geometry lesson to build with

Doherty Middle School seventh-graders built castles on March 1, all in the name of math. As a part of a geometry unit, students created castles out of food items (such as cake cookies and candy) or recycled materials incorporating 2D and 3D geometric shapes. Students also created and presented to their classmates their calculations and building techniques in a poster. Seventh-graders pictured with their castle creations are (left to right) Tommy Dufton, Charlie Bramhall, Sam Krapels, Jay Healey, Bryan McGuiggin, Tealia Madden, Alex Crowley and Rebecca Savord. "The wonderful creativity and imaginations of the students was evident and the project brought geometry back to its ancient roots in architecture," wrote Wendy Jones Kuda, Doherty seventh-grade math teacher.



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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, March 22-26:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Macaroni and cheese, turkey wrap, grilled chicken on a roll, soup, veggies and dip and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Soft or hard shell beef tacos and toppings, grilled cheese, ham and cheese sub, spanish rice, tossed salad and pineapple.

**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, bread stick, turkey salad sandwich, broccoli and lemon zest soup

and fresh fruit.

**Thursday:** Chicken nuggets and dips, egg salad sandwich, manager's choice, baked fries, veggies and fruit cup.

**Friday:** Pepperoni or veggie home-style pizza, garden salad and jello.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Chicken primavera and pasta, american sub with the works, manager's choice, goldfish, green beans and apple.

**Tuesday:** Chicken-and-bacon sub with ranch dressing, cheesy pasta with marinara sauce, manager's choice, bread stick, sauteed zucchini and chilled fruit.

**Wednesday:** Deluxe burger with lettuce and tomato, grilled cheese panini, manager's choice, sweet potato fries, corn and fresh melon.

**Thursday:** Build-your-own taco, chicken-tender basket, dinner roll, tuna sub, spanish rice, black beans with salsa and strawberry cup.

**Friday:** Fish sandwich on a roll, baked macaroni and cheese, manager's choice, oven roasted red bliss, steamed carrots and blueberries and topping.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Steak and cheese, grilled hotdog, grilled cheese, taco pie, tossed salad, turkey club, juice and fresh fruit.

**Tuesday:** Meatball sub, italian sub, barbecue chicken on a roll, stuffed peppers with sauce and cheese, dinner roll, steamed veggies, greek salad wrap and fresh fruit.

**Wednesday:** Chicken teriyaki on a roll, cheeseburger, grilled hotdog, pasta with

sauce, side of chicken parmesan, side caesar salad, italian sub and fresh fruit.

**Thursday:** Manager's choice, turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes, seasoned carrots, buffalo chicken and fresh fruit.

**Friday:** Grilled chicken quesadilla, grilled tuna melt, manager's choice, baked veggie lasagna, bread stick, side garden salad, manager's choice and fresh fruit.

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

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

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# TOWN ELECTION: SELECTMEN'S RACE

The Townsman asked the three candidates for selectmen to answer the following five questions with Agree, Disagree or Undecided. They were then given a total of 200 words to further explain their answers.

## QUESTION

1. The schools need more money than is in the town manager's recommended budget.
2. I would support a new fee for trash pickup.
3. Overall, town government does a good job in making information accessible.
4. The town must approve money to build a new fire station.
5. The town must move the town yard out of the downtown.

### LARRY BRUCE Selectmen challenger

Except for one, these questions have the same core issue, money. Our present Board of Selectmen has failed to make the right decisions for Andover and we pay for that every day. We do not have a shortage of revenue; in fact our problems are arguably caused by a funding overage. Our leadership has become accustomed to an endless supply of dollars. They have expanded Andover's workforce to use all available money. They have spent into our future creating a dependency on all available funds. To re-elect any incumbent selectman is a guarantee that this cycle will continue into the future. They have no intention of changing this tragic mismanagement and excessive spending. We all know their past performance is exactly what will continue into the future. I am running for selectman to change their poor record. I can clearly see the wasted dollars, the indifference to funds and assets – and most of all the disrespect for you, the residents of our town. I can't emphasize enough the importance of you voting on March 23. Your one day at the polls will be paid back by three years of me fighting for you, the residents.

### JERRY STABILE Selectman for reelection

1. Disagree. The AEA (teachers union) will sit by while the superintendent must cut programs and raise fees. Why is it that I never hear them say they would be willing to forego a raise?  
2. Disagree. I would rather see us recycle more than charge for trash pickup. It accomplishes the same thing.  
3. Agree. Either you want to know what's going on or you don't. There are so many options to get informed and participate.  
4. Agree. We don't use horse-drawn pumps any more.  
5. Agree. Twenty years ago we arrived at the same conclusion. Each year since then, add 5 to 10 percent on our operating costs because our maintenance facility requires incremental labor, utilities, and logistics because it no longer efficiently supports its primary function. Also reduce the useful life of the equipment because it deteriorates at a much faster rate and you are wasting taxpayer money. The current site is too small to rebuild a modern facility that would address these issues.

**LARRY BRUCE**  
UNDECIDED  
DISAGREE  
DISAGREE  
DISAGREE  
DISAGREE

**ALEX VISPOLI**  
AGREE  
DISAGREE  
AGREE  
DISAGREE  
AGREE

**JERRY STABILE**  
DISAGREE  
DISAGREE  
AGREE  
AGREE  
AGREE

### ALEX VISPOLI Selectman for reelection

1. Agree, but the budget based on available forecasted funds. The town manager's job is to ensure that all departments are funded to be able to carry out their functions. With the recent reductions in state funding, all departments have been challenged to deliver services within available funds.  
2. Disagree. This is currently funded by residents' property taxes.  
3. Agree. Andover just received the eGovernment award recognizing the town's website, and the town and schools provide many outlets for information. We are always looking for ways to improve.  
4. Disagree. This is in the initial planning stage, and I see us exploring this if we can get a grant or other money to fund it appropriately.  
5. Agree. This provides a unique opportunity to redevelop a key parcel of land that has the potential to generate significant revenue and new businesses for the town. The current facility that houses the town yard needs to be replaced; the option (for the location of the proposed new town yard) that will be presented to Town Meeting will offer a creative way to fund the relocation.

## THE CANDIDATES

### Larry Bruce

**254 Chandler Road**

Age: 51  
Elected office held: Student government president, Worcester State College, 1982  
Occupation: Engineer  
Family: Wife Pamela Bruce, daughter Ally Bruce (AHS 2009).



### Jerry Stabile, incumbent

**8 Blueberry Hill Road**

Age: 50  
Elected Office: Andover Board of Selectmen 2007  
Occupation: C O O S W Development Company  
Family: Wife, Amy; daughters Alexa, Joslyn, Carly and Julia



### Alex Vispoli, incumbent

**7 Alison Way**

Age: 52  
Elected office held: Three terms on Norfolk Planning Board prior to moving to Andover in 1996; Andover Board of Selectmen March 2004, re-elected March 2007, twice served as chairman.  
Occupation: Director of Sales, for Waltham's Venyu Inc., data protection and availability solutions company.  
Immediate family: Wife, Ann (Maguire) Vispoli; children: Colleen, 25, married to Ian Callahan; Alexander 23; Christine 21; Kevin, 12.



For more on the candidates' views on local issues, see Page 12.

## CONTRACTS

Most of the town's budget pays for salary and benefits. Pick one of these three: Overall, Andover packages are: 1. too generous, 2. too cheap or 3. about right.  
What problems do you see with current contracts? What must change in those contracts, if anything?  
What have you personally done in the past and what would you have Andover do differently in future negotiations? (Up to 250 words. Longer answers will be edited down.)

### BRUCE

Too generous.  
Our search for a school superintendent began with the assumption that we'd pay between \$180,000 and \$200,000, plus benefits. Why announce upfront what the town can afford? Would anyone walk into a car dealership and say, "I have \$50,000 – sell me a car." Our town government has a very bad habit of writing blank checks.  
We must operate town government more like a private enterprise, which will always fail if expenses chronically exceed revenues.  
It may seem unusual to those of us who work in the private sector, but Andover's "department heads" have a collective bargaining agreement. This agreement covers the chiefs of fire and police, director of plant & facilities, director of public works, finance director, library director, town accountant and town clerk. Under the terms of the agreement, they get four weeks of vacation after one year of service, five weeks after three years. I prefer to negotiate contracts for public safety managers separately from other administrative employees, but in Andover that's not possible.  
What's not included in most of the contracts is the pay rate. Why not? The guaranteed annual increase is there, but what do you multiply it by? What is the cost of the pensions?  
Pay scales for town employees are high, but there's another problem as well – a bloated payroll. Our library has an "acquisitions director" making \$61,130 a year. We spend \$2 million in salaries at the library every year. They may be nice people, but how many of these employees are "essential?"

### STABILE

4. None of the above  
The terms in the current contracts reflect an evolutionary process. Unfortunately what made sense 20-30 years ago simply does not work anymore from a fiscal perspective. They were designed to reward longevity not performance. They are designed to increase compensation regardless of the town's ability to pay. Massachusetts General Laws make it almost impossible for the town to radically adjust these contracts. Notwithstanding taking a very aggressive stance in the upcoming negotiations, we have to get our state representatives to step up and change the laws. A good start would be passing legislation that allows cities and towns to take health care design out of the collective bargaining process. I am all for paying our employees above average wages because they deliver above average services, but we can compensate our best and brightest by rewarding them on their performance under terms that make sense in today's economy.  
One project that I have personally championed is a health care opt out program that would allow our employees to voluntarily pursue other insurances plans outside the town's, representing the potential savings of over \$1 million a year.

### VISPOLI

In some areas they are too generous, some about right. We are working with the employees to bring total compensation packages more in-line with best practices benefit standards.  
Post employment benefits – long term obligations such as health care, sick leave buy back and pensions – exceed what was originally forecasted. Actuarial studies show us that health insurance costs are increasing exponentially. Over time these benefits have created a disproportionate obligation that needs to be addressed. Sick leave benefits exceed standard benefit practice, and pension formulas are being examined at the state level.  
We are actively examining health insurance plan design, cost-saving options, terminal leave, overtime, flexibility and working assignments.  
I have been consistent in my commitment to use resources within the contracts to find savings, using existing resources to keep level services and reducing the costs of service delivery without creating new burdens for taxpayers.  
In the last set of contract negotiations we worked with the unions to redesign the health-insurance plan around co-pays and ER fees. This resulted in short term savings and significantly reduced the rate premium increases to the employees and the town.  
With the last contracts we also were able to begin to reduce the value of the buy back program and also reducing the number of sick days for new employees. This resulted in long term town liability reduction.  
Getting health insurance plan design out of collective bargaining is critical. We continue to ask our legislators to support this request.

## TOWN YARD PLAN

If the town yard is moved, Andover would redevelop several acres in the downtown. Describe what you would like to see happen to the town yard and that downtown land. (Up to 75 words)

### BRUCE

I can never answer this "nightmare" scenario as if it is a "done deal" This plan might be smart for the private developers who stand to profit at our expense, but it's not smart for the taxpayers. This move will require our town to expend more in fuel and maintenance for our vehicles every day. Today the town yard is centrally located... in the center of town. Let's keep it there at no additional cost.

### STABILE

The expansion of our downtown would bring numerous benefits to business owners, residents, employees and taxpayers. Ideally a mixed use retail, commercial office and residential development would bring new shops, restaurants, businesses and unique residential property to downtown. Combined with the transit station it would become a destination for both Andover residents and commuters from other communities. Not to mention that it would bring state funding as a SMART zone project.

### VISPOLI

We have an opportunity established towns don't typically have. With good planning we can direct the kind of the development Andover desires. With the location of the train station transit-oriented development is ideal. Mixed uses would include retail and some residential. Anchor business attract people to Andover as a destination. There are many different types of uses being considered that would be a draw into town. One: restaurants, especially a good Italian restaurant!

## RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS

How do you plan to balance the needs of Andover's residential and business communities during the next three years? (up to 75 words)

### BRUCE

I asked our town manager the question, "How do you balance the needs of the residents versus the business community?" He replied, "Larry, I think you will find we're all residents." I knew then we could NEVER expect a balance, the residents are not recognized as people who live here. We are different than people who simply commute here and work here. Residents LIVE in Andover and VOTE here, please remember this on March 23.

### STABILE

Both parties add so much value to the community. Business drives an incredible amount of revenue and bring tens of thousands of people into town daily. The revenue they generate helps deliver services and the quality of life that makes Andover desirable. Residents also generate revenue to support these services but more importantly they define the community. It is the responsibility of the Board of Selectman to define equitable policy in support of both parties.

### VISPOLI

■ Providing a financial stable environment, quality public safety, and a great school system will keep Andover a desirable place to live and host business.  
■ Continued collaboration with finance and school committees, and fiscal discipline, ensuring we work within available funds.  
■ Create the environment for business to thrive – developing town yard will provide options for business to locate.  
■ AAA bond rating demonstrates Andover is well run and a financially strong town, protecting residents' home investment.

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# Obituaries

## James A. O'Day, 71



**Haverhill** — Mr. James A. O'Day, 71, beloved husband of Kathleen M. (Krafton) O'Day, died Thursday, March 11, 2010 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers.

James was born in Lowell, on April 20, 1938 to the late Thomas W. and Anna (Armstrong) O'Day. He was a graduate of Keith Academy in Lowell, Class of 1955 and a graduate of the University of Notre Dame School of Engineering, Class of 1961. An honorably discharged veteran, he enlisted as a first Lieutenant with the U.S. Army from 1961 to 1963 and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army Reserves after 28 years of service.

James was a longtime resident of Andover prior to moving to Haverhill. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, a former member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, a former member of the University of Notre Dame Club of Boston and had served for several years on the

Andover Conservation Commission. James enjoyed being with his family and especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren as they were growing up. He was an avid sports fan and had a love for skiing.

In addition to his wife, with whom he shared 44 years of marriage, he is survived by his four children, Michelina Molongoski and her husband, Michael of Hanover, residing in Tyngsboro, Thomas O'Day of Haverhill, Anna Dickey and her husband, Scott of Salem, N.H., and Laura O'Day of Haverhill; grandchildren, Joshua Kluffs, Morgan Dickey, Benjamin and Riley Molongoski.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends were invited to call on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 3 to 8 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. His funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, March 18, at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Burial will follow in the Lithuanian Cemetery in Bradford. Expressions of sympathy may be made in James' memory to the Kaplan Family Hospice House, 78 Liberty St., Danvers, MA 01923; or the American Cancer Society, 70 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For directions and condolences, please visit our Web site and online guest-book at [www.cataudellaFH.com](http://www.cataudellaFH.com).

## Agnes V. Ebner, 87

**ANDOVER** — Agnes Vivian Ebner, 87, of 31 Chestnut Court, Andover, died Thursday, March 11, 2010 at Penacook Place in Haverhill after a battle with cancer.

Most of her life Agnes was involved in the food service industry as a caterer or cook. She worked at Brown University and then retired from Fleet Bank of Providence, R.I. in 1986 when she and her late husband Emil moved to Sarasota, Fla. She then took up employment as a deli cook at Publics Supermarket.

Agnes was the daughter of the late Michael A. and Ann Traficante of Providence, R.I.

She had two sons, Gilbert Laramie (deceased) and Michael J. Ebner of Haverhill. In addition, she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Terry Ebner as well as her grandchildren, Chris Laramie of Pensacola, Fla., Michael T. Ebner of Somerville, Johanna Olexy of Washington, D.C., Scott Ebner of Prescott, Ariz.; and two great-grandchildren, Anthony Laramie of Sarasota, and Jackson Olexy of Washington, D.C.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A service of celebration of her life will be held on Monday, March 22, at 3 p.m. in the chapel of South Church in Andover, UCC at 41 Central St., Andover, MA 01810.



**ANDOVER** — Josephine B. (Samra) Shiepe passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

She was born June 3, 1915 in Manchester, N.H. to the late Abraham and Ella

Samra. Mrs. Shiepe attended school in Boston before moving with her family to Lawrence. Trained as a hairdresser, she opened her own salon in the Cregg Building on Common Street in Lawrence known as, "Josephine Your Hairdresser."

Married to the late Edward Shiepe she lived in Brooklyn, N.Y. for many years and was a member of St. Mary's Orthodox Church. Mrs. Shiepe later



## Louise T. Kattar

**NORTH ANDOVER** — Louise T. Kattar of North Andover died Monday, March 15, 2010.

She was born and educated in Lawrence. She attended certificate programs at Hofstra University and C. W. Post College.

Mrs. Kattar and her family lived in New York for 25 years before returning to live in Andover prior to moving to North Andover.

She was a member of St. Anthony Maronite Catholic Church in Lawrence.

Prior to her retirement she had been employed at Raytheon Corporation in Andover. While living in New York she was a librarian at JFK High School and worked at Central General Hospital both in Plainview, N.Y. She was very active in community events in Plainview as well as church and school activities there.

Louise was the widow of the late Joseph K. Kattar Sr., who

died in 2003.

She leaves sons, Joseph K. Kattar Jr. and his wife Diane of North Andover, John David Kattar of Andover; her daughter, Karen Hallbauer and her husband Douglas of Methuen; grandchildren, Solomon "Sam" Kattar and his wife Aisling of Arlington, Kristina Kattar of Dracut, Jennifer Kattar of Andover; great-grandson, Nicholas Kattar of Arlington. Louise also leaves her brothers, Abe and Joey Bashara, and her sisters, Emily Hatem and Adele Saba, all of Methuen. Also, several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her brother, Charles and her sister, Victoria Bashara.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Memorial contributions can be made to St. Anthony Maronite Church, 145 Amesbury St., Lawrence, MA 01841. Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson St., Lawrence. A funeral Mass will be celebrated Thursday, March 18, 2010 at 1 p.m. in St. Anthony Maronite Church, 145 Amesbury St., Lawrence. Burial will follow at St. Anthony Cemetery, Methuen.



## Marilyn A. Salvi, 78

**ANDOVER** — Marilyn A. (McTeague) Salvi, of Andover, 78, died at the Lawrence General Hospital on Thursday, March 11, 2010.

A breast cancer survivor, she endured the challenges of Parkinson's Disease and other complications. She was the beloved wife of Andrew A. Salvi. Born in Cambridge on Jan. 19, 1932, she was the beloved daughter of the late James and Kathryn (Connors) McTeague.

Marilyn grew up in Somerville, graduated from Somerville High School in 1949, then attended New England Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing. After graduating in 1953, she began her nursing career at New England Deaconess before becoming the Operating Room Head Nurse at Norwood Hospital where she worked until she got married in 1964. The greatest love in her life was her family. She devoted every day of her married life to

cares for her husband and children, always putting their needs before her own.

Besides her beloved husband, Andrew, Marilyn will be deeply missed by three children, Steven and his wife Carol Holt-Salvi of Newton, N.H., Ellen R. Salvi of Watertown and Michael A. Salvi of Andover; three brothers, James McTeague of Reading, Kevin and wife Patricia McTeague of Lincoln, N.H., and Brian and wife Janet McTeague of Sandwich and many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Her funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Monday, March 15. Calling hours were in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Sunday, March 14. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Donations can be made in her name to any of the following charities: Breast Cancer Research Foundation, 89 South St., Boston, MA 02111, Parkinson's Disease Foundation, 720 Harrison Ave., Boston, MA 02118 or the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For additional information, please visit, [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

## Timothy A. Murphy



**METHUEN** — Timothy A. "Tiger" Murphy, a resident of Methuen, passed away on Wednesday, March 10, 2010 at the Sutton Hill Nursing Center in North Andover.

Born in Lawrence, Timothy was educated in the Lawrence Schools. He had worked at Cronin's Coal and Oil for 30 years and then at Sheehan's Service Station in Methuen for 20 years. Timothy was a member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians as well as a long time communicant of St. Monica's Church in Methuen.

He was a big Red Sox and Patriots fan.

Members of Timothy's family include brothers, John F. "Spud" Murphy of Methuen, and Joseph Murphy of Andover; a sister, Catherine M. Murphy of Methuen, with whom he resided, as well as several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 9 a.m. in St. Monica's Church in Methuen. Burial followed in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. Family and friends were invited to call on Saturday morning at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Monica's Church, 212 Lawrence St., Methuen. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to [www.breenfuneralhome.com](http://www.breenfuneralhome.com).



## Leonard Attilio DiBenedetto

**ORMOND BEACH, Fla.** — Leonard Attilio DiBenedetto, resident of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Jackson, N.H., passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 13, 2010.

Leonard was born on May 1, 1926 in the Bronx, N.Y. to Frank and Josephine (Gumina) DiBenedetto. He graduated from Christopher Columbus High School and later served in World War II in the Army Medical Core as a surgical technician at Thomas England General Hospital, Atlantic City, N.J. Afterward he served as a field core man in the 704th Engineers at Fort Lewis, Wash. He attended Champlain College in Plattsburg, N.Y. and then returned to New York City where he was employed by Tel Autograph Corporation.

Leonard then moved to Reading to work for Avco Corporation in Wilmington, as a Design Drafting Section Chief. During the years of his service in this section, it was awarded many commendations for its achievements. Upon leaving Avco, Leonard joined Travis Associates in Burlington as Vice President of Engineering Services.

He spent his time between his two residences in Reading and Jackson, N.H. He was an avid skier, hunter, hiker and golfer. He was a member of the Lawrence Ski Club in Bartlett, N.H., Wentworth Golf Club in Jackson, N.H. and Plantation Bay Country Club in Ormond Beach. He was especially proud of his three holes in one.

Leonard leaves his loving and devoted wife, Katharyn; his step-daughter, Johnna Doucette and her husband David of Andover; his beloved granddaughter, Kristina Doucette also of Andover; his sister, Cecilia Gaudreau of Wethersfield, Conn., her son, Christopher Gaudreau of Branford, Conn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to one of his favorite charities Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250; Stuart F. Meyer Hospice House, 150 Memorial Medical Parkway, Palm Coast, FL 32164; St. Mary's Church, 89 St. Mary's Place, Bunnell, FL 32110. There are no calling hours. A memorial Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 18, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Old Dixie Highway, Korona. Friends may send condolences to [www.LohmanFuneralHomes.com](http://www.LohmanFuneralHomes.com). Arrangements are under the careful supervision of Lohman Funeral Home Ormond.

## Josephine B. Shiepe

moved to Methuen and became a member of St. George Orthodox Church in Lawrence. She was a member of the choirs of both churches. She was a member of the Chadwick Club of Greater Lawrence, a musical organization made up of professionals from every walk of life.

Mrs. Shiepe is survived by her brother, Edmund G. Samra and his wife Norma of Methuen. She also leaves many nieces and

nephews. She was predeceased by a brother Charles N. Samra and sisters: Virginia Aziz, Mary Samra and Rosemary Harvey.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral service was held Saturday, March 13, 2010 at St. George Orthodox Church, Lawrence. Burial was in United Lebanese Society Cemetery, Andover. Friends called at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Farrah Funeral Home, 133 Lawrence St., Lawrence.

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# Opinion

## Vispoli has earned support

Despite the economic turmoil of the times, the 2010 race for town positions has been a quiet affair. There is only one contested race, with three people going for two seats on the Board of Selectmen. Nevertheless, the election presents residents with an important choice on whether they believe Andover leadership is generally on the right track or whether it is time for more dramatic change.

Whatever their answer to that question, we believe residents should cast one of their two votes for Alex Vispoli. Vispoli has shown the ability to see the big picture, the drive to tackle difficult problems, the commitment to devote the significant hours necessary, the willingness to respond to residents' questions and the cooperative spirit that is necessary in difficult times. Vispoli also has no conflict-of-interest that will prevent him from voting on or contributing to the crucial work of contract negotiations.

The most significant project in decades for Andover is the proposed Interstate 93 interchange that would bring a new ramp into southern Andover, between the Route 125 and Dascomb Road exits. This would open up to development about 700 acres in Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington and allow for the expansion of some of Andover's largest business taxpayers. Vispoli helped start a task force to protect the interests of Andover, and is the selectmen liaison to the group trying to advance the project and maintain the coalition of three communities. He is playing a vital role.

Vispoli has consistently pushed for common sense solutions to save money. For instance, he insisted Andover borrow a sewer truck from North Andover when needed, rather than buy an expensive truck of its own. While progress has been slow at times, together with Selectman Mary Lyman, he spent months studying how Andover employees use town vehicles and the town has now started scaling back on this expense. Fewer employees will now receive take-home vehicles. He backs the rationalization of services, something residents have suggested for many years to save money. For instance, he has helped form a consortium of North Shore communities' leaders, including Andover, North Andover, Reading, North Reading, Wilmington and Tewksbury. The leaders look to share services, and are talking about sharing inspection services of homes rather than having each town pay for its own department. Members of the group also swap ideas about how they have each solved difficult problems in their communities so that another community might benefit from the experience.

Vispoli has worked hard to serve the town and reduce expenses. We believe townspeople should support him in his reelection bid.

## Crucial emergency response

Credit public safety workers and public works crews with a fine effort coping with the rain and flooding of the past several days. Darkened skies dropped inch after inch of rain across the region from late Friday through Monday. High winds took down trees and damaged homes. Water filled basements and inundated roads. Police, fire and municipal workers helped local residents out of flooded homes, rescued their stranded cars and generally kept order amid the chaos of overflowing streams and rivers.

Police and fire crews evacuated homes in Andover threatened by the Shawsheen. Marland Place, a senior community on Stevens Street, evacuated all its residents and staff.

Of course, some people could make it easier on Andover emergency workers, by following the warning signs rather than ignoring them.

"Public safety officials make the decision to shut down roads because the area has degraded to the point where it is a public safety issue. People decide, emergency after emergency, to go around barriers that have been put in place to keep people safe. You can't judge the depth of water," Fire Chief Mike Mansfield told reporter Bethany Bray. "When we're shutting a road down, you've got between two and four feet of water in the roadway, which makes it impossible for a passenger car."

## WEB QUESTION

### How did we deal with this week's flooding emergency?

Last week, we asked how you felt about the Andover schools decision to turn down their thermostats by two degrees, from an average of 68 to 66.

Top choice, with 33.33 percent of response, was "If leaders want to save on heat, why'd they wait until March?"

Second choice, with 22.22 percent, was a tie between "This is about politics, not savings. It's budget season" and "Oppose it, people will freeze."

"Common sense way to save a few bucks" received 16.67 percent of the total.

"Shows schools are doing all they can" received 5.56 percent.

#### This week's question: True colors?

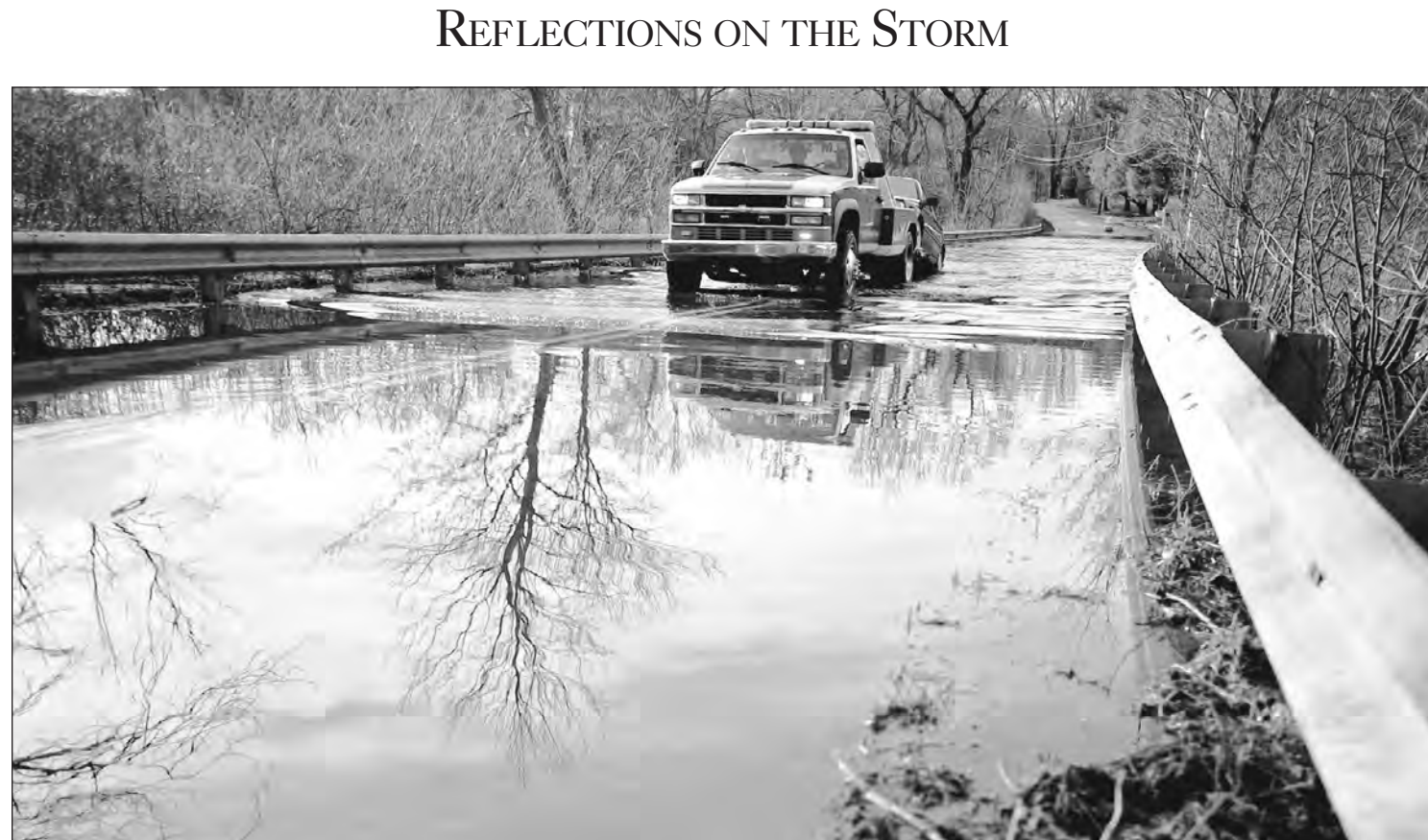
How do you feel Andover – residents, public safety personnel and town leaders – dealt with this week's flooding, evacuations and other emergency situations?

■ It brought out the best in people.

■ It brought out the worst in people.

■ I'm not sure.

To cast your vote, go to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. Have a different answer, flooding photo or story to share? Email Editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com)



A tow truck crosses the high water on a section of road flooded from the rains.

ANN HERMES/Staff photo

## REFLECTIONS ON THE STORM

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### Colby-Clements experienced, successful

Editor, Townsman:

As a resident of Andover and parent of school-age children who benefit from Andover public schools, I am grateful that Paula Colby-Clements, one of our most dedicated and talented citizens, has decided to give back to her town by running for School Committee.

Colby-Clements is an exceptional candidate for a position on the School Committee. Her experience includes being a successful business executive, attorney, professor, law-school director and a mom. During her recent tenure as president of the Andona Society, Clements worked tirelessly and successfully to fund unique curriculum enrichment and special education programs at the various schools throughout town. We all know that maintaining an excellent school system is essential to Andover's success, and moreover, essential to the future success of our youngest residents. Yet we are living in a time where the financial pressures are enormous and the school system's budget is stretched to its limit. We need School Committee members who have experience working through difficult problems and reaching agreement through consensus. Clements' experience shows that she is uniquely qualified to do just that.

But it is not just Clements' experience that makes her such a great candidate. She is quite simply one of those rare individuals who can accomplish more in one day than many of us can do in a month. She has an energy about her that is infectious and motivates everyone she works with to do better and work harder to solve whatever problem is at hand. She is personally vested in the continued success of the Andover public school system with three young children in elementary school. She is proud to live in Andover and is willing to put her considerable talents toward making our schools the best they can possibly be. Andover voters would be wise to choose Paula Colby-Clements on March 23.

SUSAN HOFFMAN  
22 Spring Grove Road

#### Re-elect fiscally disciplined Vispoli

Editor, Townsman:

Throughout Alex Vispoli's tenure as a selectman he has been consistently fiscally disciplined and responsible. He has demonstrated his ability as an independent thinker representing all Andover taxpayers. He continues to ask the tough questions and look for more efficient ways to deliver town services.

Vispoli organized selectman from five surrounding towns

allowing them explore opportunities to save money through regionalization. For example, Andover was able to avoid spending \$250,000 for a new DPW vehicle by using North Andover's and paying only for actual use. This initially was met with resistance, but Vispoli didn't give up and his persistence saved Andover tens of thousands of dollars.

He has demonstrated the ability to effectively tackle tough issues where Andover's interests needed to be protected. An example was his creation of Andover's I-93 Interchange Task Force. He also led the effort to begin the process of creating a townwide unified Information Technology vision and plan. While others were resistant to a new approach, Vispoli pressed on and forged the IT Study Committee. This group has moved forward and identified several areas where real savings can be made without compromising service.

He continues to demonstrate the ability to initiate analysis and deliver solutions on issues that will provide both short and long term benefits for all of Andover's residents.

Vispoli is already respected by his peers as an honest and fair minded public servant. Since we have already been blessed by his generous volunteerism, and he has proven value, we are fortunate that he is willing to continue on the Board of Selectmen.

TOM HOERNER  
Jenkins Road

#### Bruce would bring change to local level

Editor, Townsman:

I am a resident of Andover who was fortunate to have been raised and educated in this town. I moved back to Andover in 2004 so that my son could benefit from the same positive experience that this town has given to me. He will be entering Andover High School next fall.

Andover is a great place to raise a family. This is a safe town with many services and businesses that further add value. Andover Youth Services is just one of these, but one that has made a difference in many lives. My son has been active in the AYS programs for several years and frequently visits the Pearson Street location during the week.

Cutting the funding for Andover Youth Services is one of the reasons I am supporting Larry Bruce for town selectman. It is time for the residents of Andover to take an active interest in where their tax money is being spent. Cutting funding for a program that provides so much positive support to the youth of Andover is a mistake.

Bruce has also made the argument for transparency. With the proposed tax increases, shouldn't we as voters want the town priorities in order? As we move

towards this pending election, it is time for a change at the local level.

AMY MCCARRON  
38 A Maple Ave.

#### Teachers should be evaluated on merit

Editor, Townsman:

I am perplexed by the letter written by Tom Meyers, president of the Andover Education Association, in the March 4 Townsman. I support public education; I wouldn't be where I am today without the guidance and dedication of excellent teachers. What bothers me are Meyers' objections to "teacher evaluations being tied to compensation" and that "teachers would be assessed through the performance of their students."

To my knowledge, teaching is the only profession in which evaluation and performance are not tied to compensation. The stated argument against doing so is the concern about using test scores as an evaluation tool. If test scores are felt to be an inadequate measure of teaching performance, then perhaps other measures should be part of the evaluation process. Coming up with such measures may not be easy, but if there is no attempt made, it will never happen.

I think that most professionals would be eager to be evaluated on merit. I don't understand why teachers should be any different, or why they would want to be different. What do they have to be afraid of?

STEVEN SCHWARTZ, MD  
76 Salem St.

#### Vispoli grasped I-93 plan's importance

Editor, Townsman:

Serving as a public official is never an easy task. Being able and willing to serve in these trying times requires a unique balance of dedication, creativity, diplomacy, foresight and a large dose of fiscal responsibility. Alex Vispoli is running for a third term as selectman for the town of Andover and he has all of these abilities.

Vispoli was one of the first elected officials in Andover to grasp the importance of the long term economic opportunity available to the town of Andover in securing a new interchange on Interstate 93 servicing Lowell Junction. Working with the leaders from Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington, he continues to insure that this opportunity will significantly strengthen Andover's commercial tax base, secure valuable open space, and control cut-through traffic in historic Ballardvale and neighborhoods surrounding Route 125.

Vispoli has worked hard for many years to strengthen our community. Please join us in supporting him for re-election to the

Andover Board of Selectmen on March 23.

CHRIS & DIANE HUNTRESS  
17 Tewksbury St.

#### Don't treat schools separately

Editor, Townsman:

Dear Selectmen:

As a taxpayer, parent and teacher in Andover, I find myself ashamed of this town. I have heard the proposed cuts to next year's school budget, and cannot understand why this is happening. Our taxes are not low. When I moved here 18 years ago, it was largely because of the excellent reputation of the Andover Public Schools. We are regularly compared with towns such as Lexington, Wellesley and Weston and our students have consistently performed well on MCAS and standard college entrance measurements. My taxes have gone up every year, and although the increases have been significant, I've felt that these have been justified.

I no longer feel this way. I am hearing proposals to increase elementary class sizes to 29 pupils, remove foreign language from the middle schools, and cut block scheduling from the high school.

I would not move here now. If the state of our schools alone is not of utmost concern, consider the value of our homes. If these changes are implemented, we can all watch the value of our properties slide.

Please look beyond our school system and find another way to combat this problem. Consider the special education costs, such as out-of-district placements, which are no longer shared by the town, as the burden put on the school system is impossible to sustain in our current economic state. Consider that with the annual tax increases, the services provided regularly decrease. Consider that our once fabulous school system is being decimated piece by piece. Consider that without a sound plan to support our children, we will not be fostering great leaders for the future. We will instead be showing them that we do not value them, and are willing to give them little attention.

It's no accident that Andover students have been largely unscathed by a variety of problems that plague children in many towns. We can provide mentoring that can't be offered in schools with the proposed large class sizes. The school system has endured cut after cut, and it's time to realize that we must preserve what we have.

The problem is not the school system's alone. It is one component of the town. Please treat it not as a separate entity, but as the integral part it is.

JOAN VEZNAIAN  
6 Elysian Drive

#### Don't overpay for fields land

Editor, Townsman:

To the town manager and members of the Board of Selectmen:

It was with interest that I read, "You make the call: Voters asked to buy more land near proposed fields" (Townsman, March 4).

It is my hope that the town would think twice before paying \$400,000 for a single family home (lot) on 1 acre that is presently assessed at \$382,100.

Here are the facts as shown for the last six months in the MLS Property Information Newtork. First are the homes which were listed for sale between \$300,000 and \$400,000, sited on an acre of land, more or less. Secondly are sales of land without dwellings for

the same six-month period.

#### RECENT HOME SALES

ADDRESS	LOT SIZE	ASSESSED VALUE	SALE PRICE
187 Woburn St.	1.05	\$425,900	\$300,000
309 River Road	1.28	\$476,700	\$328,000
221 Highland Road	2.13	\$450,700	\$316,800
6 Glenn Cove	0.83	\$447,300	\$358,500
8 Burton Farm Drive	0.72	\$434,700	\$390,000
271 Salem St.	1.14	\$510,500	\$380,000
54 Woodland Road	0.82	\$657,000	\$300,000
73 Dascomb Road	1.05	\$402,300	\$345,000

#### RECENT LAND-ONLY SALES

ADDRESS	LOT SIZE	SALE PRICE
487 Lowell St.	1.10 acres	\$182,000
69 Haggetts Pond Road	1.12	\$295,000
67 Haggetts Pond Road	1.05	\$295,000
8 Foster's Pond Road (waterfront)	0.49	\$265,000
71 Haggetts Pond Road	4.56	\$360,000

My confusion centers upon why our town, in these critical financial times, would consider overpaying for a parcel of land for any reason.

KIRSTIN CLARKE  
125 Bailey Road

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# TOWN ELECTION: SELECTMEN'S RACE

**PERSONAL SPENDING PRIORITIES:** How would you complete this sentence: Andover spends too much on \_\_\_\_\_ and not enough on \_\_\_\_\_. Then please explain why you feel that way. (Up to 50 words)

**LARRY BRUCE**  
Andover spends too much on town government and not enough on residents needs. Our town government has put government first and residents last. They are

guaranteed raises every year. We are guaranteed tax increases every year. They drive our town vehicles home for free, we pay the bill. They gift vehicles to foreign countries, then lower the schools' heat. It's time for a change.

**JERRY STABILE**  
If it were that simple. I believe that we can improve the quality of life for all our residents if we

do two basic things. Significantly improve cost effectiveness in the delivery of services and become more innovative in the use of our assets.

**ALEX VISPOLI**  
Andover spends too much on health insurance and not enough on student language instruction, music, health, intramural sports programs.  
Tough choices are made to

balance needs of all the residents. Health insurance cost has become a major issue within the town's budget. As a result all departments have seen and had to share these reductions.

## AREAS FOR TRIMMING

Outside of contracts, what Andover expenses have you and would you target for trimming, if any? How? (Up to 75 words)

### LARRY BRUCE

The town manager has admitted that he does not know how many vehicles are registered for on-road use. He also does not know how many are used by town employees to commute to

and from work, free of charge. How can this be possible? I will put an end to these free commutes. They're not free for the taxpayers. Where else would I look? Everywhere.

### JERRY STABILE

We have worked diligently to cut expenses in all areas while trying to maintain service levels. Utilities, personnel, service delivery, fuel, vehicles, and many other expenses have been reduced. It is now time to think

outside the box and look to drive new revenues utilizing the assets we have in innovative ways. One example would be launching a medical transport service that could generate \$500,000 to \$1 million in new revenue annually.

### ALEX VISPOLI

- Reduce townwide IT costs, by consolidation and implementation of a unified IT plan;
- Continue the reduction of take home vehicles;
- Outsource townwide payroll processing; and
- Outsource or work with neighboring towns to regionalize

services including - building inspections, plumbing inspections, health inspections. We were able to demonstrate this approach recently by working with North Andover, sharing a sewer maintenance vehicle, saving \$250,000.

## PERSONAL ACTION

What have you personally done during the last three years to make Andover a better place? (Up to 75 words)

### LARRY BRUCE

I've worked to expose the failures of town government to prevent the contamination of Fish Brook. The town refuses to admit past mistakes. The study of the contamination, which cost over \$20,000, did not once mention that for years the road salt

pile was not covered. Whenever it rained, salt leached into our water supply. I warned the town manager while this was preventable; he was recently given a standing ovation by the incumbent selectmen.

### JERRY STABILE

In addition to the hundreds of hours a year that I put in as a selectman, I volunteer to work with our kids on several fronts. I coach girls basketball, I participate in the annual reading program at Bancroft and Shawsheen

school. I volunteer for fund raising events and I am extremely proud of the sensory garden we built at Shawsheen school as a class gift from my daughter Julia's second-grade class.

### ALEX VISPOLI

- I want to thank all residents who volunteer their time on committees. So much of the work that makes Andover a better place is done by volunteers.
- Supported the Blanchard Street land acquisition for fields.
- Actively work to control expenditures and ensuring a

balanced budget. Putting a limit on using the town's reserves directly led to Andover's AAA bond rating.  
Worked with JoAnn Deso and Emily Kearns to open Old Town Hall on Saturday mornings.

## Those seeking votes didn't always vote themselves

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen candidates seeking people's votes next Tuesday didn't always cast votes themselves in town elections or at Town Meeting, according to town records.

According to information provided by the town clerks office:

During the last decade, selectmen candidate Larry Bruce has attended just one night of Town Meeting and voted in one local election, his most recent participation in 2004. Bruce, a political newcomer, faces two incumbents in town election on Tuesday, March 23.

But his opponents, sitting Selectmen Jerry Stabile Jr. and Alex Vispoli, had just slightly

higher records of participation in town politics in the years before they were elected.

In the three years before Stabile was elected in 2007, Stabile attended two nights of Town Meeting and voted in one local election.

In the three years prior to Vispoli's election, Vispoli also attended just one night of Town Meeting. He did vote in all three annual local elections.

Bruce, Vispoli and Stabile will face off for two seats on the Board of Selectmen on Tuesday in the only contested race of 2010 town elections. Polls are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Andover High School field house, 80 Shawsheen Road. To see the full 2010 ballot, visit [www.andoverma.gov/town-meeting/ballot.pdf](http://www.andoverma.gov/town-meeting/ballot.pdf)

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# Townspeople



## LOCAL ON 'WHAT NOT TO WEAR'

### Turns shopping spree into \$19,000 for a cause

By COURTNEY CASPER  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Just two weeks ago, the TLC Television Channel raked in the ratings with one of the most-watched episodes they've ever had. Coincidentally, TLC's "What Not to Wear" featured Andover resident Anne Concemi, a wife, mother, and owner of First Integrity Mortgage in Lawrence.

Friends and family secretly nominate people to appear on "What Not to Wear" who they believe desperately need to update their look. Those who agree are given a shopping spree, but must agree to toss all the clothes frowned on by the hosts, and they receive a new hairstyle and makeup.

Although Concemi was in absolute shock at the arrival of show co-hosts Clinton Kelly and Stacy London, who appeared while she was out looking at a motorcycle, she admits she was entirely up for the adventure.

"I always tried to kind of go with the styles but my clothes didn't fit properly. It wasn't all pulled together," she said.

And as a professional company owner, oversized clothes just did not do the trick. But then again, business suits weren't exactly the desirable look for a part-time Harley gal. Kelly and London got to work on Concemi immediately, discarding most of the clothes in her closet as well as what they called her mullet hairstyle. She was awarded the standard \$5,000 shopping spree in New York City with the hosts.

The most important concept of the trip, Concemi explained, was that the Kelly and London did their best to locate places where their client will continue to shop in the future, since every individual's style and regular budget will vary.

"I shopped a lot near Taylor Loft. Banana Republic, Filene's Basement, Lord & Taylor, and GAP were also big for me," said Concemi, almost proudly. The most challenging aspect of the journey, in Concemi's opinion, was trying to find a nice balance in her wardrobe. "I don't fit into the [lesbian] stereotype at all, but I'd never dress like a housewife of the Orange County either," she said.

Anne Concemi resides in town with her wife, Whitney, and her two sons, Sam and Gus.

For some, "What Not to Wear" can become a highly emotional



COURTESY PHOTOS

At top left, Anne Concemi (center) is ambushed by the hosts of the TV show What Not to Wear. "My face pretty much says it all," says Concemi. Concemi, shown above prior to the show, has lived in Andover since 1972 and attended Andover Public Schools. She is the owner of First Integrity Mortgage located in Sal's Riverwalk in Lawrence.



Concemi used the showing of her appearance to raise money in the name of Hannah Lowe, age 6, who was diagnosed with Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma in October 2009. Hannah is shown with her 6-month-old brother, Evan. The fundraiser on the eve of her episode premier was held at the Kowloon in Saugus, with the show on two huge TVs. About 470 people attended and the event raised more than \$19,000, she said.

experience. Their job was to tell you what "I just didn't take it personally. they thought, and if you were

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wearing something they think is ugly, they are going to tell you," said Concemi.

Although the hosts can be tough, she argues that they truly care.

"If everybody walks away from the show just not feeling 'good' then the show wouldn't be so successful," she said. "It's one thing to make someone look different, it's another thing to make someone feel different."

Concemi detailed how horrifying shopping had been for her in past years. "I just never felt good in anything," she admitted. But now, Concemi's confidence level has shot up. "I know exactly what to look for, I know the

sizes, I know the fit, and I know what just does not look good," she said.

Plus, for Concemi, the experience wasn't just about fame and fashion. She was able to use the appearance to help a good cause.

On Friday, March 5 – the date the episode aired on national television – Concemi hosted a fundraiser at the Kowloon Restaurant in Saugus in support of a client's daughter, Hannah Lowe of Londonderry. Hannah was diagnosed with stage three embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma and is now in the recovery process from her most recent tumor removal. On the night of the premiere, Concemi and others set up huge-screen televisions throughout the restaurant and raised over \$19,000 in honor of Hannah. Checks continue to come in through the mail.

"I think there's a much greater message to be spread here," said Concemi. "This family has been through such a huge ordeal and are in need of our assistance."

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#### 100 Years Ago March 18, 1910

The adjourned Town Meeting convened Monday evening in the town hall at eight o'clock with Harry A. Ramsdell as moderator. There was a fairly large attendance, nearly 300 voters being present. The motion carried in Article 14 to change the name of the street now called "Reservoir Street" to "Bancroft Road."

When J.P. West moves into the store recently vacated by William C. Crowley, as he intends to do at the first of the week, Andover bids fair to have a first class bakeshop and ice-cream parlor.

The selectmen have reorganized for the year with Harry M. Eames as chairman, Walter S. Donald, clerk. On Thursday the following appointments of officers for the ensuing year were made: Clerk of Board of Selectmen, Abraham Marland; Town Physician, Dr. J.A. Reitch; Superintendent of Alms House, Fred A. Swanton.

#### 75 Years Ago March 15, 1935

The Boston and Maine Railroad tracks near Lowell junction were tied up for nearly an hour about four o'clock Sunday morning when a 104-car freight train en route to Mechanicsville N.Y. crashed into a stolen truck that had plunged over the Tewksbury street bridge and dropped 35 feet to the tracks. No trace of the driver could be found by police.

Dr. J.J. Daly, selectman for the last seven years, was chosen chairman of the selectmen and assessors on Tuesday to succeed Frank H. Hardy.

J. Everett Collins, newly elected selectman, resigned from the School Committee Tuesday. A rising vote of thanks was given Mr. Collins by the School Committee for his services during the past years.

Dr. Eleanor T. Gluek, a well-known authority on the prevention of crime and delinquency will address the Andover League of Women Voters on "Juvenile Delinquents—their treatment by Court, Clinic and Community" at a meeting to be held Tuesday with Mrs. G. Morton Fuller, 78 Main St. at 3:15 p.m.

#### 50 Years Ago March 17, 1960

Mr. Tambone this week announced plans for an extensive retail shopping center on some 50 acres in west Andover – at least two million dollars worth of buildings on the Andover side of the Tewksbury line – if re-zoning is accomplished.

Advertisement: Shawsheen Motor Mart at 47 Haverhill St. advertises "the New Ford Falcon Flyers – America's lowest priced six-passenger station wagons."

The proceeds of the desert bridge sponsored by the Andona Society March 31, will go directly to the youth center on Brooke Street.

"Crazy Day in Wonderland" the 1960 touring stage show of the Don Coyote Children's Theatre of Boston, will be presented at Memorial Auditorium Wednesday, April 6, under the sponsorship of the South School P.T.A.

## Town quilter chosen for show

Andover quilter Betsy Abbott has been selected as a semifinalist for the 2010 AQS Quilt Show and Contest.

Abbott has been chosen to display the quilt, 'Tidepool Treasure, along with 200 others in the annual contest, which is offering more than \$42,000 in total prize money.

Tidepool Treasure was chosen from a large field of entries and will compete against others

within its category, according to a release. Three quilting authorities will judge this group in Lancaster, Penn., and winners will be announced at 8:30 a.m. before the show opens on, March 24. The first place winner within each category will receive a \$1,500 cash prize, and the Best of Show will receive \$10,000. All semifinalists' quilts will be displayed at the show, which is expected to draw nearly 20,000 people.

## Fitness for a Cure Gala March 27

The 11th Annual Fitness for a Cure gala benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will be held Saturday, March 27 at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. This year, Fitness for a Cure will feature two separate events. A family-oriented day show featuring a fitness show by the Performance Team, games, and face painting will be held at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 for adults and \$15 for children.

An elegant semi-formal gala starting at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour, there will be a dinner, live

and silent auctions, fitness show and dancing. Country artists Richie McDonald and Billy Dean perform. Tickets cost \$125. Priority seating, which includes a private cocktail reception and Meet & Greet with St. Jude patient families, as well as premium seats for the performance, is available for \$250. The event will likely sell out quickly so those interested should obtain tickets as early as possible.

Contact Michele Maguire at 617-695-5262 to purchase tickets or to make a donation.

## Andover's March Madness



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

At left, Sami Aruri, 12, looks to pass around Patrick Agri, 12, during the YMCA basketball championships on Saturday, March 13. For more on the YBL league and its championship, see the Kids special section.

## Opinions on air travel not so 'Up in the Air'

### Bill Dalton



I'm on my way to the Kansas City airport. My caddy is the company dispatcher, which I believe is illegal. During the 25-minute ride he shouts nonstop instructions into a hand-held microphone. I want to

beat him with a stick; instead, I pay him \$55.

At security there's a TSA guy who looks like a loaf of Wonder Bread. He's picked me; I'm his terrorist suspect.

I do all the things I always do at airport security, including putting my shoes and liquids into a plastic

bin on the conveyor belt. Wonder Bread comes to me and says that in Kansas City "we" put our shoes directly on the conveyor. I take the shoes out of the bin and put them on the conveyor. He waits for my stuff on the other side of the X-ray machine, grabs my shoes and liquids and spends 5 minutes

examining them while another TSA guy pats me down. I pass the tests.

In my stocking feet I find a seat to get my shoes back on. In front of me is a pretty adolescent girl in a wheelchair. Her legs are awkwardly bent and her face is red because her wheelchair is being searched. I smile at her but she is sad. I

become angry at a system that spends its assets making this sad girl sadder.

To get home, I must go through Orlando and make a tight connection to New England. Missing the connection means sleeping at the

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TOWN TALK

Academic Bowl turns 25

The silver anniversary for the Greater Lawrence Academic Bowl has arrived and so have the party plans. Academic Bowl alumni, teachers, parents and other supporters are invited to a party planning meeting on Wednesday, March 24 at South Lawrence East School. The group is planning a silvery celebration in October. Andover's three middle schools have been academically bowling for each of those 25 years. Contact Jim McConaughy at [jmcconaughy@glec.org](mailto:jmcconaughy@glec.org) for more information.

— Judy Wakefield

Opening Day read

Author Edward Achorn, formerly of Andover and a former editorial writer and Washington, D.C. correspondent for the Eagle-Tribune for years, has been a baseball fan for years. The current deputy editorial pages editor of the Providence Journal used to write and research in the attic of his Andover house at the corner of Clark and Dascob roads.

Achorn has a new book out about a pitcher who won 59

games in one major-league season (and all three games of the first World Series). "Fifty-nine in '84" (\$25.99 hardcover) is a biography of pitcher Charles "Old Hoss" Rabburn and his legendary 1884 season for the National League's Providence Grays. One reviewer called it the best book out there on 19th-century baseball. It hit bookstores this week and, with Opening Day around the corner, reviewers say this historical baseball tale is a must-read.

— Judy Wakefield

Life is a cabaret

Director Penny Kohut of Andover, who runs Acting Out Theatre shows with kids and adults and has directed senior center events, will take a turn on stage herself tomorrow. She has been invited to appear in a cabaret show at the Ryles Jazz Club in Cambridge, Friday, March 19. The Boston Association of Cabaret Artists presents this festival "of unparalleled nightlife entertainment with some of Boston's finest cabaret and jazz performers," according to a press release. Tickets are \$20 and may be purchased at [www.Ryles.com](http://www.Ryles.com). Doors open at 6:15 p.m. and the

show starts at 7 p.m.

— Judy Wakefield

Bancroft celebrates over-the-hill year with variety show

Bancroft Elementary School cordially invites the community to its 14th annual variety show on March 25, 5:30 p.m. at the Collins Center, Shawsheen Road.

Organizers are going big this year to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Bancroft's first full year of classes (1969-1970).

The show will feature acts by students and teachers. Tickets are \$8 at the door. For more information, contact [mjmhall@aol.com](mailto:mjmhall@aol.com).

— Bethany Bray

New Madam Prez

The Andover Business Center Association held elections last Thursday, March 11 to appoint new leadership. The new ABCA president is Elaine LeBlanc-Baker, a financial officer at Edward Jones; vice president is attorney Peter Caruso of Devine Millimet; secretary is Kay DeMaso of Quiet Pleasures Jewelry and treasurer is Nancy

Hargreaves-Pierce of Enterprise Bank.

"We plan to expand the group and make it more active for different types of businesses. We are currently working on Andover Day 2010, which is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 25. I'm also aware of a couple of retailers who will celebrate 10-year anniversaries this year," LeBlanc-Baker wrote in e-mail announcing the officers.

— Judy Wakefield

Terrible twos wanted

Supernanny is coming so the casting call is out for the spoiled cream of the crop when it comes to difficult children. A casting director is letting parents know that auditions are next week in Boston.

This casting call is for parents with two or more kids who need some guidance and tips on how to best handle tantrums and the like. Contact Vanessa Ranko, casting producer, at 617-794-0809 or [VanessaRanko@gmail.com](mailto:VanessaRanko@gmail.com), or call 1/877/NANNY TIME (1-877-626-6984) for more information. And, remember, the badder, the better!

— Judy Wakefield

ENGAGEMENT



Caitlin Woo and Richard Pierce

Frank and Laraine Woo of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin Susanne to Richard Galen Pierce, son of Christopher and Nancy Pierce of Cumberland Foreside, Maine.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Andover High School and Bowdoin College. She is a first year

student at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine in Bronx, N.Y.

Her fiancé is a graduate of North Yarmouth Academy and Bowdoin College. He is employed as a senior associate for SAC Capital Advisors in Stamford, Conn.

A July wedding is planned.

DALTON: A system that makes flying not so fun

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airport. Vicious thunderstorms close Orlando's airport. After circling for an hour, my plane diverts to Tallahassee where we wait out the storms. The captain is a good communicator and the flight attendants are good-natured. That helps.

I luck out, and when I finally

land in Orlando the New England flight is delayed for hours.

Dissonance rules Orlando's terminal; it is filled with drunken college kids and their opposites, sweet little children fresh from places like Disney World. For the drunks, it's the end of spring break and they have been there for hours because of the storm. Loudness

and expletives abound while little kids, many in costumes, stand and watch nearby.

In the hours I'm there, I never see a security person, but there are lots of bartenders. I wonder if the security people lead double lives and keep two uniforms at the airport - nah, not possible.

One of the drunks runs to an attractive flight attendant waiting to board her plane and says something that enrages her. He quickly disappears. Good luck to the flight crew on his plane. I take three Advil. It's becoming a long day. I've been up since 4 a.m. and it's after 10 p.m., but I'm on the plane to New England. Our flight attendant's long day makes her as snarly as her bleached out hair. Three times during the flight she announces how long she's worked today. She must think the rest of us are having fun.

I'm on an aisle seat, which pleases me. Next to me an older woman is trying to sleep. On her other side is a

12-year old with a loud voice that never stops. He reminds me of the cabby. No one else is talking on the dark plane.

The older woman is kind and mumbles and nods to him, but he tires of her and aims his voice at me. I'm not nice and put my finger to my lips. He begins babbling again to the woman. She gives up and puts her head in her hands. He talks anyway. The boy's mother is several rows away and knew what she was doing when she seated him so distant. I begin to think about what circle in Dante's Inferno would be suitable for her. I am tired.

I'm driving home after 1 a.m., remembering how much I used to enjoy flying. That was before 9/11, about the time when Walter Kirn wrote his fine book, "Up In the Air." The book is a movie now. I probably won't see it.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving e-mails at [billdalton@andovertownie.com](mailto:billdalton@andovertownie.com).

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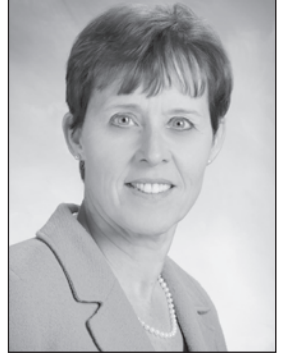
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# Sports

## 'DREAM COME TRUE'

### Andover girls win state basketball championship

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — Simply said, March 13, 2010 could not have been a more perfect day for the Andover High girls basketball team.

"This is my dream come true," said Andover senior co-captain Alex Alois. "I don't even know how to describe this. This is unbelievable."

On Saturday at the DCU Center in Worcester, the Golden Warriors delivered the game of their lives, blasting East Longmeadow 73-37 to take home the Division 1 girls state basketball championship.

"We couldn't believe it," said sophomore Ally Fazio. "No one looked up at the score for a while, and when we finally did and saw that we were ahead and it was just the best feeling. We were

shocked. It was great."

This marked the second state title in the program's history, the other coming in the 2002-03 season. But unlike the previous title, which Samantha Hughes won on three-point play with a second left, no dramatics were needed against East Longmeadow.

"I think we played a perfect game," said star sophomore Nicole Boudreau. "I don't think there's anything we could have done better. We didn't miss many shots, and the ones we did miss Alex and Dianna (Bill) were there to rebound."

No one in attendance could possibly argue with Boudreau's assessment.

Andover rushed out to a stunning 24-5 lead through one quarter, and by halftime the Golden Warriors were already out in

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ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photos

Andover players mob one another in joy after the Golden Warriors blasted East Longmeadow 73-37 in the Division 1 title game.

### Golden Warriors a favorite to repeat in 2011

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

WORCESTER — Andover freshman Devon Caveney marveled at the notion that she still has three high school seasons left in her career.

"It's amazing," said the young guard. "Winning the title was the happiest moment of my life. It's incredible to think that I could be back here again. I can't wait. We're going to be good."

Caveney is just one of a startling group of talent that should

be back for the Golden Warriors for the 2010-2011 season.

"Myself, Natalie (Gomez-Martinez), Ally (Fazio) and Devon," said star sophomore Nicole Boudreau. "The list just goes on. We're going to miss the seniors, but if we can get back here next year, it would be a dream come true again."

With archival Central Catholic graduating Boston College-bound center Katie Zenevitch and Merrimack Valley Conference rival Methuen losing Boston University-bound Rashidat

Agboola, the future is looking brighter than ever for the Golden Warriors.

In short, watch out Massachusetts, because Andover looks nearly unbeatable.

Of the 73 points Andover posted in the title game against East Longmeadow, 63 of those were scored by players that should be returning to the team next season.

"No one seems to believe that Natalie is back, and so is Nicole," said Fazio. "There is a very good chance that we can make it back

to Worcester again next year."

The Golden Warriors are led by the state's most dynamic backcourt duo of point guard Gomez-Martinez and sharp-shooter Boudreau.

A junior and starter since her freshman season, Gomez-Martinez delivered maybe the best game of her career in the final with a game-high 25 points.

Then there is the sweet-shooting Boudreau. Just a sophomore, she averaged 19.9 points a game

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► Andover's Cassandra Drivas leaps into the arms of a teammate after her squad took home the Division 1 basketball crown.

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TEAM FOR THE AGES

HERE IS A LOOK AT THE PLAYERS THAT CONTRIBUTED THIS SEASON, WITH A COMMENT FROM COACH TILDSLEY:

NAME	YEAR	POSITION	TILDSLEY COMMENT
Alex Alois	Sr.	forward	"She was our top rebounder and always covered the big girls despite her height disadvantage."
Dianna Bill	Sr.	forward	"Our most improved player. She was a great rebounder and defender and had a great tourney run."
Cassandra Drivas	Sr.	center	"Our first forward off the bench. She was stellar on the defensive boards and always boxed out."
Alicia Scarpa	Sr.	guard	"She's a very good shooter and an excellent team leader. She did a great job filling in when Nicole (Boudreau) was out."
Natalie Gomez-Martinez	Jr.	guard	"Her performance in the tournament is a real tribute to her. She's an All-Scholastic player."
Courtney McDonald	Jr.	forward	"She's a standout defensive player who matched up against big players despite being just 5-foot-6."
Elon Beasley	Jr.	forward	"She's so supportive and always smiling. She's very up-beat and always works so hard."
Nicole Boudreau	Soph.	guard	"She and Natalie led us to the promised land. Just an amazing scorer and another All-Scholastic."
Ally Fazio	Soph.	guard	"She's a two-year starter that knows her role. She plays great defense and found confidence in her shot."
Mollie Maturah	Soph.	forward	"She's a very good rebounder and is going to be a key replacement for the seniors next season."
Devon Caveney	Frosh.	guard	"One of the most poised freshmen I have ever seen. Her 19 points (in the semis) got us to the title game."
Olivia Biles	Frosh.	guard	"She was maybe the third best shooter on the team this year. She should be a very good player for us."
Jackie Alois	Frosh.	forward	"She's quick, smart and extremely athletic. She will be seeing a lot of minutes in the future."

THE ROAD TO WORCESTER

HERE IS A GAME-BY-GAME BREAKDOWN OF THE SEASON:

DATE	WINNER, LOSER	ANDOVER'S HIGH SCORER
Dec. 15	Andover 65, Tewksbury 26	Natalie Gomez-Martinez 19
Dec. 17	Andover 75, Methuen 42	Nicole Boudreau 22
Dec. 21	Andover 64, Chelmsford 28	Gomez-Martinez, Boudreau 17
*Dec. 22	Andover 73, Salem (NH) 34	Boudreau 21
*Dec. 28	Andover 89, Methuen 67	Boudreau 24
*Dec. 30	Andover 86, Central Catholic 74	Boudreau 39
Jan. 4	Andover 54, Haverhill 23	Ally Fazio, Gomez-Martinez 8
Jan. 8	Central Catholic 55, Andover 53	Dianna Bill 13
Jan. 12	Andover 71, Dracut 49	Alex Alois 17
Jan. 13	Notre Dame 60, Andover 50	Gomez-Martinez 24
Jan. 15	Andover 45, Lowell 35	Boudreau 19
Jan. 20	Andover 63, Lawrence 40	Gomez-Martinez 18
Jan. 22	Mt. Wachusett 68, Andover 64	Boudreau 42
Jan. 26	Andover 71, Billerica 43	Boudreau 21
Jan. 29	Andover 66, Methuen 60	Boudreau 23
Jan. 31	Andover 60, Central Catholic 54	Boudreau 25
Feb. 3	Andover 63, Notre Dame 59	Boudreau 28
Feb. 6	Andover 67, Lowell 39	Gomez-Martinez 23
Feb. 8	Andover 51, North Andover 31	Boudreau 17
Feb. 11	Andover 58, Billerica 50	Boudreau 26
Feb. 14	Andover 56, Peabody 50	Boudreau 19
Feb. 15	Andover 77, Bayview Academy 51	Gomez-Martinez 36
**Feb. 24	Andover 79, Methuen 44	Boudreau 23
**Feb. 26	Andover 62, Masconomet 22	Gomez-Martinez 21
** March 2	Andover 69, Westford Academy 67	Gomez-Martinez 19
** March 5	Andover 69, Central Catholic 65 (OT)	Gomez-Martinez, Boudreau 25
** March 9	Andover 60, Mansfield 52	Devon Caveney 19
** March 13	Andover 73, East Longmeadow 37	Gomez-Martinez 25

\* - Greater Lawrence Christmas tourney  
\*\* - MIAA Division 1 tourney



Andover's Natalie Gomez-Martinez grabs yet another steal and makes her way to the basket. Gomez-Martinez was outstanding, scoring a game-high 25 points in the title game.

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FAVORITE

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this season, and four-3-pointers on her way to 18 points in the finale — in about 2 1/2 1 quarters

of play.

Also back is fellow starting guard Fazio. The sophomore found her groove in the tourney, and also hit four 3-pointers in the title game.

"Fazio hit her first two 3s and it was lights out," said Andover

WIN

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front 42-16. By the time the fourth quarter had arrived, head coach Jim Tildsley had all but emptied his bench.

"We shot the ball extremely well and our (defensive) pressure really bothered them," said Tildsley. "We finished the season with 15 straight wins, and we saved our best effort for our last game. We came out in the first five minutes and basically put the game away. It was nice everyone could get in and we could relax in the fourth quarter."

No player was more dominant than Natalie Gomez-Martinez. The junior point guard led the way with 25 points, the fourth time this tournament she scored 20 or more points, and tormented the East Longmeadow guards to the tune of 12 steals, unofficially.

This was not Gomez-Martinez's first trip to the DCU Center. Two years ago she was the starting point guard on the Golden Warriors squad the fell to Northampton 50-37 in the state final.

"Natalie and I got a taste of this two years ago," said Alois. "As an underclassman you don't grasp how big it is to win. Losing in our last trip makes it that much better and that much more special."

Gomez-Martinez received plenty of support.

Fellow sure-fire All-Scholastic

Boudreau knocked down four 3-pointers on her way to 18 points while Fazio, also a sophomore, hit four 3's on her way to 12 points. That with the starters spending much of the second half on the bench.

While the underclassman guards were posting the points, the seniors did their work under the boards. Starting forwards Alois and Bill dominated on the glass and excelled against the Spartan front court with the help of fellow senior Cassandra Drivas.

"We wanted to win it so badly for the seniors," said Gomez-Martinez. "All four of the seniors (Alois, Bill, Drivas, Alicia Scarpa) are my best friends. I have played with them for so long, and they have been amazing for us."

With the impressive crowd rewarding each player with a standing ovation as she was removed from the game, the Golden Warriors had the chance to enjoy the run-away title.

"We worked so hard to accomplish this," said Alois. "Every game we went out there to do anything we can do win, and we did it."

Andover 73, East Longmeadow 37

Division 1 state finals  
East Longmeadow (37): Laurie Bonano 2 0-0 2, Krista Ferrentino 7 5-8 19, Arielle Ward 2 0-0 4, Kelsey Penndorf 1 0-0 2, Emily Stetkiewicz 3 0-0 6, Kylie White 1 0-0 2, Taylor Kravitz 1 0-0 2, Totals: 16 5-8 37  
Andover (73): Ally Fazio 4 0-0 12, Natalie Gomez-Martinez 11 0-0 25, Courtney McDonald 0 1-2 1, Devon Caveney 1 2-2 5, Mollie Maturah 0 0-0 0, Alicia Scarpa 0 0-0 0, Olivia Biles 1 0-0 2, Jackie Alois 0 0-0 0, Dianna Bill 3 2-3 8, Nicole Boudreau 5 4-4 18, Alex Alois 1 0-0 2, Cassandra Drivas 0 0-0 0. Totals: 26 9-11 73

3-pointers: A — Boudreau 4, Caveney, Gomez-Martinez 3, Fazio 4  
East Longmeadow: 5 11 8 13 — 37  
Andover: 24 18 19 12 — 73

coach Jim Tildsley. "You could see it in her face."

Also back is sixth man Caveney. Just a freshman, Caveney has wowed with her shot, never more than when she torched Mansfield for a career-high 19 points in the state semifinals. She averaged 8.3

points this season.

"I think they very well may win another," said Dianna Bill, who led all Warriors seniors with eight points. "They're going to be so good."

ADDITIONAL PHOTOS OF THE GAME AND CELEBRATION CAN BE FOUND IN THE KIDS SPECIAL SECTION



Andover teammates crowd around the Division 1 state championship trophy after a dominant title game victory over East Longmeadow.

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Roundup: Sherman, Cummings lead skiers to second at states

SKIING

Behind stellar outings for Nick Sherman and Matt Cummings, the Andover boys placed second as a team at the Massachusetts state meet two weeks ago.

"I've been the coach here for 11 years and this is the best finish we've had," said Golden Warriors head coach Tom Busta. "This is the best day we've had I remember. It was a great reward."

Sherman placed third overall in the slalom (43.02) and 14th in the giant slalom while Cummings was fifth in the slalom (44.15) and 13th in the giant slalom.

Led by an eighth in the slalom for Kerry Christopher, the girls placed fourth overall at the meet. Sara Heath added a 20th in the giant slalom for the Golden Warriors.

Nick Sherman's stellar performance (eighth in the slalom) led the Mass. team to victory at the Eastern High School Championships.

BOYS TRACK

Relay takes fourth at indoor nationals

The Andover High School 4x200 team of Christopher McConnell, Connor O'Neill, Kerrick Stevens and Mark Vetere placed fourth in 1:30.69 at the Nike Indoor Nationals yesterday at the Reggie Lewis Track, earning All-American honors.

GIRLS TRACK

Cronin earns All-American

Andover High junior Moira Cronin placed fourth at Nike Indoor Nationals last night with a jump of 5-91/4, earning High School All-American status.

The winner, junior Taylor Burke, cleared 5-10 3/4. Second through fourth places were determined by misses.

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Premises affected are located at 3 Iron Gate Dr., Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 105 as Lot 7.

### LEGAL NOTICE

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Case No. 10 MISC 419642  
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Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER, Chief Justice of said Court on March 01, 2010.  
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