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Tax scofflaws' land sold

Profits boost town emergency fund

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The town's rainy day account has grown over \$150,000 thanks to a successful land auction.

Six small parcels taken by the town for nonpayment of taxes were recently auctioned off, with most purchased by various land buyers.

Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo called the auction successful as five of the six parcels were sold for a total of \$157,500. He said that money goes into the town's Free Cash account, an account dipped into for unanticipated expenses.

The five parcels were appraised at a total of \$165,500 last October and selectmen later voted to auction the parcels. Each lot is small, but buildable. Abutters and affordable housing supporters typically buy the parcels, Bucuzzo said.

Bucuzzo said the sale prices were:

- 1 Shaw Drive - \$63,000
- 98 Andover St. - \$36,000
- 20 Iron Gate Drive - \$45,000
- 138 Andover St. - \$10,000
- 71 Elm St. - \$3,500

A parcel at 2 Pepperidge Circle in West Andover did not sell, Bucuzzo said.

He also said the names of the buyers would not be released yet because the buyers have to close on their land deals. After closing, the information will be made public, he said.

Pictures of town's egg hunt for kids. Page 11

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RETURN ENGAGEMENT



Andover Board of Selectmen winner and incumbent Jerry Stabile, left, stops by Alex Vispoli's house to congratulate him Tuesday night. Vispoli is also an incumbent. They both won by defeating the only other candidate, Larry Bruce.

CARL RUSSO/staff photo.

Voters bring back incumbent selectmen Vispoli, Stabile

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover's Board of Selectmen will stay the same as it has been for the last three years, after 7 percent of registered voters cast ballots on Tuesday, March 23.

In the only contested race on the

town election ballot, incumbent Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Jerry Stabile Jr. were re-elected, with Vispoli collecting the most votes.

Challenger Larry Bruce collected 651 votes, coming in 320 behind Stabile. Bruce took more votes than Stabile in one of Andover's nine precincts.

"I thank Larry for making people think and challenging Alex and I to work even harder," said Stabile. "The first time I ran (in 2007), there were five candidates. I didn't organize and campaign as hard this time. I underestimated what people refer to as the 'Scott Brown factor.'"

Bruce's campaign centered on

excesses and neglect he saw in town government. At a March 13 debate, the incumbents bristled at Bruce's claims that the board has overspent, gutted the Andover Youth Services budget and repeatedly raised taxes and fees.

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Full plate, no opponent for newest school leader Colby-Clements

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Paula Colby-Clements is stepping into a School Committee with a laundry list of challenges: balancing a budget with a multi-million dollar deficit, building a new elementary school and negotiating union contracts, all while a new superintendent takes over the district July 1.

But Colby-Clements, who will take over for outgoing School Committee member Debra Silberstein following an uncontested race, is undaunted, ready to roll up her sleeves and get to work.

"If ever there's a time to get involved, now's the time," said Colby-Clements, an attorney and professor at the Massachusetts School of Law at Andover. "I'm excited to be part of the process, I really have to say. It has been refreshing to see the members of the Board of Selectmen and folks in town really trying to come together to work to solve problems. It's my hope that we not only continue that, but we do more of that. The schools and town are not two separate things. I hope

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Paula Colby-Clements, newest member of the Andover School Committee, and her family from left, Emily, 7, husband Gregg, Jack, 5 and Jordan, 9.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Roger Crump of SBA, Paul Buffington of FEMA and Kerry Evans of MEMA take a look at the flood damage with Andover Police Lt. James Hashem on North Main Street in Andover last week.

Town recovering from flooding

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The 10 years Ann Barnes has lived in her condominium at Washington Park have been happy, surrounded by friendly neighbors and the convenience of living downtown.

Her only unpleasant memories are titanic ones, however: having to evacuate and replace carpets, wall boards and furniture when heavy rains cause

the Shawsheen River to flood the condominium complex. Her first-floor unit was completely flooded last week as well as during the Mother's Day floods in 2006, not to mention the many "near misses," said her son, Bob Barnes, when river water rose to the building's foundation and then receded.

Last week's flood was the straw that broke the camel's back, said Bob Barnes. He and his four siblings have decided to

move their 86-year-old mother to a new home.

The Barnes family are not the only ones reaching their wits' end. The National Weather Service issued flood warnings for the area Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday as several inches of rain fell. Rain showers amounting to less than an inch are forecast for today, March 25. A Shawsheen River gauge

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: This view of Main Street around 1901 shows plenty of parking at intersection of Main and Park Street. It was home to John P. Wakefield Market and in back were the Morrissey stables. The building was leveled in 1910 to build the Barnard Block.



NOW: The intersection of Main and Park Street was home to John P. Wakefield Market and Morrissey stables. The building was leveled in 1910 to build the current building, known as the Barnard Block.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



I GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE, GOT A job at a financial firm and played with the band on weekends. Then, I decided it was time to get [more] involved.
— Jeremy Cohen, 2003 Andover High School graduate, on making the decision to be a musician with the band *Midnight Spin*, which recently appeared with *Guns N' Roses*. *Story in Arts, Page 6.*

ODYSSEY [MOVED] AWAY FROM concrete answers to historic events. The class gave me questions that totally changed my thoughts.
— Student Jake Lebowitz on *Odyssey*, a 20-year-old interdisciplinary course taught only at Andover High School. *Story in Education, Page 8*



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 25	MONDAY, MARCH 29	WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31
Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m. School Committee budget workshop, School Administration Building, School Committee Room, 3:30 p.m. Community Access Media Board director's meeting, Andover High School TV studio, 5 p.m. Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.	Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m. Board of Selectmen meeting CANCELLED (was at 7 p.m.)	Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m. Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 26	TUESDAY, MARCH 30	THURSDAY, APRIL 1
School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.	Zoning Board of Appeals deliberation of the Taylor Cover 40B project, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 7 p.m. Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.	Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m. Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
		FRIDAY, APRIL 2
		Zoning Board of Appeals deliberation meeting, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 9 a.m.

Healthy living program at library April 6

Andover's Department of Public Health and the Memorial Hall Library invite residents to celebrate Public Health Week 2010 with an informative wellness program, "Healthy Living: Lyme Disease & Diabetes" on Tuesday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m. This program, which includes Lyme disease and diabetes detection and prevention, will be presented by University of Massachusetts nursing students, dietitian Rhys Wyman, MS, RD, LD, and Laura Simpson, RN, BSN, MA, CDE. Save the date for a free "Healthy Living Fair" at Memorial Hall Library on Saturday, May 22. For more information, visit www.mhl.org, call 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32, or text 66746 start your question with "askmhl". The "Healthy Living" program will be held at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Community Awareness Fair is April 10

The Greater Lawrence Community Partnerships for Children will host the Andover/North Andover Community Awareness Fair. This fair will be held on Saturday April 10, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Little Sprouts School, at 2324 Turnpike St. Route 114, North Andover, at the corner of Sharpner's Pond Rd. This is a free event for families. This event will be focused on sports, recreation, health and wellness and childcare centers and services available to families and children ages birth to 14 years old that live in the Andover and North Andover area. Various activities will be hosted for children that day. Imagine That, interactive play space, will be doing activities and face painting. NY Life Insurance will be present to offer families free Child Safety Id's. Children will also have the opportunity to explore fire trucks and police cars that day. They are also expecting a special guest appearance from Leona the Lion from the PBS award winning *Between the Lions* show. We hope to see you there. For more information please visit the Web site at <http://www.greaterlawrencecepc.org/>.

Town keeps pace with Common Cause standard

More than half of Massachusetts cities and towns, including Andover, were honored by Common Cause Massachusetts with 2010 e-Government Awards. Common Cause Massachusetts released the findings of its annual survey of municipal websites and its awards ceremony this week coincides with the national initiative known as "Sunshine Week" in which media outlets and others address issues of governmental transparency. Municipalities who post their governing body's minutes and an agenda, their budget, their bylaws, and, if applicable, their town meeting warrant and results receive the 2010 e-Government Award. Those who additionally post a year's archive of minutes and agendas, their calendar, their zoning bylaws, their school committee's minutes and agenda, and the minutes and agenda for another board or committee receive the award with distinction, as Andover did.

Flags to be placed on veterans graves May 16

On Sunday, May 16, at 11 a.m., local veterans, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and citizen volunteers will meet at the Spring Grove Cemetery to place more than 3,600 flags on Andover veteran graves. Andover has ten cemeteries, all of which contain points of historical interest. Join your neighbors and friends. The entire process takes approximately 90 minutes. Rain date will be Sunday, May 23, at 11 a.m. For more information call 978-623-8218.

Annual Memorial Day parade will be held May 31

The annual Memorial Day Parade will be on Monday, May 31 at 10 a.m. Any civic, patriotic or fraternal organization wishing to march in the parade should contact the Veterans' Services Office at 978-623-8218. There will be a collation at the Doherty Middle School cafeteria at 11:30 a.m. for all parade participants. The route starts at Elm and Florence streets to Main Street, to Punchard Avenue, to Bartlet Street and ends at The Park. In the event of heavy rain, all observances will be held inside the Memorial Auditorium. As per custom, no political activity can be accommodated in and during the parade.

Festival looking for knitters, quilters and other crafters

Crafters are wanted for the 35th annual North Andover Sheep Shearing Festival on May 23 on the Old North Andover Common from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call Cathy at 978-685-4927.

YMCA holds 27th annual Tribute to Women

The YWCA of Greater Lawrence is holding its 27th annual Tribute to Women Awards Luncheon, sponsored by Philips Healthcare, on Thursday, May 13, at the Andover Country Club to recognize Merrimack Valley women leaders for their professional achievements and civic contributions. Emceed by Senator Susan Tucker, with keynote speaker Dr. Yvonne Spice, vice president for Technological Literacy at the Museum of Science, the luncheon runs from noon to 2 p.m. Since 1983, Tribute to Women has recognized over 700 Merrimack Valley women leaders from large and small companies in the private, public and non-profit sectors. The luncheon also serves as a major fund-raiser hosted by the YWCA of Greater Lawrence, with proceeds going to fund women and youth service programs. To make a nomination, sponsor or attend the event, visit www.ywcalawrence.org to view the Tribute to Women Nomination, as well as sponsorship and reservation forms, or contact Susan McNeff at smcneff@ywcalawrence.org or call 978-687-0331 Ext. 1029.

Flood clean up help received from Red Cross

As residents continue flood clean-up efforts after this week's devastating Nor'easter, the American Red Cross is teaming up with several local communities to lend a helping hand. On Saturday, March 20 the American Red Cross partnered with Lawrence and other communities to open Flood Clean-up Kit distribution sites. The sites are open to the public and the Red Cross is encouraging residents who have been affected by the floods to visit one of the sites to pick-up a clean up kit and literature being offered by the Red Cross to assist people in their efforts. Items in the kit include a mop, broom, bucket, gloves, bleach and cleaning agents. "The floods have left a devastating impact on thousands of residents throughout Massachusetts," stated Jennifer Carlson, Disaster Operations Director. "We are happy to partner with these municipalities to provide the free clean-up kits and 'After the Flood' literature as many begin the recovery process." The distribution sites will be operating between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. or while supplies last at the following locations: The Arlington School, 150 Arlington St., Lawrence.

Forum to bring residents up to speed on budget

The League of Women Voters and the Service Club of Andover are sponsoring Weathering the Fiscal Storm: Andover's FY-2011 Budget on Wednesday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Presentations by the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee will be followed by questions from the audience. You may also email questions ahead of time to presidentLWVANA@lwv-andovers.org.

Education job fair is March 21 in Brookline

Andover Public Schools will participate in the Massachusetts Partnership for Diversity in Education Job Fair on Wednesday, March 31. The job fair will be from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Hawes Building at the Brookline Campus of Wheelock College, 43 Hawes St., Brookline.

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A popular aphorism says that a "rising tide lifts all boats," meaning that improved general economic circumstances will benefit everyone. Recently, however, most homeowners have been concerned that a lowering tide has diminished the value of their properties. These worries have prompted many homeowners to adopt wait-and-see strategies, which have them waiting for prices to rebound before they entertain any ideas of placing their homes on the market. However, it must be pointed out that, all things being equal, any rise in their homes' value will be matched by a similar rise in value of the replacement homes they wish to purchase. Figuratively, we are all in the same boat. An advantage does not necessarily come to sellers who wait.

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■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 16 - At 3:44 p.m., Steven Beltran, 52, of 16 Balmoral St., Apt. 114, was arrested and charged with two counts of malicious destruction of property less than \$250, resisting arrest and receiving stolen property over \$250.

At 9:27 p.m., Jenny Carlsen, 17, of 6 Rock O'Dundee Road, was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery on a household member.

Wednesday, March 17 - At 3:59 p.m., Andrey D. Barbosa, 30, of 36 Bowen Ave., Medford, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and an inspection sticker; also on warrants for assault and battery and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Thursday, March 18 - At 8:28

p.m., six officers responded to a drug incident on Wolcott Avenue. At 8:39 p.m., Kenneth A. Dehm, 44, of 29 Wolcott Ave., was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance. At 8:44 p.m., Raymond A. Lopez, 32, of 6 Willow St., Apt. 2, Methuen, was arrested and charged with distribution of a class B substance.

Friday, March 19 - At 7:27 p.m., Jahzeel E. Beltran, 20, of 5 Pearl St., first-floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with failing to wear a seat belt, driving without an inspection sticker and with a suspended license.

At 9:39 p.m., a female juvenile was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Saturday, March 20 - At 11:32 a.m., Juan Acero-Chuma, 23, of 72 Read St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license, possessing/using

a false/stolen RMV document and giving a false name/address to police.

At 11:01 p.m., a 911 caller reported a large party on Arundel Street. At 11:35 p.m., Christopher Halloran, 19, of 207 Lowell St. was arrested and charged with underage possession of liquor.

Sunday, March 21 - At 1:04 a.m., Raymond S. McNutt, 28, of 44 Aufran Ave., North Andover, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 6:32 p.m., David E. Shuman, 19, of 24 Sagamore Drive, was arrested and charged with three counts of assault and battery on a household member, assault with a dangerous weapon, malicious destruction of property over \$250, intimidating a witness and threatening to commit a crime.

At 7:28 p.m., Anthony W. Martinez, 21, of 29 Whitman St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested and

charged with driving without a license.

THEFT
Monday, March 22 - At 8:34 a.m., a Chestnut Court caller reported the theft of a glass-top table and two chairs from her porch yesterday.

AUTO INCIDENTS
Tuesday, March 16 - At 4:46 p.m., North Reading police reported finding a vehicle in their town that was reported stolen in Andover.

INCIDENTS
Tuesday, March 16 - At 7:03 a.m., police assisted two vehicles that stalled out in water on Woburn Street.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, public safety personnel rescued several drivers stranded in floodwaters on High Plain Road.

At 3:08 p.m., a caller reported a

group of youths gathered behind Hometown Seafoods, Chestnut Street, using foul language.

Wednesday, March 17 - At 12:16 p.m., police and an ambulance responded to an industrial accident on Burt Road, where a 30-year-old male employee inhaled chemicals. OSHA was notified.

A boot was placed on a car on Chestnut Street that had 12 outstanding tickets totaling \$245.

Thursday, March 18 - At 2:36 p.m., there was a report of vandalism at the cataract and laser center on North Main Street.

Friday, March 19 - At 8:27 a.m., a person called police to report a bird tangled in a soccer net on Acorn Drive.

Saturday, March 20 - At 1:04 a.m., a Noel Road caller reported a car alarm going off. A responding officer found the car covered in plastic wrap, honey and birdseed. Police called the vehicle

owner on Blackberry Lane.

At 11:46 p.m., police responded to a male who had fallen approximately 10 feet from a balcony at a Merrimack College dorm. He was taken to the hospital via ambulance.

AUTO ACCIDENTS
Tuesday, March 16 - At 6:33 a.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Balmoral Street at North Main Street.

At 12:18 p.m., a hit-and-run crash by a Uhaul truck was reported on Bartlett Street.

Thursday, March 18 - At 7:49 a.m., a hit-and-run crash involving a Sears delivery truck was reported on Ballardvale Road.

At 2:51 p.m., a hit-and-run crash on Old River Road was reported.

Monday, March 22 - At 11:57 a.m., someone reported a hit-and-run crash on Ballardvale Street.

FLOODING: Washington Park flooded out again

Continued from Page 1

in Wilmington was reading 6.19 feet at 8 a.m. on Wednesday morning, less than a foot below flood stage of 7 feet. The river was expected to crest Wednesday night and recede on Thursday. This week's additional rain fall had not amounted to flooding or road closures in town, said police lieutenant Harry Collins Wednesday morning, before Townsman press deadline.

Ann Barnes lives in one of the 12 Washington Park units that must be gutted and remain evacuated this week, after more than eight inches of rain fell on March 13, 14 and 15, swelling the Shawsheen over flood stage. Besides the 12 apartments, one mechanical room at Washington Park was lost, as boilers and other equipment were submerged, said Bob Barnes.

"We've had 10 wonderful years with her there, but I'm very concerned about her being put through that kind of stress again," said Barnes, who is a past member of the Washington Park board of directors. "It's really taken a toll on a lot of people. There have been a lot of folks in there for a long time, but the units have started to change hands."

The Washington Park property is tucked into a U-shape bend of the Shawsheen River, off North Main Street. Across the Shawsheen from Washington Park is the Shawsheen Plaza and parking lot for Market Basket supermarket. Part of the lot and Route 28 were submerged most of last week.

By Thursday, March 18, most

Residents of Washington Park have been active at the state and local level, hoping to have the condominium complex's repeated flooding problems addressed.

The Shawsheen River surrounds the property on three sides, and when it rises, it rises quickly, said Bob Barnes, whose mother, Ann, lives in Washington Park's Exeter building.

In recent years, residents have contacted state representatives, Gov. Deval Patrick and Andover town boards with requests and suggestions to keep flooding at bay.

"At some point, we've got to address the concern that's there. They are town residents and they need some

attention. There are 150 families in there that are hurt every time this happens," said Barnes. "Unfortunately, we were not able to convince the town or the state to get the (Shawsheen) River dredged ... There's been a concerted effort amongst the community. It hasn't been for lack of trying."

After the 2006 Mother's Day floods, the complex hired a new management company, which both Barnes and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski praised.

The new management set up a phone and Web-based communication system for residents, said Barnes, which was activated last week.

When reached for this story on Monday, March 22, Washington Park

property manager Robert Kovalko said he cannot comment to the media.

"They have done about all they can do," said Stapczynski of Washington Park. "Their board has been very aggressive about what they can do to protect their property."

Because Washington Park is private property, it is up to the ownership, not the town, to make improvements to combat flooding, said Stapczynski.

"I think there's some storm drains in their parking lots that are connected to the river. When the water rises, it comes up through (the storm drains). They may want to consider an alternative," said Stapczynski.

SOLUTIONS FOR WASHINGTON PARK?

residents displaced by floodwaters had returned and Andover was getting "back to normal," said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. High Plain Road was the last of Andover's dozen flooded roadways to reopen.

Representatives of the Massachusetts and Federal Emergency Management Agencies stopped in Andover as they toured the Merrimack Valley on March 17, surveying flood damage. FEMA and MEMA's visit means there is a possibility Andover or its residents could see some relief dollars, said Stapczynski.

Phone and e-mail messages left for police department spokesman Lt. Commander James Hashem, who accompanied FEMA and MEMA last Wednesday, were not returned before deadline. Stapczynski directed requests for cost estimates on flooding and personnel overtime to Hashem.



The Washington Park housing complex is seen behind the flooded Market Basket parking lot last week.

"The crews know what they have to do, and they did their job in an exemplary fashion," said Stapczynski of the town, police and fire personnel that put in extra hours to monitor flood conditions last week.

"The flooding was contained

into areas where we usually have it."

A reverse 911 notification reached about 700 phone numbers in the Shawsheen area on Monday, March 15, as the river was measuring three feet over flood stage levels.

Chinmaya Mission offers stress-resiliency program

Chinmaya Mission is offering programs open to the community this spring and summer in its newly completed center at 1 Union St. in Andover.

Among these new programs are three evening workshops on Building Stress Resiliency on April 6, May 4 and June 1. Also planned is a special weekend program on "Tips for Happiness" in July.

"Many people are not aware that our center offers programs for people of all backgrounds, not just for the Indian community," said Suresh Sundaram, the coordinator for these programs, in a press release. "We think these programs of broad interest will enable us to serve the general community."

Presenting the workshops will be Pamela Katz Ressler, RN, BSN, HN-BC, founder of Stress Resources, a firm specializing in stress management and holistic healthcare consulting for healthcare providers, community organizations, businesses and individuals. Ressler is a frequent speaker to local, national and international audiences and serves on the board of directors of the Integrative Medicine Alliance. She has received advanced clinical training in mind/body medicine from Harvard University's Mind Body Medical Institute, as well as the Center for Mindfulness at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. She is an adjunct faculty member at UMass Boston in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and a consultant on a federal grant addressing stress resiliency for new graduates.

"The Stress Resiliency workshops are for people who feel overwhelmed, overworked, or

stressed out at work or home," she said. "Research has shown that individuals who perceive themselves as resilient are healthier, happier, and more productive in their lives."

During the series of three workshops, participants will learn practical techniques to promote stress resiliency in their busy lives. Participants will explore breath- and body-awareness exercises to increase the mind/body connection learn about current research on stress and health, and study ways to integrate stress-resiliency tools into the workplace.

■ The April 6 workshop will focus on "Breathing into Stress Resiliency" - Stress response versus relaxation response, using the breath to respond versus react to stressors in our lives, and breath- and body-awareness exercises to promote resiliency.

■ The May 4 workshop is "Walking into Stress Resiliency" - Current research on mind/body connection, use of mindful walking as a method of increasing stress resiliency, and introduction to labyrinth as a tool for stress resiliency.

■ The June 1 workshop is "Moving into Stress Resiliency" - Body focused awareness exercises, gentle stretches to increase concentration and efficiency and developing a plan of action to continuing building resiliency.

■ All workshops are 7:30 to 9 p.m. There is a charge of \$35 per workshop or a total of \$100 for all three. Details and registration are at www.chinmaya-boston.org or contact Suresh Sundaram at 617-388-6841 or e-mail spiritualcmb@google.com. Chinmaya Mission Boston is located at 1 Union St.

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Tom Harvey of Andover as the pharaoh becomes an Elvis impersonator when the pharaoh and his ladies, clockwise from top left, Missy Cronin, Brenda Cronin, Shari Coon-Retelle and Catherine Jacavano perform the number, "Song of the King" for Joseph.

South Church Players deliver a hit with 'Joseph'



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

The South Church Players presented "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" last weekend at the church on Central Street. Jeffrey Cutts of Andover narrates the pharaoh's story with a song as the "Pharaoh's Ladies" sing back-up.



"Joseph," center, played by Andover High School senior, Chris Harris, seen here as pharaoh's high official, sings a song in anger to his brothers, with the help of the narrators, Emily Stidsen, left, and Melanie Long. Two of his brothers, "Judah" played by Ted Harris, left, and "Reuben" played by Mark VanDoren are seen here.

Faithful pick up cross next Friday

The annual Good Friday walk will be held in Andover on April 2 at 8:30 a.m. This walk has been held for almost 20 years and invites all townspeople to join in praying for Andover.

The walk will commence from St. Augustine's Church at 43 Essex St. Coffee and hot cross buns will be served starting at 8:15 a.m. The walk takes about two hours and stops at eight prayer points. Clergy from Andover Baptist, Ballardvale United, Christ Church, Faith Lutheran, Free Christian, St. Augustine, St. Robert's and South Church will lead prayers for our schools, veterans, government, elderly, fire and police departments, and for the churches of the town, according to organizers.



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Arts & Entertainment

Little House, big fans High demand for Ingalls Wilder afternoon

Did you know Laura Ingalls Wilder's ancestors lived here in Andover?

The Andover Historical Society plans to tell youth all about it – and demand for its “Little House on the Prairie” program centered around 19th century living has been strong enough it had to add a second afternoon for children.

The Little House series of books are historical fiction released beginning in the 1930s. Little House was later made into a television show, and has remained popular.

Proof of its popularity here in town is that the historical society's April 14 Girl Scout afternoon, “Little House on the Prairie in Andover,” has sold out. A second Little House on

the Prairie afternoon has been added for Wednesday, May 5, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Girls will learn about what it might have been like to travel West, have a treat like girls of the late 1800s might have enjoyed, learn to dance, and make their own pierced “tin” lantern.

The cost for this pre-registered program in \$8 per Scout, which includes a snack and all craft supplies. Programs are limited to 20 participants. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged. Call 978-475-2236 for more information or to reserve a place.

The society tells Andover stories through its museum, library, archives, exhibitions, publications and programs. Its blog is at www.andoverhistorical.org/blog.

Artists Guild's evening event features art, wine, food, music

Tomorrow will be an evening featuring wine and Andover art. The Andovers Artists Guild and North Parish Church of North Andover are hosting their seventh annual Art and Wine Evening on Friday, March 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. at 190 Academy Road, North Andover in the church's Parish Hall.

Originally started by Mary Ann Perry and Phila Slade, both longtime members of the church and the Andovers Artists Guild, the event now features art from many artists from throughout the Merrimack Valley.

Participating artists will display a wide variety of art, which will be for sale. There will also

be five to six wine-tasting tables with vendors each bringing different bottles of wine for patrons to sample and enjoy. There will be appetizers, chocolate and other sweet “tidbits” paired with the wine, as well as sparkling waters and juices, and parlor music, featuring solos on flute, harp, guitar and piano.

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and are available at the North Parish Church (978-687-7948) and at Shawsheen Village Liquors in Andover's Shawsheen Square (978-475-3636).

North Parish is in the Old Center of North Andover. Visit www.northparish.org for directions.



COURTESY PHOTO

Members of Midnight Spin are Ben Waters, bass; Danny Scull, drums; Mike Corbett, vocals and guitar; Jim Terranova, guitar and vocals, and Jeremy Cohen, keyboards.

Spinning in a new direction Andover High graduate Cohen is Midnight Spin keyboardist

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

He was just another Andover High School graduate back in 2003 heading off to college as a business major, the study of finance on his mind.

But a funny thing happened at the University of Maryland for keyboard-playing Jeremy Cohen. He went to a party and ended up talking with two friends in a rock band at nearby James Madison University. They dreamed of making it big.

“They sort of pried me away and I eventually joined their band,” Cohen said.

His parents back in Andover, Dana and Cindy Cohen, never received a dreaded telephone call saying their son was dropping out of college to join a rock and roll band. Rather, Jeremy graduated from the University

of Maryland and later joined the band.

“I graduated from college, got a job at a financial firm and played with the band on weekends,” he said. “Then, I decided it was time to get [more] involved.”

He moved to New York City last August and has been part of the band's rise in popularity since then. He is one of the five members of Midnight Spin, a nationally touring rock band. Every member is a college graduate and each works a second job to pay expenses.

“We're just goofy, ordinary guys,” Cohen said, who finds being in a band is a lot more fun than working at a financial firm.

His 14 years of piano lessons and numerous talent-show appearances while growing up in Andover were good preparation for his unexpected rock and

roll life, he said.

“We like pop tunes with an edge,” Cohen said, adding he loves coming back to Boston because Andover friends are always in the audience.

Midnight Spin is “not cheesy, not aggressive” when it comes to its style, Cohen said. The band, whose 1990 music influences are Red Hot Chili Peppers, Foo Fighters and Pearl Jam, is comfortably somewhere in the middle of that rock spectrum.

They cover numerous songs by other bands, but will soon be writing their own music, he said.

Last year Midnight Spin was named the Emerging Artist of the Year by The Deli, a music magazine based out of Brooklyn, N.Y. They played at New York's Fashion Week event with legends Guns N' Roses. Their debut music video is set to be released

this Friday night in New York City while shows in Boston, New York and Washington, D.C. have sold out, including an appearance earlier this month at Harpers Ferry in Allston.

Midnight Spin plays five to eight shows a month and is adding to its college gigs. The band plans to be in the studio this fall, and hopefully its success will continue, he said.

This college-educated man who never even thought of a less lucrative music career, says his early years in Andover have helped him the most during his unexpected rock and roll life.

He learned discipline during all those years of piano lessons.

“It was a chore sometimes, and my parents knew it,” Cohen said.

Now, he realizes how important it was to stick with it, he said.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 25

VARIETY SHOW, Bancroft Elementary hosts, Collins Center for Performing Arts at Andover High School, 100 Shawsheen Road, 5:30 p.m., \$8; mjhall@aol.com

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 26

LIVE A CAPPELLA, with SwingTown! band, 7 p.m., Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, St. John's Prep, 72 Spring St., Danvers. The group includes Prep students and faculty, including Joseph Thibodeau '10 of Andover, \$10 adults, \$5 children. Proceeds benefit the Sultan Tajadine School in Chad, which serves 500 refugee children from Darfur.

ART & WINE EVENING, hosted by The North Parish Church of North Andover and the Andover Artist Guild, 6 to 8 p.m., in the church's Parish Hall, 190 Academy Road, features art from many accomplished artists from throughout the Merrimack Valley, appetizers, chocolate and other sweet “tidbits” paired with the wine, sparkling waters, juices and parlor music, with solos on flute, harp, guitar and piano, \$15 advance, \$20 door; (978-687-7948), www.northparish.org.

CRANE ESTATE SPEAKER SERIES, with

Norman Smith on owls, 7 p.m., \$5, Castle Hill on the Crane Estate, 290 Argilla Road, Ipswich; www.thetrustees.org and visit the “Things to Do” page. Pre-registration requested.

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 St., Lawrence.

ANDOVER SISTER TOWNS ASSOCIATION, presents historical program, “The Life and Times of John Adams and Abigail Adams,” with Don Robb, discussion leader and local historian, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, 2:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served following

Please see CALENDAR, Page 7

Free piano workshop with orchestra veteran

Piano students of all abilities have the opportunity to take a free workshop with a Symphony Hall performer.

The Music Program at Northern Essex Community College will offer piano workshops by NECC music faculty member Christina Dietrich, March 28 and April 18, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill. The workshops are free and open to the public.

Open to musicians of all levels of playing ability, these workshops will give piano players the chance to perform and learn in a cooperative group setting. Solo

piano works and instrumental and vocal works with piano accompaniment of various levels of difficulty will be explored. Various aspects of piano performance and preparation will also be discussed.

Dietrich first appeared as a soloist with the New England Conservatory Orchestra at age 9. Since her childhood, she has appeared extensively in concerts, as well as participated in competitions, where her many first-place winnings resulted in a series of television appearances during her teen years, according to the school.

Dietrich has appeared as a

soloist with several orchestras. She has performed on the stages of Jordan Hall in Boston, Symphony Hall in Boston, and Alice Tully Hall at Lincoln Center in New York.

She earned a bachelor's degree in music from the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, her master's degree in music from Boston University and pursued her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at that institution.

In addition to maintaining a concert career, Dietrich is on the piano faculty of Indian Hill Music, Northern Essex

Community College, and is founder and administrative director of the Chopin Conservatory of Music on the North Shore.

For more information about these workshops or about the music program at Northern Essex, contact Ken Langer, coordinator of the program at 978-556-3223.

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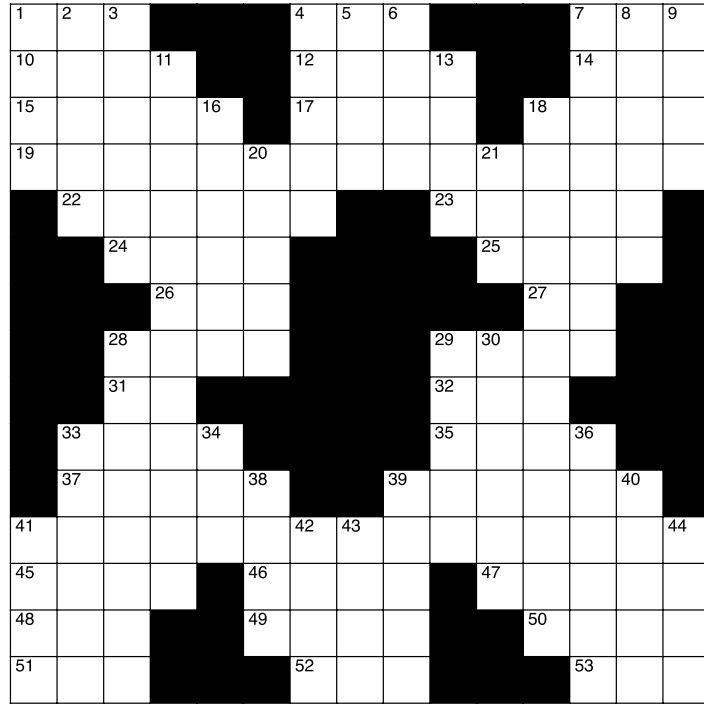
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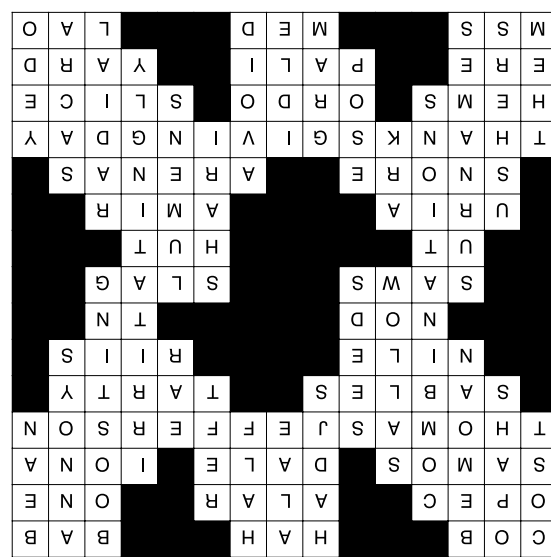
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4. Expresses surprise
7. Founder of Babism
10. Oil cartel
12. Daminozide
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17. Valley
18. New Rochelle college
19. 1st Am. Sec. of State
22. Martes zibellinas
23. Sharp in taste
24. World's longest river
25. Photojournalist Jacob A.
26. Head bob
27. Tennessee
28. Tree cutting tools
29. Molten metal scum
31. Western State
32. Small crude shelter
33. Murre genus
35. The former ruler of Afghanistan
37. Sleeping noise
39. Sporting theater
41. 4th thursday in Nov.
45. Stitched borders
46. C___van: fine leather
47. Cut from a larger piece
48. Before
49. ___sade: fortification
50. The land

CLUES DOWN

1. The amount paid
2. Moonfish
3. Deplore
4. Islamic pilgrimages
5. Wings
6. One of two equal parts
7. Encouraging morale
8. Aggravates
9. Seedpod of a legume
11. Ways to put things together
13. Be___: lovelorn
16. Unhealthy looking
18. In an annoying way
20. They are planted or sown
21. Pinna
28. Last names
29. Flows into Lake Chad
30. Luminous flux units
33. Theater guides
34. Built by Noah
36. A type of tire
38. Employee stock ownership plan
39. Keep away from
40. Spinal bones
41. Not us
42. Metric weight unit
43. Inactive
44. Tokyo

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Youth seek to lift Haiti with music March 28

The young musicians of Merrimack Valley Suzuki Strings have supported Partners in Development's work in Haiti with an annual benefit concert for the past 17 years. This year, with the devastating earthquake in Haiti, the work of the children helping children is more vital than ever.

Andover residents Gavin Batsimm, John Witt, Vivian Garth, and Julia Landman will perform at the special concert on Sunday, March 28, at 3 p.m. at First Church Ipswich.

"I love to play the violin it's even better when my playing can help people," 10-year-old Gavin Batsimm, who will perform his first violin solo at the concert, said in a release.

This year's concert will begin with a varied program of works



COURTESY PHOTO BY KATHY JOYCE

From left, Phillip Joyce (of Boxford) and Gavin Batsimm of Andover practice for the show.

ranging from classical to fiddling tunes, performed by strings players ranging in age from 6 to 18. Some of the young instrumentalists will perform solo or in small

ensembles as well.

This year's program will end with special guests. At 4:45 p.m., Kangaralien, featuring the fine guitar work of Eric Clemenzi and

Steve Belleville, will perform.

The concert is a tradition among the students and art of their training.

"They have the opportunity to perform in a wonderful concert while using their talents to help someone less fortunate than themselves," Trudy Larson, who directs Merrimack Valley Suzuki Strings, said in a release. "Music lessons are a wonderful gift which needs to be passed along. The students love to perform and this gives them a worthwhile purpose."

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students and seniors; family rates are available. The concert is at First Church Ipswich, 1 Meeting House Green, Ipswich and money raised will benefit PID, a charitable organization based in Ipswich.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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a short business meeting. New members, public welcome; Fred, Marge Snell, 978-686-3647, fred@snell.com.

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

LIVE A CAPPELLA, with SwingTown! band, see March 26 listing.

SUNDAY, MARCH 28

LIVE JAZZ, with Carolyn Wilkins, jazz pianist and vocalist, professor of ensembles at Berklee

College of Music, 10 a.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover; 978-475-3528, www.westparishchurch.org

FREE PIANO WORKSHOPS, hosted by Northern Essex Community College's music faculty member Christina Dietrich, 5 to 7 p.m., at the Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St.; Ken Langer, coordinator of the program, 978-556-3223.

TUESDAY, MARCH 30

DIARIES & JOURNALS, 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.

PASSOVER SEDER, Temple Emanuel of the Merrimack Valley, 101 W. Forest St., Lowell, 6 p.m., \$5/person, \$18/family; Reservations required by March 28. Seder@temv.org; www.temv.org, 978-454-1372.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

PHOTOGRAPHY TALK, Boston Slide Show w/ Photographer Michael Perry, 10:30 a.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 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, APRIL 1

FOLK MUSIC, Julia Kwolyk plays American Folk Music with her blend of voice and violin, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St., 978-475-0143.

TALK FOR JOB-SEEKERS, with Dan Green who talks about the practical and psychological aspects of social networking venues, 7 p.m., free, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading, 978-664-4942.

DRAGGER DISCUSSION, Essex Historical Society and Shipbuilding Museum speaker will talk about how determined individuals figured out how to get a 120 ton Essex-built dragger from floating in the Essex River Basin behind a tugboat, to high and dry land, panel discussion follows, 7 p.m., \$10, Essex Shipbuilding Museum's Waterline Center, 66 Main St., Essex; www.essexshipbuildingmuseum.org.

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Education

Forgue steps into School Committee chair

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Dennis Fogue takes over as School Committee chairman this week, as Debra Silberstein's second term on the committee ended with town elections on Tuesday.

The committee voted unanimously on March 16 to elect Fogue as chairman and Annie Gilbert as secretary for the coming year.

Silberstein, who has served as chairwoman for the last two years, decided not to run for reelection this spring and has thrown her hat

in the ring for the Andover state senate seat being vacated by Sue Tucker.

Fogue and Gilbert's roles became effective as School Committee members Paula Colby-Clements and Dick Collins were sworn in by the Town Clerk's office Wednesday afternoon, March 24.

The School Committee chairman is responsible for setting meeting agendas, leading meetings and taking votes. The secretary makes sure meeting dates and times are posted and that minutes are recorded at each meeting.

"I am privileged to be taking on the role of the School Committee chairman, but honestly, also a bit daunted," wrote Fogue in an e-mail to the Townsman. "Short-term we have a significant budget challenge and will need the cooperation and help of all stakeholders. Some people will be unhappy with the outcome of the FY11 budget. Going forward, I could not be more positive about the opportunities in front of us. With new school leadership (superintendent) come July, our existing school community, the School Committee, an outpouring

of interest from citizens that have not been previously involved combined with the many who have been involved and helpful right along, we have a great opportunity to redesign our school system to meet the needs of our students in the 21st century and do it within the financial capability of our community."

The School Committee and Board of Selectmen vote to elect a new chairman or woman each spring, as membership changes with town elections. Fogue is serving his first term.

High school's Odyssey

Education journey shows value of teamwork, many viewpoints

BY ERIC BRYDEN
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

First in a two-part series on courses created at Andover High.

The academic curriculum at Andover High School consists of traditional courses taught in classrooms all across the country. Odyssey, however, is one of two courses that was created and exists only at Andover High School.

Odyssey asks students to work in teams to expand their understanding of different cultures, and of each other. It has remained one of the most popular and praised classes since its origins more than 20 years ago. Odyssey began in the early 1980s when World Civilizations teachers Craig Simpson and Patricia Dye "decided it would be fun to bring [their separate] classes together and teach them as a team," said Simpson. While team-teaching the World Civilizations classes, Dye and Simpson wanted to bring in teachers from different departments to "use all the experience of these fields to look at world cultures," said Simpson. Dye wanted to create a class that would "break down the barriers about learning that departmentalization had created," he said.

After a year of planning, four teachers intended to teach the new class: Spanish teacher Sally O'Brien, English teacher Lynn Kelly, art teacher Kathy Cook, and Simpson, a social studies teacher. With no books, and no teacher's guide, the construction of the course was far from over. The primary objective of Odyssey became to make sense of different world cultures through critical thinking and subsequent extensive questioning.

Since then, Odyssey has undergone change in the areas of study, and currently examines Spain, South Africa, China, and Russia.

This year, for the first time since its inception, Odyssey is taught by one teacher, Rebecca Ledig. Ledig said one goal is to get students to recognize multiple points of view.

"There is an emphasis on teamwork" in Odyssey, she said, pointing out that the Odyssey room consists of tables used for group work rather than individual desks. "We want to get kids comfortable with group-interaction skills."

Simpson, who retired after the 2008-09 school year, said a general practice in Odyssey is finding "the connections between seemingly unconnected ideas," by considering the perspectives of other classmates. As Odyssey progressed, "working in small groups under stress became essential to success," said Simpson.

Jake Lebowitz, a senior at AHS who took Odyssey his junior year, said that Simpson and Ledig "fed off each other" while teaching, and that their teamwork promoted students to help one another delve meaningfully into difficult topics.

"Odyssey taught me to think deeper about things," said Lebowitz.

"In Odyssey, we integrate a lot of different content areas," said Ledig. "We come at a culture from multiple different angles, and try to recognize different points of view."

When former President Ronald Reagan dubbed the Soviet Union the Evil Empire, it was added as an area of study so classes could "explore the ongoing ideological struggle known as the Cold War," said Simpson. "Within each content shift we worked to develop essential questions that gave opportunities for students to develop further questions."

"Students should recognize that everything in history isn't black and white," said Ledig.

"Odyssey delved away from concrete answers to historic events. The class gave me questions that totally changed my thoughts," said Lebowitz.

"Each culture has complex content that lends itself to learning by listening to alternatives. That demands a sort of trust that can only come from groups that have bonded tightly. Each kid will

Parent coaches help kids succeed at school

Ken Seifert



There are a number of activities, with a good coach at home, that make a child's success at school a very high probability. It also

requires a commitment from the school, the parent, and the student to see that it happens. The research is eminently clear on the subject. There are some things where research is not necessary, just good old common sense. This is one of them.

Getting the child ready for kindergarten is a significant event for the student. A pre-school partnership between home and the school can take many shapes both formal and informal. Most schools and homes have some relationship. I see the commitment as a partnership where parents help parents with some assistance from the schoolhouse. I am also suggesting a parent center or parent place inside the schoolhouse. It should also include grandparents or community volunteers.

The purpose is clear, coaching the child through the school years. It is not a place for parents to find out what the school is doing right or wrong. It is not place for parents to have a bake sale to balance the school budget. Such a space sends a clear message to the parents: You are a member of the school family.

Such a partnership would be a series of meetings discussing, sharing and helping parents fill the tool box of important things the child needs when he enters school that memorable first day. The parent also has a tool box. The contents within answer two very basic questions: what skills do I coach and how do I effectively coach?

Most preschool activities, both public and private, for profit and non profit, consider three areas - personal skills, social skills and academic skills. Here are just a few.

Personal skills: Is the child independent of toilet skills, can he dress himself, can he eat in an

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COURTESY PHOTOS

West Elementary students (left to right) Alex Scanlon, Reethan Mukhopadhyay, Megan Patten, Julia Harrington, Hadley Goodman and Emma Farnham spell out the acronym for their school's readers and writers conference.

A WEEK OF READING AND WRITING

Students enjoyed the annual West Elementary Readers and Writer's Conference the week of March 11. A dozen professional authors, illustrators and story tellers visited the school, and parents were invited for student-produced projects, such as performances of Greek mythology, poems and podcasts, said Principal Liz Roos. This was the 15th annual WERAWC and it was sponsored by the West EL PTO.



"The Dream 15," West Elementary students (back row, from left) Isabelle Allen, Siobhan Kindlan, Kathleen Buck and Vish Vesh Kaul, and front row: Mary Kate Goodwin, Caleigh Cormier, Zara Silva-Landry and Kevin Larney, perform during West Elementary's 15th annual Readers and Writers Conference (WERAWC) the week of March 11.

ON CAMPUS

Bentley University's has announced the names Andover students who were named to the dean's list for outstanding academic achievement in the fall 2009 semester.

Jennifer Berger, majoring in accounting.

Joseph Cartolano, majoring in corporate finance and accounting.

Michael Primes, majoring in corporate finance and accounting.

Jeffrey Salvesen, majoring in corporate finance and accounting.

Cameron Smith, majoring in undecided business.

Matthew Somma, majoring in undecided business.

Bachelor's and master's degrees were awarded during the winter ceremony of the Fitchburg State College's 114th commencement exercises on Friday, Jan. 29.

Andover graduates who participated included:

Ralph M. Arabian, master's degree, technology education

Joseph S. Tornatore, bachelor's degree, communications media

April Totten, bachelor's degree, industrial technology

Lindsay M. Fague, a sophomore at Gonzaga University from Andover, was among the undergraduate students named to the president's list for fall semester 2009.

The following students from Andover were recently named to the University's dean's list for the spring semester, which ended in December.

Eric Heath, physical therapy

Colin Hopkins, business administration

Christopher James, mechanical engineering

Tamara Samardzic, behavioral neuroscience

Arti Tewari, biochemistry

Jeffrey Bakkensen of Andover was named to the fall semester 2009 dean's list at Georgetown University. The dean's list is comprised of students who attained a grade-point average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale.

The following Andover students have been named to the dean's list for fall 2009 at the University of Hartford:

Alexandra Schiff and **Daniel D. Haskin**.

Northeastern University recognizes those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following Andover students were recently named to the university's dean's list for the fall semester 2009, which ended in December 2009.

Vlad Antohi, business

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SEIFERT: Coach your preschooler into success

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orderly way, and can he accept personal responsibility?

Social skills: Can he share, can he get along with other children, can he sit and do a task? Can he follow simple rules with others, can he follow two step directions and is he emotionally ready for school?

Academic skills: These are quite varied. It depends on the school, the teacher and what is expected. Some examples include that the child will need to know, write and recognize the entire alphabet; write his name; know how to count to 100 by ones, fives and tens; and can recognize basic shapes.

How to coach is just as important as what to coach. Early childhood educators can identify an adjusted student, students who are easily frustrated or stressed, and those who have yet to realize the process of learning. A major factor depends on how they were coached.

There is a trend that has emerged and it occurs more in

the suburbs than other places. It involves the importance placed on going to college. For instance, when the neighbor's kid is 4 and already knows how to read is one example that might causes parents to put undue pressure on their children. The intentions are admirable but the results are not. There is a fine line between challenging a child and causing frustration and stress. It really is an important tool to understand.

Coming up: Next week I would like to explore a preschool tool, the many purposes for reading a book. It was a presentation I first made while an elementary school principal in a rural school in Central New York. There were about a dozen parents who were attending a series of meetings and wanted to know some things they could do at home to prepare their child for kindergarten.

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

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS: MARCH 29 TO APRIL 2

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week:

Elementary schools

Monday: "Rib-a-basket," yogurt parfait with graham crackers, soup and half a sandwich, soup, barbecue beans and apple sauce.

Tuesday: Mini cheese pizza, steak-and-cheese sub, manager's choice, raisins, pasta salad, fresh broccoli and carrots with dip and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Ziti, marinara sauce, side of meatballs, ranch chicken wrap, sunchips, manager's choice, garden salad and blueberries and cream.

Thursday: Cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, broccoli salad and fresh fruit.

Friday: Good Friday - No school

Middle schools

Monday: Ravioli and meat sauce, steak-and-cheese sub, chicken caesar salad, side salad, dinner roll and banana.

Tuesday: Assorted calzones, turkey-and-bacon club, chef salad, carrot sticks and dip, oven fries and fresh melon.

Wednesday: Popcorn chicken bowl with mashed potatoes and corn, veggie burger on roll, manager's choice, garden salad, sliced cucumbers and juice.

Thursday: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, meatball sub, manager's choice, garlic stick, green beans, side salad and fresh fruit.

Friday: Good Friday - No School

Andover High School

Monday: Gyro, greek salad, greek salad wrap, buffalo chicken sub, grilled hotdog, grilled cheese panini and rice pudding with cinnamon and apricots.

Tuesday: Beef stroganoff over noodles, green beans, sausage, onions and peppers sub, meatball sub, italian sub, BBQ turkey on a roll and biscuit and apple strudel.

Wednesday: Pasta with alfredo marinara or meat sauce, chicken parmesan, tossed salad, italian panini, chicken cacciatore sub, cheeseburger deluxe, hot turkey sandwich, bread stick and italian ice.

Thursday: Chicken wings, vegetable chop suey, fried rice, sesame chicken

sub, greek chicken panini, "Rib-a-q on a roll," crispy chicken on a roll with lettuce and tomato and fortune cookie.

Friday: Good Friday - No School

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.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

Preschool, Brooks help victims



Lanie Flanagan, back row right, and her students at Christ's Church Children's Center in Andover display their soap donation to Haitian earthquake survivors. Picking up the donation is Lanie's husband and School Minister at Brooks School, Bob Flanagan, back row left, and Brooks School senior Colin Lahiff. Brooks helped collect soap and tarps, which were requested by Sisters of Saint Margaret, whose 1919 convent, orphanage and church in Haiti were destroyed.

Spring computer classes for senior citizens

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, Inc. announces that its "Learn About Computers Everyday" classes, located at 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, are now accepting registration beginning the week of April 19. Application cutoff is April 13.

All classes are based upon the Windows Vista Operating System.

Courses are:

Intro to Computers: Mondays, April 19-May 24, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Internet and E-Mail: Tuesdays, April 20-May 25, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Computer Creativity: Tuesdays, April 20-May 25, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

Digital Camera: Wednesdays, April 21-May 26, 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Intermediate Computer Class:

Thursdays, April 22-May 27, 12:30 to 3 p.m.

The Lace computer classes are limited to 5 students per class. It offers a relaxed setting to learn computer skills. This session is six weeks, with two-and-a-half hour classes scheduled, one day per week. The class fee is \$60.

Advanced registration is required by April 13. For detailed information, call 800-892-0890 Ext. 1516 and leave a message. Visit the Web-site <http://elderservices.tripod.com>.

ODYSSEY: Teamwork focus a lesson in different views

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take from the group the ideas that will be synthesized into their individual insights" said Simpson.

Odyssey "challenges students to be reflective, to take control of their own learning," said Ledig. An objective in Odyssey is to get kids to formulate their own questions rather than simply find answers to one question.

"Instead of teaching information, I see it as more important to teach kids how to learn. The process of learning needs to come from them," said Ledig. "Assessments [in Odyssey] are based on how kids utilize key skills [rather than] how much [kids] knew [or remembered]."

"At the core of all of these skills was the ability to ask the question that moved toward understanding," said Simpson. Ledig said a goal is for the

students to be able to run the class without the teachers.

The objectives of Odyssey – once considered revolutionary – are now "standard practice in nearly every [Andover High] classroom", said Simpson. Simpson contends that AHS graduates have a high rate of success in their first year of college because they "have an advantage over kids who went to schools that emphasize memorizing answers instead of asking questions."

"I took Odyssey because I wanted different perspectives. It taught me that people can learn in different ways and still be successful," said Lebowitz.

"We want kids to get excited about learning," said Ledig.

Eric Bryden is an Andover High School student earning credit as an intern at the Andover Townsman.

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Opinion

Expert work needed on floods of the future

They call them 100-year floods, historically heavy floods that supposedly have only a 1 percent chance of occurring in any given year. But the ferocious storms that cause these floods seem to be happening with much greater frequency. Whether that's because of global climate change, increased development, inadequate drainage, too many parking lots, chance – or some combination of all of the above – is a matter for the experts to determine quickly. Because communities like Andover need to know what solutions they can create to lessen future damage, whether the rules around development and wetlands protection are still appropriate, and whether it makes sense to continue to rebuild homes in the areas of town most prone to repeated flooding.

Then, there's the so-called Shawsheen Renaissance project. The project includes the idea of removing three dams along the Shawsheen River and opening it up to the type of pleasure boating that used to be more frequent on the river. The removal of dams is also expected to allow the return of certain type of aquatic life to the area. The three dams in the study are the Ballardvale dam near Andover Street, the Stevens Street dam near the Post Office and Marland Place and the Balmoral Street dam. The Stevens Street dam is owned by Atria Marland Place's parent company and the Balmoral dam is owned by the Balmoral Condo Association, while the Ballardvale dam is owned by two abutting companies. The dams, built during the 19th century era of mills and industry, are over 100 years old and no longer used. The Ballardvale and Stevens Street dams were built to harness water power. The Balmoral is an ornamental dam ordered by mill tycoon William Wood.

At a public meeting about the dam removal project in December 2008, discussion became heated with some residents in attendance concerned the dams' removal would cause flooding to their homes or reduce the river's flow to a trickle. Last year, Thomas Ardito, president of the Center for Ecosystem Restoration that has been studying the idea, said neither scenario would occur if the dams are removed. His engineering firm is expected to spend this year continuing to look at the river's history and working on the permitting and designing of the proposed dam removal. Before any dams are removed, residents are going to need considerable convincing that the science is accurate, and the town's flooding problems won't be exacerbated. We hope experts can devise an appropriate solution and convincing plan.

Civilian flaggers should be saving taxpayers

It's shocking that it will cost the state more for the civilian flaggers than it would to use police officers; but that's the law in Massachusetts.

Gov. Deval Patrick recently took the bold step of breaking the monopoly state and local police had long exercised over these details. But the prevailing wage law, which dates back to 1914 and survived a 1988 ballot repeal attempt, dictates that their replacements be paid the union laborer's rate which in this area amounts to \$34.40 an hour. Taxes and other charges can cost companies a total of more than \$50 an hour.

The state highway commissioner estimated in a recent TV interview that the state has already saved more than \$9 million through the use of civilian flaggers. That's hard to figure looking at the pay rates contained in the contract for projects such as the Route 128 reconstruction in Danvers.

If taxpayers and their representatives on Beacon Hill are serious about reducing the artificially inflated cost of public construction projects, they must first do something about the prevailing wage law. There remains something fundamentally wrong with a system that requires the people who direct cars around construction sites to be paid \$34 or more an hour, while crossing guards barely make more than the minimum wage.

WEB QUESTION

Last week's question: No consensus on storm's camaraderie

After heavy rains flooded basements, roads and caused evacuations last week, we asked you how you felt Andover – residents, public safety personnel and town leaders – dealt with it all.

The majority of those who responded said "I'm not sure," which took 52.17 percent of votes.

Second place, with 43.48 percent, was "It brought out the best in people."

Third place, with 4.35 percent, was "It brought out the worst in people."

This week's question

Letter writer Dan O'Toole suggested asking residents about what we expect from our schools.

Which statement best matches your expectations?

- I expect an A+ school and believe we must spend more for it.
- I expect an A school and believe we must spend more for it.
- I expect an A school, and believe we spend enough to get it.
- I expect an A-/B+ school and believe we must spend more for it.
- I expect an A-/B+ school, and believe we spend enough to get it.
- I expect an B school and believe we must spend more for it.
- I expect an B school, and believe we spend enough to get it.
- I expect an C school and believe we must spend more for it.
- I expect an C school, and believe we spend enough to get it.
- Lower than a C will do.
- The problem is not how much we spend, it's how we spend it.
- Let's spend less on education.
- Other.

To vote visit www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page. To submit longer answers for print, e-mail them to nfater@andovertownsmen.com.

NO BEACH SCENES YET



Kyle Chen, 4, plays in the sand at the Ballardvale Playground on Sunday afternoon. Chen said he wanted to go to the beach.

KATE GLASS/Staff photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (MORE LETTERS, PAGE 10)

AYS shows opportunities to kids

Editor, Townsman:

As a child in Andover, I often felt somewhat bored during the summer when I wasn't at camps. Then, I discovered the Andover Youth Services. The AYS staff was never interested in anything other than my well-being and enjoyment, and every trip I went on was fun, adventurous, and a chance to meet new friends. My brother and sister had similar experiences. The experiences I had at AYS definitely helped shape who I am today. They were by far the best days of my summers. I also participated in other initiatives by AYS, such as field hockey and lacrosse, and had equally positive experiences.

That is why when I found out the town of Andover plans to cut its budget so much that it will result in, among other travesties, the end of these trips, I was shocked and outraged. AYS was always there for me and many other kids my age. My family still buys our Christmas trees from the AYS lot and participates in the telethon, because we are so appreciative of what AYS has done for us and want to give back in any way we can. AYS also gives youth a great opportunity for employment. Even high school students, who are often too old to participate in the programs, get to stay involved.

I am studying abroad in Paris, and when I heard this news, I immediately checked to see when the Town Meeting including this vote is. I am very upset that I will not be back home for it. The youth of Andover does not have the ability to vote, and I wish I could vote for them.

I understand we are in a recession, and every person, business, town, and state needs to make some changes to stay afloat. What I do not understand is why the children of Andover have to be the ones who are punished for this. By taking away these amazing trips, the town truly is depriving its youth of experiences that they otherwise might not try.

The outrage from so many former participants really proves how important it is. There is currently a group on Facebook called "Save AYS" that has over 2,000 members.

I believe we really need to allow AYS to continue doing what it does best: helping the youth of Andover have an outlet to make friends, learn new things, and ultimately become better people.

ALYSSA GEARY
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A longer version of this letter appears online.

Teachers union stance supports 'minimal performance is good enough'

Editor, Townsman:

I read Tom Meyers' letter of March 4 with some interest, having been a student of his. Sadly, his assertion that linking

teacher compensation to student performance would "be embarking upon the establishment of a structure which desires to measure each student as an assembly line product so that a base line can be constructed to evaluate teachers" demonstrates either a woeful misunderstanding of assembly lines, an amazing ability to construct straw man arguments, or a studied attempt to misinform the reader about what linking performance to compensation actually entails.

In an assembly-line environment, a product is deemed a success if it meets the minimal requirements set for it. If a product surpasses those requirements, it is in the same category as the item which barely met the requirement. The process moves at the rate of the slowest step; if a worker can rivet 10 cars in an hour, but only one can be painted in that time, than only one car is produced in that hour. There is no reason to pay an exceptional riveter more, as he adds no value to the product. This is why most manufacturing pay scales, particularly in union workforces, are seniority driven, and the first people fired are the most recent hires. Whose pay system does this resemble?

Outside of the dedication of individual teachers, there is little incentive built into the system to do more than meet the threshold requirement. I would be interested to know the last time an Andover teacher was dismissed solely for failure to teach successfully. In fact, I would like to know how the school defines the failure to teach successfully. By defending this pay system, Meyers is tacitly admitting he thinks minimal performance is good enough.

Establishing a base line for students, an idea for which Meyers feels such abhorrence, would be a necessary first step for evaluating the performance of teachers and their charges. Many companies and the military use base lines to accurately compare grades from different evaluators. It would prevent grade inflation from having an adverse effect. If one teacher in a specific course gives the average student a B+, but another teacher gives the average student a C, a meaningful comparison can be made. However, I suspect the union would like to preserve the fiction that Andover is Lake Woebegone, where all the children are above average.

JOHN JORDAN
AHS '96
Monterey, Calif.
A longer version of this letter appears online.

What kind of schools do we need?

Editor, Townsman:

I had a chance to sit down with hundreds of other Andover citizens Thursday night, March 11 to discuss the future of Andover Public Schools. The experience was a wonderful example of how much the residents of Andover care about the public school system. Students, teachers, public officials and parents were

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all included in small breakout groups where they were asked the same questions, with a facilitator guiding the discussion on the groups. Afterward, each of the groups presented to each other on their ideas.

While there were some definite common themes, out of our breakout session came a simple question that needed to be asked. What do we want for our school system?

Everyone at our table felt that while we chose to come to Andover for the schools, in the last five to seven years we've fallen out of stride. The core question we have to ask ourselves is: Do we want our school to be (to use the grading system) an A+ school system, or are we talking A-, B+, B-, or C? Of course, to be an A+ system is going to cost more, while a C system will certainly cost less.

Until our School Committee and town administrators come to an agreement on what is a necessary level for our school, our town budget discussions will always have more tension than they really need. To that end, I thought that the Townsman could pose this question (in survey format, as you usually do in your paper) to your readers: What do your readers think about Andover? Where do they want to see our school system in five years? Is it A+, or is B- good enough?

DAN O'TOOLE
Enmore Street

Rare AYS program lets kids be kids

Editor, Townsman:

I was born and raised in this great town. I have spent 24 very happy years here, and some of my fondest memories while growing up came during the several incredible summers I spent with the Andover Youth Services summer programs. Every day I woke up excited to see what was in store, as each day brought a new and different trip, Red Sox games, Hampton Beach, and even white water rafting. This program is truly unmatched in creativity and spirit when compared to any other.

Andover is lucky, and privileged to have Bill Fahey and his amazing staff, to advocate for a population that feels as though it has no voice or say in town issues. AYS gives kids the chance to truly be kids, which our

society increasingly no longer allows. Today kids are incredibly over-scheduled and under constant stress. I have unfortunately seen this as a common site in the hospitals where I have worked. I often find myself recalling the stories of the care free times I spent with AYS, when they confide in me about the stress and routine that is way too apparent in their lives. The incredibly structured and regimented schedule of these children's days stifles creativity and spontaneity, which are incredibly important life skills, and happen to be two things that set AYS apart from any other program.

AYS was and still is a service that was never meant to make money. If fees go up any more, the result will be a number of kids falling through the cracks who will no longer have a relationship with AYS. A lot of my close personal friends, and many children today truly need that safety net, and a connection with elders who can relate, and really advocate for them. Moreover, AYS constantly contributes to the community financially through completing projects on behalf of Public Works that would have cost the town thousands of dollars under prevailing wage. Just look at the paint job at Wood Memorial Park as an example of this community spirit. Let's fund AYS and vote in favor of Article 56 at Town Meeting.

ALEX TOYODA
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Youth asks those old enough to vote for AYS budget

Editor, Townsman:

Ever since sixth grade when I first discovered Andover Youth Services, I fell in love with the program, the staff, and the trips. It shocks me that the town manager's recommended budget plan would even think about cutting the already very small budget that AYS has to hire staff and make the summer trips more affordable.

For many of the town's youth this is their summer camp that they look forward to all year. However in this recession, where every dollar counts, many families have to cut the number of trips their kids do. If this budget is not reinstated the cost will go up even more, forcing more families to stop their kids from doing these programs and becoming a part of their community.

Without the summer program, kids will not know about other great opportunities they could become involved with, like school year programs, leadership groups like Big-Mac and AYC, and most importantly the youth center. It is very important that this budget is reinstated so that the window to AYS can be available to all the youth.

Anyone old enough to vote, please go to the Town Meeting in April and vote in favor of Article 56, because those who rely on this budget cannot vote themselves.

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TOWN TALK

Easy as Pi

It's college acceptance season and two Andover High School seniors have received their just desserts - a special helping of Pi. MIT let students know that they were accepted on March 14 at 1:59 p.m. That's 3.14159, the value of Pi, the Greek symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter.

AHS seniors George Chang and Philine Huizing were accepted to MIT, according to Aixa de Kelley of the AHS guidance office.

They are among 1,611 students to be accepted, as MIT accepted only 9.7 percent of those who applied. If you do that math, there's reason for them to celebrate!

- Judy Wakefield

Farmer picked as Triton superintendent

Christopher Farmer, superintendent of Gloucester schools and a former superintendent finalist in Andover, has been tapped as the next head of the Triton regional school district.

Farmer was selected on March 12 over Kelly Clenchy, superintendent of a regional school district in Orono, Maine, who was also a finalist in Andover's superintendent search. After being chosen by Triton, Farmer withdrew his name as a candidate for the Arlington superintendent position.

The Andover School Committee voted March 4 to hire Marinel McGrath, superintendent of

the Hamilton-Wenham school district, from a pool of four finalists including current Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson.

Triton regional school district encompasses the towns of Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury.

- Bethany Bray

2 more from Andover to make state bid

Andover Republicans Sal Tabit and Paul Adams have become the latest town residents to begin campaigns for state office.

With Barry Finegold, the current representative of Andover's 17th Essex District, declaring he will run for Sue Tucker's state senate seat, Tabit and Adams will be running for an open seat that represents much of Andover.

Tabit, a lawyer who ran against Finegold in 1998, is a partner at Broadhurst Tabit LLP and expects to have an official campaign kickoff in May.

Adams, 28 and a 2000 Andover High School grad, has a degree in international relations from Suffolk University and has worked on the campaigns of Mitt Romney and Scott Brown.

See next week's Andover Townsman for more on the Andover state races.

- Bethany Bray



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Poll worker Marie Bernard used the down time between voters to quilt during the selectman race at Andover High School.

Silberstein lauded for years on Committee

March 16 marked School Committee Member Debra Silberstein's last meeting on a board she joined in 2004.

Superintendent Claudia Bach gave her a bouquet of pink roses and Bach called Silberstein an "incredible advocate" for the schools, who "felt strongly everyone needed to be part of the conversation." Although the pair are personal friends, Bach said Silberstein never tried to micromanage the superintendent or school departments.

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Reader Asks, Can Couponers Save Too Much?

In the past few columns, I've addressed some reader concerns about some aspects of coupon shopping. Wrapping up my series of "inbox complaints," here's a letter from a reader who wonders about the health consequences of eating low-priced meats:

Q: "I truly admire your talents for shopping. However, when it comes to saving money on meats, I wonder if you ever question the quality of them. Saving money by feeding children animal products that have been subjected to hormones is not worth the long-term effects on their health."

A: I'm always concerned with the quality of the food I serve to my family, as I'm sure every parent is. You may be comforted to know that it has been against the law for more than 50 years to administer growth hormones to chicken or pigs. All poultry and pork products are free of growth hormones, whether or not it's printed on the labels.

My family decided several years ago to switch to organic beef for health reasons, and we now prefer the flavor of grass-fed beef. It is more expensive, so it's an occasional meal, not a weekly one.

All fresh meats will eventually leave the store if they don't sell by their expiration dates. One of my local stores donates expiring meats to a local food bank - a wonderful cause. Another store drastically cuts prices on soon-to-expire meats, including organic varieties. Ask your store's staff what happens to their expiring meats. Your supermarket may hold clearance sales on a specific day of the week. Learn to take advantage of those price drops. I've seen organic beef and poultry regularly dropped from \$6.99/pound to \$1.99/pound as it nears the expiration date - that's a great per-pound price for any meat! If you have a freezer, you'll want to stock up when these sales come around. Time your purchases well and you may be buying higher-quality meats for low prices on a regular basis.

You didn't mention seafood in your letter, but this is another area to watch prices and variation in quality. Farm-raised fish will always be cheaper per pound than wild-caught. Many shoppers prefer wild-caught fish, which have subsisted on a wild diet, citing health reasons. But "wild" does not automatically mean "healthier." Some varieties of fish are actually healthier when farm-raised. Catfish are a great example. In the wild, catfish are "bottom feeders," taking sustenance in shallow, muddy and possibly polluted water. They can be exposed to toxins and pesticides, which ultimately end up in the fish itself... and in us. By contrast, farm-raised catfish typically eat a diet of corn and rice and are raised in clean pools of water. They're healthier and less expensive than their wild counterparts.

If you like fish, don't be afraid to fillet them yourself. Whole fish are often priced significantly lower. Even if you've never cleaned a fish, it's not hard to do (you can even learn how on the Internet) and you may find you're saving big over pre-filleted portions. I'll never forget the time my supermarket's seafood department had an overstock of catfish. They had a sign up advertising whole catfish for a fabulously low 29 cents/pound!

I bought nine big catfish and I spent the rest of the afternoon cleaning and filleting the fish, then freezing those portions for many meals down the road. (My big fish stock-up also turned into an impromptu fish-cleaning lesson for my daughter.)

As with many of the shopping and product choice issues readers raised, the decision ultimately lies with you. Skilled coupon shoppers are able to "coupon down" the prices of so many products to rock-bottom levels, thereby freeing up more of the grocery budget for the kinds of meats and seafood they prefer. The dollars you save using coupons on toothpaste and shampoo can help pay for the higher prices of items you might love, like organic, grass-fed meats or wild-caught fish.

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The Coupon Queen

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Townspeople

Bunny Breakfast



Haley Murphy, 2, picks painted eggs during the Andover Department of Community Services traditional Egg Hunt held outside Andover High School Saturday morning, March 20.



Rachel Mitchell, 7 gets some help with her arts and crafts during the Andover Department of Community Services' Egg Hunt.



CARL RUSSO/staff photos

The Andover Department of Community Services held its traditional Egg Hunt outside Andover High School Saturday morning. Inside the school's cafeteria the festivities continued with games, egg decorating and pictures taken with "the Spring Bunny." William Pooler, 3, has his picture taken with the rabbit.



Children get the green light to start hunting for the plastic eggs with candy inside at the Egg Hunt held outside Andover High School Saturday morning.



Jack Yanowitz, 2 and Laney Cafua, 18 months pick up plastic eggs during the event.

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100 Years Ago March 25, 1910

A six-week-old infant was found in St. Augustine Church on Sunday night. As no trace of the child's parents could be found, it was sent to a home.

Considerable business of interest was transacted at the meeting of the school committee held on Saturday evening. The matter of the West Centre School was brought up and estimates of the cost of heating and other functions were presented.

The new bake shop to be conducted by J.P. West on Main street was opened yesterday afternoon for trade. While the interior of the store is not yet arranged as it will be when completed, nevertheless, what Mr. West has accomplished in two or three days indicates that the shop will be one of the attractive ones on the street.

75 Years Ago March 22, 1935

Plans now under consideration by Dr. J.J. Daly, local E.R.A. administrator (board of public welfare) call for the eventual building of a sidewalk on High street below Walnut avenue. Fill would be dumped on the bank by the side of the road, the fence would be moved over, and the sidewalk then built.

A 13-year-old South Lawrence boy was injured Tuesday evening about 6:30 when he fell off a bus on which he had stolen a bus ride just before the bus entered Andover square, where he attempted to jump off. He was treated by Dr. Hartigan for an ugly scalp wound and one eye was closed. He was sent home after treatment with instructions to his mother to call in the family doctor.

A request to reduce the valuation of the machinery at the Shawsheen mills another \$100,000 was made of the Board of Assessors yesterday by Leland Powers, legal counsel for the American Woolen Co. Dr. Daly (chair of the Board of Public Welfare) asked if more Andover residents could be employed in the local mills, thus cutting down the relief burden of the town. Mr. Powers has promised to take this up with the New York office.

50 Years Ago March 24, 1960

Ominous repercussions from the school committee action in failing to retain Benjamin Dimlich as principal of the Junior High continued to pile up today. It is generally conceded that a court fight will develop, although as yet there has been no official announcement from Mr. Dimlich and his attorneys who have been in conference on the subject.

Advertisement: W.T. Grant Co. opens Wednesday, March 30 at 9 a.m. in Shawsheen Plaza shopping center. "NOW! Mere minutes from your doorstep: the quick service shopping you want at Grants - nationally famous value-prices!"

Lincoln-era tea set helps warm 'What's It Worth?'

BY COURTNEY CASPER
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

A silver tea set from the Civil War era was one of the biggest surprises uncovered during the Andover Historical Society's annual What's It Worth? Antiques Appraisal Event.

This past Friday, over 50 guests gathered in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Locke Street for the fifth annual show, which returned by popular demand.

The function was hosted by Stewart Whitehurst of Skinner Auctioneers, who has previously appraised items on PBS' Antiques Roadshow and Oprah.

"[Whitehurst] is highly entertaining," said Elaine Clements, Andover Historical Society director. "He gets everybody laughing and joking - it's really quite a

show."

One of the biggest pieces of the night was a stunning silver tea set. The set had been handed down to one man's great grandfather, who had been Speaker of the U.S. House when the Emancipation Proclamation was passed. The tea set was appraised at \$15,000 to \$20,000. Items of such value, though, are not easily sold.

"If something came down through your family," Clements said, "it may mean a lot more to you than it would on the market."

Clements said Whitehurst's main objective through the presentation is to educate attendees on how to be good consumers of antique products.

"He really uses those hours as a tool to interactively teach people about marketing, manufacturing,



COURTESY PHOTO

Stuart Whitehurst holds an oil painting brought by Andover resident Karen English.

and how things came to be," she said. For example, Whitehurst

elaborated on two historical dates in particular that he assured are easy tip-offs for self-appraisal.

The year 1840 marked the start of the Industrial Revolution. At that time, the appeal of machine-made items was high because it was a cutting-edge manufacturing process which continuously delivered perfection. However, handmade items are far more valuable than anything factory-produced.

Another indicator, said Clements, would be if the item stated its country of origin anywhere on its surface. The 1891 McKinley Tariff Act was created to protect American trade goods, and therefore, spotting whether an item was created pre-1891 is easy for anyone to do.

Popular items brought to the March 19 appraisal included ceramics, early Chinese and Japanese porcelain, glassware, timepieces, and firearms.

The 1961 Question: What To Do in An Atomic War?

Bill Dalton



Andover Townsman. People were invited to attend a Sunday

discussion.

In the same Townsman, Murdoch Construction Co. offered to build a fallout shelter in your basement or yard, and they gave reasons: you'd protect your family from radioactive fallout, and you'd prevent your family from being a statistic. The shelter would meet U.S. Government and Civil Defense specifications. Financing could be arranged through the Arlington Trust Bank. It was one of many such ads.

A home fallout shelter was a room below ground where your family would stay for two to three weeks or until the portable radio told you to come out. (Your family, of course, would be fully bonkers by then.) Such shelters likely exist in Andover, although probably converted to things like wine cellars or panic rooms.

A week later, the Townsman's headline announced that the Civil Defense Director resigned. Town Manager Tom Duff said

that the Civil Defense Director job is now more demanding because of the condition of world affairs." Duff explained the director would become the town boss in the event of a disaster (for example, an atomic war).

A Townsman story said the town was planning to build a fallout shelter on the "Shaw Property," the municipal parking lot on Main Street. Still another article said the Army would be able to predict fallout

patterns after an atomic blast. For example, if a "megaton size" explosion occurred in Albany, N.Y., prevailing winds would bring the fallout over eastern Massachusetts (if eastern Massachusetts still existed).

A Fortune Magazine article by Nelson Rockefeller, Edward Teller and other luminaries outlined a proposed plan to build underground shelters and tunnels that would house and protect millions of Americans from the effects of an atomic war.

A Life Magazine issue titled, "How You Can Survive Fallout," included a letter from President Kennedy encouraging people to build shelters.

A main editorial in a September Townsman was titled: "Shelters - Will They Work?" It asked disturbing questions. If you are at work when the sirens go off, do you try to go home or go into a shelter at work? If your children aren't at home, do you

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DALTON: Bomb bunkers

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look for them or go to a shelter? What if you are confronted by desperate neighbors? (The last question was the subject of a Twilight Zone episode called "The Shelter.") The editorial concluded that the federal government must lead the way by constructing enough public shelters "so that anxieties are quelled." The shelters must be large and numerous to lessen the problem of defending your personal shelter against desperate neighbors.

Andover and most municipalities did build bomb shelters and many still exist for a variety of disasters. You've seen the shelter signs.

Why did the bomb shelter issue reach a zenith in 1961? Above-ground nuclear testing was spewing harmful atmospheric radiation, demonstrating how horrible a nuclear war would be and how unhealthy the testing itself was. The Soviets were displaying their muscle by exploding some of the biggest bombs ever exploded, and many people believed they would test newly elected John F. Kennedy, who had recently embarrassed America with the Bay of Pigs fiasco. And perhaps most important, government and the media were pushing the idea of protecting ourselves in the event of nuclear war.

Today, it's easy to laugh at

the idea of bomb shelters; in fact, I chuckle a little myself. However, America reacted in a reasonably prudent manner. No one panicked; the country simply addressed the possibility of nuclear war. The Soviets were addressing the issue as well, except their sheltering focused on war-material manufacturing sites.

The atomic war issue wasn't new; it had existed since the Truman Era, and as school kids we practiced atomic bomb drills beginning in early grade school. Although it didn't dominate our lives, the concept of atomic war was part of our lives.

In October 1962, we came close to the worst scenario during the Cuban Missile Crises. So close that the US was in Defense Readiness Condition 2 - DEFCON 2 - for the only time in its history. (There are five levels of DEFCON; DEFCON 1 indicates missile launching is imminent. Usually, we're at level 5.)

During the height of the crises, I was walking to class at the University of New Hampshire with couple of friends. One of them wondered aloud if the missiles would be launched before class ended. He wasn't joking, and we didn't laugh.

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

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

BY SENIOR CENTER STAFF

Spring Crafts Fair: Drop by to support your local Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily until the first of April. Lovely hand-made seasonal items, quilted bags, floral arrangements, live plants and more. All proceeds directly benefit programs at the center. Donations of costume jewelry, holiday ribbon and floral materials gratefully received.

Andover's Leading Ladies - Andover Women Who Made a Difference: Thursday, March 25, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; \$5. Julie Scolnik has given Andover the gift of a truly professional local chamber orchestra, Andover Chamber Music. Join us to hear her international

artistic journey and experience first-hand the creative process that will set the state for "Impressions," ACM's Season Finale on April 11. Joining Scolnik will be Franziska Huhn, harpist for ACM's April 11 performance. Community welcome. Call to reserve a seat.

The Nature of Poetry: April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; \$20 for series. Explore the selected works of Mary Oliver, Robert Frost and Mary Oliver, renowned New England poets. As we long for spring's rebirth, we will discuss that events in nature which translate into eternal truths.

Get Organized: April 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2 to 3 p.m.; \$20 for series. It is never too late to begin the

process of taking control of your time, space, money and information. These workshops will really get you off to a great start this spring. Call for information; come by to register.

Tai Chi: Beginner's class on Tuesdays from April 6 to June 8, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.; nine weeks for \$36. Intermediate class on Thursdays, April 8 to June 10, 1:15 to 2:15 p.m.; nine weeks for \$36.

Care for Yourself at Home: Friday, April 2, at 9:30 a.m. Letourneau's, our "hometown" pharmacy, will be here to show us some unique ways that we can stay safe in our own homes longer. Come see some of the adaptive home equipment, including the "lift"

chair that is in our lobby right now. Free forum preregistration requested.

Nordic Walking for All: Wednesdays, April 14 to May 19, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.; \$24 for six-week session. Use specially designed poles to increase effectiveness of your walking by almost 50 percent. Poles and instruction provided all levels welcome. Sturdy shoes a must as off-road walking will be expected. Heavy rain cancels class. Register now.

Men's Outdoor Adventure Group: Wednesday, April 7 at 9:30 a.m. Join the very first hike of this newly forming group as they walk 2.5 miles around Baker's Meadow. Free group; call to reserve a spot.

GIFTS OF LOVE



Morgan Shaw, a South School fifth-grader, donated 8 inches of her hair to the Pantene Beautiful Lengths program. Her hair will be used to make a wig for a cancer patient.

RELIGION

Music Together April 2

Music Together, the early childhood music program, will offer a free open house class on Friday, April 2, at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. The classes will begin at 10 a.m. Families of children aged 0-4 are invited to meet and sing with current Music Together families to learn about the program. Spring classes begin April 3 in Andover. For more information, visit the Web site at www.musictogetheraroundthetowns.com or call 978-590-6624.

Middle Eastern lecture

The Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Program at Merrimack College will present a lecture on the Baha'i of Iran by Dr. Farzin Vahdat on Wednesday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. For more information contact Richard Hennessey at 978-837-5277 or email hennesseyr@merrimack.edu.

Inaugural Goldziher talk

The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations at Merrimack College is presenting the Inaugural Goldziher Lecture on Jewish-Muslim Relations on Thursday, April 15, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover to recognize the importance of interfaith reverence. An award will also be given to honor "Holy Envy." This event is free and open to the public.

Holy Envy, The Krister and Brita Stendahl Award for Interfaith Reverence will be conferred upon Krister (of blessed

memory) and Brita Stendahl. This will be immediately followed by the Goldziher Lecture on Jewish-Muslim Relations featuring Prof. Susannah Heschel, Eli Black professor in Jewish Studies, Dartmouth College on "Intrigued With Islam: Jewish Scholars, Travelers and Converts in Modern Europe." This is made possible by a grant from the William and Mary Greve Foundation.

Named after Ignac Goldziher, the 19th-century Hungarian Jewish Islamicist who revered Islam, this lecture will describe the rise of Islamic Studies in Europe during the long 19th century, a field shaped by Jewish scholars, particularly in Germany, France, and Hungary.

Ham dinner at West Parish

Come and join a delicious meal that will include ham and beans, hot dogs, baked macaroni and cheese, side dishes, and dessert on Saturday, April 17, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. For more information call 978-475-3528. Suggested donations are adults \$8 and Children \$4.

Easter concert

The Rev. Andre Patenaude, a missionary priest of Our Lady of LaSalette from the National Shrine of Our Lady of LaSalette in Attelboro, will be in Andover, Sunday, April 18, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover to do an Easter concert "Seeing Him Again". Admission is \$20. All money raised goes to support Rev. Patenaude's ministry. For tickets call Fran at 978-851-2186.

Special program by Andover Garden Club

The Andover Garden Club will present Dora Lee, a specialist in the Sogetsu School of Ikebana design on Tuesday, April 6 at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

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For more information call Betty Chapman at 978-470-2627 or email bettychapman@verizon.net.

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UNICO president calls on Italian Americans to preserve heritage

UNICO National President Andre DiMino was the honored guest recently when the Merrimack Valley Chapter of UNICO celebrated its 20th anniversary at the Wyndham Hotel in Andovers.

"We must look for more ways for UNICO to be the standard-bearer of our Italian American heritage. Look into your own Italian roots, learn to speak Italian, promote Italian cultural events,

and celebrate your heritage and culture. I am so proud of my Italian heritage. I consider it to be my responsibility to promote and preserve our rich heritage. Now I ask each and every one of you to join me in our 'Essential Re-Commitment' to 'Our Shared Heritage, Our Shared Pride,'" he said to a reported audience of 100 members and guests.

DiMino, having recent appeared on several network

news programs protesting the MTV program "Jersey Shore" also wrote directly to Jay Leno, a former Andover resident and Tonight Show host, asking Leno "to not contribute to the continued negative stereotyping and denigration of Italian Americans in the media. You can be a hero to the millions of Italian Americans who have had enough of being portrayed as mobsters and Mafiosi, on the one hand, and in

the case of Jersey Shore, as illiterate, moronic and obnoxious bimbos and buffoons."

Following his presentation, Sen. David Torrisi, also a UNICO member, presented DiMino with a proclamation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives.

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of UNICO was chartered in 1989 and currently has nearly 70 members. As a member of the UNICO National, its mission is

to contribute to the well-being of the local communities by making significant contributions to deserving charities. UNICO strives to honor, perpetuate and disseminate the culture and ethnic heritage of our Italian immigrant ancestors, by supporting higher education and by educating and informing our members, local communities and our nation. Through the years the Merrimack Valley UNICO

chapter has given thousands of dollars to local organizations such as the St Ann's Home, Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, and the Professional Center for Child Development. The chapter also gives scholarships to outstanding high schools students of Italian descent to further their education.

For more information visit www.unicomerrimackvalley.org.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Women's Fund of Essex County event April 7

The Women's Fund of Essex County will host its second annual "Power of the Purse" fundraising event. A ladies evening of fabulous hors d'oeuvres, wine and purses will be held on Wednesday, April 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Brookwood School located off Route 127, in Manchester, Mass. The evening is based on the Victor Hugo saying, "As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled." Raffle tickets will be sold for a chance to win distinctive purses and bags donated by renowned designers.

Proceeds help fund The Women's Fund grant awards. The Women's Fund of Essex County was founded in 2003 for the sole purpose of raising and distributing funds to non-profit agencies within Essex County for the support of programs that benefit women and girls.



Suzanne and Frank Osborn of Andover were among those who enjoyed the Fifth Anniversary of Lowell General Hospital's Ball for Community Health Initiatives. A sold-out crowd of 500 guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, and silent and live auctions at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium, which was transformed into a décor reminiscent of old New Orleans. Under the leadership of committee co-chairs Denise Mills and Matthew Savory, the gala raised more than \$200,000 to support community health initiatives in our region.

Through the generous support of corporate sponsors and Ball patrons, funds this year will benefit highlighted initiatives including the "Beds for Kids" program of The Lowell Wish Project, which provides new beds and bedding for at-risk children in the city. In collaboration with Health and Education Services, Inc. (HES), a public service campaign to promote mental health awareness and resources in the Greater Lowell area will be launched this spring. Proceeds of the ball benefit the hospital's Community Health Initiatives programs including Breastfeeding Support Groups, Healthy Readers, Read Early, Read often, Children's Literacy Program, and smoking awareness programs.

Grants are awarded annually to fund one field of focus on a rotational basis, health and well-being, leadership and empowerment and economic

self-sufficiency and security. The Women's Fund of Essex County is a collaborative fund of the Essex County Community Foundation. To date The Women's

Fund has awarded over \$300,000 in grants. The fund maintains a growing endowment.

Tickets for the event are \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door.

For more information, visit www.thewomensfundec.org.

Marathon training

Weathering a New England winter while training for one of the most prestigious marathons in the world is not considered a glamorous task. The rewards are wet shoes, frozen fingers and chapped lips. This year, Mother Nature socked the region with above average snowfall, making running outside a character building activity for Samantha Hughes, 24, of Andover. Not only has Samantha put in hours of rigorous training for the 114th Boston Marathon on Monday, April 19, but she valiantly fundraised thousands of dollars for children and adults stricken with liver disease.

This year, 239 runners from 26 states, Washington, D.C., and Canada, comprise the American Liver Foundation's Run for Research team. These individuals

will run 26.2 miles to help the 30 million Americans one in ten who are affected by liver disease.

RFR celebrates 22 years as the oldest and second largest charity team of the Boston Athletic Association.

It all began with one man's selfless dream to help a child. When Bobby Banks, a runner and member of Ironworkers Local 7 Boston, saw a television special about famous Boston Bruins player and coach Terry O'Reilly's young son's battle with liver disease, he decided to help. With four friends by his side, Bobby ran the 1988 Boston Marathon and garnered over \$5,000 for Evan O'Reilly and ALF. The 2010 RFR team hopes to raise \$1.3 million.

To make a donation to a Run for Research team member from your town, visit www.liverteam.org, click on "sponsor a runner" and choose a name.

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

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Boomer Bridge: Mondays: April 5 to May 17, six-week session. 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., \$100 or \$25 drop in fee, no class on April 19. Each week we'll play duplicate hands that practice your bidding

and strategic skills. Great hand-outs and analysis weekly. This is not an introductory course but is appropriate for returning

players and those who want to advance their games. Terry Kay Bargar, ACBL Accredited Bridge Instructor.

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Business

Andover doctor named medical director of year

Robert J. Schreiber, physician-in-chief at Hebrew SeniorLife and an instructor in medicine at Harvard Medical School, has been named the 2010 Medical Director of the Year by the American Medical Directors Association.



Robert J. Schreiber

Schreiber resides in Andover, with his wife, Laurie, and their three children.

Since joining Hebrew SeniorLife as physician-in-chief in 2004, Schreiber led the nonprofit organization's Department of Medicine through a period of unprecedented growth. "He distinguishes himself as a passionate advocate for seniors by creating

treatment and educational programs that address their health care needs," according to a release.

At Hebrew SeniorLife, Schreiber oversees a medical staff that includes 27 board-certified physicians, 14 geriatric nurse practitioners, and 34 medical specialists and consultants. He has grown the organization's health care offerings by developing an

outpatient wound-healing clinic; creating new pathways for holistic care, including a Palliative Care Program; and implementing a wellness program for residents in Hebrew SeniorLife's housing communities. Most recently, he oversaw the medical care of residents during the transition of 225 long-term care beds from Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Boston to HRC's new facility at NewBridge on the Charles in Dedham, HSL's newest senior living community.

Schreiber champions evidence-based education programs throughout Massachusetts. These programs help participants take

active rolls in managing their health, according to a release.

"There is no one more deserving of this honor than Rob Schreiber," said HSL President Lou Woolf. "His untiring dedication to his patients and their families, as well as his leadership of our physicians and other staff, are inspiring. We are extremely proud to have him as our physician-in-chief."

Schreiber shares his clinical passion with medical students and young physicians through Harvard Medical School's Central Geriatrics Sessions and the Harvard Geriatric Medicine

Fellowship Program and mentors Practice Change Fellows at HRC. He also helped to create a series of interdisciplinary seminars on aging for Harvard geriatrics fellows.

Since 2002, he has volunteered his time in a special Elder Clinic, called Tanka Ke Zani Oti, at the Rosebud Sioux reservation in south-central South Dakota. In December 2009, he facilitated the donation of 120 unused hospital beds and other medical supplies to St. Mark's Hospital in Haiti and to the Abayudaya Tribe of 1,000 Jews in eastern Uganda. He has also served on

numerous boards and advisory groups for professional organizations, including the Nursing Home Board of Administrators for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Prior to joining Hebrew SeniorLife, an affiliate of Harvard Medical School, Schreiber was chairman of the Department of Geriatrics at Lahey Clinic. A graduate of Dartmouth College, he earned his medical degree at Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia and completed his internship and residency at Danbury Hospital in Connecticut.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

MSL prof to deliver keynote address

Lawrence Superior Court Judge Robert Clonetta, an adjunct professor at the Massachusetts School of Law, will deliver the keynote address at the annual meeting of the Greater Lawrence Bar Association on April 8.

The dinner meeting will be held at the North Andover Country Club in North Andover, at 5:15 p.m. on Thursday, April 8.

Judge Clonetta teaches civil trial court practice and procedure, criminal trial court practice and procedure, and discovery practice at the Massachusetts School of Law.

Dr. John Beldock. "These real estate professionals are not only distinguishing themselves in a competitive market place, but they are really giving back to the community in very constructive and meaningful ways."

Stella earned his EcoBroker Certified designation in December and said that at a recent listing presentation, he was able to show the prospective sellers how he can highlight the benefits of their low VOC paints, Energy Star appliances, and high efficiency heating system. Stella also suggested an inexpensive home energy rating test. He believes it gave him an edge in winning the listing.

Storch named influential

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

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

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

Gentle Giant hits 30, wins 'Indy' award

Gentle Giant Moving Co., an award-winning national, local and long distance mover based in Massachusetts, is marking its 30th year in business by pursuing a number of business and employee development goals, it reports. Despite unfavorable economic challenges to the moving and storage industry in recent years, Gentle Giant's initiatives for 2010 include geographic expansion, investments in sales and marketing development, creating employee growth opportunities, and an enhanced online presence.

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Savings Bank displays Arc artwork

The Andover Branch Office of The Savings Bank is featuring a display of artwork and jewelry created by budding artists associated with The Center for Emerging Artists for The Arc of East Middlesex. The artwork is on display at the Andover branch until April 8.

The display at The Savings Bank also includes paintings, greeting cards, jewelry, T-shirts and trivets created by some of the center's 97 Reading participants and 45 Beverly participants, as well as pieces from the center's Natural Elegance line of jewelry, a collaboration between the artists and a professional jewelry designer.

The center promotes the sale of participants' finished products through exhibitions and local gift shops with 40 percent of the purchase price going to the artwork's creator. A trunk show of jewelry was recently held by the Andover store General Goods.

The Center for Emerging Artists was created in 2000 as part of the Arc of East Middlesex, a non-profit corporation founded in 1954 by parents of children with mental retardation. The center is supported by the Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services, the



General Goods of Andover recently held a trunk show featuring the Natural Elegance jewelry collection created by the artists of The Arc of East Middlesex and the Center for Emerging Artists. Jenn Levental (seated at right) of General Goods hosted the show, with a percentage of the store's merchandise sold during the trunk show donated to EMARC. Maria Consoli, (left) branch manager of the Andover office of the Savings Bank poses with (second from left, to right) artist Todd Dehart, Center for Emerging Artists Director Amy Ruiter, artists Hoang Nyugen and Mo Taha. A variety of art is now displayed at the bank.

Massachusetts Cultural Council, private foundations and individual donors. It is part of the day habilitation program, which encourages creativity and promotes the talents of artists

with developmental disabilities. Members of the program learn how to use a variety of different artistic mediums from acrylic painting and watercolor to decorative furniture painting and

jewelry making. For information about the center or the exhibition at The Savings Bank, contact Heather Weikel at 781-942-4888, ext. 5029 or ceapromo@themarc.org.

Royal Jewelers helps lift AngleFlight Northeast

Since Bernard Leed opened his retail jewelry store in Lawrence in 1948, "philanthropic support of surrounding communities and organizations has been a cornerstone of Royal Jewelers' entrepreneurial spirit," according to the store. Most recently, Paula and Steven Leed teamed up with jewelry designer David Yurman to host an event with a portion of the proceeds going to Angel Flight Northeast.

Paula and Steven Leed recently presented Larry Camerlin, president of Angel Flight Northeast, with a check for \$8,400.

Through a volunteer pilot network, AngelFlight Northeast flies people to hospitals, clinics and medical facilities for surgery, to receive treatment and for other much-needed medical care, completely free of charge.



Paula Leed and Steven Leed of Royal Jewelers flank Larry Camerlin, president of Angel Flight. They gave him more than \$8,000 to help his charity fly people in need to medical facilities.


Based at Lawrence Municipal Airport in North Andover, AngelFlight Northeast is a 501(C) 3

non-profit organization. Royal Jewelers first became aware of Angel Flight Northeast

and the services it provides through Royal Jewelers' affiliation with International Watch Co., which has been a long time sponsor of Angel Flight Northeast.

For Paula and Steven Leed, it is not only about supporting Angel Flight Northeast's mission of serving the interests of people in great need, but it is also in memory of their father, Bernard, who was an avid private pilot and began flying out of Lawrence Airport in the late 1940s.

"Our father loved flying," said Steven Leed in a release. "Had Angel Flight been in existence years ago, we know our father would have been a supporter and volunteer passing along his courage and compassion to those who need it."



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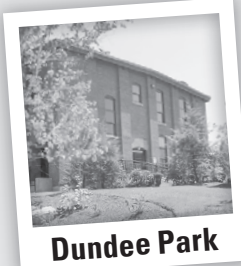
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Andover Partners health care providers honored for excellence

Partners HealthCare presented its 14th annual Partners in Excellence Awards to employees of Partners-affiliated institutions during award ceremonies held this winter. Award recipients are nominated by their colleagues and are selected on the basis of contributions "above and beyond the call of duty" in the areas of quality treatment and service, leadership and innovation, teamwork, operational efficiency and outstanding community contributions.

Partners HealthCare is an integrated health system founded by Brigham and Women's Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. In addition to its two academic medical centers, the Partners system includes community and specialty hospitals, community health centers, a physician network and home health and long-term care services. Partners is a biomedical research organization and a principal teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

Andover residents and their award category are listed below:

Massachusetts General Hospital

Susan Arsenault, Teamwork
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Camille Ducharme, Operational Efficiency
David Gardner, Teamwork
Saechin Kim, Teamwork
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Marion Parker, Quality Treatment and Service
Elizabeth Rafferty, Teamwork
Barbara Roberge, Leadership and Innovation
Ulrich Schmidt, Quality Treatment and Service
Ran Tao, Teamwork
Maryann Tateosian, Teamwork
Paula Underhill, Teamwork
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Jane Wardrobe, Teamwork
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Partners Home Care

Joanne Nowak, Leadership and Innovation

Newton-Wellesley Hospital

Tracey M. Malins, Operational Efficiency

Brigham and Women's Hospital

Christa Milley, Operational Efficiency

Chamber presents Women in Business program March 31

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "Women in Business Luncheon" on Wednesday, March 31, from noon to 1:15 p.m.

at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover. Guest speaker will be Jacqueline Cooke, regional administrator of the Women's Bureau,

U.S. Department of Labor. A hot lunch is included. The cost is \$22 for members and \$27 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

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The company plans to announce details of various initiatives throughout the year in commemoration of the anniversary of its founding by company CEO and Andover resident Larry O'Toole in 1980.

"Our main focus is to maintain a highly engaged and loyal employee base," said Andover's O'Toole. "By hiring extremely hard working and fit individuals and investing in extensive skills and service training, we have set the stage with amazing employees for the past 30 years and are equipped for success for years to come."

Last month, the moving and storage company was given the "Independent Mover of the Year" award by the American Moving and Storage Association. It was presented to Gentle Giant's O'Toole in recognition of his company's employee retention and development programs, 80 percent customer repeat and referral rate, and noted philanthropic involvements, according to a release. "Indy award recipients are selected for their role in enhancing the image of the moving and storage industry through hard work, dedication to customer service, and commitment to quality practices," it said.

National accreditation for Bright Horizons

Bright Horizons, at 15 New England Business Center in Andover, has received accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

NAEYC is the nation's leading organization of early childhood educators dedicated to improving the quality of child care

programs. NAEYC accreditation is the early education industry's highest mark of quality, a measure achieved by fewer than 8 percent of child-care centers nationwide, according to a release from the company.

Bright Horizons at NEBC is managed by Bright Horizons Family Solutions LLC. More than 80 percent of Bright Horizons' eligible centers have achieved NAEYC accreditation, including all three centers located in Andover.

Weiser spoke on job searches

Andover resident, Maureen Weiser, M.Ed., professional certified coach, spoke at the Career Center of Lowell earlier in March on the topic of "Your Job Search: Dream Big, Focus Small."

2 Andover companies move within town

Casa Systems Inc. and uReach Technologies Inc. will lease space at River Place, a 121,000-square-foot building offering office and R&D space at 100 River Road in Andover, according to Richards Barry Joyce and Partners, LLC, a commercial real estate advisory firm. It negotiated the two new leases on behalf of CrossHarbor Capital Partners at River Place.

The leases total 29,092 square feet.

Casa Systems, called "a leader in next generation cable technology," signed a lease for 16,086 square feet of office and R&D space on the building's first floor. The company is relocating its corporate headquarters from 10 New England Business Center in Andover. The new lease represents an approximate expansion

of 5,000 square feet.

uReach Technologies, a leading provider of converged communications solutions for wireless, wireline and broadband carriers, leased 13,006 square feet of office and R&D space, also on the building's first floor. The technology company is relocating from 200 Bulfinch Drive in Andover.

"River Place at I-93 is a very attractive location in the I-495 market, with its excellent location, superb highway visibility and amenities," said Brian McKenzie, partner, Richards Barry Joyce & Partners, in a release. "The building improvements made by CrossHarbor Capital Partners and as importantly, their ability to react quickly to the tenants' requirements in an unstable economic environment were key contributors to the success of attracting these two tenants."

Publicist joins Mass School of Law

Veteran publicist Lynne Snieron has joined the Massachusetts School of Law and the American College of History and Legal Studies, which will be located in Salem, N.H., as public relations director, Dean Lawrence Velvel has announced.


Snieron served as the communications and marketing director for Rockingham Park in Salem, N.H., for the past 15 years and prior to that was the communications director of Arlington Park in Arlington Heights, Ill. Before her career in racetrack management, she was an award-winning sports journalist who wrote for major metropolitan daily newspapers including the Boston Herald.

Snieron, a Duke University alumna, resides in Salem, N.H.

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Sports

FAB 5 Memorable athletes and moments from a stellar winter

By DAVID WILLIS

Andover High better have made plenty of room in the school's trophy cases.

After this winter, they're going to need it.

Whether it was history on the basketball court, excellence on the ski slopes and in the pool — or continued dominance on the track, the Golden Warriors were the talk of the state (or further) in nearly every sport this winter.

So, those aforementioned trophy cases better be prepared, because Andover athletes brought home some serious hardware — and made more lasting memories — in 2009-10.

Heart of a Warrior

The moment was physically painful to anyone following Andover High track, as the All-State boys team title fell just out of reach when the Golden Warriors dropped the meet's final event, the 4x400 relay.

Andover could have dwelled on the negative, but instead the Golden Warriors created a positive.

A week later, the same team of Adam Vetere, Mark Vetere, Connor O'Neill and Kerrick Stevens surged to victory in that 4x400 at New England's with a 3:22.71, beating the Mansfield team that had taken them at All-States.

But relays always have been the signature of the Golden Warriors, and that squad wasn't the only one that excelled.

Christopher McConnell, Mark Vetere, Stevens and Connor O'Neill dominated the field in the 4x200, repeating as champions at All-States (1:30.04) and New England's (1:30.20) while placing fourth (1:30.69) at the Nike Indoor Nationals to earn All-American honors.

Heart-stoppers

Football is the sport that's in Brian Miller's future. After all, the 6-foot-4, 240-pound speedster was offered by Boston College even before his junior year.

But it was on the basketball court the Miller send fans into hysterics this winter.

Against archrival Central Catholic, Miller surged in off the wing, took two steps and threw down a rim-rocking slam dunk. It was met with a combination of cheers and awe.

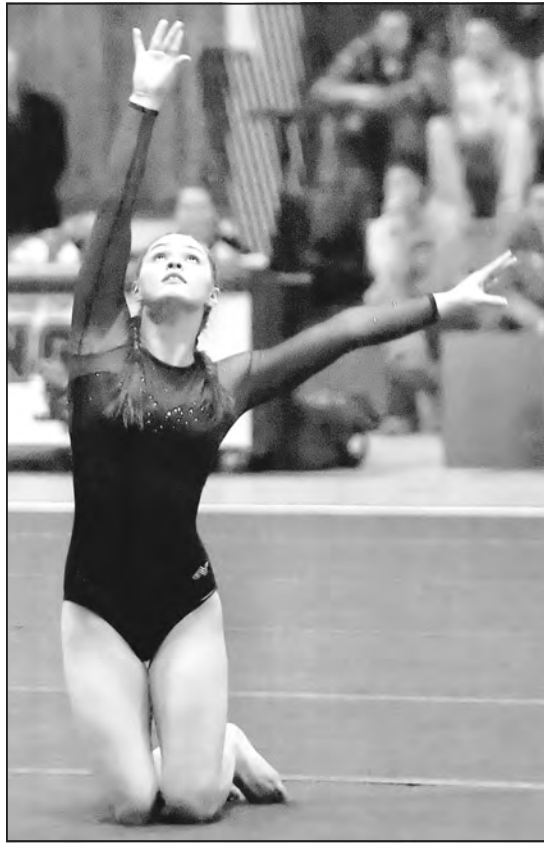
Now, just wait until football season.

Few Massachusetts high school hockey rivalries are as heated as Andover and Central Catholic. But, unfortunately for the Golden Warriors, it was one that got away that shined brightest. Andover resident and Raiders standout Johnny Daniels picked off a pass at the Golden Warrior blue line, deked a defender and flipped the puck past the goalie for a shorthanded goal as Central downed Andover 3-0.

But with the Andover High



TRACK: Andover's Kerrick Stevens screams in joy after crossing the finish line to win the 4x200 relay at the New England championship. Stevens teamed with Christopher McConnell, Mark Vetere and Connor O'Neill to take the crown.



GYMNASTICS: Rachel Mattison overcame a concussion to deliver another memorable gymnastics season for the Golden Warriors, including an All-Around win at the MVC meet.



HOCKEY: No one has ever questioned the fight in Andover's Nicole Giroux, left, who could play physical and had a scoring touch on the ice.



SKIING: Andover's Nick Sherman flies down the slopes earlier this season. The junior finished the regular season ranked No. 1 in the league, and excelled at the Massachusetts state meet, as Andover placed second as a team.



SWIMMING: Andover's Paul Hunter starred in his senior season, winning Division 1 state titles in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle. He will swim in college at Brown.

hockey in need of victories with four games remaining in the regular season, Matt Swett tallied the first hat trick of his varsity career to lead the Golden Warriors to a 5-2 win over Westford Academy. In his first varsity season, Swett

finished with 11 goals.

Stat busters

Just the sight of him warming up before the preliminaries was enough to strike fear into his opponents. By the finals, it was



BASKETBALL: Whether she was passing, shooting, rebounding or playing defense, Andover's Nicole Boudreau was unstoppable, leading Andover basketball to a Division 1 state title.

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Andover's Christopher McConnell

earned the title as "the most successful sprinter in Massachusetts

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Undefeated run

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Pictured are, front row: Andrew Santos, goalie; second row, from left: Thomas Wright, Vishnu Chavva, Louis Iglesias, Griffin Clark, Matthew Marcotte; third row: Sarah Wright, Walker Martin, Nick DiAdamo, Peter Hodge, Stephen Herman, Nathan Abbott, Joshua Katz, Patrick Reilly.

TOP: Memorable moments from Andover winter sports teams

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leading Andover High in that category every year since she was a freshman.

Just like in field hockey, Oteri's running mate on the ice was fellow senior **Nicole Giroux**, who added 10 goals for the Golden Warriors, who finished an impressive 12-6-3.

Star search

He was already a two-time All-Scholastic, but Andover's **Paul Hunter** managed to set the bar even higher this season.

The Brown-bound senior swimmer won the 200 freestyle (1:41.98) and 100 freestyle (46.91) at Division 1 states, setting personal-best times in both and making it back-to-back seasons in which he earned two golds at the meet.

But one of his most memorable moments came in the relays, in

which he was joined by sophomore brother **David Hunter** on the way to taking thirds in the 200 freestyle and 400 freestyle relays.

It was an all-around family affair on the relays, as the Hunter brothers were joined on both by brothers **John Belanger** and **Peter Belanger**. Paul Hunter and the two Belangers were selected All-MVC while David Hunter was an MVC All-Star.

Just a sophomore last season, Andover skier **Nick Sherman** burst onto the scene, earning All-Scholastic honors and being hailed by many including longtime North Andover coach **Jerry Marchegiani** as "the real deal." So how did Sherman follow it up this season? He dominated.

After sweeping through the regular season, ranking No. 1 overall in the league, the junior star was at his best in the big races. He won the slalom at

Interscholastics, then placed third overall in the slalom (43.02) and 14th in the giant slalom to lead Andover to a second overall finish in the Massachusetts state meet.

Who ranked second behind him in the league standings? Sophomore teammate **Matt Cummings** was right off his star teammate's pace, raking in the second spot in the league. He was then the top racer overall at Interscholastics, and was fifth in the slalom (44.15) and 13th in the giant slalom at states.

And that one-two punch should be back for the Golden Warriors next season.

Now in its third season as a varsity program, the Andover wrestling team had its best season yet in 2009-10, and **Joe Charlier** was the breakout star.

The senior placed third at the ultra-elite Lowell Holiday Tournament, earned 19 victories

during the regular season, then placed fourth at the Division 1 state wrestling meet.

For his accomplishments, the 171-pounder earned All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors. Teammates **Reinaldo Brito**, **Paul Jackson** and **Brian Martin** were MVC All-Stars.

Injuries decimated the Andover girls gymnastics team in 2010. But the Golden Warriors persevered and excelled.

Returning All-Scholastic **Rachel Mattison** recovered from a concussion to take four all-around titles during the regular season, then took second in the bars, third in the floor and first in the all-around at the MVC meet.

And with **Jenn Quirnbach** lost to injury during the year, a pair of teammates stepped up. Sophomore **Jenney Coneeny** did not begin competing in the all-around until midway through the season, and after one regular-season win in

placed second in the all-around at MVCs, where she also won the beam. Senior **Steph Marble** also starred, adding another all-around win, and dominated on the bars.

For much of the season, the only rivals Andover gymnasts **Chris Chu** and **Brian Manning** had were each other.

The two Golden Warriors exchanged victories in various events throughout the season — including the all-around. Led by Manning in third and Chu in fifth in the all-around, the Golden Warriors placed third in the state meet

Hoop dreams

It was a dream season for the Andover high girls basketball team.

First, the Golden Warriors won the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney title, their first of three wins they would earn over

archival Central Catholic. The last of the three was an overtime stunner in the Division 1 North Final. Then, of course, Andover finished the deal with its second title in program history with a drubbing of East Longmeadow.

According to coach **Jim Tildsley**, Andover's guard duo of **Nicole Boudreau** (19.8 points per game, 88 3-pointers) and **Natalie Gomez-Martinez** (16.0 ppg, 33 3-pointers) have both been named to the All-Scholastic Super Team. He said this is the first time in his tenure two Golden Warriors have been named to the Super Team.

Combine those skills with the likes of pesky sophomore guard **Ally Fazio** (21 3-pointers), the gritty front court of **Alex Alois** and **Dianna Bill** and a stellar bench led by freshman **Devon Caveney** (51 3-pointers) and seniors **Alicia Scarpa** and **Cassandra Drivas**, and it was a recipe for a perfect season, and a state title.



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