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## Bach era ends this month

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Claudia Bach's last day as superintendent of the Andover Public Schools will be Thursday, April 29.

She said she will attend the second night of Town Meeting that night and start her new job the next day, with the state department formerly known as the Department of Education.

Bach said she believes the next superintendent will inherit a strong group of educators, but is concerned about the money that will be made available to the schools.

"This is a place I've loved - I've been here for 12 years - and feel very, very committed to," said Bach. "But I have really strong concerns about our students, and budget concerns. Our programs for our students need to be funded appropriately."

"I also feel we have really, really high quality educators in this district, [who are] not only excellent in what they know but are very strong as a team. Anyone coming into a new position will say in a short time it's the strongest educator team they've worked with. I feel like that piece is in very, very good shape, and there are outstanding programs in place. Those things will go on and really make a difference for new people coming in," she said.

Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson will become interim superintendent through May and June, until Marinel McGrath joins the district on July 1.

McGrath, superintendent of the Hamilton-Wenham schools, was hired in March after a three-month superintendent search process. She will make \$195,000.

Bach will make \$121,596.76 in her new position, according to the state.

Bach, Andover's superintendent since 1998, announced in October

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## THEY ARE NOT MARTHA



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo.

Andover natives Chelsea Adams and Susie Anderson run the well-read food and lifestyle blog [www.wearenotmartha.com](http://www.wearenotmartha.com).

## But Andover natives are having fun trying

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Andover natives Chelsea Adams and Susie Anderson were stopped in Boston traffic recently. With an excited look on her face, the woman in the car next to them - a complete stranger - rolled down her window and asked "Are you 'We Are Not Martha'?"

That's when the 2001 Andover High School graduates knew that their lifestyle and cooking weblog

was catching on.

Anderson and Adams post photos and write about restaurants and recipes they've tried as well as tips on entertaining, travel, home decor and fashion at [www.wearenotmartha.com](http://www.wearenotmartha.com). After more than two years of blogging, their site has a loyal following and between 1,500 and 2,000 hits each day.

The blog's tagline, "We are not Martha, but that doesn't mean we aren't going to try!" epitomizes Adams and Anderson's goal, to take

projects homestyle maven Martha Stewart would do, and make them approachable.

"Martha Stewart, we love her dearly, but she seems too perfect," said Adams.

They feel cooking and entertaining should not be a fussy, complicated ordeal, and their blog posts deconstruct recipes and projects, explaining each step with a photo. The start of every recipe lists the ingredients, but also shows the lot laid out on a

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## \$26M plan to be unveiled

Town yard move would be costly, open up downtown

BY BETHANY BRAY

Town Meeting voters will be asked this month to spend as much as \$26 million to buy a 23-acre location at 146 Dascomb Road and turn it into a new home for Andover's town yard. But the \$26 million plan has not yet been finalized or unveiled.

Selectmen are meeting this week to decide whether they'll support paying for the project with a debt exclusion - a temporary override of tax-limiting Prop. 2 1/2 - or support paying for the project without one.

A "community conversation" to inform voters about the town yard plan is planned for April 15, less than two weeks before the start of Town Meeting.

Warrant articles 28 and 29 list a cost of \$26 million for the Dascomb Road property plan, a figure that is a "price ceiling," said Paul Materazzo, director of community development and planning.

"We're looking, in negotiations, to how we can bring that price down," he said.

All the details of negotiations with Brockway-Smith, the property owner, will be revealed once selectmen vote to recommend approval of either article 28 or 29, said Materazzo. The board discussed the purchase in closed-door executive sessions on Monday and Wednesday.

Town Yard, currently located downtown, off Lewis Street, is a facility with a garage to repair town vehicles, gas pumps to fuel police cruisers and other town vehicles, piles of sand and salt for winter roads and

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Courtesy photo

An aerial shot of the Brockway-Smith building at 146 Dascomb Road. Andover is eyeing the property for its town yard, and will have a forum April 15.

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## Town searching for budget solution

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

A multi-million budget deficit remains as the clock ticks toward the first night of Town Meeting. To save money and keep the popular block scheduling at Andover High School, the School Committee this week asked the teachers union to make a concession and teach three courses each semester.

Andover High teachers currently teach three courses one semester and two courses the other semester.

There is a \$2.7 million difference between what Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski and Superintendent Claudia Bach and the School Committee

### ATTENTION GETTERS - THREE BACH IDEAS TO LOWER FY2011 BUDGET

- Increased elementary class sizes: \$533,600  
Lay off 9.5 full-time teachers, saving \$437,000.
  - Lay off 2.1 full-time art, music, physical education teachers, saving \$96,600
  - Eliminate middle school foreign language: \$396,350  
Lay off 10.6 full-time teachers, saving \$487,600
  - Add five full-time assistants for class coverage, spend \$91,250
  - Eliminate block scheduling at Andover High School: \$337,700  
Lay off 12 full-time teachers, saving \$552,000
  - Add one-year expense of \$214,300 in new textbooks and supplies
- Total: 29.2 full-time layoffs**

recommend for fiscal year 2011, which begins July 1.

Bach's suggested budget cuts - including eliminating block scheduling completely - thus far have been unpopular with

school staff, parents and even Bach herself.

"The principals and I did not, for very good and solid reasons,

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## Strawberry Tree coming down - but not until a replacement is found

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

It was 1991 when the gift shop Strawberry Tree opened on Andover's Main Street. Now, 19 years later, the time has come to say goodbye.

Although a "store closing" sign hangs in the window, owner Sean Quinn is not in any particular hurry to close down. Rather, he is working on easing a replacement tenant into the space at 9 Main St. Quinn, who once led a group of downtown business owners, said he doesn't want another empty storefront on Main Street.

Strawberry Tree will stay put until a new tenant is found.

"I don't want another vacancy on Main Street," he said. "We won't leave until there's a new tenant."

While Main Street's recent construction makeover interfered with parking and sidewalk accessibility for the store, Quinn is more cheerleader than complainer when he talks about downtown's \$2 million makeover.

"It had to be done," he said. "It looks great now and I really hope

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## MARTHA: Andover natives cook up entertainment blog

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counter, unopened.

"One big lesson is don't be afraid to make a mistake, and throw stuff away. It's the only way you learn," said Adams. "Part of the fun is trying new things, and trying them with people."

One of Stewart's made-from-scratch cake recipes was Anderson's first blog post. Baked for her mother's birthday, Anderson went out with friends while the cake cooled, and frosted it when she got home.

"We want to show you can still have a life, and cook," said Anderson.

Adams, 26, and Anderson, 27, met at Sanborn Elementary School in town, becoming fast friends at age 7. After graduating from AHS, Adams went to UMass Lowell for graphic design and Anderson went to UNH for a writing degree.

After college, they moved into separate apartments within

walking distance of each other in Boston. They both work from home - Anderson as a freelance writer and Adams doing freelance graphic design.

After months of talking about collaborating on a lifestyle and food blog, they started wearenotmartha.com in January 2008.

"We have always liked her (Martha Stewart), but no one (our age) really got it," said Adams.

In March 2008, one of Martha Stewart's assistants called them, inviting them to a taping of an episode focusing on blogging. The Andover duo sat in the audience and posted live blog updates as the cameras rolled.

"The fact that her people noticed us was amazing. We have a goal to be (featured) on her show, or Oprah," said Anderson, breaking into a smile.

While both blog on all topics, Anderson does a lot of the cooking and restaurant posts on www.wearenotmartha.com. Adams

focuses more on the travel and life-style posts. They blog roughly five times a week, alternating entries.

Neither one has formal culinary training. They credit growing up in homes surrounded by good cooks and regular family meals as inspiration.

"My parents (Sharon and Bert Anderson) are really into cooking, they make dinner every night. A lot of us grew up thinking cooking is a job (chore). But seeing my parents cook together, they love it. It's part of their relationship," said Anderson.

Growing up, Adams would watch her grandmother, who had a knack for creating amazing dishes without a recipe.

They remain close with Andover friends they grew up with, many of whom are mentioned in blog posts or photos. On March 20, they hosted fellow 2001 AHS grad Jessica Taylor, a freelance makeup artist, for a party, posting photos on their blog. Party-goers sampled Dove beauty

products while Taylor did makeup demonstrations, captured on video and posted online.

Companies offer regularly to send them products, hoping for a mention on the blog. They said they insist on accepting only that which they would have bought or used themselves.

Last fall, the Butterball turkey company paid to fly Anderson and Adams to Chicago to attend "Butterball University." Besides covering their expenses, the company paid them to write for the Butterball site, blogging turkey tips as Thanksgiving approached.

When the Gap shipped them a batch of 25 different styles of jeans, Anderson and Adams made food, invited friends and hosted a jeans party, blogging about the different styles and how they fit.

The duo agree they are living out a dream. "We didn't know it would turn into this," said Anderson. "It hasn't been that long, but I can't imagine our lives without it."

## TREE: Store is closing

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downtown Andover has a bright future."

He called downtowns in general "an endangered species," and supports any plans to improve them.

His positive comments come just six months after the makeover finally finished last fall. The project's timing was unfortunate for the Strawberry Tree business.

"I had just remodeled the store and then the construction started. It took the wind out of our sails," he said. "The construction kept people away."

The sagging economy also hurt his business, he said.

Quinn said he has other businesses to manage and he leaves Andover with a smile because of the positive connection he felt with local customers.

## YARD: Facilities could be moved to Dascomb Road

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room for some town vehicles to be parked at night.

The 238,000 square foot building at 146 Dascomb Road is home to Brockway-Smith, a distributor of doors, windows and millwork products. The warehouse and shop operations of the Andover facility have been closed for over a year, and a small group of employees have been working out of offices in the warehouse.

The Brockway-Smith company has expressed interest in continuing to operate out of the building, leasing the space once it's town-owned.

Over the winter, the Town Yard Task Force decided on the Dascomb Road site over its other finalist, 5

### MOVING THE TOWN YARD

'Community conversation' Thursday April 15, 7 to 9 p.m. Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room Meeting will provide Town Meeting voters with a detailed overview of five Town Meeting articles Come up to speed on the project at www.andoverma.gov/planning/townyard/ For more information contact Paul Materazzo, Community Development & Planning, 978-623-8310 or pmaterazzo@andoverma.gov

Campanelli Drive. The building is located near exit 42 of Interstate 93, near the Tewksbury line. The facility has

already seen plenty of truck traffic - while it operated as a warehouse, Brockway-Smith had trucks pull up to large, raised loading bays, said Materazzo.

"There's a lot of things about this building that is so-called shovel-ready for a town yard. This site, the building being in place today puts the relocating on a faster track than if we were building from scratch," said Materazzo.

Over the years, residents have complained every time a prospective town yard site is located near a neighborhood.

"No one wants those trucks anywhere near them," said Paul Salafia, Planning Board chairman.

On Monday night, April 5, Salafia told selectmen his board was unanimously behind the Dascomb Road

purchase, calling the property "a jewel."

"It makes good business sense, and certainly makes good planning sense," said Salafia, noting that modifying an existing building is far cheaper than new construction.

The existing town yard was built in 1965 on a three-acre parcel of land, meant as a temporary structure. The buildings now have structural problems.

"The land is physically too small to tear down and rebuild. That land is way more valuable in 2010 than 1965 - too valuable to hold dump trucks and sand," said Salafia. "The buildings are in such disrepair ... We've spent millions bubble-gumming them together. It has some real safety issues. I'm not sure I would want to go in there myself."

## BUDGET: Cuts could be made by increasing number of kids in classes

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want to make the slightest cut. We haven't gotten back from major cuts in 2003, and we're still out 33 positions from last year," said Bach. "I really feel the schools should not bear any of that (\$2.7 million), not a penny."

"We're already beyond our ability to provide a quality education for students. I feel very strongly we should not make any more cuts, and I will say that all the way through," she said.

On March 30, the School Committee approved Superintendent Claudia Bach's recommended budget of \$63,779,211 for fiscal year 2011. Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski's recommended total for the schools is \$61,078,014.

Through the spring Bach has suggested cutting entire programs, instead of smaller cuts across the board.

Suggestions of increased class

sizes in the elementary schools, eliminating foreign language in the middle schools and block scheduling at Andover High School have been unpopular with many school staff and parents.

"We didn't want death by 1,000 small cuts. You keep making cuts, cuts, and you don't have anything left," said Bach. "Block scheduling, the way we have it right now, is more costly. At the middle schools, one optional program is foreign language. I said to the School Committee, 'I don't support any of these actions.' Any teacher will tell you if there is 23 kids in a class versus 29, you start to compromise all the different things you're doing (in class)."

With increased class size, students get less individual attention, teachers can't cater to different learning styles as well and they have more papers to grade and report cards to file, noted Bach.

Bach's suggestion of cutting 11.6 full-time elementary teachers will make 62 classrooms exceed the midpoint of the School Committee policy on class size and 1,550 Andover elementary school children will be affected.

Under committee policy, the target for class size is 20 students for kindergarten; 23 students for grades 1 and 2; and 25 students for grades 3, 4 and 5. The actual class sizes are permitted to fluctuate up or down by no more than four students.

"Short-term, our goal is to reach a balanced budget for FY11. Long-term the School Committee is committed to reevaluating, with the new superintendent, how we deliver educational services in the community, with the goal of providing services within available resources," said committee chairman Dennis Forgue. "The bottom line is we need to close this gap."

### IDEA TO KEEP BLOCK SCHEDULING, SAVE

Block scheduling may be saved at Andover High School, but it will take a concession by the teachers union.

The School Committee is advocating for a "3 by 3" schedule for AHS next year, which would have teachers teach one additional class per year. The change will have to be negotiated and accepted by the Andover Education Association. "The great thing is the change could realize a budget reduction without negatively impacting students," said School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue. This week, the School Committee's attorney sent a letter to the Massachusetts Teacher's Association to begin discussions on adopting a 3 by 3 block system. If adopted, teachers would teach six classes per year, or three blocks each semester.

Right now, AHS teachers teach five classes per year, three in one semester and two in the next.

The change would mean fewer teachers are needed and between 12 and 18 positions could be eliminated, said Forgue, saving between \$500,000 and \$800,000. "The reality is, in order to balance the current budget, we need help from the Andover Education Association, and this is one opportunity where we can realize a significant budget reduction, while maintaining the highly-desired block schedule at the high school," said Forgue. "The School Committee is also open to any other ideas that the AEA has for reducing the budget."

The committee had gotten strong backlash from students, parents and staff when they suggested going to a seven period, non-block schedule, which they are able to do without union negotiation.

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## PAST & PRESENT



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**NOW:** Today, the Tokyo Steakhouse is at 560 S. Main St., Andover. The location was once the site of the Ground Round Restaurant, but when the Ground Round closed in 2004, the building was torn down.

## Town excise, real estate taxes due May 3; 14 percent late fee

The town of Andover has mailed the 2010 excise bills with an issue date of April 1, 2010, due 30 days from the date of issue. The demands for the excise will be mailed April 15, 2010 on any bills not processed at the time.

The town of Andover has also mailed the real estate tax bill for the fiscal year 2010 fourth quarter. Payment is due Monday, May 3. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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## Girl Scouts seek nominations for Leading Women

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts is pleased to announce they are accepting nominations for their annual Leading Women Awards. This year's 19th Annual Leading Women Awards breakfast event will take place Tuesday, Nov. 9 at the Seaport Hotel in Boston. The Leading Women Awards event raises funds to support Girl Scout programs that are relevant to today's girls and their interests in fitness and health, science, technology, engineering, and math and, most importantly, serving their communities.

The Leading Women Award honors women who possess the

leadership qualities that are at the core of the Girl Scout experience. Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts is dedicated to building girls of courage, confidence, and character. This distinguished award is a mark of professional achievement and influence in the community and these women are role models for our girls.

Submit a nomination for the Leading Women Award online, <http://www.girlscoutseasternmass.org/webforms/leading-women-nomination.html>.

Nominations close on Friday, April 30 and the honorees will be announced the first week in June.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Places are available in most classes at the senior center, including all exercise, tap dancing, wood carving, art instruction, quilting, knitting and crafting. Call the Andover Senior Center at 978-623-8321, or drop by for a tour at 30 Whittier St., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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**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. Health forms and registration necessary.

**Outdoor Adventures for Women:** Friday, April 9, 8:45 a.m. Enjoy the beauty of the Goldsmith Woodlands in early spring. This is a moderate 3 to 4 mile hike. Bring water, snack, sun block, bug and tick repellent. Good walking shoes essential. Call to reserve a spot. Health forms and registration necessary.

**Forgotten Presidents:** Mondays, April 26, May 10 and 17, June 7, 1:30 to 3 p.m.; \$20. Learn about our lesser known leaders, how they earned the office and what they accomplished there. Speculate which current presidents will leave a lasting legacy and which may become "forgotten presidents".

**Wenham Museum and Tea House:** Wednesday, April 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; \$48. Includes transportation, museum admittance, house tour and lunch across the street at the delightful Wenham Tea House.

**Life Moves Us:** Wednesdays, May 5, 12 and 19; 11 a.m. to noon, \$15 for series or \$6 per session. May 5: Move and Manage Stress with simple mind and body techniques; May 12, Life Balance through strengthening and opening your shoulders, chest and heart. May 19, Life Is Movement Kripalu Yoga Dance-no experience required! Celebrate life with Cheryl Cronin, certified Kripalu instructor.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



This is a place I've loved - I've been here for 12 years - and feel very, very committed to. But I have really strong concerns about our students, and budget concerns. Our programs for our students need to be funded appropriately.

- *Outgoing Superintendent Claudia Bach, who will leave Andover for a job with the state after the second night of Town Meeting on April 29.*

I like to think of my method as Monty Python meets Shakespeare. In this case, you could paraphrase this version of 'Hamlet' as 'Spamlet.'

- *Peggy Kohut, director of a 45-minute presentation by teenagers. Story in Arts, page 4.*



## IRS tax deadline for some extended by flooding

Victims of severe storms and flooding beginning March 12 in Massachusetts may qualify for tax relief from the Internal Revenue Service, according to a release from the government.

The president has declared Essex and several other counties as federal disaster areas qualifying for individual assistance.

As a result, the IRS is postponing until May 11 certain deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area. This includes the April 15 deadline for filing 2009 individual income tax

returns, making income tax payments and making 2009 contributions to an individual retirement account (IRA).

In addition, the IRS will waive the failure to deposit penalties for employment and excise deposits due on or after March 12 and on or before March 29, as long as the deposits were made by March 29.

If an affected taxpayer receives a penalty notice from the IRS, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate any interest and any late filing or late payment penalties that would otherwise

apply. Penalties or interest will be abated only for taxpayers who have an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date, including an extended filing or payment due date, that falls within the Postponement Period.

IRS computer systems automatically identify taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and apply automatic filing and payment relief. Affected taxpayers who reside or have a business located outside the covered disaster area must call the IRS disaster hotline at 1-866-562-5227 to request tax relief.

## Tour new gym at Wingate April 15

Members of the community are invited to Wingate at Andover 80 Andover St. Andover, to view the new "Gym at Wingate" on Thursday, April 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. where tours of the newly refurbished space and light refreshments will be served. Call the facility directly at 978-470-3434 for information or to reserve your space for the event.

## Breastfeeding Support

La Leche League of Andover, a mother to mother breastfeeding support group, meets on the last Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church 6 Locke St., Andover.

## Scholarship deadline

Completed applications for the Andover Chapter of Dollars for Scholars must be postmarked no later than Wednesday, April 14. Applications are available at <http://andoverma.gov/residents/adfs.pdf> and at the guidance

departments at Andover High School, Phillips Academy, Greater Lawrence Technical School, Andover Town Hall and Memorial Hall Library.

For more information about the Andover Dollars for Scholars Program, call Rena Ginsberg at 978-683-7933.

## Teen poetry contest

Poems for Memorial Hall Library's Sixth Annual Teen Poetry Contest are due today, Thursday, April 8.

Teens in grades 6-12 are invited to submit up to three original poems for Memorial

Hall Library's Teen Poetry Contest. Poems must be emailed to [klynn@mhl.org](mailto:klynn@mhl.org). Entries should include name, age, grade, school, and phone number. Students must live in or attend school in Andover. An awards ceremony will be held in May.

## Earth Day Yard Sale

The Giant Earth Day Yard Sale in The Park is set for Saturday, April 24 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

If you would like to sell your treasures or recycle by cleaning

out your garage, cellar, and attic, reserve your spot by calling DCS, 978-623-8274. Set-up is at 7 a.m., you must bring your own tables. The cost is \$10 for a spot.

Come by for some great deals. Rain date is Sunday, April 25.

## Heroes Among Us session April 23

Andover's veterans services office is working on its next volume of "Heroes Among Us." Last year's first Heroes Among Us booklet focused on the stories of Andover people who fought in World War II and Korea. Organizers plan to have an interview session on Friday, April 23 from 9 a.m.

until approximately 11 a.m. in the Veterans Hall at the Andover Senior Center. The focus on this year's book will be living Andover veterans who served in the European Theater. This includes Europe, Italy and Africa. Highlights include support in the Atlantic Ocean, D-Day landings, and the liberation of death camps through VE Day (Victory in Europe Day), according to Mike Burke, veterans services director.

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## Health clinics will be held on April 12, 14, 21 and 28

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, April 12 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, April 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, April 14, 21 and 28. No appointment necessary.

**Ukrainian Egg Workshop:** Tuesdays, May 4 and 11, 1 p.m.; \$5 per class. Make your own hand decorated eggs; no experience required. Most materials provided, some materials available for purchase. Call to discuss or drop by to register.

**Bird walks and golf groups:** Outings to begin in late April. Call for information.

**Pain Management:** Monday April 12, 1:30 p.m.

**Bereavement Support:** April 22, 1:30 p.m. Call for more information.

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

**Andover Health Department Shingles Vaccination Program:** The Andover Health Department continues to offer Shingles Vaccination Clinics monthly. They are open to residents of Andover who are 60 years of age and older. The cost is \$10 and an appointment is necessary. Please contact the Health Department for information at 978-623-8295. This program is made possible through a grant from the Andover Home for Aged People and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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



## The Saints Women's Center for Health + Wellness is now open

and bringing an inspired level of specialized women's health expertise, care, and comfort to individuals throughout the Merrimack Valley region. The Women's Center is designed to provide excellent breast health, gynecological care, and imaging services in a spa-like setting with gentle music, cozy locker rooms with comfortable robes and a lounge area.

The center provides a unique and comprehensive approach to women's health care, delivered with an emphasis on ensuring that you enjoy an overall sense of wellbeing and good health. Specialized breast imaging, using the latest technological advances in digital mammography, ultrasound and bone densitometry, enables the team at the Saints Women's Center for Health + Wellness, working together with Massachusetts General Hospital imaging department, to provide better, faster and more patient-focused diagnoses and treatment.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

COMPILED BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

**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; \$10-12.

**BAHA'I OF IRAN LECTURE**, hosted by Islamic and Middle Eastern Studies Department and by Dr. Farzin Vahdat, 7 p.m., Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5277, hennessee@merrimack.edu.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 8

**AUDITIONS**, for "Oliver!" staged by Summer Theatre Ensemble (kids entering grades 7-12), auditions for grades 4 and 5, 3:30 p.m., South Elementary School; 978-409-2900, dreamwerks@comcast.net.

**AUTHOR READING**, Harriet Reissen will be reading from her new book, "Louisa May Alcott," and will be joined by Nancy Porter, the filmmaker whose PBS documentary is a companion to the book, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**LIVE THEATER**, Merrimack College OnStagers Dramatic Society presents the rock musical RENT, 8 p.m., \$10-12, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St. N. Andover; 978-837-5355, http://warrior.merrimack.edu/community/Rogers.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 9

**LIVE INDO-JAZZ**, world-jazz ensemble Natraj, with South Indian classical musicians, Tara Anand, Durga Krishnan and Pravin Sitaram, 7:30 p.m., free, all ages welcome, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, Andover; 978-749-4260, www.andover.edu.

**ANNUAL ANDOVER SPELLING BEE**, by the Andover Fund for Education (AFE), West Middle School, Shawsheen Road, 7 p.m. Fun family event featuring adult teams from schools, local businesses and community organizations. Free admission.

**LIVE GUITAR SHOW**, with JOHNNY A & ALBERT CUMMINGS, 8 p.m., \$25, Tupelo Hall, Salisbury Beach.

**LIVE THEATER**, Merrimack College OnStagers Dramatic Society presents the rock musical RENT, 8 p.m., see April 8 listing.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 10

**COMMUNITY AWARENESS FAIR**, hosted by The Greater Lawrence Community Partnerships for Children, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. This is a free event for families and will be focused on Sports/Recreation, Health & Wellness and Childcare Centers and Services available to families and children ages birth-14-years-old that live in the Andover/North Andover area, Little Sprouts School, 2324 Turnpike St., Route 114, corner of Sharpners Pond Road, North Andover; www.greaterlawrenceccpc.org/.

**THREE VOICES FOR CHILDREN CONCERT**, Ballard Vale United Church, Family Service, Inc. and the New England Classical Singers team up, benefits CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), Town House, 20 Main St., Andover, 7 p.m., \$65; www.bvuc.org.

**LIVE SYMPHONY CELEBRATION**, with Andover resident and saxophonist Lance Bryant, celebrating the Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra's 20th anniversary, "Savor the Medley," a NYSO benefit evening of restaurant tasting, silent auction, 7:30 p.m., Stevens Estate, North Andover, Bryant and cellist and NYSO coach Junko Simons is one of the musical acts; 978-986-2055, www.nysorchestra.org.

**NEW PHOTO EXHIBIT**, "Dance and Dancers," by Arthur Fink. The detail of a costume. The arc of a movement. A glimpse of a pair of hands to show us that no part of a dancer's body is exempt from the expression of their art. These are some of the images, Firehouse Center for the Arts Gallery, Market Square, Newburyport, through May 2, with artist's

reception today from 3 to 5 p.m.

**SPRING DANCE**, The Social Life of Haverhill hosts, American Legion Hall, Rt. 121 Haverhill, 8 p.m.-midnight, \$9, Singles/Couples/welcome; Cindy, 978-373-3504 or Marge, 603-642-5881.

**LIVE CONTEMPORARY MUSIC**, with RICHARD MARX & MATT SCANNELL, 8 p.m., \$35-40, Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury Beach.

**LIVE THEATER**, Merrimack College OnStagers Dramatic Society presents the rock musical RENT, 2, 8 p.m., see April 8 listing.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 11

**LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC**, with Andover Chamber Music, 4 p.m., West Parish Church, Reservation Road, Andover, \$30 adults, \$20 seniors; www.AndoverChamberMusic.org, 978-474-6222.

**WONDER WALK**, a hike for families with children 3 years and older, 1:20 p.m., hosted by Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, hike to Waterfowl Pond, look and listen for signs of spring, \$9/adults, \$7/children. Advance registration required; 978-887-9264.

**ANDOVER SINGER CAROL LEARY**, of Lovejoy Road, performs with pianist Steven Hershman, noon-3 p.m., the Lyceum restaurant, 43 Church St., Salem, MA; 978-745-7665.

**JANIS IAN CONCERT**, 8 p.m., \$30, Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury Beach.

### MONDAY, APRIL 12

**SHAWSHEEN VILLAGE WOMAN'S CLUB MEETS**, 1 p.m., Atria Marland Place, Stevens Street, Andover, featuring an Ice Cream Social and a "Pound" Auction to raise money for Scholarship Fund. Bring anything that weighs a pound or sells for a pound; (978) 475-2645.

### TUESDAY, APRIL 13

**MONEY TALK**, with John Spoto of Andover and Sentry Financial Planning LLC, on How to Manage Your Money Between Jobs, 12:30 p.m., free, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

**GROWING HEALTHY ROSES TALK**, with Irwin Ehrenreich of the Rose Man Nursery and Emporium in Carver, hosted by Village Garden Club and the Spade and Trowel Garden Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Refreshments will be served before the program; Helen Ann Knepper, 978-409-1701.

**DRUMMING FOR JOY**, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gossard, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center, North Andover, 7-9 p.m. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums supplied, or bring your own, \$15 with pre-registration (call 978-682-8815 or go to www.rollingridge.org), \$20 door.

### WEDNESDAY APRIL 14

**CREATIVE LIVING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET**, Sons of Italy Hall, 155 Marston St., Lawrence, with Ken Moran, Assistant Area Director, Merrimack Valley Department of Developmental Services (DDS), speaking on the new initiative Self Direction/Self-Determination, buffet at 6:30 p.m., \$20; 978.470.3165, creativeiving@verizon.net.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 15

**AUTHOR READING**, Elyssa East reads from DOGTOWN: Death and Enchantment in a New England Ghost Town, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 16

**MEXICAN-AMERICAN AUTHOR TALK**, Maria Hinojosa, award-winning Mexican-American journalist, author, wife, mother, and role model, will speak on "The Political Responsibility of Owning One's Voice: A Personal Story of Lessons Learned," 12:30 p.m., free, Northern Essex Community College's White Fund Room of the college's Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center, 78-82 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover teenagers perform Shakespeare with a comic twist. David Benedict, 13 of Andover as "Hamlet" (front) Seated: Daniel Hubley, 12, of Lawrence; Maggie Casto, 16, of Andover (left) and Carolyn Noyes, 13, of North Andover. Standing, from left: Paul Hurton, 13, of North Andover; Liam O'Connor, 12, of Andover; Kaitly Beaumont, 16, of Andover; Jean LaPoint of Andover; and Katy Kohut, 13, of Andover. Missing from photo, Madeleine McKeon, 13, of Methuen.

## Monty Python meets Hamlet

### Comic director makes Shakespeare accessible to teens

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER



Director Penny Kohut

To be there or not to be there? A just-formed teen drama group with a passion for Shakespeare hopes their upcoming abbreviated Hamlet production gets people to answer with "I'll be there!"

The local Bare Bones Performances drama group is comprised of middle and high school-aged thespians from Andover and other communities. The group was recently formed by Andover resident Penny Kohut, who wants to make Shakespeare more accessible and less intimidating to kids.

Known for enlivening shows staged around Andover, director Kohut is once again using humor this time to remove the stuffy image from a Shakespeare tale being staged by local teens. Kohut calls it a "user friendly" approach

to Shakespeare. "You teach Shakespeare by using Shakespeare to teach," she said. "I use humor and references with a variety of current topics that speak to today's kids in order to help them learn

the classic plays and sonnets in a fun and relevant format."

Last fall, Kohut introduced a group of students to Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" and adapted the work into a fun, 22-minute, kid-oriented format.

"The end result was a performance at North Andover's Sargent Elementary School for fifth-graders who still talk about the event," she said.

What she's finding is the kids in the Shakespeare show benefit from performing and kids in the

audience learn more about the famed Shakespeare writings while watching their peers perform.

"It's so much better than merely reading the text," Kohut said. Wood Hill Middle School seventh-graders get to see the format on Tuesday when this "Hamlet" visits.

"So, when they encounter his (Shakespeare's) works in detail later on, they will be more apt to appreciate them," Kohut said.

What she has found among today's teen thespians is an openness to learn more about plays perceived as stuffy by their peers, like works by Shakespeare. Today, there's a bring-it-on acting mentality among teen actors and Hamlet is not exempt.

"I like to think of my method as Monty Python meets Shakespeare," Kohut laughed. "In this case, you could paraphrase this version of 'Hamlet' as 'Spamlet.'"

### ON STAGE

#### ANDOVER'S SHAKESPEARIAN TEENS

- David Benedict - Hamlet
- Kaitly Beaumont - Ophelia
- Maggie Casto - Laertes
- Katy Kohut - narrator/Guildenstern
- Liam O'Connor - Horatio
- Director Penny Kohut is also of Andover.

#### BARE BONES HAMLET SHOWS

- What:** Abbreviated, 45-minute presentation
- When:** Sunday, April 11, 2 p.m.
- Where:** Lawrence Heritage State Park Visitors Center
- Admission:** Free, open to the public
- Extra:** Performance for seventh-graders at Wood Hill Middle School is Tuesday, April 13
- More information:** 978-794-1655

## Andover dad, daughter perform for NYSO

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER



Tim Bugbee

Headlining a Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra benefit this weekend is saxophonist Lance Bryant of Andover.

Bryant, who is music director at Andover Baptist Church, will perform with his cello-playing daughter, Caylen.

He will help celebrate NYSO's 20th anniversary party on Saturday, April

10 at the Stevens Estate in North Andover.

"Savor the Medley" adds food tasting to their music. The evening will begin at 7:30 p.m., when attendees will visit food tasting stations throughout the main floor of the estate and listen to a variety of music performed by NYSO students, conductors and parents. Sweet Mimi's of Andover will provide dessert tastings for the event.

NYSO began with three students

and has grown to 290 young musicians across 40 communities north of Boston, according to a press release.

"I have a great appreciation of what NYSO is doing. Music will help build character in the young musician, bring diverse communities together and have a very positive effect on our society in the future," Bryant says in the release.

For tickets or more information, call 978-986-2055 or visit www.nysorchestra.org. Tickets are limited.

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## EVENTS CALENDAR

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**FASHION SHOW**, hosted by The Merrimack College Diversity Department, 8 to 10 p.m., Sakowich Complex Multipurpose Room, Merrimack College, North Andover, five segments of exciting runway production from 12 collections, entertainment by the Merrimack College Dance Team, Tufts Female Step Team "Envy," R&B Musical Group 24/7 and DJ Lus from Jam'n 94.5. The show will also feature a special half time performance by the Hip-Hop Dance Crew "Status Quo" from the MTV series, "America's Best Dance Crew," benefits The Samaritans; Taylor Martel, 978-349-1696, Martel@merrimack.edu.

**ANDOVER SINGER CAROL LEARY**, of Lovejoy Road, performs with pianist Steven Hershman, 8-11:30 p.m., Black Olive Restaurant, 1866 Main St. (Rt. 38), Tewksbury; 978-640-8883.

**LIVE COMEDY**, Comedian Bob Marley, 8 p.m., \$25, Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury Beach.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 17

**1-MILE WALK OR RUN**, benefits Homes For Our Troops, 8:30 a.m., The Park, Bartlett and Chestnut streets, Andover, free t-shirts, pancake breakfast, donations accepted. Mail registration to: Bill Pennington, Homes For Our Troops, 46 Clark Road, Andover, MA 01810.

**FREE INTRO TO YOGA**, UnionStudio Yoga, 305 North Main St. (Rte. 28), Andover, class continues May, 15, June

5, July 10, Aug. 14, Sept. 11, 9:30-10:30 a.m., for those new to yoga but not quite ready to jump into your first class; www.unionstudioyoga.com, 978 886-7944.

**SOUP'S ON FUNDRAISER**, Chester's, 60 Island St., Lawrence, 6:30 p.m., with entertainment, auctions, and soup samplings. Guests receive a handcrafted pottery bowl. Benefits Neighbors in Need, \$50 per person; Linda Zimmerman, (978) 771-2353.

**VERNAL POOL SAFARI**, 1-2:30 p.m., for families with children 5 years and older, hosted by Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary, explore life cycles of the animals of the vernal pool, \$9/adults, \$7/children, pre-registration required; 978-887-9264.

**HEALTHY KIDS' DAY**, Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover, 1-4 p.m., featuring family Zumba class, family yoga class, indoor obstacle course, a bounce house, decorating flower pots and plants seeds, HOPSports interactive sports system and Trazer, a new interactive workout system.

**JOAN OSBORNE CONCERT**, 8 p.m., \$45, Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury Beach.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 18

**EASTER CONCERT**, Rev. Andre Patenaude (Fr. Pat) will present "Seeing Him Again," \$20, 2-5 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover, benefits Rev. Patenaude's ministry. Refreshments will be served; Fran, (978) 851-2186.

**WOMEN'S HISTORY LECTURE**, "Female Spiritual Heritages of Crete, Greece & the Aegean," a visual presentation by Max Dashu, sponsored by the Women's Spirituality Series, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., suggested donation \$15; 978-475-0187.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

**A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A COLLEGE STUDENT**, Northern Essex Community College hosts, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Haverhill campus, free; 978-556-3722, admissions@necc.mass.edu.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 22

**"PICTURE YOUR IMAGE" EVENING**, Night & Day, 63 Park St., Andover, 6 p.m., benefits The Esperanza Academy. Fashion Coach Susan Kanoff and Photographer Linda Jennings offer tips, free head shot photograph to use for on-line profiles, refreshments and appetizers, free, but limited to the first 25, \$10 donation suggested for Esperanza Academy; info@nightanddaylingerie.com, 978-475-0343 by April 20. Must be 21 to attend.

**AUTHOR READING**, Catherine Walther, RAISING THE SALAD BAR-Inventive Salads with Beans, Whole Grains, Pasta, Chicken, and More, samples follow, 7 p.m., free, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**LIVE THEATER**, Stoneham Theatre presents "My

Fair Lady," through May 2, \$40-\$42 for seniors, \$20 for students, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, www.stonehamtheatre.org.

**DISCOVER A HIDDEN GEM**, a history of Harold Parker Forest, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. Free and open to the public; 978-664-4942.

**LIVE THEATER**, award-winning actress Karen MacDonald in "The Blonde," Merrimack Repertory Theatre, Lowell, through May 16, 7:30 p.m.; 978.654.4MRT, www.MerrimackRep.org.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 23

**LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC**, Jonathan Miller, Boston Symphony Orchestra cellist, is featured performer, Essex Chamber Music Players concert whose members include NECC music professor emeritus Michael G. Finegold of Andover, 2:30 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students; http://www.mvarts.info

**MEMORIAL CONCERT**, the Greater Worcester Armenian Choral, 3 p.m., North Andover High School, sponsored by the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Merrimack Valley, reception follows.

**GREATER HAVERHILL POETS**, 12 poets with their original work in interesting ways, Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water St., Haverhill, 7-9 p.m., \$5, light refreshments; Dave Shaw 978-346-9081.

## Rose Man cometh to Garden Club, April 13

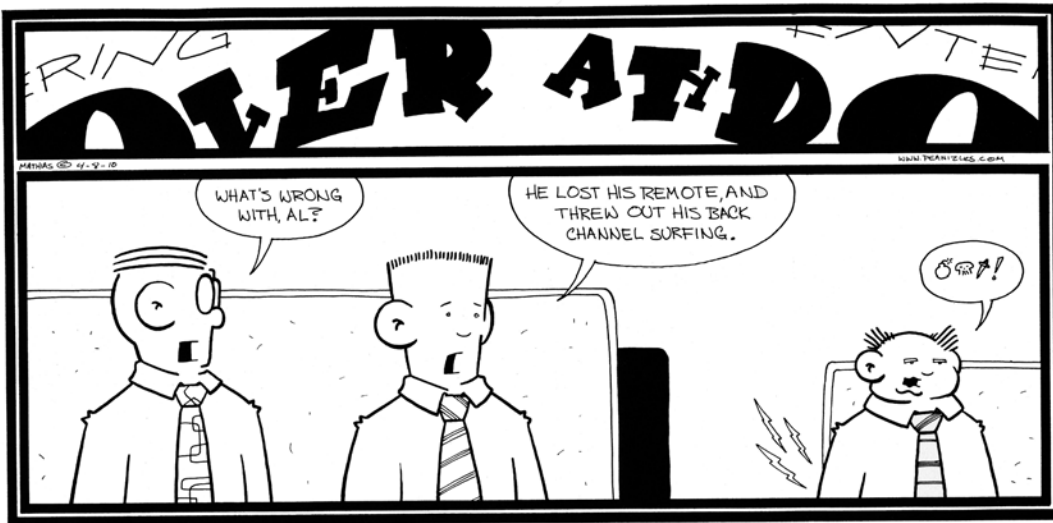
Members of the Village Garden Club and the Spade and Trowel Garden Club jointly invite residents to a program on Tuesday, "Growing Healthy Roses" presented by Irwin Ehrenreich.

The program includes photos of a wide variety of types of roses grown in Ehrenreich's nursery and offers residents tips on growing healthy roses in their gardens. Ehrenreich, known as the "Rose Man," is a retired surgeon and owner and operator of the Rose Man Nursery and Emporium in Carver. He is developing an extensive series of rose gardens in Carver, according to a release from the Andover clubs.

The program will be held on Tuesday, April 13 at 7 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Refreshments will be served before the program and the public is welcome.

A short business meeting will be held at the conclusion of the program. Members of the hospitality committee include Carol Schrader, Peg Behling, Nan James and Hilary Loring. For further information, call Helen Ann Knepper at 978-409-1701.

## ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



## Chamber group marks 10th anniversary with concert

The Essex Chamber Music Players, in residence at Northern Essex Community College, have been entertaining chamber music enthusiasts for a decade. ECMP will celebrate this milestone with a concert featuring Boston Symphony cellist Jonathan Miller on Sunday, April 18, at 2:30 p.m. in the Technology Center at 100 Elliott St. Haverhill.

During the celebration concert, the group will debut music from its first CD "Classical Contemporary Chamber Music for the 21st Century, Volume 1"

A member of the Boston Symphony Orchestra since 1971,

Miller currently occupies the Charles and JoAnne Dickinson chair. In addition to his work with the BSO, he is artistic director of the Gramercy Trio and the Boston Artists' Ensemble.

The concert program will consist of selections from the CD: "Homage To Poulenc, Mozart, and MacDowell" by Emma Lou Diemer, "Fantasy in Adi Talam" by Marc W. Rossi, "Three Vocalises" by J. Windel Brown, "Songs of Summer" by Elaine Erickson and in addition "Suite No. 6 for Solo Cello" by J. S. Bach, performed by cellist Miller.

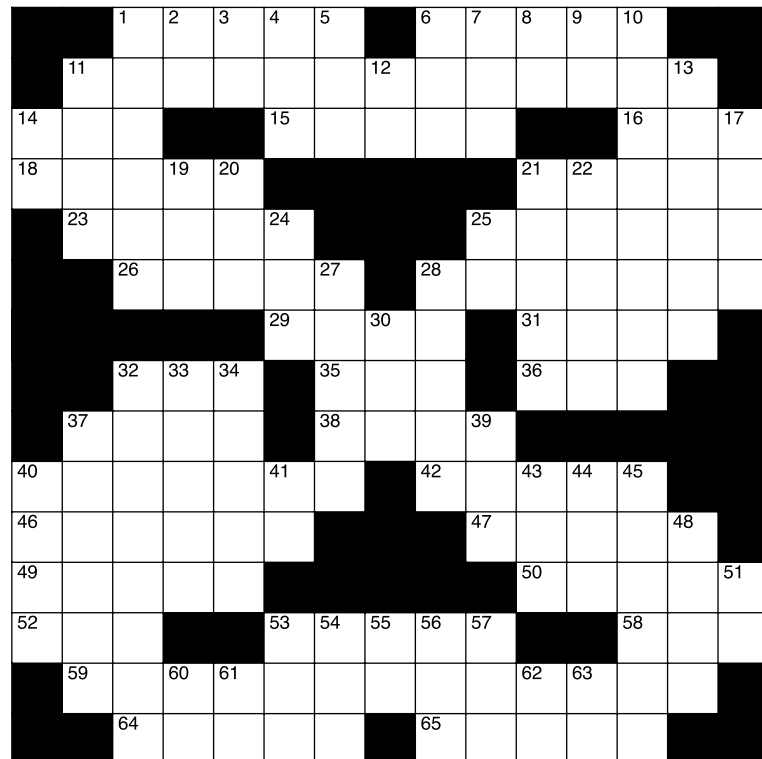
The performers include

soprano Charlotte Russell of Littleton; flutist, ECMP artistic director and NECC music professor emeritus Michael G. Finegold of Andover, Miller of Newton, and pianist David A. Pihl of Worcester.

The Essex Chamber Music Players provide an annual concert series for the Greater Merrimack Valley at NECC.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission, \$5 for students, and NECC students with a valid college ID are admitted free. The new CD is available at the concert for \$10 or at a special price with advance ticket purchase at www.mvarts.info.

## Crossword puzzle



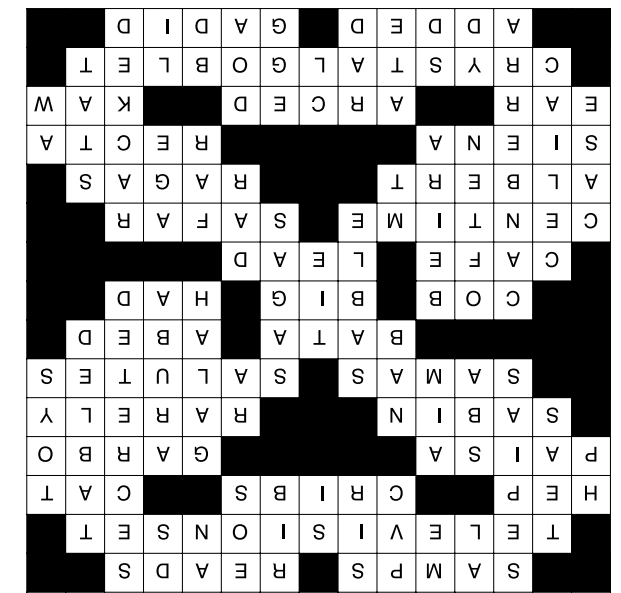
### CLUES ACROSS

- Dried corn kernels
- Interprets writing
- Boob tube
- High energy physics (abbr.)
- Baby beds
- Feline mammal
- 100 = 1 rupee
- Actress Greta
- Polio vaccine developer
- Seldom
- Kassite King Atanah-
- Military gestures
- Biu-Mandara
- In bed
- A male swan
- Not small
- Previously possessed
- Restaurant
- Show the way
- 1/100 franc
- 2nd Islamic month
- Einstein
- Traditional Hindu music
- Earth color
- Type of compass
- Corn seed spike

### CLUES DOWN

- Rounded
- Lake in Oklahoma
- Waterford glass
- Summed
- Of the cod genus
- Take into custody
- Egyptian sun god
- Dark brownish black
- Adventure stories
- Secure with rope
- Capital of Australia
- Frequently
- Mozambique seaport
- Gluten free disease
- 1776 female descendants
- Packaging container
- Metric ton
- A long way
- Maturation in years
- Placed on a stand or shelves
- Quantitative fact
- shucks
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West Elementary's Direct Diposit won second place at the regionals for its age group and emerged from the state finals with an invitation to the nationals. Members are Joey Kamlet, Ian Hurley, David Howell, Samantha Sylvester, Nathan Goldthwaite, Maddy Wagner and Nicole Sullivan.

## Four Andover DI teams destination: Nationals

Four of the six teams from Andover who qualified for the state Destination Imagination tournament placed and are invited head to Tennessee to compete in the national DI competition.

DI is a type of intellectual Olympics that encourages kids to think creatively to solve problems.

There were 147 teams from around Massachusetts competing in this past weekend's state tournament, and the two Andover teams who did not qualify for nationals, both placed fourth in their divisions, just

missing out on the opportunity. The teams progressing to Tennessee are the Andover High team doing the You're Gonna Flip problem, the Doherty Middle School Do or DI team, the West/High Plain Elementary Do or DI team, and the West Elementary Direct Diposit team.

Students on the high school team were directly involved with both elementary teams. The elementary Do or DI team was coached by high-schoolers Robert Hsu and Michaela Olson, and the Direct Diposit team had high-schooler Rachel Christ as an assistant coach.

## Cultural Revolutions teaches 'US does not have all answers'

By ERIC BRYDEN  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

*Second in a short series on courses created by Andover High teachers.*

Cultural Revolutions is a class at AHS that educates students on the cultures of different regions of the world.

The course originated in the early 2000s because three English teachers, Edward Yasuna, Lavinia Chase and Rebecca D'Alise, thought a course dealing with different world cultures would benefit students and help them better the development of their own culture. The areas of study today are Eastern Sahara Africa, India, Central Muslim Asia and China.

Learning about these areas is central to the purpose of the course. Four books are read in the class, and prior to reading the books, students must research the culture with which the books deals. Yasuna jokes the class could also be called "Culture 101."

By learning about the area's economy, religion, pastimes, arts, education, geography, or history, students can "understand where [characters in the studied books] are coming from," says Chase.

Molly Van Doren, a senior at AHS who took Cultural Revolutions her junior year, said it "helped [her] learn more about the Middle East," adding that "the class related to today's topics, otherwise unknown" to many US students.

Both Yasuna and Chase say the book Snow, by Orhan Pamuk, deals with most political issues in Turkey, and that Season of Migration to the North, by Tayeb Salih, deals with many issues about the integration between areas of different ethnicity, power and colonialism.

Cultural Revolutions is a "wake-up-call" says Yasuna.

"We picked regions [of the



ANN HERMES/Staff photo

Andover High School seniors Brenda Li, left, and Claire Ma, right, discuss a group project on Muslim Central Asia with Cultural Revolutions class instructor Lavinia Chase. The course focuses on the many aspects that define a culture, through novels and scholarly articles, and is only offered at Andover High.

world] that we, the United States, must deal with," he said. "If America does not understand these cultures, it puts us at a huge disadvantage." Students

try to find out who these people are, what their values are, and how they are evolving, said Yasuna.

As initial research is done, that knowledge can "feed into the book and bring out other aspects" of the culture, said Chase.

Cultural Revolutions tries to promote "21st century skills. One such skill is for Europe and the United States to understand these ever-changing parts of the world that are one-half of the world's population" said Yasuna.

Both Yasuna and Chase agreed the primary objective of the

course is for students to realize that those living a culturally traditional US lifestyle only make up 5 percent of the world.

"Your scope is skewed a lot about your culture," said Chase.

"We want students to come out of the course with a humility that the US does not have all the answers," Yasuna added. "If we don't understand the differences [between cultures], [different cultures] will not be able to co-exist comfortably."

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

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# BACH: Taking state position

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her intention to step down. Her contract lasts through June 30, but in accepting her resignation, the School Committee released her from having to stay through the end of the year if she found another job.

When asked if she will speak at graduation, her tradition for more than a decade, Bach said that has not been decided yet. This year's graduating class began school in Andover the year Bach was hired.

Nicholson and Bach have been working together on a transition plan to finish the school year, said Bach. So far, the list of what will need to be done after Town Meeting stretches three pages long, not to mention the day-to-day regimen of meetings and handling of personnel issues.

"It will be a hard job," said Bach. "We absolutely have to have someone on hand for the everyday things that come up. School administration and parents need a go-to person."

Bach is taking a newly-created position with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, becoming the director of educator policy, preparation and leadership within the Center for Educator Policy, Preparation, and Leadership Development.

The job focuses on improving educator effectiveness, she said, "possibly changing policy, educator preparation, also leadership and improving the effectiveness of school leaders. It's looking at what's happening in our schools now, and where higher education certification programs can enable those programs to be the best they can be."

The job is a good fit, said Bach, because it draws on personnel skills she's honed in Andover - from hiring and evaluating her employees to setting up a mentorship program among staff.

"To me, it's right at the heart of what I've done in this district, right at the heart of ensuring all employees are evaluated on schedule that the contract and law require. We've looked really hard at fostering mentorship programs here. I think we are a good model, and most of all want to continue to improve what we do," she said. "I have always said I try to hire the best principals, who in turn, hire the best people. That can go a long way to have a good school system."

Bach had said she intends to continue living in Andover.

## Doherty Middle search

The search for a new principal for Doherty Middle School has begun, with an advertisement for the position circulating.

On March 17, Theresa McGuinness Darby, DMS principal since July 2008, announced she will step down at the end of this year to pursue a doctorate full-time at Boston University.

Applications for the job, which is advertised as paying \$110,000 to \$115,000 per year, are due April 23. The ad requests applicants have a master's degree, certification and a "distinguished record as a middle school teacher and administrator."

After the April 23 deadline, a search team of Doherty Middle faculty and parents will spend a week reading resumes and choose interview candidates.

Finalists will be interviewed the first full week in May, and incoming Superintendent Marinel McGrath will make the hiring decision. The town wants the new principal to start July 1, said Cara Morrison of the Andover HR departments.

## Boys and Girls Club auction April 10

The Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence is planning its major fundraiser, the Auction, which will be held April 10.

The theme for 2010 is Ride the Wave to Success. The auction will be April 10 at 5:30 p.m. at DiBurro's in Haverhill. The event will open with an open bar and Silent Auction featuring close to 300 items including jewelry, sporting event tickets, personal care, trips, dining out, etc. The Silent Auction will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The evening will conclude with a filet mignon and haddock dinner along with a Live Auction featuring 35 unique items.

The auction committee is looking for help from the community with regard to donating items for the Silent or Live Auction. Also, the auction catalog is a great advertising opportunity and demonstrates your support for such a worthy organization. If interested, please contact Kathy Boshar, Director of Development for the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence, at 978-683-2747.

Tickets to the auction are \$125 per person and can be purchased by visiting www.lawrencebgc.com.

## POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY BETHANY BRAY

### ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 30 - At 12:09 p.m., Tara T. McCutcheon, 28, of 201 Middlesex St. Apt. 309, Lowell, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 1:50 p.m., David E. Shuman, 19, of 24 Sagamore Drive, was arrested and charged on a warrant for rape of a child with force.

Wednesday, March 31 - At 12:42 p.m., Geoffrey Diaz, 32, of 213 Cabot Road, Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise.

At 2:09 p.m., Lisa M. Spindler, 48, of 52 Burroughs Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of liquor, second offense.

At 10:07 p.m., Dean Fiasconaro, 34, of 4 Colby Road, Weare, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance, with intent to distribute; also on a warrant for malicious damage to a motor vehicle.

Thursday, April 1 - At 11:07 a.m., Lynda J. Reeder, 40, of 16 Virginia Road, North Reading, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of drugs.

At 3:05 p.m., Segundo A. Clavijo, 22, of 36 Bancroft St., Apt. 2, Milford, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Friday, April 2 - At 10:47 a.m., Richard K. Barbaro, 41, of 7 Fairway Drive, Apt. 19, Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance, with intent to distribute.

At 11:32 a.m., Lucio C. Lopez, 32, of 367 Boston St., Lynn,

was arrested and charged on two warrants for driving an unregistered vehicle.

At 1:04 p.m., Sarah Dufresne, 24, of 8 Fairway Drive, Apt. 8, Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged on warrants for speeding, and driving an unregistered vehicle without a license and without insurance.

At 3:34 p.m., Ramon L. Vargas, 31, of 2 Chestnut St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for breaking and entering during the nighttime, conspiracy, and larceny over \$250.

At 11:39 p.m., Jonathan Cruz, 21, of 104 Howard St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for breaking and entering nighttime for a felony, malicious damage to a motor vehicle, failure to stop/yield and driving without a license.

Saturday, April 3 - At 11:43 a.m., Adriana F. Conti, 34, of 6 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

Monday, April 5 - At 12:55 a.m., Kaitlyn McIlhargey, 17, of 86 Haverhill St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 7:45 p.m., Suzanne E. Wall, 53, of 65 Durso Ave., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

### THEFTS

Tuesday, March 30 - At 2:34 p.m., a Jordyn Lane resident reported the theft of some money.

Thursday, April 1 - At 7:58 a.m., a Minuteman Road caller reported her digital camera had been stolen off her desk sometime after she left work.

At 3:36 p.m., a person came into the police station to report theft by his attorney.

Friday, April 2 - At 10:05 a.m., a Shawsheen Road caller reported identity theft.

Monday, April 5 - At 1:54 p.m., a resident reported credit card fraud.

At 2:39 p.m., a resident reported someone has been using his bank account.

At 5:21 p.m., an officer filed a report on plants stolen from a grave site at Spring Grove Cemetery.

### BREAKS

Tuesday, March 30 - At 6:31 a.m., a Magnolia Avenue resident reported a break-in had occurred the previous day.

At 11:54 a.m., an Alpine Drive resident reported a break-in, but was unsure of when it happened.

### INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 30 - At 2:31 p.m., a witness summons was served to a Chestnut Street resident.

Wednesday, March 31 - At 7:53 a.m., a caller reported a male subject illegally dumping leaves over the gate at the compost site on High Plain Road.

At 8:38 a.m., Officer David Froburg reported cruiser damage to car 223.

At 12:35 p.m., a person called 911 to ask for directions.

At 4:08 p.m., police responded to an attempted suicide.

Thursday, April 1 - At 5:33

a.m., a motorist called 911 reporting he was stranded in water on High Plain Road. The vehicle was towed and the driver was cited for failure to obey DPW signage (the road was closed by flooding).

At 8:01 p.m., an Arundel Street caller reported someone rang her doorbell and ran away.

Friday, April 2 - At 3 p.m., the IRS, Lowell Street, reported one of their employees was on the phone with a suicidal female in Little Rock, Ark. The caller was connected via phone conference with Little Rock police, who sent an officer.

At 9:05 p.m. a Chestnut Street resident reported his house was just egged. A responding officers found the people who did the egging on Chestnut Street, and they cleaned up the mess.

Saturday, April 3 - At 9:09 a.m., overnight vandalism was reported on Reservation Road.

At 3:37 p.m., Phillips Academy public safety reported youths at Rabbitts Pond in a

boat drinking beer. A responding officer spoke to three minors and issued one a court summons for being a minor in possession of alcohol.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 30 - At 8:26 a.m., a Boston Road caller reported a window had been smashed on his vehicle, with nothing taken.

At 2:28 p.m., a River Road caller reported their vehicle had been broken into and a computer stolen.

Wednesday, March 31 - At 2:18 p.m., a person reported their car window was smashed while their vehicle was parked on Essex Street.

Saturday, April 3 - At 10:19 a.m. a guest at LaQuinta Hotel, River Road, reported the rear window of his vehicle had been smashed.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, March 31 - At 3:30 p.m., a Lowell Street caller reported a past hit-and-run crash.

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OBITUARIES

Shirley M. Demers, 81



NORTH ANDOVER — Shirley M. (Jacobson) Demers, 81, of Andover, wife of the late Leonard “Biff” Demers died on Sunday, April 4, 2010

(Easter Sunday) at the Prescott House in North Andover.

Shirley was born in Methuen July 26, 1928, daughter of the late Alfred and Mae Jacobson. She was a graduate of Methuen High School and McIntosh Business School. She worked most recently for the Merrimack Valley Elder Services in Lawrence.

Shirley leaves her three children, Lynne D. Effron of Ipswich, Beverly FitzGerald and husband Robert “Sandy” of North Andover, Jeffrey and wife Cheryl of Shrewsbury; her sister, Janice

and husband Jerry Hawthorne-Thwaite of Phoenix; her beloved grandchildren, Ashley, Robert “Chip,” Matthew, and Brooke; and many nieces and nephews.

Shirley will always be remembered as a devoted and loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She has touched the lives of many and will be dearly missed.

Shirley’s children would like to express their deepest appreciation to the entire staff at the Prescott House, especially the staff in the B-Wing, for all their care and support.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Friends may call today, April 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. A private prayer services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, April 9 at the funeral home. Burial will follow at West Parish Cemetery in Andover. For online condolences and directions, please visit our Web site at [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

Paul E. Farrington, 82

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Mr. Paul E. Farrington, 82, died Friday, March 26, 2010 at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, Fla.

He was born in Lowell and lived in Vero Beach for 23 years. He was formerly of Andover. Mr. Farrington was a graduate of Bentley College, Waltham. He earned his Bachelor of Business Administration degree from Northeastern University, Boston.

He worked for New England Telephone and Telegraph for 30 years before his retirement, as District Manager of Public Relations, in 1985. Mr. Farrington served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church, Vero Beach.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Ruth Landry Farrington of Vero Beach; son, Paul Farrington,

his wife Bobbie Brust Farrington of Vero Beach; daughter, Jean Farrington Murray, her husband John Murray of Glastonbury, Conn.; daughter, Kathleen (Kit) Farrington of Los Angeles; daughter, Amy Farrington Koehler, her husband Shane Koehler of Pflugerville, Texas; brothers, Leo Farrington of East Pepperell, and Lawrence Farrington of Andover; and grandchildren, Jonathan and Nicole. Mr. Farrington was preceded in death by a daughter, Ann Farrington.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Memorial contributions may be made to Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice Foundation, 1110 35th Lane, Vero Beach, FL 32960, in memory of Mr. Farrington. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on March 29, 2010. He will be buried at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Tewksbury. No date has been set.

Victor A. Sosa, 78



ANDOVER — Mr. Victor A. Sosa, 78, died of cancer on Wednesday, March 31, 2010 peacefully at his home, surrounded by his family.

Born in Puerto Rico, he was the son of the late Sergeant Bonito and Alejandrina (Fernandez) Sosa.

An honorably discharged veteran, he proudly served his country during the Korean War as a member of the United States Army.

Victor was the husband of Ana (Urena) Sosa. Victor was a devoted and beloved father of

seven children: Marisol Sosa, Miriam Sosa, Betty Sosa, Iraida Camacho, Victor Sosa, Jr., Deborah Brown and Jane Gil; three sisters, Irma Sosa, Mirna Sosa and Lydia Sosa; one brother, Niel Sosa; 17 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends called on Monday, April 5, 2010 from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. His funeral service was held on Monday, April 5 at 11 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in the Veteran’s Section at the Bellevue Cemetery, Lawrence. For condolences, please visit Cataudella Funeral Home Web site and online guestbook at [www.cataudellaFH.com](http://www.cataudellaFH.com).

Robert L. Wright



ANDOVER — Robert L. “Bob” Wright, a long-time resident of Andover, passed away peacefully of pneumonia on Sunday, March 28, 2010.

He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., and prior to moving to Andover, lived in New Jersey. He attended Rutgers University before entering military service during World War II. He was with the 76th Infantry Division and saw combat in Luxembourg and Germany. He was taken prisoner of war in 1944 and was liberated at the end of the war.

In 1944, he married Elinor Clayton. Together they raised their family first in New Jersey and then in Massachusetts, where Elinor taught school in North Reading and Bob worked as an engineer for Western Electric in North Andover. Their four children graduated from Andover High School.

As a member of Telephone Pioneers, Bob volunteered at Lawrence General Hospital and continued his volunteer work there after retirement. He joined the Andover YMCA in 1968, where he volunteered as a swim team coach, swim instructor, and lifeguard and also assisted in pool and building maintenance. He was given the Outstanding Volunteer award for 1975–1976.

He was a member of the

Andover YMCA Masters Swim Team and United States Masters Swimming for 30 years. He was a national champion and held the New England record in the 50 yard butterfly and 100 yard individual medley in his age group.

As a member of Christ Church in Andover, he joined the choir in 1964 singing with them until 2010. He was Chairman of the Christ Church Realty Board and served on the Property Committee. Since moving to New England in 1962, Bob and his family have enjoyed skiing and sailing and spending the summers at their cottage in Plymouth.

Bob is survived by his wife, Elinor; his son, David Wright and his wife Bethlyn of Wilmington; his daughter, Carol Pardee and her husband Richard of Cataumet; and his daughter, Bobbie McGuire and her husband Rob of Wilmington. He was predeceased by his son, Gary Wright of Andover. He also is survived by his three grandchildren: Dan Pardee of Cataumet, and Cara and Colin McGuire of Wilmington.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service to celebrate Bob’s life will be held on Saturday, April 10, at 11 a.m. at the Parish of Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover. Donations in Bob’s memory can be made to the Christ Church Capital Campaign, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. Arrangements are under the direction of the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. For online condolences, please visit our Web site at [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

RELIGION

Ham and Bean Supper

A Ham and Bean Supper will be served on Saturday, April 17, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Rd., Andover at the corner of Route,

133 and Reservation Road. The menu will include a spiral ham with home cooked beans, dessert.

Suggested donations are, \$8 for adults, and \$4 for children under 12.

Business

Andover designer Adams leads workshop at Boston event

International Furnishings and Design Association President Sue Adams of Sue Adams Interiors is one of four industry experts presenting “Architects and Interior Designers Partnering for Success” at Residential Design Construction. The event will be held on Thursday, April 15 at 3:30 p.m. at Seaport World in Boston.

The workshop, sponsored by IFDA, will focus on keeping communication flowing between client, contractor, designer and architect.

“Attendees can enjoy a lively panel discussion while earning continuing education

credits and networking,” says Adams. Joining Adams is Lynda Onthank, owner and principal of Onthank Designs Ltd., Douglas Ruther of Douglas Ruther Architects and William Soupcoff, co-founder of TMS Architects. The workshop is one of 50 available at the two-day event which begins on Wednesday, April 14.

Attendees can also see the latest in residential design and construction materials, products and services in one place at one time while exploring new technologies and design innovations, and learning about new practice models and project-management

techniques to help increase profitability, according to a release.

Adams has been a professional interior designer in New England for over two decades. A graduate of Colby College where she majored in art history, she went on to do graduate work at Boston University and Harvard’s School of Design.

Prior to launching Sue Adams Interiors, she worked at Offices Unlimited and Domain. A veteran of the design industry, she has participated in many area Showhouses, appeared in numerous publications and HGTV.



FILE PHOTO  
Superintendent Claudia Bach’s last day will be April 29, the second day of Town Meeting.



FILE PHOTO  
Andover Town Clerk Randy Hanson is pictured at her 430th and final meeting of the Board of Selectmen in February.

Chamber to honor Bach, Hanson

The Andover Chamber of Commerce will hold its 2010 Annual Community Service Awards Ceremony and Breakfast on Thursday, June 3, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

The morning’s program will include high school student community service award winners, who will be presented college scholarships, and this year’s winners of the Andover Chamber of Commerce awards for distinguished community service: Claudia Bach and Randy Hanson.

According to the event organizers, “Claudia Bach, in her capacity as Superintendent of the Andover Public Schools, and Randy Hanson, as the Andover Town Clerk for many years, have contributed in many important ways to the civic well being of Andover. These are indeed special people who make our community special. They are most deserving of this award.”

Claudia Bach was born in Cleveland, Ohio. After moving to Kent, Ohio at age 10, she attended public schools there, and then attended Ohio State University, from which she graduated in 1965.

She taught public elementary school in Maryland and then, following her marriage to her husband Caleb, moved to Uruguay, where his work took him. Her next many years of life and teaching, done at a multitude of levels in numerous rich cultural settings both in the U.S. and abroad, were excellent preparation for her eventual work as a public school superintendent. Bach taught and administered at the elementary, middle and high school levels in Maryland, Virginia, California, Colorado, Massachusetts and Oregon, in both public and private school settings, and taught high school English in Uruguay, Bolivia and Mexico.

While working at Deerfield Academy, Bach decided in 1991 to attend the Harvard Graduate School of Education, from which she received her Ed.D. with a focus on urban school superintendency in 1994. She was the superintendent of schools in Milton-Freewater, Oregon from 1995-1998, and has served as superintendent of the Andover Public Schools from 1998 to the present. Bach lists the building of two new schools, “the fact that the leadership team

of administrators and principals has continually improved through the years, and (most especially) her steady commitment to always consider first and foremost the educational best interests of Andover’s children” as the things she is most proud of, according to the Andover Chamber.

Randall (Randy) Hanson was born in Lawrence and grew up in Methuen. After graduating from Lowell State, she moved to Chelmsford with her husband, Dick, and taught elementary school in Westford for a few years. She then worked for a time on the staff of Sen. Paul Tsongas supplying constituent services, work she much enjoyed.

Since August 1978, Hanson and her family have lived in Andover. In 1981, she began a job in the IRA Department of Andover Bank. She then ran the bank’s marketing department for a while. Because Robert Henderson urged bank employees to become more involved in Andover and its organizations, she worked as a volunteer with both the downtown merchants association (now the ABCA) and Town Offices. In 1988, then Town Manager Ken Mahoney

approached Hanson about applying for the job of town clerk. She trained for the job, and began it formally in 1990.

During her service, she has both carried out the traditional duties of the position with remarkable dedication and efficiency, and “raised the bar” for future town clerks with regard to the expectations for involvement at the regional and state levels, according to the Andover Chamber. Over the years, she worked closely with the town manager and other officials to assure that record-keeping of births, deaths, marriages and business licensing was done accurately and efficiently. Goals and objectives for each town office were coordinated through her office.

At the state level, her duties as the Legislative Chair of the Massachusetts Town Clerks Association not only allowed her to make contributions beyond the local level, but increased the visibility of Andover and its well-run town government throughout the state.

Tickets for the awards breakfast are \$25 and may be obtained by contacting the offices of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce at 978-686-0900.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hull to retire as president and CEO

Joan Stygles Hull, president and CEO of the Home Health Foundation, parent organization of Home Health VNA, Merrimack Valley Hospice and HomeCare Inc., will be retiring on May 1, after serving 13 years with the organization.

The Board of Trustees will be hosting a celebration event on April 8, at 5 p.m. at Andover Country Club.

Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased by visiting [www.homehealthfoundation.org](http://www.homehealthfoundation.org) and clicking on the sailboat icon or call Jennifer Cantwell at 978-552-4927, [jcantwell@homehealthfoundation.org](mailto:jcantwell@homehealthfoundation.org).

McLane Law Firm acquires Colucci Norman

The McLane Law Firm with offices in Manchester, Portsmouth, and Concord, New Hampshire and Woburn, is pleased to announce that the firm has absorbed the Colucci Norman Law Firm, of Beverly.

John Colucci, William Norman, Larry Plavnik, all corporate lawyers and Andrew Botti, a litigator from Andover, join McLane’s.

Lear promoted to vice president

Marybeth Leary, of Andover, was recently promoted to vice president and corporate secretary at The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts in Woburn.

Leary joined SBLI in 2002 and

held positions in the Marketing Department before moving to Administration in 2006. She was named assistant vice president and corporate secretary in 2008. Prior to joining SBLI, Leary worked in community relations at TD Banknorth, administration and marketing at Andover Bank, and in administration at BayBanks, Inc.

Demers given Schwartz Award

Laurence M. Demers, Class of 1960 and chairman of the Merrimack College Board of Trustees, has been awarded the 2010 AACC Morton K. Schwartz Award for Significant Contributions in Cancer Research Diagnostics. He will receive the award at the AACC National Meeting in Anaheim, Calif., in July.

The award, which consists of a cash award and a plaque, recognizes an individual who has made significant contributions in cancer research through diagnostics. The honor is given to a scientist that has achieved national and international status for his or her groundbreaking work in clinical diagnostic research in cancer and is considered to be among the world’s foremost experts in that specific area.

Demers is receiving the award in recognition of his work in the development of aromatase inhibitors, now standard of care for treating breast cancer.

“I was pleasantly surprised to get notified of this award,” said Demers. “It is nice to be recognized by your peers for

an endeavor that has taken so many years of cancer research to accomplish.”

Demers is Distinguished Professor Emeritus Pathology and Medicine; Director of the Clinical Pathology Services Research Laboratory in the Department of Pathology, Director of the Core Endocrine Laboratory in the Division of Endocrinology, Department of Medicine and Director of the GCRC Core Laboratory, College of Medicine Penn State University. His laboratories focus is biochemical endocrinology as it applies to the management of human disease and cancer. His laboratory’s research is currently focused in two areas, metabolic bone disease, including osteoporosis and metastatic bone disease, and breast cancer.

He holds a doctorate in biochemistry from State University of New York, Health Sciences Center, Syracuse, N.Y., and an A.B. in biology from Merrimack College.

Billboard donated by Clear Channel Outdoor

Clear Channel Outdoor is helping in the fight against cancer by donating free billboard space promoting the Cancer Garden of Hope. This special garden is being created on Boston’s City Hall Plaza by the Conquer Cancer Coalition of Massachusetts to build awareness and raise money for cancer research. It will open June 19.

Clear Channel unveiled a colorful billboard near the TD Banknorth Garden, to encourage people to support and visit the

Cancer Garden of Hope. It also donated space for this cause on its new digital billboards on I-93 in Stoneham and I-495 in Lawrence, and a billboard on the Southeast Expressway.

“This project will bring comfort to people whose lives have been impacted by cancer, and help raise awareness and money for crucial research, patient services and more,” said Stephen Ross of Andover, President of Clear Channel Outdoor, Boston Division.

Cammann honored by Valley YMCA

Merrimack Valley YMCA honored Erin Cammann of Andover, swim coach at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, as one of six employees who have exhibited an exemplary level of member service and who personally and professionally demonstrate the YMCA character development traits of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

YMCA full and part-time employees are encouraged to nominate co-workers for this new award.

“We look to employees who foster relationships with YMCA members by providing quality member services that is professional, helpful, prompt and courteous. The people selected for this honor are role models in the area of character development. They have often created or initiated new member programs and services that assist with member satisfaction,” said Gary P. Morelli, Merrimack Valley YMCA Vice President.



# Opinion

## Many unanswered questions

With less than three weeks until Town Meeting, there are still enormous, unanswered questions about some of the most substantial articles on the warrant. Residents deserve time to review ideas before they are asked to approve millions of their hard-earned money.

Among the lingering issues that bear attention:

- **The budget.** There remains a \$2.7 million gap between the money the town manager says is available and the money the schools superintendent and the School Committee believe they need. The budget always comes together in the weeks – and sometimes in the hours – before Town Meeting. But, considering the poor financial environment is no surprise, we'd have liked town and school leaders to have offered more concrete solutions and real change to annual spending by now. To its credit, the School Committee this week is proposing a reasonable idea to help reduce some of the deficit without eliminating block scheduling at Andover High – the longer classes that educators and students support. The committee is asking the teachers union to allow teachers to teach three courses each semester, instead of teaching three courses one semester and two courses the other. The teachers union did not agree to any concessions last year to help balance the budget, but we hope they see value in this idea.

- **One of the largest projects on the Town Meeting warrant** is a plan to buy land at 146 Dascomb Road and turn it into a new town yard. The current town yard sits between Main Street and the commuter rail station in downtown Andover, valuable land the town would like to see developed into a mix of tax-paying businesses and homes once the town yard is moved. The town will ask residents to approve up to \$26 million for the plan, but the full plan will not be discussed in public until next Thursday, April 15. Obviously, \$26 million is a large number to swallow, and supporters will have a limited time window in which to make their case.

- **The Conservation Commission** plans to ask for money to buy land near Fosters Pond, but has not yet revealed the exact parcel it wants to purchase. Buying land during a downturn in the real estate market makes sense, but residents are weary of any unnecessary spending.

We are not dismissing any plans, and not discouraging any new ideas. Andover should move its town yard, for instance. But residents would be able to make more informed decisions if they had more time to review all the details of the specific plans being proposed. By not finalizing and making public their multi-million-dollar plans, officials are hurting the possibility of support for what may be worthwhile efforts during financially challenging times.

## Time to stabilize spending, too

There was good news, sort of, from one of the state's leading business groups Tuesday.

Associated Industries of Massachusetts issued its monthly Business Confidence Index for March which showed a 2.7-point gain from the previous month. Though there was a slight dip in February, employer confidence has increased in 11 of the past 13 months and the index currently stands at 46.8 | well below the high of 68.5 last achieved in 1998, but a healthy improvement from the low of 34.5 recorded in the first quarter of 2009.

According to AIM chief executive Richard Lord, the survey results "tell us that our economy has largely regained its stability, but is by no means in full recovery." He notes that when asked whether the recession was over, only 4 percent of employers gave an unequivocal "yes," while 78 percent answered "not yet" or "no."

Which means this is hardly the time for government to take the reins off spending or impose new regulations on business | like the one now being considered on Beacon Hill that would require companies to provide employees with a minimum number of sick days. Nor is it the time to be increasing taxes on growth industries like medical device manufacturing. At the local level, this is not a sign that business as usual can continue. The town must negotiate contracts that will create sustainable budgets, and get the town out of its annual cycle of threats of fees, layoffs and program eliminations.

"At this point," Lord stated in Tuesday's release, "governments, like businesses, should be moving from crisis management mode towards deliberate consideration of how they will operate in a world that is permanently changed. We need to look to a fiscally sustainable public sector, and a business climate that will promote private sector growth to create jobs and provide revenues to support necessary public programs."

## WEB QUESTION

### Hope and change

Last week's question: hope and change

Elections for seats currently occupied by State Sen. Sue Tucker and State Reps. Barry Finegold and Barbara L'Italien will be Nov. 2, 2010, and multi-candidate races are shaping up. Last week, we asked why do you think there's so much increased interest in running? The top choice was "Frustration with current leadership," which took 31.43 percent of votes.

"All of the above" and "None of the above" tied for second place, taking 14.29 percent. Third place, with 11.43

percent, was "Renewed hope in making a difference."

Tied for fourth, with 8.57 percent, were "Fewer incumbents" and "The Scott Brown Factor."

The options "the economy" and "no idea" took 5.71 percent.

To see this week's Web question, visit the Townsman site. To cast your vote, go to [www.andovertownsmen.com](http://www.andovertownsmen.com) and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, e-mail editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsmen.com).

## EXPANDING HORIZONS



ANN HERMES/Staff photo

Lavinia Chase discusses a group project on Muslim Central Asia with Andover High School senior, Austin Marocco, left, and senior Nick Kurtin, center during a Cultural Revolutions class at Andover High School. The course is only offered at Andover High.

## AHS success helps whole town

Editor, Townsman:

I have lived in Andover for 25 years with children in our schools. I have seen the increasingly difficult struggle to maintain their quality under large and impactful budget cuts over the last few years. The proposed \$2.9 million school budget cuts would push the system past its tipping point and severely jeopardize its future.

The flagship leading the excellent reputation of Andover schools is Andover High School. Its outstanding performance over the last decade has been enabled significantly by the block schedule. Academic research has demonstrated numerous advantages for block scheduling: less fragmented instruction; reduced discipline and tardiness; ability to tailor instruction to learning styles; improved student focus and teacher relationships; expanded options for accelerated studies; opportunities for flexible and collaborative instruction. We have seen the results "on the ground" in the national reputation of AHS, the improved school environment, achievements in AP testing, and its impressive college placements. Eliminating block scheduling would jeopardize a core element of what makes AHS the excellent school that it is.

Our school system's reputation is a primary factor that makes Andover a desirable place to live and has helped drive up the property values. A community that values education and is well-educated itself provides a base of skilled workers which has helped attract businesses to our community and expand our tax base.

Budget realities require that difficult decisions be made. The school budget decision is not simply another choice about what level of service a town department will be able to provide next year. It is a truly strategic decision about the long-term quality of the Andover school system. It will impact our children's future personal and intellectual development and employment. The decision will also impact the entire town's future because the status and reputation of our schools has been at the core of Andover's growth and economic success.

The town leadership needs to take a strategic view of the central role of education in our community, to recognize and communicate to citizens the widespread and long-term

impacts of the proposed drastic cuts to the school budget, and to work together to present options that will preserve the school budget and the quality of education in Andover.

DAVID WHITNEY  
Argilla Road

*(The writer notes that he has served as a member and co-chair of several School Improvement Councils, on the search committee for the new AHS principal, and is on the Steering Committee for the Andover Public Schools District Strategic Plan.)*

## Town and school boards, union need to work together

Editor, Townsman:

On March 11 over 200 people came together in the AHS cafeteria to talk about our hopes and dreams, our vision, and our strategic plan for our schools. The School Committee came. The Board of Selectmen came. The Finance Committee came. Teachers and students were represented. Community members, both with and without school-age children, participated.

As I recall going around the room, not once did anyone propose increasing elementary school class size, eliminating middle school foreign language, or returning to the 5x7 daily schedule at Andover High.

These are not visionary changes. These are broken promises. We've implemented smaller class sizes to benefit multiple learning styles and achievement levels. We've started foreign language in the middle school as the precursor to a necessary and rigorous curriculum at the high school. We've established a block schedule at the high school to enable students to take a more varied and rigorous course load, including Advanced Placements, independent studies and internships. These decisions were borne of sound planning for a solid education system. They are decisions in support of how the taxpayers prioritized the importance of an Andover education. We shouldn't now be making decisions about how to best educate our children based solely on what's cheaper.

I am not naive. I recognize these are difficult economic times and we have tough choices to make about how we spend.

But I believe it's incumbent upon all of us – the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, the Andover Education Association, and the greater Andover community – to do whatever we can to sustain the education system we have strived so hard to build. We owe it to our children to see that they are not shortchanged by narrowminded and politicized decision-making.

It is frustrating to me as a taxpayer and citizen to see the community revisit this conversation year over year. At what point will we stop and learn from the past?

I ask the selectmen, FinComm and School Committee along with, and especially, the AEA, to work together to find ways to economize that do not include decimating our school system. Drop the us-versus-them

attitude, forget the personality conflicts and just focus on what's really at stake.

Stand by the children and deliver a budget that, at the least, holds our current position. Pass a budget that maintains the foundation today so that we can build a stronger, more strategic future for tomorrow.

MARJORIE ANDRESEN  
85 Argilla Road

*A longer version of this letter appears online.*

## Taylor Cove shows why state's 40B should be repealed

Editor, Townsman:

At a town board meeting, one gets a sense of the greatness our system: Knowledgeable volunteers committed to making town better, make decisions in the best interest of the people.

Recently I attended Andover's Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on the Taylor Cove development, 32 townhouses proposed under the Chapter 40B Fair Housing Act, which lets non-conforming cluster development into a town. I learned that misguided state laws interfere with what is great about local government.

ZBA is composed of excellent people, qualified with a good sense of judgment. Town counsel provided succinct and sage advice. However, they were forced to make a decision contrary to town regulations and precedents, and not in the interest of our residents. It was a decision made to avoid being overruled by a state agency, the Housing Appeals Committee, rather than what their heads and hearts felt was right.

My issues: no one has a "right to live in Andover"; state law is intruding on our town; the costly state agency; the time required locally to comply; and, the free market is best at allocating resources and determining price.

Currently in Andover there are over 20 three-bedroom residences for sale below \$300,000.

Chargers of "snob zoning" should note that abutters mostly have housing values less than the town median, some much less.

The project wants to double count a parcel of land. The ZBA sees this as a violation of Andover zoning. The state HAC says no, this in addition to the many Andover zoning rules already being waived due to 40B.

Andover gets eight discounted townhouses (25 percent of the total), and the neighborhood gets more traffic and up to 100 neighbors wedged into a relatively small site.

Andover residents have the right to appear in front of boards of our fellow citizens, be heard and have it matter. Board members have the right to make decisions based on their interpretations. Apparently not in this case, and these developments can appear anywhere in town. The state puts housing theory and arbitrary formulas ahead of Andover.

What can you as the average citizen do? A repeal of Chapter 40B initiative will be on the ballot this fall.

JAMISON TOMASEK  
Andover

*The writer notes he is a candidate for State Senate.*

## Andover's dams have no effect on flooding

Editor, Townsman:

March 2010 was the wettest on record in our area. As a result there has been significant flooding along the Shawsheen River. This flooding comes in the midst of discussions about the potential removal of the three major dams in Andover as a part of the Shawsheen Renaissance Project. It is tempting, therefore, to worry that the removal of these dams will somehow increase this problem.

Fortunately, the facts and the science are clear: These dams have no impact on flooding at all. Any flooding that has occurred in the past few weeks of torrential rain would have occurred with or without the dams.

These are simply not flood-control dams, but rather two mill dams and an ornamental dam, as stated in a recent editorial. Once water begins flowing over their spillways, as it does most of the year, any additional water that rainfall brings just adds to the flow over the top. They can only cause downstream flooding when they suddenly fail, as sometimes happens with over-100-year-old dams. The Forge Pond Dam in Freetown nearly failed in the recent floods and is now being dismantled for public safety's sake.

What does cause more flooding is filling in wetlands and increasing the area covered by concrete, asphalt and other impervious surfaces. These changes allow less precipitation to filter into the ground where it can be released slowly into streams and rivers. Furthermore, climate scientists argue that as human-influenced global warming speeds up the hydrologic cycle by causing more water to evaporate and enter the atmosphere, extreme weather events will become more common. This is all the more reason to maintain the health and resilience of what remains of our natural environment.

Although flooding would not be increased by the removal of the Shawsheen's three major dams, the health of the river would be. There are more than 3,000 dams in the Commonwealth, with multiple dams on every river the size of the Shawsheen. We have no shortage of ponds and lakes. What we lack are our historical free-flowing rivers.

The Shawsheen is the last major tributary on the undammed lower Merrimack River. That means marine fish such as herring, shad, and even salmon have free access all the way to the Gulf of Maine. With their numbers depleted by over-fishing and recovery impeded by loss of freshwater spawning habitat, we have the unique opportunity to contribute to their restoration by bringing the Shawsheen back to free-flowing life. That we might someday be able to canoe or kayak with our families from Ballardvale to the coast could be reward enough for our efforts.

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## Hallway dedication



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Myrna Silverman, widow of the late Gerald "Jerry" Silverman, speaks during a ceremony to dedicate the front hallway of the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover to her husband, former chairman of the GLTS District Committee. The hallway was named "Silver Lane" and marked with a sign in Silverman's honor. Jerry Silverman, an Andover resident, died in July 2009.

## Palmers on the big screen

It's out and we're in! Movie scenes filmed at Palmers made the cut and are in the just-released movie, "Don McKay." John and Rebecca Ingalls of Palmers saw the movie last Friday night when it opened.

"John was in the background and he looked great. I could only see my arm though. Oh well," Rebecca Ingalls wrote in an e-mail.

"We ended up getting some chuckles, and really are just so pleased that it finally got released," she wrote. "I think there were only 12 people in the theater (including us), so don't expect much for the box office."

Her prediction: DVD real soon.

- Judy Wakefield

## TOWN TALK



ALLEGRA BOVERMAN/Staff photo

Holly Winchell and Christian Wisecraver have been viewed by hundreds of thousands online, performing "Granite State of Mind."

## Granite tube-ing

Christian Wisecraver of Hampstead, N.H., created a YouTube sensation last week with his rap "Granite State of Mind,"

performed by his band Super Secret Project. The song is a parody of the Jay-Z hit "Empire State of Mind" with a video to match.

As of Tuesday, the post had been viewed nearly 800,000 times.

Wisecraver's mother, Cathy Downs Wisecraver, attended Andover High School and his grandparents, Bill and Bernice "Bunny" Downs, live on Elm Street in Andover.

- Neil Fater

## Scouts to show camp

Boy Scouts of Ballard Vale Troop 76 will be camping at the Andover Conservation Commission's Pole Hill Reservation. Visiting hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 10.

Last year the troop, sponsored by the Ballard Vale United Church, was recognized as stewards of the reservation. Part of the agreement is that they host an event open to the public. The Scouts will be displaying pioneering projects, fire safety, and Dutch-oven cooking. Access to the area can be gained by land or water. Trailheads are located at the end of Marland Street and Pole Hill Drive. Those wishing to paddle can put their boat in the Shawsheen River and paddle upstream. Once you pass under the railroad bridge, the reservation is on the right.

Troop 76 is part of the North Essex District, Yankee Clipper Council, Boy Scouts of America. They meet Fridays at 7 p.m. at the Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road.

## Feeling lucky? Help club, get necklace

For \$100 donation to the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club, residents have a shot at winning a white gold and diamond necklace valued at \$11,000. This Saturday evening, April 10, the LBGC will host "Ride the Wave to Success" at DiBurrio's Hall in Haverhill. The LBGC serves over 500 children every evening, and this event generates 25 percent of the organization's total revenue, according to organizers.

There are 300 available raffle tickets for one donated \$11,000 white gold and diamond necklace from Tiffany & Co. Tickets are \$100 per piece, and the winner's presence is not required at the event. To buy a ticket call the club at 978-683-2747.

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# Townspeople

## Telling stories is Historical Society's mission

By DON ROBB  
ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY



The Blanchard House as it looked when purchased by the Andover Historical Society.

Today, the Andover Historical Society and the Townsman begin a series of stories about our community. This series celebrates a significant anniversary of the society, whose mission is to tell the many stories that make up the heritage of our town.

In April, 2011, just a year from now, the Andover Historical Society will celebrate 100 years of recording, preserving, and telling the stories of Andover and its citizens. Each week, for a year leading up to the anniversary and a year following, the Townsman will run one of those stories, in print or online.

The 16 founders of the Andover Historical Society met officially for the first time on April 14, 1911. Among these members were those whose families dated back to the original settlement

of the town in 1646, such as three Abbots and a Holt, as well as a few names from families (a Marland and a Bartlett) who played important roles in the town's later development.

Their goal was to establish a means of "making a valuable, interesting and educational feature in the life of Andover."

The society's first public meeting took place at the Town Hall on May 15, 1911. The minutes of that meeting record a tribute to one of the founding members, Abraham Marland, the town clerk, who had died a few days

## Launch of new weekly Townsman feature by society

before. He was the grandson of the Abraham Marland who had established one of the town's first woolen mills.

Early meetings of the society were held in members' homes, in the Abbot Tavern (the colonial inn visited by George Washington, and still standing at 70 Elm St.), and at the November Club headquarters (now the Unitarian Universalist congregation on Locke Street). Under the first president, Dr. Charles Abbot, membership grew quickly, as did contributions of objects to the groups' museum. The society soon felt the need for permanent quarters, renting rooms in various homes along Main Street, and even contemplating the purchase of "Rose Cottage."

To augment its \$3-a-year dues and support its building fund, the society held numerous fund-

raisers, the most frequent being food sales and whist parties. (Whist is a card game generally recognized as the forerunner of bridge.) An annual Colonial Ball was held at the Town Hall on Washington's birthday.

In 1929, the Historical Society finally acquired a permanent home at its present location, the Blanchard House and barn at 97 Main St. For the first time, the museum collection, the library, and the archives of town and personal records could be displayed and made available to the public in a convenient and appropriate space.

Since those early days, the Society has expanded its membership, its physical facilities, and its service to the community in telling the stories, both public and personal, of the Andover community. This new series of

104 stories in the Townsman continues that tradition.

During the next two years, stories drawn from the Andover Historical Society's files will feature some of Andover's formal history (its town government, its industries and businesses, its churches and schools), its neighborhoods (Ballardvale and Shawshen) and some of its well-known residents, such as Francis Dane, Samuel Smith, William Wood, Bessie Goldsmith and Pompey Lovejoy.

But the articles will also tell some lesser-known stories of scoundrels and scamps, of a murder at Pole Hill, of Krinsky's junk yard, of Lucy's acre, and many more. In short, these stories will range through time and topic to present some of the wonderful events and people that are part of the fabric of life in Andover.

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#### 100 Years Ago April 8, 1910

A holdup occurred last night on the Boston and Maine railroad not far from the local depot. A freight train going through about 11 o'clock stopped to shift some of the cars, and, while engaged in the work, the conductor found a typewriter on the ground. His suspicions were aroused and entering the car he found a man who had evidently broken into the car and was planning to get away with his booty when an opportunity offered. The car in question was loaded with household furniture belonging to someone moving into town. The police have been unable to discover the owner. The man, who is a Polander, was taken to the depot and Chief Mears sent for, and was finally lodged in the lockup to await a hearing which will take place late this afternoon.

Passengers who have been travelling back and forth daily on the, for this season of the year, overheated trolley cars welcomed the open cars which appeared a few days ago.

Walther Mack, the well-known baggage master at the local Boston and Maine station was removed to the Lawrence General Hospital a few days ago in a serious condition, typhoid pneumonia being the cause.

The census enumerators for Andover will be Mrs. Elizabeth Stickney, Miss Georgiana M. Ives and Justin E. Clark.

#### 75 Years Ago April 5, 1935

In a letter received early this morning, Chief George A. Dane was instructed by the selectmen to "start a safety drive against all improper operation of motor vehicles." A very rigid patrol between Hidden road and Union street was suggested. The letter stated that there must be no "fixing" [of violations].

Advertisement: "Sacrifice Sale" starting Monday—Parlor sets, gas stoves, breakfast sets, kitchen cabinets, kitchenware, linoleum, bathroom fixtures, carriages, lamps, curtains, drapery materials, and paints. 43 Park St.

Shawsheen Village's second fatal accident of the year occurred shortly before noon last Saturday when Harvey Childs, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Childs of 11 Binney street, was struck by a car while crossing Union street near his home. He was rushed to Lawrence General Hospital where he died Monday morning. He received a fractured skull, fractures of both legs, a possible fracture of the spine and internal injuries. The car was driven by a Dufton Road woman. It was the second child automobile fatality of the year for the town, both having taken place near Union street.

#### 50 Years Ago April 7, 1960

The School Committee created a special administrative post for Benjamin F. Dimlich at Tuesday night's meeting and announced that Mr. Dimlich had agreed to accept it. During a session in the Central Auditorium before 84 spectators,

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TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Audrey Nason of Andover was one of many who dared to let "Fluffy," a red tail boa constrictor from Curious Creatures, wrap himself around her during the Mass School of Law Animal Rights Day in Andover Saturday afternoon.

# ANIMAL ATTRACTIONS

## Law school draws residents to animal rights day

Mary Kilpatrick, a professor at the Massachusetts School of Law, and Jonathan Stone Rankin, a pioneer in the field of animal law, were each honored with the Humane-itarian Award for contributions to improve and enhance the quality of life for animals during the Fourth Annual Animal Rights Day at the Andover law school on Saturday.

Professors Diane Sullivan, an expert in the animal-law field, and Holly Vietzke were the primary organizers of the event, which offered a full slate of activities for children and families, including an Easter Egg hunt with the Easter Bunny in the library of MSL. Other activities included an agility dog demonstration, a demonstration by the canine unit of the Essex County Sheriff's Department, an appearance by the Dogs for Deaf and Disabled Americans, exhibits by The Curious Creatures, The Dolphin Campaign, and International Animal Rescue, and a talk on bird intelligence, by Dr. Irene Pepperberg of Brandeis University, researcher.

Vendors were part of the free day which benefitted The Shadow Fund. The fund was established by the Massachusetts School of Law to assist pet owners who cannot afford necessary medical treatment for their beloved companion animals.

"I am a big believer in the Shadow Fund," WBZ Radio personality and former WBZ-TV



In center, Robert Broderick, 7, touches the back of "Floyd," a blue tongued skink from Curious Creatures, during the Mass School of Law Animal Rights Day in Andover Saturday afternoon, April 3.

reporter Dan Rea, a past recipient of the Humane-itarian Award, said in a release. "There are no administrative costs, so every dollar donated goes directly to helping people and their pets who really need that help.

The Shadow Fund is a small fund. It doesn't raise millions of dollars, but Diane Sullivan and the other people involved with the fund do millions of dollars worth of good work with limited resources."

# Mailbag: Readers offer more on helicopter crash, World War I heroes

### Bill Dalton



Russell Doyle, a prominent businessman and town official before he retired (and a nice guy), sent me an e-mail with follow-up information about the Haggetts Pond 1961 helicopter crash.

### DALTON TALK APRIL 13

Bill Dalton will offer the Andover Historical Society Annual Memorial Lecture on Tuesday, April 13 at 7:15 p.m. at the Society on Main Street. The subject is "Can a Columnist be an Historian?"

of the pond looking from Lowell Street). The crash occurred halfway between the big island and the end of Evergreen Lane where Mr. Doyle lived and which is a little east of Geneva Road, so the helicopter went in the water close to land.

Mr. Doyle, a selectman at the time, says, "It was theorized by the Andover police and fire department personnel that the helicopter was coming in for

a landing on the front lawn of the Bolton house, and ... never reached the destination of the lawn.

"The following morning two divers appeared and from a small boat attached a cable around the sunken helicopter and held the other end of the cable in the boat. In the early afternoon a large helicopter appeared with a 100 foot long cable suspended from the hovering aircraft. The idea was for the men in the boat to connect the two cables and retrieve the sunken helicopter... I remember the challenge of making the connection of the two cables, because the force of the wind currents from the rotating blades created white caps in the water.

"After several attempts the hovering helicopter extended its cable by another 100 feet, and finally the boat occupants connected the two cables. Viola! Out of the depths of Haggetts Pond came a dripping

helicopter! As the boat returned to the Pumping Station the large helicopter with its dangling, dripping cargo disappeared out of sight."

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Mr. and Mrs. Perrin C. Hamilton of Wynnwood, Pa. are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Victoria Kellogg Hamilton to James McDuff McCarthy, son of Dr. and Mrs. Francis R. McCarthy of Andover. Jim is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCarthy of Braintree and the late Mr. and Mrs. M. Murphy of Hingham.

Pa. and received her bachelor of science in psychology from Trinity College in Hartford, Conn. She currently works at Fidelity Investments in Boston.

Jim attended St. John's Prep. in Danvers and received his bachelor of arts in political science from Trinity College. He works at Cetrulo & Capone LLP as a paralegal and attends Suffolk University Law School in Boston.

Tory is a graduate of The Shipley School in Bryn Mawr,

A July 2010 wedding is planned in Pennsylvania.



Ernie Dascoli and Krystie Schackelman

Ernest and Celeste Dascoli are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Ernie to Krystie Schackelman, of Mukwonago, Wis.

Ms. Schackelman is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin and is employed at Benefit Harbor.

Mr. Dascoli is a graduate of Andover High School and Bryant University and is employed

The couple plan an October wedding in Los Angeles.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Rowland awarded fellowship

Two Merrimack College professors, Andover resident Dr. Dana Rowland, associate professor of mathematics, and North Andover resident Dr. David Toth, assistant professor of computer science, have been jointly awarded the Paul E. Murray Fellowship in Science and Engineering for 2010-11.

Their proposal, "A Computational Approach to Knotting in Complete Graphs," is based on a collaborative approach to solving open problems in knot theory using mathematical methods and computational techniques.

Rowland and Toth will be working collaboratively with two Merrimack College students throughout the summer months: mathematics major Andrea Politano of Abington, Mass., and computer science major Mike Walton, of Tewksbury.

"We are thrilled about the opportunity to work with students on this interdisciplinary project," said Rowland. "Knot theory is a branch of mathematics that is accessible to undergraduates, and is full of many unsolved problems. We are eager to establish new results in the field, and to give students a feeling for what mathematicians

and computer scientists do as researchers."

The Paul E. Murray Fellowship, established in 2000, promotes research in science and engineering at Merrimack College. Awarded annually, it supports significant projects of research that will ultimately add to teaching effectiveness.

Dr. Rowland earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Stanford University. Dr. Toth has a bachelor's degree from Connecticut College and a master's degree and Ph.D. from Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Andoverites judge state landscape contest

Andover residents Virginia Lopez Begg and Frances Y. Wheeler were two of the three judges for the Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts when it chose recipients for the three awards it granted at the 2010 Boston Flower Show. Earthworks of Leverett won Landscape Design Award I and the Emily Seaber Parcher Award, and Michael C. Jardin Fine Gardens of Lakeville won Landscape Design Award II.

The LDC judges - Begg,

Wheeler and Mary Bowen Nokes of Lexington - are all long-time council members.

In the military: William Payne

Navy Seaman Recruit William H. Payne, a 2000 graduate of Andover High School, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Payne completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Barbato to run Boston

Housing Families Inc. Chairman of the Board Dave Barbato, 39, who has an office on North Main Street in Andover, will run the 114th Boston Marathon on April 19 to raise funds for his non-profit Housing Families Inc. Barbato is trying to raise \$8,500 for the organization, which operates nearly 100 units of affordable housing and transitional shelter for families.

"I may never run a marathon

again, but this has opened a whole new thing for me," said Barbato, who is also co-founder of the Andover company Talent Retriever, which provides outsourced recruiting support for Boston-area companies.

"When I'm running the thing I think of is that I have two little girls," he said in a release. "I realize it must be difficult for a father who looks at his kids and thinks, 'I just want to give them a home. I want to live in a community.' That's what drives me when I'm starting to feel some pain, starting to get tired. That's what keeps me going."

Barbato's fundraising efforts are supported by The Boston Marathon Non-profit Program, which helps local community programs raise funds by donating invitational entry "bibs." In 2009, 890 marathon runners used these donated bibs to raise \$3.7 million for Boston area service organizations. Including Housing Families, there are 24 official non-profits on the marathon's list of official "bibs" recipients this year. If you would like to assist Barbato in his fundraising efforts, contact Krystle Kelly, Development Manager of Housing Families, at 781-322-9119 or kkelly@housingfamilies.org.

DALTON

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Letters published in 1918 book

Joan Patrakis commented on my columns about General Marlborough and Mary Churchill, pointing out that Mary Churchill's letters to the Townsman during World War I, some of which I'd quoted, were published in a 1918 book titled, "YOU WHO CAN HELP," (Small, Maynard & Company of Boston). I've found the book and it is quite attractive with

pictures of the Churchills and their daughter Mollie. If you are interested, there are other copies available online (e-mail to me if your struggles to find it overcome you).

The Andover Townsman of December 20, 1918, says that Mrs. Marlborough Churchill received a gold medal from the French government for her splendid work in Paris. The citation that went with the medal mentioned that it was by her efforts that emergency stations were established that received wounded men from ambulances. The money for these stations was raised

through her American friends (many from Andover, I'm sure).

American help in WWI

A week before, the Townsman had an editorial and story about 2nd Lt. Thomas Edward Carter of West Andover, the first American officer to be killed in World War I. He was Punchar class of '13 and the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carter, farmers on High Plain Road. "Tom Carter" had risen through the Army ranks from enlisted man to officer. Leading his men "over the top" four times, he was mortally wounded the fifth time.

The book, "Andover In World War I" reported he qualified as second lieutenant at the beginning of America's entry into the war but rather than wait for his commission entered as a private. He was cited for bravery and received the Distinguished Service Medal. He was killed running into German machine-gun fire.

A true Andover hero. Where do such men come from? (Is Carter's Corner named for this family?)

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

YEARS

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the committee voted to create the job, to offer it to Mr. Dimlich, and to pay him \$7,400. In recommending the creation of the job, Supt. Edward I. Erickson cited the growth in the school population, the extensive plant now in use, and additions that may be

required to it in the future.

Photographer Frank Leone Jr., used a sky-level perch to take a picture of the new Shawsheen Plaza shopping center that appears in this week's issue of the Townsman. Through the willing help of Albert Retelle of Reservation road and Jack Fitzgerald, who went aloft with Leone, sufficient height could be attained to get the overall view.

Rigid enforcement of laws

prohibiting dumping on public ways has been promised by Town Manager Thomas E. Duff. He warned all residents that police inspection in the town, specifically around the general area of the dump on Chandler road, will be continuous.

"Editorial Thoughts": A year of construction is ahead, when there will be hardly a section of town that is not in some way affected by major public works

projects. Shawsheen will have its water construction; sewer trunk lines must be installed from Riverina road to Essex street, Rogers Brook reconstruction appears definite; Haggett's Pond will be the site of dam installations; and the state will continue highway construction unabated, particularly on the new Route 110 through West Andover and down to North Main Street.

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# Education

## BOOK REVIEW

### First in Larsson trilogy leaves readers ready for more

By MARI MIYACHI  
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

It has been quite some time since a movie both captivated me and piqued my creative curiosity, as did *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* directed by Niels Arden Oplev. Curious about the film's international origins, I looked it up to discover that, like many great movies, it was based off a best-selling novel, this one by the late Stieg Larsson, a Swedish journalist and author. I decided to read the trilogy that inspired this silver screen adaptation.

*The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* by Stieg Larsson weaves together the lives of three dissimilar and seemingly incompatible protagonists: Henrik Vanger, the elderly former head of industrial giant Vanger Corp., a man tortured by the murder of his niece Harriet almost 40 years prior; Mikael Blomkvist, a middle-aged journalist and modern-day incarnation of a muckraker, whose reputation is under attack after a recent conviction in a libel trial against a powerful Swedish businessman; and Lisbeth Salander, a gothic misanthrope with a penchant for hacking computers and works as a private investigator. Henrik hires Blomkvist to solve the mystery of the disappearance of Harriet, and despite his misgivings, Blomkvist accepts. Salander at first merely shadows Blomkvist's slow progress through hacking his computer, but later, their paths will intersect as they both become closer to discovering the truth.

At times when the movie was painfully and violently graphic, the book manages

to more artfully describe the scene and plot. Details that managed to escape during film production buttress the psychological complexities of the story. A mystery book by standard definition, *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* presents a set of carefully crafted and truly memorable characters – Salander, the book's namesake, is perhaps most notable with her chain-smoking, dyed-black hair, photographic memory and extreme vulnerability. They are full of contradictions, and in this way, very human and relatable.

I would give *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* a 9 out of 10. The story is undoubtedly complex and its strengths lie in the many layers. However, while the movie leaves some of these threads hanging loose at the close, the novel manages to tie them together in a stunning and thoughtful end. This is not to say that *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* does not leave you wanting more – indeed, by nature of being the first in a trilogy, the book should, and certainly does, leave room for both plot and character development. I would highly recommend this novel for high school aged readers and older, and predict that, like me, readers will not only quickly finish Larsson's first book, but be highly motivated to complete the entire trilogy.

The writer is an Andover resident and Phillips Academy high school student who writes reviews for young adults.

### 'GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO'

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

It's Thursday afternoon, April 1, and West Middle School Engineering teacher Dan Miley and a small group of seventh-graders are standing in bright sunlight atop the school roof. Some students carefully hold a large solar panel, as classmates install a wooden frame they've built for it.

The solar panel, the second of two donated by the Andover Fund for Education, will power overhead lights in the engineering classroom. For years to come, the panel's operation will be part of seventh-grade engineering curriculum on sources of alternative energy.

It seems all definitions of the word "illuminating" apply here. "The terms watt and kilowatt are totally abstract (to a seventh-grader). But if you can feel them, do them, see them, you know what they are," said Miley.

The two rooftop solar panels connect to batteries and a power converter in the engineering classroom. Students monitor how much energy is being collected, and calculate how long it will power an appliance or light.

If it's cloudy, the classroom lights can operate on stored battery power, said Miley. If they need to, they can also switch on the grid-powered fluorescent classroom lights.

"It's like money in the bank,"

## Illuminating project

### WMS solar panel will power classroom lights, teach



BETHANY BRAY/staff photo

West Middle School engineering teacher Dan Miley, left, installs a solar panel on the roof of WMS with the help of seventh-graders on April 1. The panel, paid for by the Andover Fund for Education, will power lights in the engineering classroom, and its operation will be included in seventh-grade engineering curriculum on energy.

said Miley, explaining the battery system. "We're making a deposit from the panels on the roof."

West Middle's newest solar panel is made by Sharp, produces

up to 130 watts of electricity in full sun and is 9 square feet. When combined with the school's other, 64-watt panel, just over 700 watt-hours of electricity are produced

on a sunny day in Andover, lighting the classroom for most of one school day, said Miley.

Seventh-grader Morgan Starkweather said the project has given her a greater appreciation for what's involved in flicking on a light switch.

"I learned how much power it takes to run just one light," she said.

Morgan was part of a team of students that designed the new solar-powered lighting system.

"I thought it would be cool to design and pick the lights," she said. "To be part of making the engineering room better, making it more eco-friendly."

As part of the project, Miley also altered a bicycle to be a "human/electric hybrid," which translates solar power into miles. Energy collected by the WMS solar panels for one day, stored in batteries on the bicycle, will power the bike for his 20-mile commute to school. The bike has also been ridden through the WMS engineering classroom and hallway – all in the name of teaching, of course.

Engineering is taught in all three of Andover's middle schools, and the seventh-grade energy curriculum was written by Miley and Steve Cogger, engineering teacher at Doherty Middle School.

Doherty Middle is also in the middle of a project involving

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## Pitch for a parent coaching center

Ken Seifert



People usually mean more than they say. Socrates is given credit for saying, "Know thyself." Ben Franklin followed about 1900 years later with, "Easier said than done." Years ago at one of our luncheons, Ted Sizer, former headmaster of Phillips Academy,

talked about, "Treating student as Worker and teacher as Coach."

One need not take him literally. He was implying that students should progress from a dependent worker to a more independent worker. He meant the teacher must go from a head coach to an advisor role as the student matures. Easier said

than done, unless you know what he meant, which is that both teacher and parent are the primary coaches as the child matures.

What he said and what he meant had a profound effect on me. It is at the core of my reasoning to develop a

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causes many buildings to collapse. Here are some earthquake terms: Fault or fault plane is the place where the slip takes place on the surface. The hypocenter is the place below the earth's surface where the earthquake starts. The epicenter is the spot on the surface of the earth above the hypocenter. Scientists want to predict earthquakes before they happen. They know where the fault lines are located. They know most earthquakes happen along these fault lines. They just can't predict when an earthquake will happen. Sometimes there are foreshocks before an earthquake. Aftershocks take place after an earthquake. The most active area for earthquakes is called the Pacific Ring of Fire. This ring cir-

cles around the Pacific Ocean. It stretches up the western coast of South and North America, across Alaska, and along the east coast of Asia. About 90% of the world's earthquakes take place along the Ring of Fire. The Pacific Ring of Fire also has 75% of the world's volcanoes. Two small earthquakes were detected in Oklahoma recently. There is a whole lot of shaking going on, even in the state where the Kid lives!

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## SEIFERT

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Parent Coaching Center. Last week I shared ideas about a possible preschool coaching center. We needn't stop there, since study skills would greatly help grades 4 to 8 as well. As I share the following true story, it seems to me ripe for another strategy for the parent coach's tool box. Annetta Freedman was a superb educator and one gracious lady. She was the director

of media services for over 30 years. She left our schools when she was 80. She still had much to offer. I now picture her as the library director of heaven. In the late '70s, we were discussing how to improve services for our children. I shared the thought of a series of six to eight sessions on study skills for junior high students. She said, "Let me think about it." Less than a month later, she came into my office with the essential skills guide and suggested materials. I asked, "Who will do all this work?" She said

she already had the volunteers and all she needed was a few dollars. It was to be held in the evening. I gave her \$500 from the New Initiative Account. In less than two months we had over 100 students and some parents participating in the program. There was no task force, no feasibility study. We had what we thought was a good plan and we made it happen. The goal was to offer something extra for those students and parents who saw merit in better study skills. We even had a competency test that certified the

student had passed the study skills program. It was truly a case of just as easy done once said. Thank you, Mrs. Freedman and those staff members and parents who made it possible. Study skills should be in the tool box at the Parent Coaching Center. Parents helping parents, with a little guidance from the educators, could be a coaches dream team. Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover schools.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's is for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, April 12-16:

### Elementary schools

**Monday:** Tacos and toppings, soup and sandwich, manager's choice, Spanish rice, refried beans topped with cheese and chilled melon.  
**Tuesday:** Chicken tenders with dips and a roll, cheese quesadilla with salsa and chips, manager's choice, baked potato wedges, veggie sticks and dip and fresh fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce and garlic bread, grilled chicken on a roll, side of macaroni salad, manager's choice, seasoned green beans, fresh fruit cup and juice.  
**Thursday:** Chicken scampi with rice, Italian bread, cheese burger deluxe, manager's choice, tossed salad, chilled peaches with topping and juice.  
**Friday:** Cheese or veggie personal pizza, tossed salad and rainbow fruit salad.

### Middle schools

**Monday:** Steak-and-cheese calzone, ham and cheese calzone, turkey salad wrap, veggie sticks and dip, cole slaw and fresh fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Grilled jumbo hotdog, bacon cheeseburger deluxe, manager's choice, macaroni salad, BBQ beans and peach cobbler.  
**Wednesday:** Chicken scampi, garlic bread, cheese quesadilla with salsa and chips, fish sticks, tossed salad, squash and apple bake and chilled pears.  
**Thursday:** Cutlet parmesan sub, Italian sub, manager's choice, spicy fries, Italian green beans and fresh fruit.  
**Friday:** Oven-fried chicken with biscuit, Cuban pork sub, manager's

choice, rice pilaf, seasoned veggies and fresh fruit.

### Andover High School

**Monday:** Bacon cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, cutlet parmesan with sauce and cheese, chicken scampi, bread stick, tossed salad, ham and cheese club and fresh fruit.  
**Tuesday:** Steak-and-cheese sub, ham and cheese panini, buffalo chicken wrap, spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, side salad, chicken caesar wrap and fresh fruit.  
**Wednesday:** Meatball sub, grilled chicken with feta and special sauce panini, chili dog, oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, grilled chicken panini and fresh fruit.  
**Thursday:** Steak-and-cheese wrap, mucho nacho boat, fish sandwich with lettuce and tomato, roasted pork with lemon and herbs, steamed broccoli, rice pilaf, bread stick, buffalo chicken and fruit cup.  
**Friday:** Grilled teriyaki chicken with peppers and onions, double cheeseburger, pastrami sandwich and manager's choice. 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.

## SOLAR

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solar panels. Cogger is orchestrating the installation of grant-funded rooftop panels, and stung up a Web site where students and the community can view real-time data on how much energy is being collected. The site will also display weather and other readings.

Both of the WMS solar panels, as well as a power controller and A/C inverter, were paid for by the Andover Fund for Education. Eight new lights for the classroom, hung above shop benches furthest from the windows, were donated by Granite City Electric; batteries were donated by California-based Power Sonic.

"This is the perfect thing we're looking to fund. We're looking for innovative, creative projects. Something that can grow," said Barbara Neal, AFE treasurer.

## ON CAMPUS

The Trial Advocacy Team from Massachusetts School of Law continued its recent run of great success in the 2010 Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, finishing third in the highly competitive Northeast Region Jan. 30 and 31.

The competition was sponsored by the National Black Law School Students Association. MSL finished behind only Harvard Law School, which took the top two spots.

MSL will now advance to the National Finals, which will take place March 10 to 14 in Cambridge, for the third time in four years.

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The Northeast Region is comprised of 33 schools in New York, New England and northern New Jersey. Other schools competing in this year's competition included New York University Law School, St. John's University Law School, Brooklyn University Law School, and Syracuse University Law School.

Leslie Uldine Walker of Andover, a Spanish major with minors in education and linguistics at Wake Forest University. She studied in Salamanca, Spain

for the fall semester. Walker is the daughter of Brian and Mary Walker.

Alissa Joy Benham of Andover was named to the dean's list at Miami University in December 2009.

Andrea Ruth Coravos of Andover was named the dean's list with distinction at Duke University for the fall 2009 semester. Coravos is an economics major and is the daughter of Evan and Dee Dee Coravos.

Boston University awarded academic degrees in January. Receiving degrees were Rebecca C. Orcutt, master of business administration in business administration and management, honors; and Robert S. Weldon, masters of mathematics for teaching in mathematics for teaching.

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## VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

### Sophomore Kuykendall takes on captain's role for Andover

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

He is just 15-years-old, and is entering only his second season of high school volleyball. But Joe Kuykendall has already been thrust into the leadership role as captain for the Andover High volleyball team.

Kuykendall paces a Golden Warrior squad that has opened the season 1-2 through Monday, including a victory over Greater Lowell.

But while most sophomores are just getting their feet wet at the varsity level, Kuykendall is being asked to lead the squad as the lone captain on the court for Andover.

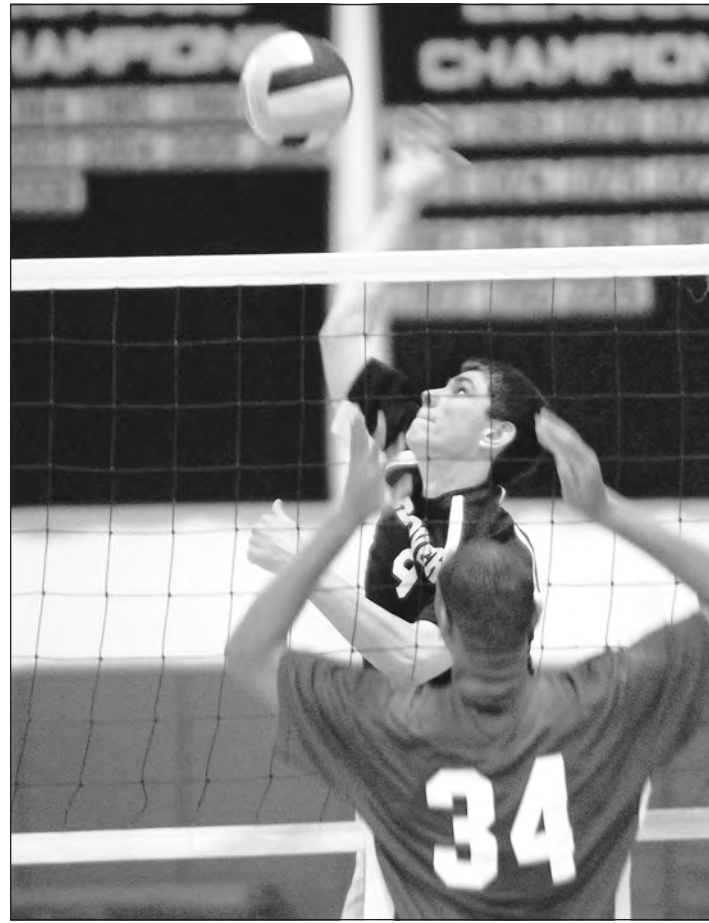
"It can be very tough," said Kuykendall, the son of new varsity head coach Dave Kuykendall. "A lot of the guys are older than me, and I don't always feel like I should be telling them what to do. But they have really understood that I know what I'm doing, and I have some experience."

Heading into this season, Kuykendall was one of just two players returning from the 2009 varsity team that was 19-4 and advanced to the Division 1 North final. The other was senior Brian McQuaide, and both were elected co-captains. But in the second game of this season, against powerhouse St. John's Prep, McQuaide suffered what appears to be a season-ending knee injury.

Suddenly, Kuykendall found himself in the spotlight.

"As a leader he has done a very good job," said father Dave Kuykendall, a longtime assistant who took over the varsity job this season when hall of fame head coach George Sullivan stepped down for medical reasons.

"It's a fine line. He has to be



CARL RUSSO/staff photo

Andover's 6-foot-2 Joe Kuykendall flies over the net for a spike against Greater Lowell. Just a sophomore, Kuykendall is now the only captain and lone returning varsity player on the court for the Golden Warriors after the injury to co-captain Brian McQuaide.

careful not to cross that line and recognize he's a sophomore. It can be very tough trying to lead older kids. But the kids have been great, and Joe knows what he's talking about."

At 6-foot-2, Kuykendall's position of setter is conducive to his role as the team's point man.

"Being a setter is like being the point guard in basketball or the quarterback in football," said Kuykendall. "I can really see how things are supposed to be, and I can visualize

success because I've been there before."

Kuykendall began honing his leadership skills while playing club volleyball for the Beantown Volleyball Club out of Newton.

"I can be pretty vocal," he said. "The instructors in club and at camps have gotten mad at me because I was trying to help people out in what they were supposed to do. I can't help it."

Joe isn't the first Kuykendall

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## BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW

### Once a midfielder, Nicholson now at home in goal

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Most would call an athlete willing to step in front of a ball fired at 80-plus mile-per-hour — while wearing virtually no padding — crazy.

But Andover goalie Crosby Nicholson welcomes the pain.

"Once you build up the tolerance you like the feeling when the ball hits you," said Nicholson. "It hurts, but it only hurts for a minute, and it means you made the save."

Nicholson's work in goal is a key to the success of the Golden Warriors boys lacrosse team, which opened the season last Thursday.

But the junior is hardly a grizzled veteran in net. In fact, Nicholson is in his first varsity season as a goalie after playing in the field last season.

"I'm thrilled for this year," said Nicholson. "The coaches talked to be about being a full-time goalie after last season, and I spent the entire offseason preparing."

While playing mostly field in club lacrosse, Nicholson did impress in his first high school lacrosse season playing goalie for the Andover freshman team when the original netminder was lost with an injury.

But, with All-Merrimack Valley Conference goalie Jake Gostanian already established in net last season, the Golden Warriors coaching staff devised a new way to use Nicholson's skills.

"We knew we had to keep him on the field," said Andover lacrosse coach Wayne Puglisi. "So we used him as a longstick midfielder, which is a defensive specialist."

"Crosby could learn our defenses better while also understudying with Jake at goal. He saw varsity speed and made



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover goalie Crosby Nicholson confidently guards the net early this season. A midfielder for the varsity team last season, Nicholson is now at home stopping shots this year.

the transition a lot easier."

Nicholson found his time as a field player valuable.

"Every day I was going through the defensive schemes and I learned what each player's job was," he said. "As a goalie, I have to run the defense and communicate. I understand the situations and where the people have to be, and it helps me lead them. I also had the clear the ball a lot as a midfielder, and that helps a lot as a goalie."

He also enjoyed the chance to be in the action on the field.

"You have to use your body,"

Nicholson said. "You also get the deal out the damage unless you are running up field with the ball. I liked to throw a good check once in a while, but I was also more anxious to get the ball back into our offensive zone."

But, as was the original plan, Nicholson was converted back to goal this season. He has been in net for both games for Andover (0-2), including an 18-save outing against Cape Ann League power Masconomet.

"He's been preparing for this

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# Tennis teams wow in opening wins

### BOYS TENNIS

Returning Merrimack Valley Conference Player of the Year Bjorn Merinder cruised to a 6-1, 6-0 victory as Andover opened the season by blasting Haverhill 5-0 on Monday. Jeff Birenbaum (6-0, 6-0) and Austin Bendetson (6-0, 6-0) sailed to victory at No. 2 and No. 3 singles for the winners.

### GIRLS TENNIS

The No. 1 doubles team of Melanie Zakin and Reid Campbell and the No. 2 squad of Thiline Huizing and Tijana Samardzic each earned 6-0, 6-0 victories as Andover topped Haverhill 5-0 in the team's season-opener. Michelle Krupnik and Rachel Ochs swept victories at No. 2 and No. 3 singles for the winners.

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

#### Warriors open strong

Behind 12 assists and 17 digs from senior captain Brian McQuaide, Andover opened the season with a 25-10, 25-10, 19-25, 25-19 win over Greater Lowell last Monday. Joe Kuykendall added 12 kills and Chad Cameron had 23 service points for the winners.

Chad Cameron tallied 10 service points, but Andover fell to Newton South 25-17, 25-5, 25-17 last Thursday.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

#### Caro's hat trick for naught

Jenn Caro scored three goals, but Andover fell to Needham 8-7 last Wednesday. Ally Fazio added two goals and Sara Miller and Rosie Forster each

scored once for the Golden Warriors.

### BOYS LACROSSE

#### King excels in defeat

Despite a hat trick for Alex King, Andover lost to Waltham 7-6 last Thursday. Matt McIver, Nick Price and John Fiorentino each tallied a single goal and an assist for the Warriors.

Matt McIver scored two goals and assisted on another, but Andover dropped a 7-3 decision to Masconomet on Monday. Jake Gilman scored the Warriors' other goal.

### SOFTBALL

#### Andover struggles in opener

Andover opened its season with a 10-0 loss to Tewksbury on Monday. Jordan Day mustered the Warriors' lone hit.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### BASEBALL

April 10.....Westfield.....noon  
April 14.....at Chelmsford.....2:30 p.m.

### SOFTBALL

April 12.....Lowell.....3:30 p.m.  
April 14.....at Haverhill.....3:30 p.m.

### BOYS TRACK

April 14.....at Lowell.....3:30 p.m.

### GIRLS TRACK

April 14.....at Lowell.....3:30 p.m.

### BOYS LACROSSE

April 9.....Chelmsford.....6 p.m.  
April 13.....at Lowell.....6 p.m.

### GIRLS LACROSSE

April 9.....at Chelmsford.....4 p.m.  
April 10.....Masconomet.....1 p.m.  
April 13.....Lowell.....7 p.m.

### BOYS VOLLEYBALL

April 9.....Methuen.....6:15  
April 12.....at Dracut.....4 p.m.  
April 14.....Central Catholic.....6:15

### BOYS TENNIS

April 9.....Boston Latin Academy.....4 p.m.  
April 12.....Chelmsford.....3:30 p.m.  
April 14.....at Lawrence.....4 p.m.

### GIRLS TENNIS

April 12.....at Chelmsford.....3:30 p.m.



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## CAPTAIN: Sophomore stepping into a leadership role

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to excel for the Golden Warriors. His sister, Ariel, was a tri-captain for the 2008 girls squad on which father Dave was an assistant to Sullivan.

"I was around those teams as a manager and it really helped me learn about how the game is played," said Joe. "It can be strange with my father as the coach at times. We disagree on some things and he is very high-intensity. But we love talking volleyball."

While he has been impressed with how his son has handled the pressures of his new role, the coach also acknowledges it has

been challenging.

"It's been hard," said Dave Kuykendall. "Especially with McQuaide going down, he feels a ton of responsibility. He feels like he needs to get to every ball. We keep reminding him he doesn't need to do everything himself. But he's a gamer and a competitor. He just wants to win."

While he is growing into his job as a captain, Joe Kuykendall has also performed in his job on the court.

"He is very knowledgeable," said Dave Kuykendall. "He is a smart player that knows all of the alignments and everyone's job. 'Joe can set, he can hit. He's a

very good passer."

Now, with the season still in its early stages, Kuykendall feels like the team is beginning to find its way.

"While the record may not show it, I feel like we are gelling together and we are playing well," said Joe. "We have had some frustrations, but a lot of inexperienced guys are finding their way, and I think the rest of the season will be very interesting."

### Boys Volleyball

**2009 season:** 19-4, lost in North final  
**Returning starters:** None  
**Returning lettermen:** Brian McQuaide, 5-11, Sr., libero; Joe Kuykendall, 6-2,

Soph., setter

**Promising newcomers:** Brian Gianopoulos, 6-2, Sr., middle hitter; Chad Cameron, Sr., 6-1, outside hitter; Michael Prencipe, Sr., outside hitter; Pat Morrow, 6-0, Jr., middle hitter; Joe Sievers, 5-11, Jr., outside hitter; Connor Sullivan 6-4, Jr., middle hitter; Zack Verrette, 6-3, Jr., right side hitter; Colin Rivet, 5-8, Jr., defensive specialist/setter; Will Gold, 5-10, Soph., outside hitter; Eduardo Machado, 5-11, Soph., right side hitter

**Captains:** Brian McQuaide, Joe Kuykendall

**Assistants:** George Sullivan, JV  
**Head coach:** Dave Kuykendall (1st year)

**Fast fact:** George Sullivan resigned at Andover after 21 years. He'll be an assistant until he undergoes double knee surgery. He will remain as girls coach.

## NICHOLSON: Making the switch from midfielder to goalie

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all offseason in club," said Puglisi. "He is a lacrosse junky. He'll play wherever he can. He has a very strong outlet pass, and his work as a midfielder makes it easier for him to carry the ball. He is also very athletic in and out of the net. We are very excited about him."

### Outside influence

While his work as a midfielder in lacrosse, and as a defender in soccer, have been valuable in his

emergence as a goaltender, Nicholson noted another sport that has been a major influence.

"I did Judo for eight years, until high school," he said. "The practices were so intense and it required so much endurance. And I would compete in tournaments during the week. I would love to go back to Judo."

"Judo is all about balance and flexibility. That carries right into goaltending. Good balance and footwork skills allow you to make the awkward saves."

### Boys Lacrosse

**2009 season:** 12-8, lost in Division 1 East first round

**Returning starters (2):** Jimmy Johnson, Sr., defense; John Fiorentino, Sr., midfield

**Returning lettermen:** Andrew Beechinor, Sr., defense; Jake Gilman, Sr., attack; Ben Traub, Sr., defense; Alex Fortune, Sr., defensive midfield; Connor Gaffney, Jr., attack; Crosby Nicholson, Jr., goalie; Ben Cook, Jr., defense

**Newcomers:** Garrison Wilson, Sr., midfield; John Gaffney, Jr. goalie; Matt Swett, Jr., defensive-midfield; Jack Kieckhafer, Jr., defensive midfield;

Kyle Becker, Jr., longstick/midfield; Caleb Lynch, Jr., longstick midfield; Nick Sherman, Jr., defense; Kurt Geffken, Jr., defense; Chris Newton, Jr., defense; Michael Galletti, Jr., midfield; Alex Morrill, Jr., midfield; Conor Timmins, Jr., midfield; Taber Tyrrell, Soph., defense; Nick Price, Soph., midfield; Thomas Lomedico, Soph., midfield; Alex King, Soph., attack; Matt McIver, Soph., attack; Tim LaBrie, Soph., attack

**Captains:** Jimmy Johnson  
**Returning leaders:** Connor Gaffney 18 goals

**Returning honorees:** John Fiorentino and Jimmy Johnson, MVC All-Stars

**Head coach:** Wayne Puglisi (11th year, 122-66)

**Assistants:** Matt James, Mike Lamagna, Ed Brandt, JV; Doug Chervonetz, Frosh. Brian Contona, Frosh.



From left, Carolyn Goldstein, Melissa Lee, Katie Rosen; front row, Anabelle Rie.

## Andover skaters join Olympic medalists for show

Young Andover skaters will join with Olympians this weekend as the Skating Club of Boston presents its annual ice show.

Skaters take to the ice on Saturday, April 10 at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Sunday, April 11 at 2 p.m. for a show involving Olympic Silver Medalists Meryl Davis and Charlie White, as well as US Men's medalist Ryan Bradley. Davis and White "skyrocketed to the top of the ice skating competitive scene this season with their groundbreaking performance of 'Bollywood,' a performance that has garnered more than 269,000 YouTube hits to date worldwide," according to organizers.

Andover skaters include 10th-grader Carolyn Goldstein,

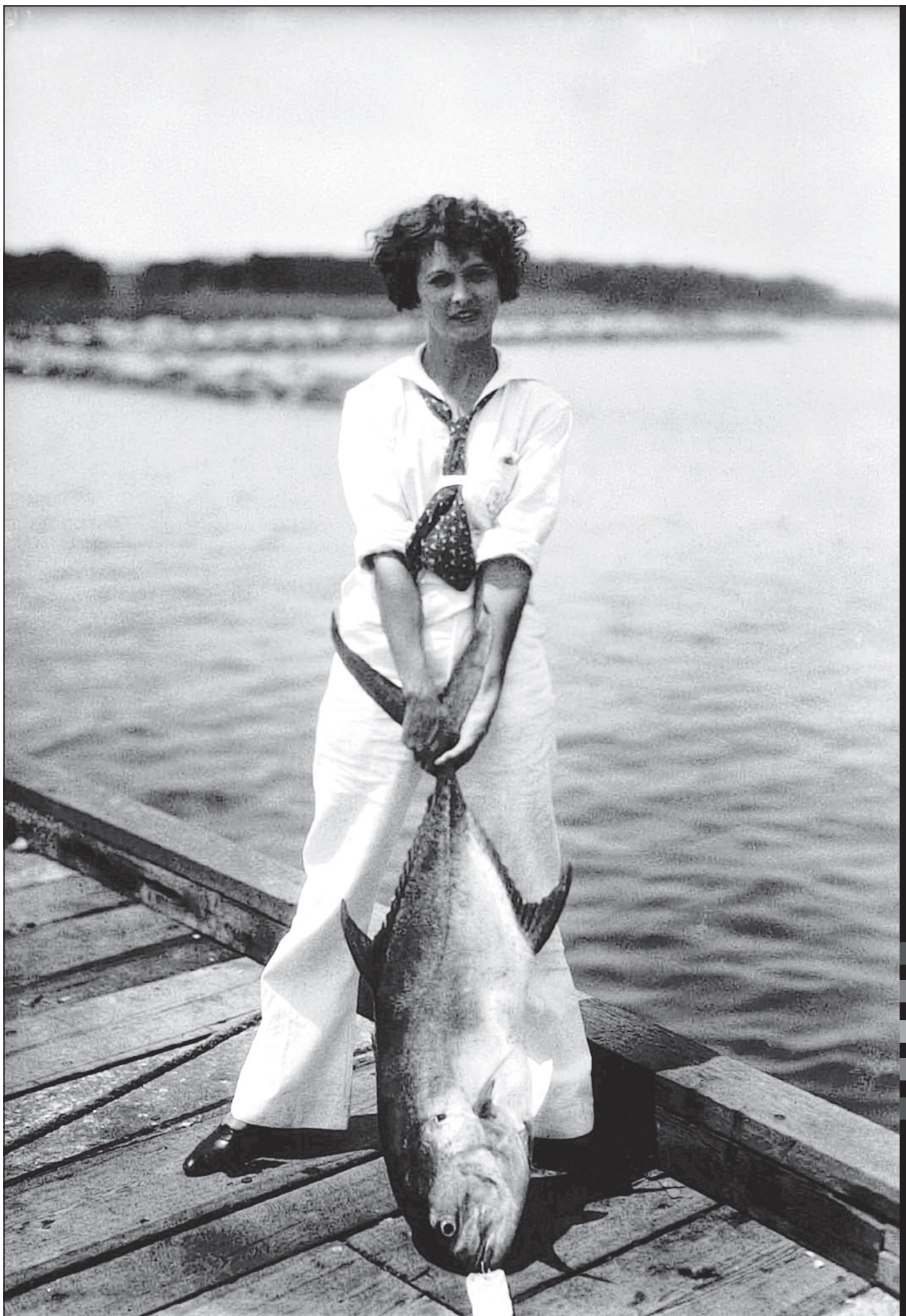
who is also an accomplished violinist; Katie Rosen, a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School; and Annabelle Rie, a kindergartener at the Andover Montessori School.

Melissa Lee, a freshman at Andover High School, competed at the intermediate level this past season and placed fourth overall at the 2010 New England Regional Championships, qualifying her to compete at the 2010 Junior National Championships in Strongsville, Ohio.

Call the Harvard Box Office at 617-496-2222 to purchase tickets, which are going quickly. All profits go to benefit Children's Hospital, Project Bridge, and the Girl Scouts of America, according to a release from organizers.

## Young archer

Molly Hollis, a 10-year-old fifth-grader at Sanborn Elementary School, recently placed second in the Freestyle Cub (12 and under) National Field Archery Association 2010 New England Indoor Sectional Archery Tournament held March 26 to 28 at the Lunenburg Sportsman's Club in Lunenburg, Mass. At right, Molly accepts her award from Ken Moore, councilman from the NFAA.



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