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History repeated for resident who lived through 1936 flood

During the flood of 1936 when the Shawsheen River broke its banks, Gretchen Blamire was 16 and living on Argyle Street in Andover. She moved back to town the week of this year's floods. Blamire still owns the school report she wrote on the '36 weather event.

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Staff photo



BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The Andover Townsman headline read "Shawsheen, Marland Villages submerged." Front-page stories reported flooded homes, evacuations and power outages, calling it "the worst flood in the town's history."

What could have been news coverage of the rains and flooding that overtook Andover last month were actual headlines and content from the March 20, 1936 Andover Townsman.

Although 74 years apart – almost to the day – the two incidents bear striking similarities. Many of the same streets and areas of town were flooded, and

in both cases, more than 100 residents evacuated.

Andover native Gretchen (Herrick) Blamire still has the report she wrote as a Punchard High School sophomore on the 1936 flooding. She received an A+ for her account of the events of March 1936, supplemented by maps, photos and articles clipped from newspapers of the time.

"I was so proud of that paper," she said.

It was a little bit of déjà vu for Blamire last month. She moved into Marland Place assisted living facility on March 11, only to be evacuated by the raging Shawsheen River four days later. She stayed with her daughter, Jean Sousa, in North Attleboro.

Blamire, who will turn 90 in June, jokes she didn't realize she was moving into "waterfront property" at Marland Place.

In 1936, Blamire was 16, living on Argyle Street in Shawsheen. Her family's home became refuge to aunts, uncles and cousins living on Carisbrook and York Street.

"Shawsheen was the hardest hit area. We lived on Argyle Street, and we were at the top of the hill, so we didn't have any water in our house," said Blamire. "We had family stay with us, and we were all housebound, with no electricity. I can strongly remember – the dining room table was set with a white table cloth, and there was always food on the table. I can remember a string across the

fireplace, and hanging up dish towels to dry for the next meal."

"We've always been a close family. I just remember a house full of people, and the table was never cleared. Someone was always in the dining room eating," remembered Blamire with a chuckle.

Blamire's father, Leslie Herrick, was a clerk for the American Woolen Company, which ran the mills in Shawsheen. Blamire remembers her father joining in rescue efforts, evacuating Shawsheen residents by boat.

Last month, Blamire was one of 115 residents evacuated from Marland Place, after more than eight inches of rain fell on the

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Dismal Saturday morning weather couldn't dampen the support of those who attended a walk and run to benefit disabled veterans. From left, Andover High School freshman Amanda Belanger, Dara Casey, Cindy Rayner and Jean Shapiro cheer for runners and joggers as they finish a four-mile run or walk through downtown Andover to raise money and awareness for "Homes for Our Troops," a national charity building specially adapted homes for injured veterans returning from the war on terror. Organizer Bill Pennington said the first-time Andover event raised about \$4,800 and he expects to run the event again next year. More photos in Townspeople, page 6.

Town Meeting starts April 28

Budget, downtown's future top agenda

Andover residents will decide at Annual Town Meeting next week just how much of their money town officials can spend and whether to move the town yard out of the downtown.

More pre-Town Meeting coverage, Pages 8, 9

With less than a week before its start, officials are hopeful that they will reach a resolution on the town budget by today, Thursday, April 22. There is a more than \$2.7 million difference between the budget recommended by the superintendent and the town manager.

Annual Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 28 and Thursday, April 29 at the Andover High School Collins Field House and Monday, May 3 and Tuesday, May 4 at the Collins Center Auditorium at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road, if necessary. The meetings will start at 7 p.m. each night.

Among other issues to be decided is whether:

- to spend \$21.9 million to buy a Dascomb Road facility and retrofit it to serve as a new town yard. Officials say the cost of the Dascomb Road facility would be reduced by leasing part of it, selling the downtown town-yard land, and then collecting new tax revenue on that land once it is redeveloped.

- to create a new district that would frame how the current town-yard land could be developed.

- to buy land near Fosters Pond to expand recreation opportunities there.

- turn back on streetlights shut to save money.

- to spend \$1 million on new filters for the water-treatment plant

- to install pay-and-display meters in the parking lot behind the Town House, also known as Old Town Hall.

- to buy land near the proposed Blanchard Street fields to allow for better access and parking.

Getting there

A shuttle bus will be available on campus and will loop around the high school parking lots during the meeting.

All registered voters who attend Town Meeting

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Cardinal O'Malley comes to Andover to share what brought him to priesthood

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

Cardinal Seán O'Malley will come to Andover next week to tell his story of how he felt called by God to a religious life.

The public is invited to hear O'Malley speak. Following a short prayer service, he will tell his story at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., on Wednesday, April 28, starting at 7 p.m.

"It's a unique experience for the parish, for the area. We're all excited about it," said the Rev. Joseph Narog OSA, who believes the night will be a time "to pray for all vocations and reflect on our own lives and see where God is calling us."

"He will reflect on vocations and particularly his own story and I think people are interested in that," said Narog. "I've never actually heard him tell it, and there's something in the telling. He's a very good public speaker."

There are only 16 U.S. Cardinals and O'Malley is one of only five Cardinals who lead a U.S. archdiocese. This is O'Malley's first visit to Andover since he came to bless the parish's new Religious Education Center on March 31, 2007. A reception in that center will follow the cardinal's reflections. The center is across a parking lot from St. Augustine Church.

"It's a bit unusual to have the cardinal come to a parish, especially

during the week, so it's a very exciting thing to have him tell the story in a simple, relaxed setting," said Jim Hauer, co-head of St. Augustine's vocations committee and a parishioner since he moved to town in 1987.

While some may hear the term *vocation* and think the evening is about attracting people to the priesthood, Narog said the purpose of the night is to focus on how God calls each person in different ways.

"A vocation is married life, the single life, religious life and the priesthood. We look at all of those," said Narog. "In single life, maybe you're being called to help in your

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Chester Darling stands by the window of his Mayflower Road in Andover. He has submitted a private Town Meeting warrant article concerning the more than 600 street lights across town that were shut off in late 2009 to save money on electricity.

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you check their precinct numbers before going to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

The town recommends people

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FLOOD: Woman recalls historic water woes of 1936

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Merrimack Valley March 13, 14 and 15 swelling the Shawsheen River over flood stage. Numerous roads around Andover were closed, and school was cancelled on March 16 because school buses would have been unable to make their routes.

In mid-life, Blamire and her husband, Bud, relocated to Rye, N.H. from Andover. It has been a homecoming, she said, to return to her hometown and move into Marland Place.

"I just feel I've come home to Andover," said Blamire, who has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. "I am very happy here at Marland. The people are wonderful and the staff is great. I have nothing to complain about."

She has one daughter in North Attleboro and a second, Joanne Barnhardt in Arizona. Her grandson, Jay Sousa, lives on Montclair Avenue in town and "takes good care of me," said Blamire.

Excerpts from March 20 and 27, 1936 Andover Townsman

"Friday and Saturday night found Andover devoid of lights. Homes used candles and where available, old-fashioned lamps. Flashlights were very much in evidence. Drugstores remained open by the use of candles and lanterns, although the lack of electricity and heating methods prevented the sale of such things as milkshakes and the making of syrups for sundaes. Transportation facilities from Lawrence were so bad that tonics did not get through."

immunize themselves against typhoid fever, a danger lurking in flood waters.

When doctors donated their services, offering typhoid shots at the American Legion, more than 500 people were immunized.

Black-and-white photos in the Andover Historical Society's archives show 1936 floodwaters half way up first-floor windows of buildings in Shawsheen Square and on Balmoral and Riverina Streets. The images capture public officials surveying the area and residents being evacuated by motor boats, canoes and row boats, some being pushed, gondola-style with long poles.

One photo pictured a car with a Red Cross flag draped across the hood. Men surround the car, sipping cups of coffee, taking a break from filling sand bags and rescue efforts. They're wearing dress hats, neck ties, vests and dress shoes, despite the dirty tasks of the day. One man's long dress coat shows a water stain several inches deep along the bottom.

Another photo shows a woman being evacuated out of a first-

HISTORY REPEATING?

"The local Western Union office's machine could not be used and Arthur Janes, operator, had to resort to the old-time single key to send the many messages which came in Friday. By Saturday the office had become so cold that he was operating with gloves on."

A large box on the front page of the March 20, 1936 Townsman read: "Because of the failure of the power supply due to the flood, today's Townsman had to be printed by hand. We preferred to print this issue at considerable inconvenience rather than leave our readers without

any Townsman. News on last night's events necessarily had to be omitted, along with other features which had not been set on our machines before the electric power failed. All omitted stories will be included in next Friday's Townsman.

WARNING: All residents of Shawsheen and everybody who works in Lawrence, Haverhill, Lowell and North Andover should be inoculated against typhoid immediately. There is no need of boiling Andover water. Signed, BOARD OF HEALTH"



This March 1936 photo, on file at the Andover Historical Society, shows Shawsheen Square completely underwater. That year's torrential rains caused the Shawsheen River to rise one inch per hour during the heaviest flooding. The town was without power for several days and the National Guard came to aid in evacuation and rescue efforts. Note the building underwater almost up to its roof.

floor window of the Shawsheen Laundry building. Her male rescuer is standing in water up to his knees and holds her,

honey-moon-style, with one arm under her knees and one arm behind her back. Both subjects grin for the camera.

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'Worst flood in town's history'

The 1936 Townsman reported "torrential downpours" on March 14 and 18 and Shawsheen River levels rising one inch per hour during the worst of the flooding. The river crested higher than in the previous 55 years records had been kept.

The flooding was severe enough to lift a garage from a home on North Main street, floating it over to the next yard, according to the March 27 Andover Townsman.

A National Guard unit stationed itself at Phillips Academy, helping Andover police serve a town that was without power for several days. The town health department urged residents to

O'MALLEY: Cardinal will speak in Andover on April 28

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community."

When O'Malley became the head of the Archdiocese of Boston, he asked each parish to form a vocations committee. St. Augustine did and has offered an annual Vocations Awareness Week that has been well attended. During these vocations weeks, parishioners, nuns and others tell personal stories about how they have felt called to God, said Narog.

"People really connected to that, because when you personalize it, people relate to it," said Narog.

"Who better to share his story than the Cardinal? It was his

Cardinal Seán O'Malley has been a Bishop — considered a successor to Christ's apostles — for 25 years.

He will be at St. Augustine Church to tell the story of how he felt called to God. Here are the basic facts of his religious history:

Cardinal Seán Patrick O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap., was born June 29, 1934 in Lakewood, Ohio, and was raised in western

Pennsylvania, where he entered a Franciscan seminary. At 21, he was professed into the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and at 26 he was ordained a Catholic priest. After earning a master's degree in religious education and a doctorate in Spanish and Portuguese literature from the Catholic University of America, he taught at Catholic University and founded Centro Católico Hispano (Hispanic Catholic Center) in

Washington, D.C., to assist immigrants. Since his ordination to the episcopacy on Aug. 2, 1984, he has served as the Bishop of the dioceses of St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands; Fall River, Mass.; and Palm Beach, Fla. Pope John Paul II appointed him Archbishop of Boston in July 2003. Pope Benedict XVI named him a Cardinal in 2006.

Source: Archdiocese of Boston website

PERSONAL HISTORY

Department of Defense before becoming a priest.

"It was quite a process... just listening to that voice and what I was being called to. It took me

a couple of years, but I'm certainly glad that I [listened]," he said.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: This is the Abbot Furniture store, which was owned by Herman and Joseph Abbot, before it was destroyed in a fire in 1870. It's now site of Memorial Hall Library.



NOW: Memorial Hall Library was once the location of the Abbot Furniture store. The library was built as a Civil War memorial in 1873.

April health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, April 26 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, April 28. No appointment necessary.

Get trained to help elders of Merrimack Valley

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley is hosting a series of free "SHINE" (Serving the Health Information Needs of Elders) trainings at their home offices at 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 5, Lawrence. The SHINE program provides health insurance counseling services to elderly and disabled adults. The counselors are trained to handle complex questions about medicare, medicare supplements, health maintenance organizations, public benefits with health care components, medicaid, free hospital care, drug discount cards, and long-term health insurance. Training dates are: April 22, and 26 and May 3, 6, 10, 12, 17, 19, and 24. These training sessions will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Space is limited. For more information or to make a reservation, call Gerry Proulx at 978-946-1445.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 22

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6 p.m.
Tri-board meeting of selectmen, Finance and School Committees, School Administration Building, School Committee room (possible executive session), 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 23

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.
Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference, 7 p.m.

Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6 p.m. executive session, 7 p.m. regular meeting
Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8:30 a.m.
Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.
Preservation Commission site visit, 298

North Main St., 4:30 p.m.
School Committee, Andover High School field house, 6 p.m.
Retirement Board, Andover High School field house, 6 p.m.
Board of Selectmen, Andover High School field house (stage), 6 p.m.
Town Meeting, Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road, Collins Field House, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Retirement Board, Andover High School field house, 6 p.m.
Board of Selectmen, Andover High School field house (stage), 6 p.m.
Town Meeting, Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road, Collins Field House, 7 p.m.

Nicholson not selected by North Reading

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Susan Nicholson, Andover's assistant superintendent, will not become the North Reading superintendent.

The North Reading School Committee voted Thursday night, April 15, to hire its only other finalist for the job:

Kathleen Willis, the assistant superintendent of the Triton Regional School District.

Willis has told the district she intends to accept the job, said Anne Lundell, administrative assistant to the superintendent in North Reading, on April 16.

Nicholson was not immediately available for comment, as she is out of the office for vacation

and a conference until April 27.

She interviewed with the North Reading School Committee on April 15, hours before they voted. Representatives from the committee were in Andover two weeks ago to observe Nicholson on the job and to meet her coworkers.

This spring, Nicholson was one of four finalists to replace

outgoing Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach. The Andover School Committee hired former Andover assistant superintendent Marinel McGrath, who will start on July 1.

Nicholson came to Andover as the interim assistant superintendent in 2007. One year later, she was hired as permanent assistant superintendent.

Student government presents event on student rights April 29

The Andover High School Student Government Association will sponsor a community event in recognition of Law Day. The topic of the program is, "How do you know you're wrong if you don't know your rights?"

The guest speaker will be Mary Beth Tinker, the lead plaintiff in the Supreme Court

case Tinker v. Des Moines. The decision in the case set the "Tinker Standard" that defines student First Amendment rights.

The event will be held Thursday, April 29 in the School Committee Room, second floor of the school administration building behind Town Offices, beginning with a reception at 6:30 p.m.

followed by a presentation and discussion with Tinker from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.

"The Student Government Association is aware this is one night of Town Meeting, but Tinker graciously agreed to do an evening program in advance of Andover High Schools Civil

Rights Day event on April 30. High school students from area schools are invited as well as educators in hopes they will take advantage of this opportunity to meet a champion of civil liberties who began Tinker's activism as a 15-year-old student at Des Moines High School in 1965," according to a release.

Celebrate power of mentoring at jamboree on Saturday

More than 100 mentoring staff, mentors and mentees, and potential mentors will celebrate the power of mentoring at the 2010 Mentoring Jamboree on Saturday, April 24, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lawrence High School in the plaza adjacent to

the cafeteria. Community is welcome. For more information, contact Leah Feroce at Family Service, Inc., 978-327-6640.

This second annual "Mentoring Jamboree" is being held to celebrate the power of mentoring and recruit new volunteers

to become mentors.

The event will feature field-day activities, arts and crafts, and demonstrations. It marks the official collaboration of eight local mentoring programs that have banded together to form the Lawrence Mentoring

Consortium. Consortium members include Family Service, Inc., Stand and Deliver, MVJCL, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, and the Mass Mentoring Partnership. Staff from all of the programs will be on-hand to distribute information about their mentoring programs.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

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 Walthers, 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.; 978.654.4MR7, 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 Chorale, 3 p.m., North Andover High School, sponsored by the Armenian Genocide Commemorative Committee of Merrimack Valley, reception follows.

LIVE JAZZ, Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble's "Evening of Jazz," 7:30 p.m., \$5, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College. Ensemble consists of approximately 20 musicians made up of students, faculty and alumni; 978-837-5355, www.merrimack.edu/rogers

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

LIVE MUSIC, James "Superharp" Cotton, 7 p.m., \$30, Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury.

MUSIC CLUB HOUSE FINALE, for Idol singing, competition is open to teens, involves two rounds prior on April 9, 16, and the best will perform 6-8 p.m., Lawrence YMCA, Lawrence.

MISS JUNIOR MASSACHUSETTS, Kendall Wipff of Andover, & friends, 3:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

SATURDAY, APRIL 24

EARTH DAY YARD SALE, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., reserve your spot by calling DCS, 978-623-8274. Set-up is at 7 a.m. and you must bring your own table(s), \$10/spot, The Park, Chestnut & Bartlett streets. Rain date is Sunday, April 25.

WORLD TAI CHI DAY, goal is to educate and improve the health of the global community while also increasing public awareness about Tai Chi and Chi Kung (Qigong) and their health benefits, public invited, free, 10 a.m. to noon, rear parking lot of Yang's Fitness & Martial Arts Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover; 978.475.2020, www.YangsFitnessCenter.com.

PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE, Family Cooperative Preschool, Inc., 565 Osgood St., on Edgewood Farm in North Andover, 1 to 2 p.m.; (978) 682-4012, www.familycoop.org.

MUSIC SHOW, music for flute, harp and strings enthusiasts and will draw you into a shimmering kaleidoscope of colors, 4 p.m., \$20-30, West Parish Church, Andover.

ASTRONOMY DAY, 7:30 to 9 p.m., for adults, and families with children 8 years and older, the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club hosts. Learn about comets and some fascinating history of how they were viewed in ancient times in an indoor presentation, then observe the spring night sky through the amazing telescopes of club members (weather permitting), \$5 per person, advance registration required; 978-887-9264.

SERVE YOUR PARK DAY, 10 a.m. to noon, Harold Parker State Forest headquarters (305 Middleton Road), materials & equipment provided; Barbara Buls 617-828-1728.

EVENING OF IRISH LITERATURE AND MUSIC, with Andover author Thomas Rice (Far from the Land) and Rosemary Clancy will play fiddle, mandolin and banjo. Clancy's father belonged to the famous Clancy Brothers band, The Irish Ramblers, 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. Books will be available for purchase and proceeds from the book sale will go Haitian Relief. Admission is free, but donations to Haitian Relief accepted at the door.

LIVE MUSIC, Stanley Jordan Trio, 8 p.m., \$25-30, at Blue Ocean Music Hall, Salisbury, formerly Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury.

TAG SALE, First-Calvary Baptist Church, Rte. 125 & Mass. Avenue, North Andover, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., free admission.

SUNDAY, APRIL 25

FOSTER'S POND HIKE, The Andover Conservation Commission and the Foster's Pond Improvement Association, host a hike along the proposed parcels to be presented at upcoming Town Meeting. Parking will be on Willard Circle (off Woburn Street). The hike begins at the Willard Circle trail entrance at 1 p.m. and lasts two hours. Follow the signs to the parking area. The hike is classified as easy; 978-623-8314.

AUTHOR VISIT, Jon Turk, author of "The Raven's Gift: A Scientist, a Shaman, and Their Remarkable Journey Through the Siberian Wilderness," 1-1:30 p.m., free, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover; 978-474-8010. Note: Turk attended Phillips Academy and his book outlines five expeditions to northeast Siberia and his deep friendship with Moolynaut, a 100-year-old healer and shaman who lives in the small village of Vyvenka.

5K RACE, Tewksbury Run a Pleasant Mile 5k race and 1-mile kid's fun run, benefits Tewksbury Memorial High School Scholarship fund, Tewksbury Memorial High School, 320 Pleasant

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Apollo Sunshine - from left, Jeremy Black, Jesse Gallagher and Sam Cohen - will return to Andover this Saturday. Above, they are shown playing Old Town Hall in 2006.

Eclectic concert brightens Collins Center April 24

Rockers Apollo Sunshine will use their wide-open formula to heat up the Collins Center Saturday and raise money for local scholarships.

In cooperation with Andover resident and local musician Julia Kwolyk, the Lawrence Rotary Club presents a benefit concert featuring Apollo Sunshine, which includes Andover resident Jesse Gallagher, and local teen band One Step Away. Also performing will be Kwolyk.

"This dynamite combination of rock, indie, country and punk is anticipated to be a high-energy show and fun for all ages," according to the Rotary Club. "Raffle prizes have been donated by local merchants including Red Sox tickets and several other gift certificates to local stores and restaurants. All event proceeds will go to scholarships for students



One Step Away band members are, from left: new drummer Ben Trudeau of Beverly, lead guitarist Terence Healy of Wilmington, lead singer Adam Carrington of Andover and bassist and singer Mike Nuzzolo of Andover.

from Lawrence, North Andover, Andover and Methuen, sponsored by the Lawrence Rotary Scholarship Fund."

The event will be on Saturday, April 24 at 7 p.m., at the Collins Center at Andover High School. Tickets are \$10 for students

and \$15 for adults and can be purchased at the door. This concert is one of many events conducted throughout the year raising money for local scholarships and community service organizations. For more information, visit www.

LawrenceRotary.org. Apollo Sunshine is an alternative rock band that has appeared on MTV and was named as a band to watch by Rolling Stone Magazine in 2005.

Members of One Step Away are Adam Carrington of Andover (lead vocals, 17), Terence Healy of Wilmington (lead guitar, 17), Mike Nuzzolo of Andover (bass/vocals, age 17) and new drummer Ben Trudeau of Beverly (15). The band was scheduled to perform at Six Flags New England after Townsman deadline on Wednesday, April 21, in the park's Spring Break Stride-a-Palooza show.

Last January, One Step Away was shown playing in the season finals of the TV Talent Showcase: Community Auditions, earning themselves that position by winning four consecutive episodes of the show early in 2009.

Acting Out stages comedy next weekend

Acting Out Theater Company is putting the finishing touches on The Kidnapping Kraze, which it calls "a hilarious play filled with laughs and surprises sure to entertain anyone from age 5 to 95."

The show will be held on Friday, April 30 at 7 p.m., Saturday May 1 at 2 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 2 at 5 p.m. at The Space, 56 Island St., Lawrence. Tickets are available at Ye Olde Pepper Candy Shoppe, 59 Main St., North Andover, or by calling 978-208-9132 or

emailing actingouttheater@comcast.net. The cost is \$10.

In this madcap comedy, Courtney (Carolyn Noyes, North Andover) finds herself in a troubling place in life, bored out of her mind. Elizabeth, (Lauren Wanthal, Andover) her best friend, comes up with a great idea. If Courtney was kidnapped, she could have her cake and eat it too. So they write a ransom note, stick it to the wall with an ice-pick, and hide Courtney.



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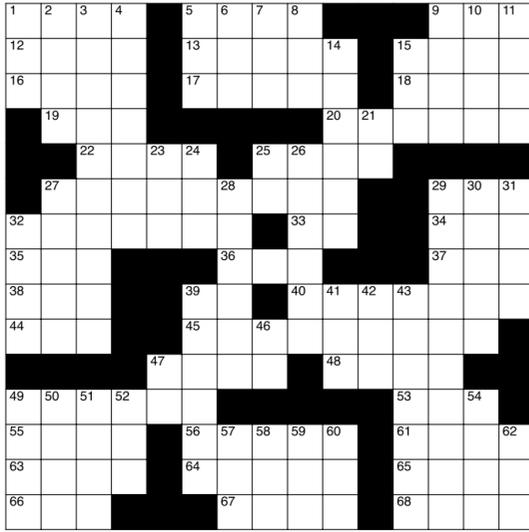
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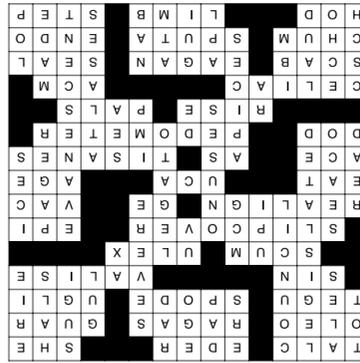
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29. Indicates near
32. Readjust
33. Edison conglomerate
34. Pleasure trip (abbr.)
35. Take in solid food
36. Fiddler crabs
37. Historic period
38. Highest card
39. Equally
40. Herb teas
44. Dept. of Defense (abbr.)
45. Records steps taken
47. Not fall
48. Chums
49. Gluten free disease
53. Academy of Country Music (abbr.)
55. A strikebreaker
56. 55120
61. A perfect closure
63. An intimate friend
64. Phlegm
65. Prefix for internal
66. Mortar trough
67. Appendage
68. Part of a stairway

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1. A young child
2. Brews
3. Passed laws
4. Administrative body
5. Earnings related supplement
6. Dip lightly into water
7. Self-importance
8. Radioactivity unit
9. Japanese cedar
10. Belongs to famous computer
11. One of the Greats
14. Austere or stark
15. Octagonal motif in oriental rugs
21. Used to chop
23. World news organization
24. Microgram
25. Blinding rays
26. Smooth musical passage
27. Bankrupt containers

- company
28. Difficult burdens
29. Tending to vanish like vapor
30. Beeper
31. Frosts
32. Obtain data from magnetic tapes
39. Vertexes
41. Elf or pixy
42. A very large body of water
43. Books of facts
46. Delaware
47. Egyptian sun god
49. Hyperbolic cosecant
50. Resound
51. Give praise to
52. Big Blue
54. Manufactured
57. Programming language
58. Computer dialog box
59. Money machine
60. Take hold of
62. Hang loosely

Solution



The Merrimack Valley YMCA participated with more than 1,700 YMCA's nationwide at the 18th annual YMCA Healthy Kids' Day last Saturday. The Andover/North Andover YMCA held their activities, which included an obstacle course, arts & crafts, swimming, games and healthy snacks, in the afternoon. YMCA volunteer, Ody Reyes paints a Spiderman face for Matvey Malinovski, 4 of Andover.



CARL RUSSO/staff photos

Gillian Brassil, 13, of Andover a champion synchronize swimmer, performs for the audience at The Merrimack Valley YMCA's Healthy Kids' Day. The "Synchers", the Andover/North Andover YMCA's synchronize swim team, gave a mini performance. The Synchers have 79 girls on the team ranging from the age of 6 to 19.



Jackson Burns, 7, of Andover swings from the rope in the obstacle course at The Merrimack Valley YMCA's 18th annual YMCA Healthy Kids' Day last Saturday.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



EVENTS CALENDAR

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St., Tewksbury, \$15 pre register, \$20 race day, \$10 students; http://www.gilrr.net/races/Pleasant_mile_5k/2010RaceApp.pdf.

LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC, with Boston Symphony Orchestra cellist Jonathan Miller and flutist Michael G. Finegold of Andover, 3 p.m., free, Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading; 978-664-4942.

WOMENSONG, the Northshore and Merrimack Valley's only all-women's choral group, 4 p.m., North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover, a freewill donation of \$10 is requested at the door; www.womensong.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Faith Lutheran Praise Band, 2 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

MONDAY, APRIL 26

PHILLIPS ACADEMY'S ANNUAL COLLEGE FAIR, 5 to 7 p.m., free admission, Case Memorial Cage, 5 Highland Road, Phillips Academy campus, over 130 colleges and universities represented; 978-749-4155, college-counseling@andover.edu.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

TOWN MEETING, 7 p.m., Andover High School Field House, 80 Shawsheen Road, Andover.

WOMEN OF WISDOM, 10 a.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

LIVE MUSIC, Colbie Caillat, 8 p.m., \$35, at Blue Ocean Music Hall, Salisbury formerly Tupelo Music Hall, Salisbury.

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

TOWN MEETING, 7 p.m., Andover High School Field House, 80 Shawsheen Road, Andover.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

LIVE THEATER, The Kidnapping Kraze, Acting Out!, The Space, 56 Island St., Lawrence, 7 p.m., \$10; 978-208-9132, <http://www.actinout.biz/>.

PIANIST GINNY CAHILL, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225.

QUILT SHOW, the Merrimack Valley Quilters' Guild hosts, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Timberlane Regional Middle School, 44 Greenough Road, Plaistow, N.H., \$6, under 12 free; <http://mvquilters.wordpress.com>.

THE FRIENDS OF MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY SPRING BOOK SALE, will be April 30-May 2. The hours are Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, May 1, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 2, 1 to 4:30 p.m. For more information call 978-623-8401 Ext. 31 or Ext. 32.

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TOWN TALK

Kartell seeks NH medical license

James Kartell, an Andover plastic surgeon who served eight years in prison for killing his estranged wife's lover in her hospital room, wants his license to practice medicine restored in New Hampshire.

Kartell told the New Hampshire Board of Medicine he wants to get on with his life by making the maximum contribution to society and the best way to do that is to work as a physician, according to an Associated Press report.

In February 1999, Kartell's estranged wife, Suzan Kamm, was hospitalized at Holy Family in Methuen. Kartell arrived to find her boyfriend Janos Vajda at her bedside, and shot him twice following a struggle. Kartell was convicted of voluntary manslaughter.

Truck racer, with lemonade chaser

Chris Igo Jr., an 18-year-old Merrimack College student majoring in business marketing, races trucks every Saturday night at Seekonk Speedway. This Sunday, April 25, he'll bring his truck to his college campus to help raise money for Alex's Lemonade Stand, a foundation trying to cure childhood cancer.

Igo reports he has been associated with Alex's Lemonade Stand for four years and has the childhood cancer foundation's logo on his race cars since 2007. His #08 Chevy Race Truck will be on display at Merrimack College's fifth annual car show Sunday to raise money for the cause. In addition, one of Igo's 2010 Sponsors, C.M. Cleaning Co. has agreed to match the profits from the lemonade stand Sunday, he says. All of the proceeds will go straight Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation to support the efforts of finding a cure for childhood cancer, says Igo.

The early bird gets the ... sunblock

"Early bird" discounts are available for Poms Pond season passes. Residents can purchase a pass to the town beach during the giant yard sale in The Park Saturday, April 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., and save \$25 off the \$100 fee (senior citizens will save \$20 off their \$60 fee). Residents must have their license, registration and vehicle information to purchase a sticker. Contact DCS at dcs@andoverma.gov or 978-623-8274 for more information.

Shred-tastic Saturday

Memorial Hall Library has organized a community shredding event for this Saturday, April 24, from 9 a.m. to noon in the library parking lot. Old files, papers and confidential documents will be destroyed in a mobile shredding truck by Proshred of Springfield. Shredding is free of charge. Staples, paper clips and folders do not need to be removed. For more information call the library at 978-623-8400.

Town yard info

A cable television show has been airing on the proposed \$21.9 million town yard project, with Planning Director Paul Materazzo and Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi presenting the project and Townsman Editor Neil Fater asking questions. The show was taped April 13, one day after the project was unveiled.

It airs Wednesday at 10:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, Friday at 10 p.m., Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Monday at 2:30 p.m.

Wine and art event April 30

"Hair of the Dog is no longer a puppy," said Sheri Helman, who six years ago cofounded with her husband, Michael, the annual combination wine- and beer-tasting and art show that benefits the MSPCA at Nevins Farm in Methuen.

In fact, the event has grown enough that it needs a second doghouse. Scheduled for Friday, April 30, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., it will be hosted once again by the Essex Art Center at 56 Island St. in Lawrence, but will also spill over into the new function hall next door, called Chester's.

The event is supported by Andover businesses Whole Foods Market and the Helmans' Shawshen Village Liquors. Last year the event raised more than \$10,000 and more than 300 people attended, according to Helman.

The cost of attending the tasting will be \$30 at the door or \$25 in advance. Tickets can be purchased at Shawshen Village Liquors, 4 Poor St., 978-475-3636; at the MSPCA, Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway (Route 28), Methuen, 978-687-7453, Ext. 6118; or online at www.mspsca.org/nevinsfarm.

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RUNNING FOR OUR TROOPS

RIGHT: Andover resident Elizabeth Ford, 4, passes a branch along to her mother Carrie Ford as she finishes a four mile jog around the town square in Andover to raise money and awareness for "Homes for Our Troops," a national charity building adapted homes for veterans who have lost a limb.



Emily Trespas, of Andover, front center, runs with the first wave of joggers making their way around the town square in Andover to raise money and awareness for "Homes for Our Troops."

ANN HERMES/Staff photos

ANDOVER STORIES

Powder Mill supplied Minutemen

By JENNIFER TARBOX
ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

In 1775, the American Revolution was underway and the 13 colonies were fighting their hardest to win the war. At that time, Massachusetts had no mills that manufactured gunpowder, and without any readily available ammunition produced locally, the men and women had little to keep the British army at bay. In November of 1775 the General Court finally voted to build the necessary mills and after much deliberation they chose the town of Stoughton to house them.

At the same time in Andover, Samuel Phillips Jr. (founder of Phillips Academy) foresaw the advantages of this manufacture both as a private enterprise and as a public necessity. Phillips then made a proposition to the court that would allow him to build a mill in Andover at his own expense. The proposal was accepted with the Commonwealth paying a rate of eight pence per pound for the gunpowder that he would manufacture.

Phillips realized the importance of building his mill first and lost no time in beginning operations. He obtained an order from the General Court

permitting him to employ Mr. Harling as the master-workman of the powder mill. Mr. Harling was originally hired to be the master-workman at the mill in Stoughton. Once Phillips hired Harling and the builder, Mr. Samuel Cunnable, he called a meeting with the citizens of Andover. He explained the necessity of dispatch and engaged large numbers of citizens to join in the work of constructing the mill. To stimulate the workers' ambition and to hasten the production, Phillips worked alongside his employees to get the job done faster.

As to the gunpowder itself, Phillips' boyhood friend, Eliphalet Pearson (later to be the first school master at the new academy), was hired to do the experiments necessary to produce an effective powder. After 13 tests, Pearson finally received a successful reaction and the mill was prepared to begin deliveries of powder. The mill in Andover was completed and in operation by March, 1776, a full three months before the one at Stoughton was finished. It was located on the Shawshen River near present day Stevens and North Main streets. When it first opened the mill ran 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Even British

prisoners of war were employed, many of whom, according to Phillips, "had married, had children, taken the oath of allegiance, and paid taxes."

The difficulties of procuring materials proved great and the supply of saltpeter was insufficient. At times they would have to pull up floors of sheds and buildings to obtain earth from which to extract the substance. In July of that year the State Legislature discovered that some of the gunpowder made at both the Andover and Stoughton mills was defective. They stated that all faulty powder should be sent back to the mills and the government would then supply good powder to the militia.

The Andover mill itself had other problems. In June 1778, an explosion killed three employees. Public outcry forced the temporary suspension of operations.

Discouraged, Phillips turned his attention to the manufacture of paper, but continued with gunpowder as well. Phillips produced gunpowder until 1797 when a fire and second explosion, resulting in another two deaths, caused the powder mill to close permanently. The paper operation remained prosperous for the Phillips family until 1821.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago April 22, 1910

The members of General William F. Bartlett Relief corps are planning to add a very effective memorial to the Soldier's monument in Spring Grove cemetery. They have purchased a life-size statue which will be placed on the pedestal of the monument.

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Xury T. Wood and family spent Patriot's Day at their camp at Haggett's Pond.

On Thursday evening Professor W.K. Moorehead lectured in Methuen on "What Government is doing for the Indians."

75 Years Ago April 19, 1935

Andover suffered its third automobile fatality of the year Saturday afternoon when Mrs. Alexander Smith of 19 Barnard St. died at the Lawrence General Hospital as the result of being struck by a machine (car). Mrs. Smith had been crossing Main Street late on the night of March 28 when a car stopped short to avoid hitting her. A man who had been driving behind the car swerved out past the first car and struck Mrs. Smith.

In response to an inquiry, the Townsman replied that the "Harold Parker forest was one of five forests acquired by the State Forest Commission which was formed in 1914. Mr. Harold Parker was the chairman of this commission. He served in the General Court and for several years was chairman of the Massachusetts Highway Commission. He was conspicuous among the first in the state to recognize the importance of conserving our natural resources."

Little Miss Olive Dodge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Dodge, was adjudged the prize baby in the annual baby show featured during the last day of the Legion Industrial Exposition last Friday.

50 Years Ago April 21, 1960

The newly organized Community Council on Recreation will shortly distribute a questionnaire throughout the town in an attempt to find out what townspeople want in recreation facilities. The first step in establishing a program was agreed upon at a recent meeting of the officers—Alfred Fuller, chairman; Douglas Howe and Mark Mazel, vice chairmen; C.X. Larrabee, treasurer; and Jean Mediac, secretary.

About 85 seconds found the candy gone at the annual town-sponsored candy hunt last Saturday on the playstead. The youngsters wasted no time in filling their bags with the sweets scattered ahead of time by the Recreation Committee.

European production of the Hawk air-defense guided missile system by five NATO nations has moved a step closer with the signing of an agreement by Raytheon Company, prime contractor for the Hawk in the United States and the Societe Europeenne de Teldquidage (SETEL.)

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■ TOWNSPEOPLE



Three generations of the Dorros family, Eagle Scouts Irwin, Matthew and Mark Dorros.

Matthew Dorros, a junior at Andover High School, was presented with the Eagle badge in March, the third generation of his family to receive the highest honor bestowed by the Boy Scouts of America.

Dorros was pinned by his mother Sandra Dorros at an Eagle Court of honor at South Church in the presence of his father, Mark Dorros, and grandfather, Irwin Dorros of Green Village, N.J., both Eagle Scouts.

Only two million out of more than 100 million Scouts have made it to Eagle rank since 1912, according to the Boy Scouts of America. Dorros reached the rank of Eagle after completing a community service project and winning approval from a review board of adult leaders.

Dorros's project for Troop 73 was focused on public awareness of storm drain pollution. Leading a team of friends, Scouts, and adult leaders, he permanently glued over 500 informative warning stickers next to storm drains across Andover. The stickers are designed to deter chemical dumping. Fliers and posters were also distributed.

Dorros joined the Troop in April 2004, serving as Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, and Troop Guide throughout the years. He completed the Scouts' National Youth Leadership training program in 2005, and served on staff in 2006. In 2007 he was inducted into the Order of the Arrow, the Scouts National Honor Society. His Eagle Advisor was Troop 73 Committee Member Rob Graham. He was mentored by Scoutmasters Stephen Hinds, Michael Harvey, and James Sheppard, of North Andover.

Last summer he was part of a Troop expedition to the

Philmont Scout Ranch in the rugged New Mexico wilderness of the Rocky Mountains. Led by his father, the troop hiked 80 miles over 10 days.

In the military

Andover High School Class of 1979 member Scott F. Donahue has been promoted to Brigadier General in the U.S. Army.

Donahue is currently the commander of the South Pacific Division of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in San Francisco, Calif. With his new rank, Donahue becomes the highest ranking Army officer in the San Francisco bay area. In his current position, he is responsible for a staff of 2,473, along with a \$1 billion civil works, construction and environmental restoration budget. He is in charge of an area that covers one-fifth of the U.S. with four districts representing 10 states in the western U.S.

He was previously assigned as the XVIII Airborne Corps Engineer at Fort Bragg, N.C., and deployed to Iraq as the chief engineer with Multi-national Corps Iraq. With an Army career spanning more than 27 years, Donahue has had assignments that have taken him to such places as South Korea, California, Georgia, North Carolina, New York and Washington, D.C. In addition to a deployment to Iraq, Donahue also had a tour to Bagram, Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom.

He has held positions that have ranged from engineer platoon leader to company commander, battalion security and intelligence officer, battalion operations officer, brigade operations officer and battalion commander.

He earned a master of science in 1992 from Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, Calif.

■ RELIGION

Breakfast, Bay Baskets at West Parish Church

West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Rd., Andover at the corner of Route 133 and Reservation Road, will host their May Breakfast on Saturday, May 1 from 7 to 10 a.m. Full breakfast will be served. Bay Baskets will be available for purchase. Suggested donation is \$6 for adults and \$3.50 for children under 12.

Eldercare Fair on May 5

Interfaith Caregivers of Greater Lawrence, a coalition of faith communities, social service agencies, and health organizations working together to serve elders and caregivers, will sponsor an Eldercare Fair at St. Michael Church Parish Hall, 196 Main St., North Andover on Wednesday, May 5, from 4 to 6 p.m. Representatives from a variety of providers will be on hand to share literature and talk about the different resources and types of services that are available to your aging loved ones. Some of the topics to be covered include adult day health programs, Alzheimer's resources, assisted living facilities, companion programs, caregiver assistance, emergency services, home health care, homemaker services, Medicaid planning services, medical supply companies, senior centers, skilled nursing care, and transportation services. Join us and find out how to get the help you need. This event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Janice Boyd, Community Educator, Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley at 978-683-7747 Ext. 1321.

Anita Diamant to be guest speaker at dinner

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel announces Anita Diamant, best selling author of The

Red Tent, Good Harbor, and her newest book Day After Night, will be the guest speaker at their annual Ways and Means dinner on Wednesday, May 12.

"Each year we invite a guest to our annual dinner to share their story with our members. We are thrilled Anita Diamant, who has truly inspired women everywhere with her wonderful novels, has accepted our invitation," said Kathy Hurst, co-chairperson of the Ways and Means Dinner. "Diamant will discuss her work as well as her involvement in the creation of the Mayyim Hayyim Living Water Community Mikveh in Newton. The Sisterhood is opening this event to women in the community who would also like hear Diamant speak." Tickets will be \$72 and will include a sit down dinner.

Diamant's writing career began in Boston in 1975. As a freelance journalist, she contributed to local magazines and newspapers. Diamant's features and columns covered a wide variety of topics, from profiles of prominent people and stories about medical ethics, to first-person essays ranging from politics, to popular culture, to pet ownership. She also wrote about Jewish practice and the Jewish community for many publications.

In 1997, Diamant published her first work of fiction, The Red Tent, inspired by a few lines from Genesis. The book became a word-of-mouth best-seller thanks to reader recommendations, book groups, and support from independent bookstores. She is also the author of Good Harbor. Her new novel, Day After Night, returns to the land of The Red Tent to tell the stories of women who lived through the Holocaust and await the future in a British internment camp.

For tickets and additional information, contact the office of Temple Emanuel at 978-470-1356 or email Kathy Hurst at fourhursts@comcast.net.



Kim Fair, far right, ran the Boston Marathon for the Melmark School. She is seen with her two children, Brody, in the striped shirt and Olivia. Brody is a student at the school.

TOWN TALK

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Marathon woman

A number of people with Andover ties ran the grueling Boston Marathon on Patriots Day to raise money for charity.

Among them was Kim Fair, 38, completed the 26.2 mile race in 4:21, and in the process raised \$5,000 for Melmark New England in Andover. Melmark New England is a school that serves children with autism and other developmental disabilities. Fair's son, Brody, 8, attends Melmark. "I feel good," said the mother of three the day after the race. "I loved it."

The staff of Melmark New England held a "Pep Rally" for her last week where they presented her with a banner and words of encouragement.

"I would never do it just to do it," she said of running the

marathon. "There has got to be meaning behind it. What stood out in my mind was when I came into Melmark last week and there were all these teachers and students there to support me. I could tell how much this really meant to them.

People can still donate to the cause or learn more about the school at www.melmarkne.org.

Countdown to zero

The Andover Recycling Committee's annual Zero Waste Day event will be May 8, 9 a.m. to noon, at Brickstone Square off York Street. Residents are encouraged to bring household items, baby furniture, bicycles, building materials and other goods to donate, keeping them out of the waste stream. All donations go to organizations that donate, reuse, or recycle the items. For detailed information on the event and what to donate, see www.andoverma.gov/zerowaste/

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TOWN MEETING 2010

Officials: Budget solution may come today, Thursday

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

With less than a week remaining before Town Meeting, elected officials are hopeful they'll have a budget solution by today, Thursday. But it appears the solution won't include a modified block schedule that would have teachers leading one additional course for half a year.

There is a \$2.7 million difference between what Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Superintendent Claudia Bach and the School Committee recommend for fiscal year 2011, which begins July 1.

"We are hopeful of coming to a (budget) compromise," said School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue on Tuesday, April 20. "Much progress has been made to close (the deficit), and we're still very hopeful to maintain a balanced budget."

Forgue said he couldn't elaborate on his term "progress," but that the School Committee may vote on specific budget decisions before a tri-board meeting today, Thursday, April 22.

As of Tuesday night, the School Committee had not voted to accept any budget cuts, including increasing class sizes or cutting foreign language at the middle schools, suggested as a way to close the deficit.

"Until there's a vote, potentially anything can be on the table," he said. "Any of the cuts that we are considering are not desired and present challenges, but we're looking to mitigate any negative impact on the students."

Selectman Brian Major, who has been active in tri-board subcommittee budget discussions, also said he expected "full resolution" of the FY2011 budget at the April 22 tri-board meeting between selectmen, School and Finance Committees.

The budget is article 4 on the Town Meeting warrant, which begins Wednesday, April 28.

On March 30, the School Committee approved Bach's recommended budget of \$63,779,211 for fiscal year 2011. The town manager's recommended total for the schools is \$61,078,014.

An idea to have Andover High School teachers teach one additional class for half of next school year, saving an estimated range of \$500,000 to \$800,000, seems to have stalled.

The change, which would have to be negotiated with the Andover Education Association teacher's union, would eliminate between 12 and 18 teaching positions.

Two weeks ago, the School Committee's lawyer sent a letter to begin discussions on adopting a 3 by 3 block system. If adopted, teachers would teach a total of six classes per year, or three blocks each semester.

This year, AHS teachers teach five classes per year and take on a duty such as monitoring the lunch room. They have three classes in one semester and two classes plus a duty in the next.

"We did receive a communication back (from the union), that they were willing to discuss a 3 by 3 schedule as part of overall contract discussions (which will take place after Town Meeting)," said Forgue. "We are still willing to discuss that with them for possible implementation in September 2010."

"Given that it would have to be negotiated, it's not practical that (changing block scheduling) would be part of the current budget solution."

The committee had received backlash from students, parents and staff when members suggested going to a seven-period, non-block schedule to save money, which it could do without union negotiations.

By TOWNSMAN STAFF

About \$95 million of the town's approximately \$130 million budget is spent on departments' operating expenses. The rest pays for things such as debt service (expected to decrease by \$1.3 million) and the town's health insurance fund (expected to increase by 1.2 million).

The Finance Committee expects the school budget to account for 64 percent of the \$95 million in departmental budgets. There remained a more than \$2.6 million gap between the town manager's and superintendent's recommended budgets as of Townsman press time, with the town manager recommending a \$1.35 million increase in the school budget. The superintendent recommended a more than \$4 million increase over the current school year, an increase of 6.78 percent. The most significant dollar increases are \$1.9 million in school salary increases and \$1.7 million in out-of-district tuition for special needs students.

Police Chief Brian Pattullo said if Andover approves the larger budget for the schools, other departments, such as his own, would need to cut.

While parents and students can see the difference a school-department cut makes, such as to class sizes, those who benefit from police work may not be able to see the day-to-day effects of reduced proactive enforcement, he argued.

"The citizen or the hotel owner probably doesn't feel the impact" because police will still respond to emergencies, he said. "We don't have too many people who've ticked or arrested coming out in support of our budget."

Below is a brief look at each of the other town departments. The Townsman looked at whether departments were expected to spend more or less than this year and asked department heads to give their explanations for the changes.

The town is asking for \$400,000, an increase of \$175,000, for its Employee Benefits Account, which pays retiring employees for unused sick and vacation days.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Together, police and fire account for 15 percent of the \$95 million spent on departmental budgets. While the Finance Committee Report says there are 73 police department and 72 fire rescue employees, both chiefs said these numbers do not reflect their actual number of employees because some of these positions have remained vacant and will not be filled any time soon.

Fire Chief Michael Mansfield said he has left four firefighting positions vacant because he does not have the money to fill them. He has 49 firefighters, 13 lieutenants, four deputy chiefs and two administrative assistants.

Police Chief Pattullo said he

FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGETS AT A GLANCE

DEPARTMENT	BUDGET FY'09	BUDGET FY'10	BUDGET FY'11
Police	7,280,147	7,323,408	7,552,471
Fire	6,971,543	6,685,728	6,597,521
Gen'l Gov't/			
Community Dev't	5,263,545	5,331,966	5,632,840
Public Works	6,016,574	5,159,004	5,211,198
Plant & Fac.	4,388,891	4,358,186	4,441,425
Library	2,617,296	2,608,483	2,595,173
Community Svcs.	641,969	657,422	663,267
Youth Services	343,707	274,966	302,665
Elder Services	720,797	680,854	692,674
School Dept.	59,680,286	59,728,158	61,078,014
Fixed Expenses			
Debt Services	13,200,920	13,312,391	12,002,493
Health Insurance	11,576,009	12,440,000	13,684,000

expect to have two vacant positions this coming year due to an injury to one officer and the upcoming retirement of longtime fingerprint expert Kevin Burke. The police department's totals include 11 dispatchers for fire and police, five clerical workers, two Internet technology people, 1.5 parking enforcers, 1 animal control officer, one officer paid by the Greater Lawrence Technical School and a half-time position that deals with youth in the court system.

Fire Rescue

For the second year in a row, the Fire Rescue budget is expected to decrease, this year by more than \$88,000. The reduction is in large part caused by the decision not to fill vacant positions.

"We've taken a pretty good hit the last couple of years," said Mansfield who adds that his department has been asked by the town manager to further reduce its operating budget by 1 to 2 percent during the year.

"We took a substantial change in the overtime portion of our budget, where I had to make a decision not to fill a position on the ladder truck when someone is out (on vacation or taking a sick day)," said Mansfield. "It's reducing the level of firefighter safety we've been able to realize over the last several years."

National standards call for four firefighters to operate a 105-foot aerial truck such as Andover has, but 85 percent of the time the truck is staffed with one firefighter, says Mansfield.

"We're looking at every way we can save money, from contracted items with vendors to bundling things up in a different way," he said. As an example, the department now refills its own oxygen tanks for patients, rather than paying someone else to do it, saving between \$5,000 and \$7,000 a year.

— Neil Fater

Police Department

The police department budget is expected to increase by more than \$230,000, much of which is related to contractual raises.

As in many other town departments, employees did agree to

take 1 percent less of a raise this current fiscal year.

"We're not expanding," said Pattullo. "We're maintaining the level we've been at for 12 years. We have more industry, more hotels, more activity, but we haven't seen an increase in personnel."

Pattullo believes there should be six officers working at night, but 98 percent of the time there are only four, he said.

"Obviously when you're doing that, there is the risk to the officers with backing each other up when you have 32 square miles," said Pattullo. "We're at the minimum and going after that would be dangerous for the officers."

— Neil Fater

General Government/Community Development

This multi-headed department is projected to see an addition of approximately \$300,000 to its FY10 budget. The total FY11 recommended appropriation for General Government/CD&P is \$5,632,840 (\$4,237,482 for employee costs and \$1,395,358 for expenses).

This department includes the Town Manager's Office; Town Clerk's Office; Town Accountant's Office; Veterans Services Office; Finance & Budget Office; Collector/Treasurer's Office; Assessors' Office; Central Purchasing; Legal Expenses; Informational Systems; Building Inspectional Services; Conservation; Planning; Health; and a number of smaller budgets such as Board of Selectmen, Commission on Disabilities; Moderator; Finance Committee; and Patriotic and Civic Celebrations groups, according to Assistant Town Manager Steve Bucuzzo.

These General Government divisions are projecting increases of \$272,204 in Personal Services and \$28,670 for expenses.

"The largest single increase is \$175,000 for Terminal Leave Benefits, which is a contractual obligation of the Town that used to be funded outside the operating budget from Free Cash," Bucuzzo wrote in an e-mail. "The remainder of the Personal Services increase (\$97,204) is attributed to funding a full year's wages for the 50.6 employees in the GG/CD&P

appropriation.

"All of these employees agreed to 1 percent pay givebacks this year to help balance the budget, thus there is an increase in the FY11 budget to reflect their full salaries," Bucuzzo wrote.

— Judy Wakefield

Department of Public Works

Public works' \$5.2 million accounts for 5 percent of the Andover budget.

DPW will see an overall increase of \$52,194 between fiscal years 2010 and 2011; \$40,144 for personnel and \$12,050 in expenses. Director Jack Petkus did not return a call seeking further details before Townsman deadline.

— Bethany Bray

Plant and Facilities department

It's \$4.4 million in spending accounts for about 5 percent of the Andover budget, according to the Finance Committee Report.

Two of the major contributors to the plant and facilities proposed overall budget increase of \$83,239 come from increases in charges for delivering gas and electricity and the normal salary increases agreed to through employee contract negotiations, said Joe Piantedosi, department director.

Between fiscal year 2010 and 2011, the department has been reduced by one position, said Piantedosi, and it replaced another with a lower-paid position.

This fiscal year, union and independent employees in plant and facilities agreed to take 8.5 days of furlough, which is not included in 2011's budget, said Piantedosi.

"To make up for that furlough, I had to make a huge number of cuts," he said.

Piantedosi said his overtime, mechanical/electrical, seasonal and Bald Hill compost site budgets all saw thousands of dollars in cuts.

— Bethany Bray

Elder Services

Elder services, community services and youth services together account for 2 percent of the Andover budget.

Half of the department of elder services' \$18,496 increase between fiscal years 2010 and 2011 comes in salary increases agreed to through negotiated contracts.

The only program not covered by user fees, meals served at the senior center, has seen a marked increase in use the last few years, said Kathy Urquhart, director of elder services. She anticipates serving 3,000 additional meals in 2011 than in 2010.

"I'm anticipating a continued increase in meals served, and a level-funded budget. It's essentially a cut, even though it doesn't look like it on paper," said Urquhart. "When the cost of food and fuel increase, where are seniors looking to make some cutbacks? They look at the obvious — if they can get a great meal at the senior center, not do the shopping and preparation and get a it for a reasonable cost, that makes sense."

— Bethany Bray

Library

It's one of the smallest pieces of the \$34 million town departments budget being presented to voters at Town Meeting on April 28, and the Finance Committee Report shows it being reduced by about \$13,000.

However, after reorganizing by the top administrator, the Memorial Hall Library budget would pay to bring back Thursday night check outs on July 1.

A year ago when library administrators made the choice to close the library four hours early on Thursdays to save money. Complaints started soon after, from working people who use the library at night and from teens with lots of homework said Beth Mazin, MHL Director.

"We didn't quite anticipate it, but our patrons did not like that," she said.

The Thursday night closure also meant the library's third-floor community room was not available for meetings.

"The room is one of the few in town that is wired for (cable) television," she said. "Thursday night is a big meeting night and groups have had to find other rooms."

By not filling a retiree's job and not immediately filling the vacant assistant director's job, Mazin has reduced the amount spent at the library. Mazin said Memorial Hall Library has 15 percent fewer staffers than 10 years ago. The equivalent of five full-time library jobs are gone.

The library manages to run smoothly without those jobs by integrating library technology experience with job experience for new hires, Mazin said. Library jobs have changed in 10 years as the technology has increased.

— Judy Wakefield

LIGHTS FIGHT FINALE

Expected to be one of the most hotly debated items is Article 16, a private article seeking to turn the streetlights back on. Selectmen turned off 626 lights to save around \$50,000.

More access to Fosters Pond?



STAFF FILE PHOTO

Young Jeff D'Entremont, casts his line at Fosters Pond while out fishing with his brother, Danny, 13, left, and father, Jim, center last year. The town Conservation Commission wants to purchase land abutting Fosters Pond for up to \$480,000 to improve public access to the pond and create more recreation opportunities there, including camping. The article is the second to last of Town Meeting.

Article 51 Finishing Wood Park

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

If approved by Town Meeting, Article 51 transfers \$75,000 from the Wood Park Memorial Trust Fund to finish a restoration of the greenspace at the corner of Routes 28 and 133.

As part of a project to give the entire park a face-lift, this would continue repair of Wood Memorial Park's iconic white fence, and take down additional mature trees to preserve the fence. A

new crop of native trees would be planted. Funding comes directly from a trust fund given to Andover by the Wood family, not from taxes.

Mill tycoon William Madison Wood donated the park to the town in 1920. Wood was president of the American Woolen Co. and designed the Shawsheen area of Andover as a village for his employees.

Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities department director, said the

park renovation project could be finished by late fall.

Preservation of the wooden fence, which is rooted in the ground by masonry, is important to the Wood family.

"The fence is almost like a monument itself the way it's constructed, with a base of granite stone and custom-made wood," said Piantedosi. "It's expensive to renovate because we have to excavate and rebuild it to match the historic nature."

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ARTICLE 28: Town yard

Complex \$21.9M plan to move yard, develop downtown

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve \$21.9 million to purchase 146 Dascomb Road for a new town yard, setting in motion a plan to expand Andover's downtown to the commuter rail station on Railroad Street.

The purchase would require debt exclusion override of Proposition 2 1/2, which would increase the average single-family tax bill an average of \$124.37 a year for 20 years. Voters would need to approve the debt exclusion at a townwide special election.

Relocating the town yard from its small lot and deteriorating buildings on Lewis Street across the railroad tracks from the Andover commuter rail stop has been a goal of Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities department director, for several years. If the town yard is moved, it would allow the existing 3 acres of town-yard land to be developed into a mix of shops, offices, townhouses and additional commuter-rail parking, according to town planners.

Town leaders have been in discussions with Brockway-Smith, a manufacturer of doors and windows, to purchase its 24-acre



Plant & Facilities employees Mark Wood, left, and David VanDoren, would prepare plows for winter weather at a new town yard, if voters support a \$21.9 million plan to move the yard out of downtown Andover.

Dascomb Road property near Interstate 93. A portion of its 274,400 square foot warehouse could be leased, earning the town revenue to help pay off the debt of buying the property, according to town officials.

"I think there will be discussions with the Finance Committee

and selectmen to discuss revenue from the very beginning, to offset the cost of the project and reduce the tax burden on homeowners," said Piantedosi.

Total lease revenue from Brockway-Smith, which wants to rent office space back from the town and a second unnamed

tenant would bring in an estimated \$860,000 per year, he said.

To keep from hindering negotiations, Piantedosi will not reveal the second tenant until the purchase is complete.

"The only thing I can say with certainty is in discussions we've had with Brockway-Smith, they



Courtesy photo

An aerial shot of the Brockway-Smith building at 146 Dascomb Road.

made it very clear they wish to stay there and pay rent. I think we can bank on that revenue," he said. "With this other company, it has not materialized. It's not a sure thing yet, but we're optimistic it will be."

The warrant lists a purchase price of \$26 million for 146 Dascomb Road, but Piantedosi says the amount will be amended to \$21.9 million on the floor of Town Meeting.

Town yard is a facility with a garage to repair town vehicles, gas pumps to fuel town vehicles, piles of sand and salt for winter roads and room for some town vehicles to be parked at night.

The \$21.9 million would purchase and retrofit 146 Dascomb

Road for town departments currently housed at town yard on Lewis Street - water and sewer, highway, vehicle maintenance, forestry and the fuel depot.

A second, \$3.8 million project would relocate to Dascomb Road the parks and grounds department housed at the Spring Grove Cemetery; the building, mechanical, electrical and plumbing divisions; the plant and facilities supply inventory, and its department offices. Cemetery operations would remain at Spring Grove.

The current town yard has a use restriction on it because of so-called background levels of contamination in the soil. It could not be used, for instance, for a playground.

More articles for consideration at Town Meeting

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

ARTICLE 40

DPW seeks two new dump trucks

Public Works wants to replace two six-wheel 15-year-old Mack dump trucks it uses to plow and sand winter roads. Chris Cronin, highway superintendent, said \$252,000 would buy two new Mack or similar make trucks with modern equipment that controls exactly how much salt or sand is put down per mile.

"We're to the point now where these two trucks need to be replaced, and are costing significantly more to maintain," said Cronin. "They do age. Our mechanics do a great job of keeping them going ... (During the winter) those trucks absolutely positively have to go. They can't break down. We don't have extra trucks in the fleet."

The two Mack trucks were scheduled to be replaced five years ago, he said.

About three years ago, the Mack trucks dump bodies stopped working. The dump function of the trucks were removed and a sander was permanently mounted on the back.

"Essentially, they're winter (only) vehicles at this point," Cronin said.

If approved by Town Meeting, the town would open the truck

purchase for bid, and hopefully have two new vehicles that could be used year round on the roads by November, said Cronin.

Both selectmen and the Finance Committee recommend approval of article 40.

ARTICLES 52 and 53:

3 Blanchard St. purchase

Seeking land to improve proposed playing field complex

The town has already purchased and designed baseball diamonds and a soccer field for 13 acres at 15 Blanchard St. If approved, article 52 would purchase an adjacent property to expand parking and improve access to the new sports complex.

Article 53 would allow a more than 100-year-old farm house on the property to be sold, and removed by the buyer. If the house cannot be sold, it will be demolished.

The 1.08 acres at 3 Blanchard St. is assessed by the town for \$382,100 this year. Warrant article 52 asks for \$400,000, which includes a \$345,000 purchase price plus money to study the site

for hazardous materials and raze and remove the buildings, said Joe Piantedosi, plant and facilities department director.

Selectmen recommend approval of article 52 while the Finance Committee recommends disapproval. Both board recommend approval of article 53.

If purchased, the property could be folded into the sports field complex, which construction is slated to start this summer. It would allow for 70 more parking spaces and move parking areas further into the site, away from abutters.

The additional property could also move the entrance of the complex to a straighter section of Blanchard Street, which abutters prefer, said Piantedosi.

"The major reason for wanting to purchase - it offers more mitigation to the immediate abutters, better on-site parking and a little better layout," he said. "It would enhance the whole site."

ARTICLE 33

\$1 million water treatment plant filter

Andover's water treatment plant system has eight filters, all of which run water through

granular activated carbon. Article 33 would approve \$1 million to replace the system's more than 500,000 pounds of carbon over several years.

"That material, GAC, is critical for operation, a last line of defense," said John Pollano, water treatment superintendent. "We're asking for authorization, but we won't borrow all \$1 million at once. We'll borrow as we replace the filters... It's necessary and we're trying to do it in the most efficient way we can, balancing financial issues with the quality of water. Water quality has to be at the top of the list."

Granular activated carbon filters organic material and contaminants from drinking water, said Pollano. The department aims to replace the carbon in each filter when it is between 4 and 5 years old.

If approved, filters would be serviced one at a time, replacing the 66,000 pounds of carbon in each filter by 2016, said Pollano.

In 1996, the town approved a project to renovate the water treatment plant's existing six filters and build two new ones. Within that capital project was extra money to replace the filters' carbon at that time. That money is now gone.

ARTICLES 41 and 42

New schools' leaky roof part of 'have to get done' maintenance

From smoke detectors to new carpet, articles 41 and 42 contain a laundry list of projects to improve and update town and school buildings totaling over \$2 million.

Joe Piantedosi, plant and facility department director, said he's asking for essential projects only, many which make buildings safer and save on utilities.

"The list only really covers things that have to get done. There's nothing in there that isn't really important," said Piantedosi.

The seams on the roof of High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle School have totally failed, causing leaks. Article 41 asks for \$975,000 to replace the roof, which is under warranty. The town is in the middle of a lawsuit against the roof's manufacturer.

"If we don't replace it this summer, we may not be able to get through the next winter," said Piantedosi of the roof.

Lovely Field's track is also on the list to be resurfaced, with a \$50,000 price tag.

"It should have been done last year, but it wasn't funded," said Piantedosi. "(If not taken care of,) we might be looking at a rebuild of several times that cost. It needs to be resurfaced every four years to be maintained, and it's been more than four years."

Article 41: school building maintenance and renovation, \$2,525,000

\$880,000 for Andover High School roof replacement
\$975,000 for Wood Hill Middle School/High Plain Elementary roof replacement
\$250,000 to replace two steam boilers at Sanborn Elementary School
\$200,000 to replace auditorium lighting and electrical upgrades at Sanborn
\$70,000 for school security system upgrades
\$50,000 to replace 760 smoke detectors
\$50,000 to resurface Lovely Field track
\$50,000 for school energy conservation projects

Article 42: Town building maintenance and renovation \$465,000 (to be amended to \$163,000)

\$50,000 for carpeting for Memorial Hall Library
\$35,000 for replacing the fire suppression system in the Town Offices vault and telephone rooms
\$78,000 to replace stove and walk-in freezer at the senior center

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BelleRita Adams



ANDOVER — BelleRita (Reynolds) Adams, June 20, 1910 — April 17, 2010. After almost 100 wonderful years of devotion to education, the

Church and her family, BelleRita Adams died peacefully, surrounded by her family.

A graduate of Good Counsel College, 1933, she taught for over 25 years at Cure of Ars School in Merrick, N.Y. She raised four children, 14 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, who together with their spouses, are all better people due to her inspiration, guidance and example. We have lost an extraordinary person.

BelleRita was the widow of Edward Thomas Adams. She is survived by her daughter, Maureen Finneran; her three sons and their wives, Robert and Kelley Adams of Monmouth Beach, N.J., Thomas and Andrea Adams of Freehold, N.J., and Edward and Robin Adams of Bozeman, Mont. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, Rita Adams.

BelleRita leaves 14 grandchildren, Thomas and Kristen Finneran, Robert and Lisa Finneran, Sean and Melissa Finneran, Brendan and Andrea Finneran, Edward and his fiancée Nicole Nesbitt, Neil and Nicole Finneran, Colleen and Jesse Lawrence, Kelley and John Spohnheimer, Eileen and John White, Robert and Jess Adams, Thomas Adams, Andrew and Elizabeth Ad-

ams, Edward and Luana Adams and Michael Adams. BelleRita also leaves 19 great-grandchildren, T.J., Ryan, Michael, Connor, Kerri, Caitlin, Sean Patrick, Madison, Daniel, Jack Thomas, Rileigh, Caitlin, J.J., Max, Sam, Jack, Sean, Owen Robert and Isabelle Mae.

BelleRita lived in New York for most of her life, but the last 34 years she lived in Andover with her daughter, Maureen Finneran and her late husband Thomas Finneran and their family, where she was Gram to the Finneran boys and known and loved by them and many of their friends. Gram could be seen cheering them on at plays or games during the many years when they were young and even saw a few great-grandchildren play hockey — a true inspiration. She helped with homework and life's lessons for all her large brood of relatives.

The family appreciates the care and kindness of the staff and friends from Wingate at Andover Nursing Home. Donations, in lieu of flowers, in honor of BelleRita Adams may be made to Central Catholic Athletic Association, 300 Hampshire St., Lawrence, MA 01841; or St. Augustine's Grammar School, 1 St Augustine Drive, Andover, MA 01810.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home. A funeral Mass was Wednesday, April 21, in St. Augustine Church, Andover. Burial will be private in Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury, N.Y. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Rory J. Cochrane, 47



SALEM, N.H. — Rory "Roy" James Cochrane, 47, died peacefully at home after a brief illness on Sunday, April 18, 2010 in Salem, N.H., with his spiritual wife by

his side. He is survived by his spiritual wife, Monica F. Morrison of Salem; daughters, Monica Cochrane of Bradford, Lee Ann Cochrane of Lawrence and Madison Cochrane of Salem; one son, Rory Ian Cochrane of Andover; grandchildren, Michael and Savannah; one brother, Jeff Cochrane and his wife Kim of Sandown; sisters, Kim Hoyt and her husband Mike of Ipswich and Jodi Wetson and her husband Tim of Hamilton; several nieces and nephews. In addition, Roy is survived by his former wife, Alison Cochrane and her companion Marc Madden of Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends were expected to call Wednesday 4 to 8 p.m. at Farrah Funeral Home, 133 Lawrence St., Lawrence. A funeral service will be held Thursday at 10 a.m. at Farrah Funeral Home, 133 Lawrence St., Lawrence. Cremation will follow.

Roy was born in Beverly, the son of the late Richard and Lee Cochrane. A longtime Lawrence resident, he moved to Salem two years ago. Roy loved fishing, the ocean and spending time out doors. Most of all he enjoyed spending time and laughing with his family, children and grandchildren. He was a man who lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted fan of Elvis Presley, listening to his music every Sunday.

Edward T. Kelley II, 72



SCOTCH PLAINS, N.J. — Edward Thomas Kelley II, 72, of Scotch Plains, N.J., died Friday, April 9, 2010 at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, N.J. after a short illness.

Mr. Kelley (Ted) was the Associate Dean of the Scotch Plains campus of the UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions. Prior to UMDNJ, Mr. Kelley held positions at Union County College and Rutgers University, N.J. Mr. Kelley is a graduate of Merrimack College, North Andover, and Rutgers University, N.J.

Mr. Kelley is the son of the late Edward and Winifred (Taffie) Kelley of Lawrence. Mr. Kelley is survived by a son, Todd of New Jersey; a son, Michael and his wife Tate of Oregon;

sisters, Clare Grant and husband Dr. Henry T. Grant of Gilford, N.H., and Ruth Trepanier and her husband Joseph of Londonderry, N.H.; brothers, Atty. Richard T. Kelley and his wife Marilyn of Andover, and Atty. Robert F. Kelley and his wife Kathleen of Andover; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends attended the funeral Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, South Orange, N.J. on Wednesday, April 14. Visitation was at Preston Funeral Home, South Orange, N.J. on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, donations to UMDNJ School of Health Related Professions Student Scholarship Fund c/o Dr. Julie Maillet, Dean, UMDNJ, School of Health Related Professions, 65 Bergen St., Newark, NJ 07107, would be appreciated. A memorial Mass was also held at St. Patrick's Church, Lawrence, on Friday. Interment in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. For more information or to send condolences, please visit prestonfuneralhome.net.

Ruth Seikunas Workman, 90

ANDOVER — Ruth Seikunas Workman, 90, of Pompton Plains, died Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at Chilton Memorial Hospital in Pompton Plains.

Born in Rock Falls, Iowa, Ruth was the daughter of Lloyd Glenn and Bethel Levetta Kellogg. She was a graduate of Mason City High School and the community college of Mason City, Iowa.

Raising two children in Andover, Ruth worked as secretary to the vice president for Raytheon Co.

Living at Cedar Crest Village in Pompton Plains, N.J., for the past six years, she enjoyed playing bridge

with many of the other residents there.

She is survived by her son, Richard Seikunas of Kinnelon, N.J.; her granddaughters, Kaitlyn Linda Seikunas and Jacqueline Nicole Seikunas; and her sisters, Gladys Messerly of Waterloo, Iowa, and Elizabeth Railla of Norwalk, Conn. She was predeceased by her husband, William Workman, and her daughter, Linda Jane (Seikunas) Ausikaitis.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were held in Pompton Plains. Ruth was laid to rest Friday, April 16, 2010 at West Parish Cemetery, Andover.

Christopher J. Twomey



AUBURN, Maine — Christopher John Twomey, known to his loved ones as C.J., formerly of Andover, passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

He was the first son of John and Hallie Twomey arriving on July 3, 1989 in Stoneham. After his graduation from Edward Little High School in 2007, C.J. was an enlisted aircrew member in the United States Air Force.

C. J. is survived by his parents, John and Hallie Twomey of Auburn; his younger brother, Connor of Auburn; his grandfather, Bill Keene of Haverhill; his grandmother and

husband, Gayle and Paul Nigro of Haverhill; his grandparents, Mike and Jerri Twomey of Hampton, N.H.; aunts, uncles, cousins, and his loving fiancée, Danielle Dubois of Auburn.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services begin Saturday, April 24 at 10 a.m. when the United States Air Force Honor Detail will conduct military honors for C.J. at the funeral home before processing to a memorial Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at Holy Family Church, Lewiston, Maine. Online condolences may be expressed at www.lyncbrothers.com. In lieu of flowers please send donations in memory of C.J. to the New England Organ Bank, 60 First St., Waltham, MA 02451-1106. Family and friends are invited to visit Friday, April 23 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Pinette & Lynch Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Lewiston, Maine, 207-784-4023.

Raymond C. Koenig



SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — Raymond C. Koenig, beloved husband of 53 years of Doris A. (nee Sadowski) Koenig, passed away on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at his home in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Ray was born on June 9, 1934 in Union City, N.J. to the late Camillo and Erna Koenig. He was preceded in death by his brother, C. William Koenig.

He is survived by his loving daughters, Lisa A. (Tom) Williams of Andover; Marcia L. (Tom) Scholl, of Walton, Ky.; Susan M. (Kevin) Bracher of Mason, Ohio; Paula E. (Richard) Ellison of Cincinnati; and his brother, George H. Koenig of Longwood, Fla. He was the most awesome Papa to Lindsey, Kyle and Drew Williams, Karl Ellison, and Haley and Sam Scholl. He leaves behind to cherish his memory countless lifelong friends and past employees whom he con-

sidered part of his extended family.

Ray was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and a graduate of Brandeis University and the University of Chicago. He raised his family in Wheaton, Ill., while working as a salesman in the packaging industry. In 1980, Ray and Doris adopted Cincinnati as home, where they launched their successful printing business, Minit Print It, Inc. This close proximity to bluegrass country enabled Ray to pursue his passion as an owner and racer of thoroughbred horses, a passion he shared with all who knew him. Ray and Doris have enjoyed their retirement years with family and friends in Saratoga Springs and Naples, Fla. He leaves us with cherished memories of a compassionate, generous, devoted husband, father, grandfather and friend.

ARRANGEMENTS: Private services have been held. Memorial contributions in Ray's name would be welcome to the Parkinson's Foundation or the American Cancer Society.

George H. LaRose Jr., 77



METHUEN — George H. LaRose Jr., 77, died Wednesday, April 14, 2010 at Salem Haven Nursing Home in Salem, N.H.

Born in Lynn, Aug. 9, 1932, Mr.

LaRose was the son of George H. Sr. and Blanche B. (Carpenter) LaRose. George was a graduate of St. Patrick's grammar, and in 1950 was a graduate of Central Catholic High School of Lawrence. For 15 years George had been a carpenter with Ken LaRose Carpentry, and for 25 years he was employed as a staff manager with John Hancock. He retired in 1996.

George served his country during the Korean War in the United States Navy before being honorably discharged with the rank of 2nd class Petty Officer.

He was a communicant of Saint Monica's Church.

According to his family, George enjoyed golf, fishing, and traveling.

Mr. LaRose is survived by his

wife of 55 years, Mary Kathleen (O'Donnell) LaRose; his children, Kathleen E. and husband Gary Koslowski of Methuen, Sharon M. and husband Michael A. Ameen of Salem, N.H., Kenneth M. and wife Regina LaRose of Andover, and George R. LaRose of Methuen; brother, Richard C. LaRose, FMS 1 of the Bronx, N.Y.; a sister, Sister Blanche LaRose, SCH of Framingham; nine grandchildren, Brian, Kristin, James, Janelle, John, Douglas, Regina, Joshua and Jacob; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A celebration of life service will take place today, Thursday at 11 a.m. to which relatives and friends are invited in Saint Monica's Church. At Georges request there will be no calling hours. Burial will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to American Diabetes Association, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. For directions and to leave an online condolence, story or memory please visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com.

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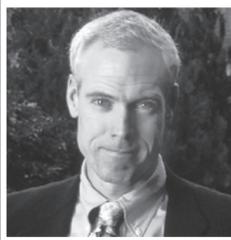
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Millions of people around the world will celebrate the 40th anniversary of Earth Day. Earth Day is officially April 22. However, some cities extend the celebration for a week or over a weekend.

From the celebration on the National Mall in Washington D.C. to California's clean up day for parks and beaches, people will be out from sea to shining sea.

The idea to honor our planet started with a grassroots movement in early 1960.

Senator Gaylord Nelson, the founder of Earth Day, persuaded President John Kennedy to talk about national conservation. The President went on a five-day, eleven-state tour in September 1963. However, Kennedy didn't push the idea of Earth Day.

Nelson visited 25 states to talk about the environment. People were concerned, but politicians were not.

Nelson turned to college

campuses. Many students welcomed his ideas and shared his concern about the environment.

Nelson and his staff organized the cause from his U.S. Senate office. The program grew like someone had sprinkled it with fertilizer. It soon outgrew the Senate office space.

John Gardner, founder of Common Cause, provided temporary space for the headquarters. College students staffed the new office. Denis Hayes was picked to coordinate activities.

On the first Earth Day in 1970, thousands of schools and local communities participated. The activities included trash cleanup and planting trees.

We are still working to clean up the earth 40 years later. Exciting efforts include energy efficiency, renewable energy and green jobs.

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Opinion

BOWLING OVER PARENTS

Controlling costs starts with benefits

Andover should have a sustainable budget and proactively plan capital projects to solve problems long-term. While the volunteer nature of its Town Meeting form of government can make that easier said than done, it can in fact be done.

Employee salaries and benefits make up the bulk of Andover's annual spending. The town needs reasonable employee contracts that are fair to taxpayers and Andover employees. Increases agreed to during closed-door contract negotiations make budgets difficult to sustain. And all of this is largely out of the control of those at Town Meeting. When residents are faced with a \$130 million budget at Town Meeting, they often feel they have little choice but to support the last-minute agreements formed by the selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee that are shaped by these contracts. That leaves those people interested in reigning in tax increases to target the one-time projects. In good times, many projects may slide through. But in tough times, the feeling of "enough is enough" understandably reigns.

But there are things that taxpayers can do. Residents interested in bringing the annual budget under control should pressure their state legislators to allow towns to choose health-insurance plan design features such as co-payments and deductibles without having to bargain with the unions. The town is expecting to need more than an additional \$1.2 million this year to cover town-side health insurance, accounting for much of the proposed budgetary increase. Allowing the town more control over health care will help control the cost of benefits.

Tax increases can also be controlled by bringing other public-sector benefits more in line with the private sector. Most of the town contracts will be up this year, and these negotiations can help bring the annual increases in line. The town is still setting aside hundreds of thousands each year – specifically \$400,000 – just to pay for the unused sick and vacation time of retiring employees in its Employee Benefit Account.

As for the capital projects coming before Town Meeting this year, by far the largest is a \$21.9 million plan to buy the Brockway-Smith building on Dascomb Road, and retrofit it to house the town yard. This will allow the town yard to be moved out of the downtown and to expand the downtown to the Andover commuter rail. Residents should take into consideration that officials expect to offset some of the cost of the new town yard by leasing considerable space in the new building, selling the old town yard and collecting new tax revenue on the newly developed downtown land. Andover does need a new town yard because the current buildings are temporary buildings erected in 1965. The question for residents is, is this the plan? Town officials certainly handicapped this creative project by presenting their final plan just two weeks before Town Meeting. Residents are expected to submit their Town Meeting articles by January, and it seems reasonable that the town should be able to present its multi-million plans well in advance of Town Meeting to allow residents a reasonable amount of time to analyze them.

We expect this year that many people will be inclined to reject any additional spending – whether \$21.9 million to move the town yard or considerably less for items such as land purchases around Fosters Pond or near the proposed Blanchard Street playing fields. But we encourage residents to consider the articles on their merits, on whether they seem a good solution to a problem, or a worthwhile addition to the town. The cost of Andover land is relatively low, compared to previous years, so if the plan makes sense to voters, now is a good time to act.

WEB QUESTION

What are you willing to spend

Not now, too expensive

Last week we polled your opinion on a plan to move the town yard, purchase property and retrofit a warehouse at 146 Dascomb Road for \$21.9 million. Town Meeting voters will ultimately decide on the project next week.

The option "Town yard is not a priority" was first choice, with 12 votes.

"Town yard should stay where it is" was a close second with 11 votes.

"Town yard should move, but we can't afford \$21 million" received seven votes. "146 Dascomb Road is the ideal location" received four votes.

"What's a town yard?" received three votes.

The options "I don't have enough info to form an opinion" and "We must move town yard soon, and this seems a creative solution" received one vote each.

How tight are your purse strings?
The 2010 Town Meeting

warrant has 56 articles, fewer than last year. But several of the articles carry large price tags, including land purchases on Dascomb Road (town yard), Blanchard Street (parking for playing fields) and near Fosters Pond (conservation). Do you feel Town Meeting, which begins Wednesday April 28, is asking too much in a tight economy?

■ This year's warrant requests are reasonable.

■ This year's warrant requests are unreasonable.

■ The warrant contains items that are needed, yet expensive.

■ We should hold off on big-ticket purchases until the economy is better.

■ Can't generalize -- some are needed and some aren't.

■ I don't know.

■ I never go to Town Meeting.

■ None of the above.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com. For other responses, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com



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Samantha Ruthazer, an eighth-grader at the West Middle School, works with other students to put together a puzzle of the state during one of several activities during the Greater Lawrence Academic Bowl Parents Night/Award Night held at the South Lawrence East School this month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Support for plan to develop downtown

Editor, Townsman:

The "Community Conversations" held by the Andover Town Yard Task Force and The Cecil Group in October, November and December, 2009 educated Andover's citizens and solicited feedback on the rezoning proposal. The Andover Housing Partnership Committee supports the overlay rezoning efforts of the current area (which is three converging zones: Mixed Use, Single Family and General Business) to a Massachusetts Ch. 40R, a Smart Growth Zoning Overlay.

Approximately 14.44 acres of land, collectively referred to as the "Andover Town Yard," is the subject of a plan to create a zoning overlay that will affect future development of this parcel. Simply put, restructuring current zoning will allow for a cohesive and managed process by creating zoning allowances that would "lay over" existing regulations, noting that current zoning regulations would be grandfathered.

This is a tremendous opportunity for the enhancement of the distressed, yet superbly located land. Given the Town Yard's close proximity to Andover's downtown, potential development of this area would open the door to necessary discussions and address ongoing concerns regarding parking, traffic flow, and infrastructure improvements at the same time encouraging the use of existing public and environmentally friendly transportation already in the town. It seems likely that activity in and development of this area would promulgate energy in downtown Andover; hopefully enticing new business ventures, creating employment opportunities, and potentially increasing generated tax revenue.

The housing opportunities, both renovation and new construction, are ideal in this location. It is walkable, numerous services are nearby, and the redevelopment of an existing site versus developing undisturbed land is always preferred. Andover's current subsidized housing inventory according to Chapter 40B, is below the state's 10 percent mandate. Adding residential components to this area would push Andover's current inventory to exceed the state measures. With proper planning and project management, the AHPC feels that the Smart Growth Zoning Overlay will be a catalyst for precipitating future economic growth in downtown Andover.

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League of Women supports TM articles

Editor, Townsman:

The League of Women Voters supports the following articles at the upcoming Town Meeting:

Article 24 would allow Andover to adopt the Stretch Energy Code, thereby helping fulfill one of the requirements necessary to be designated a Green Community under the Green Communities Act and making Andover eligible for up to \$1 million per year in grants for energy projects.

Articles 30 and 40 would fund the purchase of an ambulance and a DPW truck.

Article 41 would approve borrowing to replace leaking roofs at High Plain and Wood Hill schools to prevent further damage while warranty issues are worked out with the manufacturer.

Article 55 approves borrowing \$468,000 to purchase 5 acres of land on Foster's Pond, thereby protecting the watershed, improving access to town-owned land, providing parking and strengthening the wildlife corridor these contiguous properties create.

Articles 25, 26 & 27. The League supports these articles which would designate a Smart Growth Overlay District in downtown Andover where the current Town Yard and surrounding properties are located. The Smart Growth Overlay District gives the town significant control over the expansion of the central business district and redevelopment of a pivotal property (the Town Yard) adjacent to the train station.

The League supports Article 28, which would be the first step in a two-step process to allow the Town to borrow, through debt exclusion, \$21.9 million to purchase property at 146 Dascomb Road for a new Town Yard. The debt exclusion vote requires passage at Town Meeting and a vote at the ballot box. The current Town Yard has reached the end of its useful life and must be replaced. The Dascomb Road property is the most suitable location to emerge from a ten-year search for an alternate site. It is also the most cost-effective solution to the urgent need for a replacement facility. The size and location of the property, with direct access to I-93, presents a unique opportunity.

Finally, the League urges town leaders to continue working together to bring a balanced budget to Town Meeting that meets the critical needs of the town and the schools.

Town Meeting Preview is available on local cable and online at <http://andovertv.org>.

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North Andover

Green advisors back town-yard move

Editor, Townsman:

We have a tremendous opportunity to improve the livability and sustainability of our town. The proposed Town Yard relocation can provide a strong catalyst for the responsible growth and development of Andover's Central Business District. Redeveloping the town yard site for the purposes of smart growth will attract new businesses and residents, thus will improve property values for adjoining land parcels, and bolster our local economy.

Town officials have shown us that the current town yard location, behind the Public Safety Complex, is too small and has serious structural deficiencies. Rather than put more money into this site, town officials have come up with an innovative plan to move the town yard to a site that will virtually pay for itself, while opening up the opportunity to significantly expand the Central Business District, and create a vibrant neighborhood of new housing, business, retail, and dining around our main public transportation connection.

This is a rare opportunity for any town, and will increase tax revenues, as growth has slowed significantly in recent years. This is also a time where development and construction costs are much lower than in past years, so the time to maximize the effectiveness of our construction dollars is now. Conceptual plans have been reviewed in several public forums over the last year. These plans indicate that Andover can retain its character, grow its retail base, strengthen

its commuter options, improve its downtown traffic flow, and positively influence its job growth.

Over the last several years, towns along Andover's borders have continued to expand, and have succeeded in attracting residents away from Andover for shopping, dining, and other needs. This "shift" in our local economy has had a weakening effect on downtown Andover's unique vibrancy. It's time to turn the tide.

The Andover Green Advisory Board supports Warrant Articles 25-29 at the April Town Meeting. Not only can the town achieve the benefits above, but Andover can capitalize on the opportunity to attract developers interested in low-impact, transportation-oriented development, where we hope to see proposals for sustainable design based on LEED, Energy Star, Green Globes and other standards. We hope residents join us in our enthusiasm for the Andover Smart Growth Overlay District.

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Planning Board: Town yard move fills need, expands downtown

Editor, Townsman:

The Planning Board conducted a public hearing to review the zoning warrant articles associated with moving the current Town Yard and creating an overlay zoning district. It voted unanimously in favor of supporting the articles.

The board conducted its review from a "planning perspective" rather than explore the financial merits. We first wanted to establish "need." Joe Piantedosi presented several photographs of a crumbling building that was built in 1965 as a temporary 10-year structure. The building, now 45 years old, is in critical disrepair despite many attempts at maintenance over the years.

Upon establishing that the building must be replaced we moved our review to the options.

1. Replace the existing building on its present site.
2. Find a new site to build a new larger building that fits the established need and criteria developed by the Town Yard Task Force.
3. Find an existing building that fits that established need.

Since the original site was built with Andover's population at 20,000, it became clear that the 3+ acre site was far too small for a building large enough to accommodate the present needs of Andover's 33,000 population. Also, an MIT study done over a decade ago had revealed many "possibilities" for the town yard area. The present site could be a valuable asset to expand downtown, and if developed as a mixed use site could significantly add to the housing stock and commercial tax base. As planners, we viewed the present site too valuable for town yard functions and to store town trucks, salt and sand. The overall redevelopment of the area, including transit-oriented development with the railroad holds the most potential for the town.

The Town Yard Task Force reviewed 30+ sites to either build new, or reuse existing buildings. The Dascomb Road site emerged as the top possibility. Its location near major highways and away from residential neighborhoods was very appealing. The Planning

Board has reviewed several projects in the recent past that were met with significant neighborhood opposition because nobody wanted town yard functions in their residential neighborhood. Also the building allowed for future growth, consolidation of town yard functions and efficient retrofit.

PAUL J. SALAFIA
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Planning Board Chairman

Proposed educational cuts counter to academic interests

Editor, Townsman:

The Foreign Language Curriculum Council of the Andover Public Schools endorses preserving the superintendent's proposed school budget and argues against the three cost cutting initiatives, which include increasing elementary school class size to 29, eliminating foreign languages at the middle schools and abolishing block scheduling at the high school.

The proposal to increase elementary class size is unacceptable. It compromises classroom management and the learning environment, and makes identifying special needs more difficult. Undelivered remedial services at this level often result in educational difficulties down the road which could have been foreseen and addressed sooner.

The second proposed initiative leaves us breathless with disbelief. The introduction of Spanish, French and Latin in the middle schools has been the cornerstone of our students' success in acquiring language skills, cultural and historical knowledge, appreciation of different peoples, and a stronger understanding and use of their own language as evidenced by performance in MCAS, SAT and AP exams. Our frameworks call for the introduction of languages at the earliest possible opportunity. An inevitable result of this proposed initiative would be students entering high school at a beginner's level. AP programs and language mastery would become nearly impossible with less exposure in languages. The Andover Coalition for Education has just presented the community with a 21st century language laboratory, which allows students to communicate in real time with their counterparts in the countries they are studying. Without the foundation of middle school language training, the full benefits of the new lab will not be realized.

At the high school level, the initiative to scrap the block schedule presents numerous academic pitfalls. Block scheduling allows a student to complete a year's worth of material in one semester. This allows for faster progress in studies, an earlier entry into advanced courses, as well as a longer sequence of subject studies. These benefits enhance our students' transcripts and present them with better opportunities to gain acceptance at first rate institutions of higher learning.

These initiatives, proposed solely due to budgetary constraints, run counter to academic interests and requirements.

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(The writers note the letter was submitted on behalf of the school system's Foreign Language Curriculum Council.)

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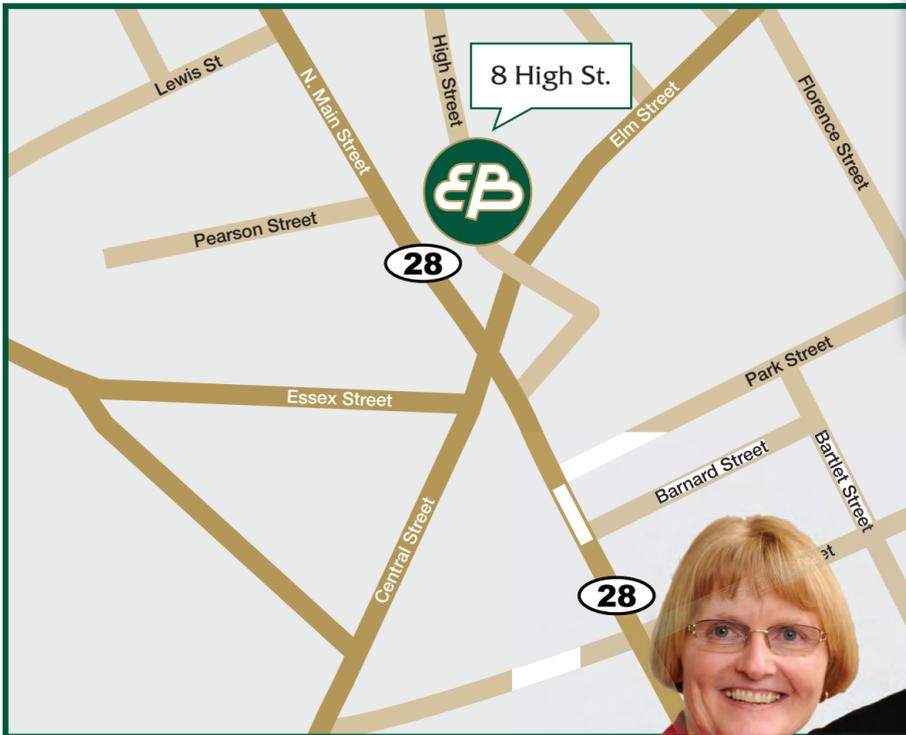
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Amy Janovsky with the environmental group F.A.C.T. (Friends of Andover Community Trees) presents saplings to 5th graders at West Elementary, explaining the importance of trees and biodiversity. Over 530 saplings of 5 species of trees were distributed to fifth-graders throughout Andover.

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At PA, living green in the extreme

A special green dorm has received the green light at Phillips Academy.

About a dozen green-minded girls will have an opportunity next fall to share a dorm life steeped in sustainability, when the Alumni House dormitory becomes the site for a green dorm pilot program.

The project creates an experimental "green-themed girls' dorm organized around a commitment to environmental sustainability," according to the private school. The residents of the dorm will design, implement and monitor a set of environmental standards to live by.

They might switch electric clothes dryers for drying racks, disposable materials for reusable ones, and processed food for organic and local, according to Alumni House house counselor Anna Milkowski.

Milkowski, instructor in science, developed the concept with complementary house counselors Catherine Tousignant, instructor in English, and Maria Litvin, instructor in mathematics.

"The green dorm pilot is an innovative and cost-effective extension of Andover's ongoing efforts to maximize sustainability in every possible facet of the community," John Rogers, dean of studies and advisor to the head of school for sustainability, said in a release. "The experiment's ultimate goal is to create campus leaders who will draw attention to the importance of sustainability and help their peers implement best green practices in their own dorms."

Milkowski believes the green dorm will be a place to conduct experiments on how various behaviors and policies impact water and energy consumption. Alumni House is suited for such tracking because it is fitted with its own furnace and electricity meters. Timers will soon be fitted in dorm showers so students will know how much water they use personally.

To keep the campus informed about their ongoing efforts, Milkowski envisions a dorm blog where residents can report on their eco-living experiments and share the latest data related to their behavior modification.

Students might hold a reading group on sustainability issues, undertake energy-saving craft projects, or invite local alumni working in the environmental field to visit the dorm.

Milkowski, Tousignant and Litvin have begun promoting the green dorm pilot to students through the school's intranet, listing possible initiatives throughout the year that would complement the sustainable living plans, such as outings to area farms, sustainable craft-making, and a book or movie club.

Two students have been selected as dorm proctors to

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COURTESY PHOTO

Alumni House at Phillips Academy will become a green dorm.

A tree for every fifth-grader

FACT doles out saplings to public schoolchildren

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

More than 500 trees, planted by fifth-graders, may soon be taking root in Andover.

To celebrate Arbor Day, the Friends of Andover Community Trees gave a sapling to every Andover fifth-grader last week. Along with giving Douglas fir, dogwood, sugar maple, oak and Norway spruce trees, FACT members spoke to fifth-graders on the importance of trees and left students and teachers instructions on how to plant and nurture their new trees.

"We're turning you all into junior tree rangers today," said FACT member Amy Janovsky to West Elementary fifth-graders on Thursday, April 15.

One young man excitedly raised his hand, asking if his tree would grow strong enough to climb on.

"Give it a few years," said FACT member Marie Montgomery, smiling.

FACT is a citizens group formed roughly one year ago, an offshoot of the League of Women Voters environmental committee and Andover garden clubs. Concerned with preserving what they call "Andover's urban forest," members advocate against taking down trees in construction and development projects whenever possible.

Through events and outreach projects, the group aims to educate residents of all ages on the importance of protecting town trees and preventing diseases and pests, such as the Asian Longhorn



ANN HERMES/Staff photo

West Elementary fifth-graders, Erika Merrill, right, Sophie Chingris, center, and Ian O'Neil, right, carry saplings with FACT member, Marie Montgomery in honor of Arbor Day.

Beetle and winter moth.

As West Elementary fifth-grader Haley O'Neil waited for her sapling, she said she was hoping for a dogwood, because it would bloom pretty white flowers.

Her classmates Rachel Landry and Alex Scanlon were thinking of green-thumbed family members who could help them plant their trees.

Fifth-grader Samantha Baptiste called FACT's tree donation project "amazing."

"It's really sparked my mind to planting trees," said Samantha.

The 526 saplings given to fifth-graders last week were purchased from a nursery, paid for by Andover's plant and facilities department. FACT partnered with Tree Warden Randy Pickersgill for the project, as part of Andover's continuing certification as a Tree City, U.S.A.

For the project, they purposely chose trees that were "hearty" and familiar to the area, said Janovsky.

I THINK THAT I SHALL NEVER SEE...

Students were told some of the many benefits of a tree. For instance a tree:

- Reduces carbon dioxide
- Produces oxygen
- Cleans the air
- Acts as a natural noise barrier
- Makes summer temperatures feel cooler, creates shade
- Provides homes for animals
- Increases property values
- Runs on solar energy
- Helps combat flooding and erosion
- Can be recycled
- Helps tourism with its fall colors
- Produces maple syrup, nuts and fruit

Source: Amy Janovsky and the Friends of Andover Community Trees

Students were surprised to hear that some of the trees they were given could grow six or seven stories tall.

For students that live in apartments or without a yard, Janovsky and Montgomery encouraged the youngsters to give the tree to a willing extended family member, or temporarily plant their tree in a pot.

They brought each school Arbor Day-themed classroom activities to try or take home.

The tree donations dovetailed with a series FACT has organized with Memorial Hall Library through the month of April (see related story).

Library, FACT help April bloom into tree month

Memorial Hall Library and Friends of Andover Community Trees invite residents to "Take Time for Trees" in April for both Earth Day, today, April 22 and Arbor Day on April 30.

"Take Time for Trees" events include the following:

Test Your Tree Knowledge: How much do you know about our local trees? Visit the library between now and April 30 for an open-book tree quiz for adults and teens on the first floor and for children on the lower level. Correctly

ARBOR DAY

Arbor Day, April 30, is a time to plant, learn about and celebrate trees. This celebration began as a tree-planting holiday in Nebraska in 1872, and spread nationwide soon after.

completed quizzes will be entered into a prize drawing for either "The Sibley Guide to Trees" or a "Trees of North America jigsaw puzzle" donated by

FACT.

Teen projects: Teens in grades 6-12 can "Create Your Own Terrarium" today, Thursday, April 22 at 3 p.m. until supplies run out. Program will be held at Memorial Hall Library's Teen Room.

Help Mother Nature's Forest: Throughout April, add a leaf to the Mother Nature's forest collage on the library's lower level, and share your ideas for helping trees and the environment. The original painting is by Darlyne Michaud.

Plant a Forest: Children in grades K-5

planned to "Plant a Forest" yesterday, April 21, at 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. After viewing of a tree-related movie, children will have an acorn – a potential oak tree – to take home. They planned to discuss how the forest in the story grew and how to care for the acorn.

Shred, Recycle, and Save a Tree: On Saturday, April 24, 9 a.m. to noon at Memorial Hall Library's parking lot,

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Parish's Green Week looks at what you can do to help the environment

South Church will spend a week focusing on climate change, "bringing famous speakers such as Bill McKibben and in-depth discussions to town," according to Bill Schroeder, South Church moderator.

The Green Week calendar includes the following activities.

Keynote address: Bill McKibben will discuss "How Serious Is Climate Change? What Can We Do?" at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., on Thursday, May 6 at 3:30 p.m. The event is jointly sponsored by the Town of Andover.

McKibben is a familiar voice to some from appearances on National Public Radio and the Colbert Report. He founded 350.org, is a noted environmental author, and serves as Scholar

in Residence at Middlebury College. Twenty years ago, with his first book, "The End of Nature," McKibben offered one of the earliest warnings about global warming.

Earth Day Worship Service: Stewardship of the Earth, at South Church, 41 Central St., on Sunday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Environmentalist and Massachusetts UCC Conference Minister and President Jim Antel will speak of the many aspects of being a steward of the earth.

Climate Change talk: A panel discussion on the problem, and what people can do, at South Church, 41 Central St., on Sunday, April 25 at 7 p.m.

Residents can join a discussion "with local leaders who are working these issues every

day," including Greg Sebaskey, Chairman, Andover Green Advisory Board and sustainability executive for Philips Healthcare; Eric Rex, green architect, Mostue and Assoc., and member of the Andover Green Advisory Board; and Bill Schroeder, South Church moderator and Green Team leader.

Earth Week Saturday Gathering: Event includes theater performance, worship and make-your-own pizza dinner, at South Church, 41 Central St., on Saturday May 1. The play is at 4 p.m., worship at 5 p.m., and dinner at 6 p.m.

This informal evening will begin with an outdoors production of the play, "The Rumpel." The play chronicles America's movement as a culture away

from earth-based living, to an economic-based society and back again, according to the church. It will be performed by children ages 7-13, and uses "movement, text, and music to share its message of hope and possibilities."

Lessons from the community: A Green Action Worship Service presents personal stories from South Church members about their green journeys, at South Church, 41 Central St., on Sunday, May 2 at 10:30 a.m.

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Andover Garden Club members boost Boston

Ten Andover Garden Club (AGC) members used their talents in support of the new Boston Flower & Garden Show, held earlier this spring at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston. Joyce Bakshi headed one of the divisions of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's flower show, and Ann Bride, Jennifer Cullen-Struhl, Nancy Norbedo, Carol Prentiss, and Claire Syiek entered arrangements. Ann Lange served as a judge on the master panel,

which awards the top prizes for floral designs. The Landscape Design Council of Massachusetts presented three of the twenty landscape awards given at the show, and two of the three LDC judges were members of the Andover Garden Club: Virginia Lopez Begg and Frances Y.J. Wheeler. Jan Brink served as a clerk in the landscape division. The AGC regularly presents programs on floral arranging, landscape design and

horticulture, and several times a year runs flower-arranging workshops. **About the Andover Garden Club** Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and

conserve natural resources. A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc., the club provides financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational and environmental organizations throughout the region. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership cochairwoman Anne Feeney (978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net).

Two to be honored with Andover Heritage Award

The Andover Historical Society will honor land conservationist and nature expert Albert Retelle and financial leader Joanne Marden with the annual Andover Heritage Award on Thursday, May 20.

The award event will be held at the Andover Country Club, Canterbury Lane, Andover, from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$35 each. A buffet dinner will be served and a cash bar will be available. Tickets are available through the Historical Society's office at 97 Main St., through www.andoverhistorical.org, or by calling the office at 978-457-2236.

A keepsake tribute booklet will be published for the event.

The Andover Heritage Award, inaugurated in 2006, honors extraordinary people who have contributed outstanding service over an extended period to the Society and to the community, have promoted interest in the history and heritage of Andover and have encouraged others to do the same. Past honorees include Diane and Ray Hender, Jim Doherty, Norma Gammon and Mark Spencer.

Joanne Marden will be honored for a quarter of a century of service on the Andover Finance Committee, serving as the Finance Committee chairwoman, working to bring together diverse points of view among town officials and town boards, preparing the Finance Committee Report, Town Meeting presentations, serving the community through the League

of Women Voters, supporting the mission and work of the Andover Historical Society through service as a member, Treasurer, and Finance Committee member.

Albert Retelle will be honored for serving as a town election official for over 25 years, spearheading the development of and leading the Andover Conservation Commission, serving as president of the Andover Village Improvement Society for five years, stewarding the Baker Meadow Reservation as Warden for 20 years, serving as president of the Merrimack Valley Bird Club, planting trees to beautify the grounds of the Amos Blanchard House and the Andover Historical Society and advising on their care, and supporting the mission and work of the Andover Historical Society through his membership and support.

"Al and Joanne's work in the Town of Andover exemplifies excellence in community stewardship and encourages and inspires others to do the same," said Historical Society President Donald Robb. "Encouraging and promoting community stewardship is the heart and soul of the Historical Society's mission. We are delighted to have this opportunity to celebrate Al and Joanne's work and the work of so many other community volunteers."

For further information call 978-475-2236; or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.



Following its annual meeting on May 4, the Garden Club will offer a lecture on the restoration of The Mount in Lenox, Mass. The Mount, which has been largely restored, was built in 1902 by Pulitzer-prize winning author Edith Wharton.

Sermon on 'The Mount' at AGC annual meeting

The May 4 annual meeting of the Andover Garden Club will be followed by a lecture on the restoration of The Mount in Lenox, Mass., an estate that was designed and built in 1902 by Edith Wharton, Pulitzer-prize winning author best known for her novels The Age of Innocence, Ethan Frome, and The House of Mirth.

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership cochair Anne Feeney (978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net).

The Tuesday, May 4, 2010, meeting is at 10 a.m. in the Rolling Ridge Conference Center, North Andover.

There is no charge for members to attend annual meeting alone. The luncheon and its program on The Mount costs \$20 for members and \$25 for guests; advanced reservations are required. Those interested in attending should contact Judy Wright at 978-337-7942 or wrightspaces@comcast.net

Village Garden Club springing into action

Members of the Village Garden Club are focusing on a variety of projects demanding attention during this busy time of year, according to member Nan James.

"Especially of interest are civic beautification projects, planting and maintaining seasonal annuals to honor veterans at Elm Green and Ballardvale Green memorials," she stated.

The Village Garden Club is also involved with:

Senior Center beauty: The center's Senior Garden is in full bloom with early spring bulbs for the enjoyment of seniors and

individuals. Village Gardeners are preparing for a cleanup of a variety of projects demanding attention during this busy time of year, according to member Nan James.

Annual plant sale: The Village Garden Club Plant Sale will be held, rain or shine, on Saturday, May 22, 2010 from 9 a.m. noon, at the home of Ruth Doyle, 170 Elm St., Andover. A wide selection of perennials from its members' gardens, potted plants and gardening accessories will be offered. Members will be on hand to share experiences and

answer gardening questions. Proceeds will benefit the club's civic beautification projects.

Border patrol: Entering Andover on Route 133, and Elm Street are two "Welcome To Andover" signs, of which the Village Garden Club is responsible for planting, watering and maintaining throughout the year. Members take turns with the weekly tasks.

Work with youth: A Youth Garden Club at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence is sponsored by the Village Garden Club. "We are working with the students to develop a vegetable garden in

addition to engaging them in a variety of projects that enrich their understanding of the natural world. We meet with students weekly providing materials and instruction," according to James.

Garden therapy: The club offers garden therapy three times a year to clients in the Senior Connections day care program at the Andover Senior Center.

Kitchen centerpieces: Each month, club members arrange floral decorations for the tables at the Bread and Roses soup kitchen in Lawrence. Members donate all the seasonal plant material.

Bank on bigger tomato transplants

The tomato is America's favorite garden vegetable (though, technically, it's a fruit).

Last year was a dismal one for some homegrown tomatoes — due to blight or bad weather — but don't despair.

And if you're an inexperienced tomato grower and last year's failure made you vow to forsake them this year, don't. Try again.

Here's a way to cheat: Instead of buying a small, tender transplant in a 4-inch pot, spend more on an established plant. It will cost more, for sure. But your chances of successfully harvesting fruit are better.

Bonnie Plants sells 3-gallon bush tomatoes at big box hardware stores for \$9.98. Once the weather warms, local farm vendors sell plants in their stalls. Plants in 3-gallon pots stand 3 feet tall and even have small, green fruits developing.

Large hardware stores

accommodate the trend for patio and balcony gardens by stocking varieties developed for small-space gardens.

Almost every garden retailer is selling Bright Lights Swiss chard now, for the vegetable garden as well as for ornamental uses. If you see it available in a gallon pot, that's a bargain. They look so tightly entwined many people might be inclined to plant the whole tangled root ball in one hole. But Fisher shows how to gently, gently tease the webbing of tiny roots apart, careful to keep each taproot intact, into separate plants. If given the right conditions, including room to develop, chard becomes a tall, broad plant ribbed in bright red, pink, orange or yellow. The leaves are rich in vitamin A, calcium, iron, magnesium, phosphorus and potassium. "I eat Swiss chard every week," Fisher says.

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Chamber's green energy conference May 6

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Green Energy Environment Conference will be on Thursday, May 6 at 9 a.m. at Osgood Landing, Route 125, North Andover.

Featured speakers will be Secretary Ian Bowles of the Mass. Department of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and Andover state Rep. Barry Finegold, chairman of the Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy.

A full breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. The cost is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

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FACT's mission is "to provide for the education and involvement of Andover residents and town officials in maintaining and improving Andover's urban forest." To learn more, contact Chris Young, chairwoman, at andover-trees@verizon.net.

FACT has arranged for a day of volunteer tree care during the Arbor Day of Service from the Massachusetts Arborists Association. Since 1979, the Association provides tree care service at non-profit locations throughout Massachusetts. On Arbor Day, April 30, Mayer Tree Service Inc. of Essex, will volunteer professional tree care services to Andover including pruning, removal of bittersweet and other invasive species, and removal of damaged trees.

For more information, visit www.mhl.org, call 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32, or text 66746 and start your question with "ask-mhl". "Take Time for Trees" events, sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall, will be held at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

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PHOTO BY ANDOVER RESIDENT BOB DENNIS

On photographing nature, town homes

Andover resident Bob Dennis enjoys taking photos of homes and public scenery. His photos of the town are exhibited in the town manager's office and regularly appear on the cover of various town reports.

Asked about what he looks for, Dennis said:

I'm not a professional photographer but a passionate freelancer who enjoys capturing classic New England scenery, from the grandeur of the Maine seacoast to the timeless beauty of Vermont to the many picturesque features of quintessential towns like Andover, our home since 1986.

In all seasons, I try to capture

the essence of our town center and downtown area, the stately churches, the many historic and architecturally distinctive buildings and homes, and all the other pleasant scenery. Whether it's the green of summer, the red and orange of fall, the white of winter, and the pink of spring, I strive for lots of great color and I also work to create the best possible composition, highlighting the object of the photo, capturing it from the best possible angle and perspective, under the best possible light, and excluding all extraneous subjects.

Basically, I strive for images that will emphatically and artistically say, "This is Andover!"

Lesson on organic lawn and garden care

The North Andover Improvement Society welcomes all area residents from the local garden clubs on Monday, June 14 at 7 p.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library, Main Street, North Andover.

The topic for the program for the society's annual meeting will be "Totally Organic Lawn and Garden Care," by Jason Spurr of Nature's Way Lawn Care in

Georgetown.

Spurr will give a PowerPoint presentation and will bring along his friend Javier Gil, who makes worm compost tea in commercial quantities. This will be an opportunity to ask questions of a local expert knows conditions in the Andovers, according to organizers.

Refreshments will be served.

Learn how to introduce wildflowers, ferns to your garden April 27

The North Shore Horticultural Society will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, April 27 at the American Legion Hall in Manchester, N.H. Following the election of officers, there will be a slide presentation by Meg Moore called "Native Wildflowers and Ferns." The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

Moore's program will focus on the history and natural habitats of native ferns and wildflowers, and how to successfully introduce them into one's own garden. Moore is a naturalist and also a member of the Massachusetts Landscape Design Council, the Community Garden Club of Cohasset, and Massachusetts Audubon. "She is an outdoor educator at heart," according to the society.

There will be refreshments for all attendees. For more information call 978-927-8829.

New smoke alarm rules for those selling home

Residents preparing to sell their homes should know there are changes in the state's smoke alarm regulation for homes with five or fewer units, says State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan and Andover Fire Rescue Chief Michael B. Mansfield.

The regulation, which affects homes sold after April 5, 2010, requires that only photoelectric smoke detectors be installed within 20 feet of a kitchen or bath containing a shower. This change is in an effort to reduce nuisance alarms from cooking smoke or steam that may lead people to disable their smoke alarms over time. Areas located beyond this 20-foot area will be required to contain dual detection, both photoelectric and

ionization, using either a single detector or two separate (one photoelectric and one ionization) units, Chief Mansfield said in a release.

Earliest warning

Smoke alarms use two main technologies: photoelectric and ionization. Photoelectric smoke alarms are more effective in detecting slow moving or smoldering fire situations whereas ionization detectors are slightly more effective in detecting fast moving fires, according to a release.

"This change, requiring the use of dual detection technology, provides the best level of public safety by reducing nuisance alarms that lead people to disable their smoke alarms and by

providing the earliest possible warning of a fire and therefore time to escape to safety," said Coan.

Enforcement on sale or transfer

The enforcement of the regulation will continue to take place when the residence is sold or transferred. Homeowners selling their homes after April 5, 2010 will have to meet these new requirements.

Alarms double survival rate

"We must continue to update our fire prevention code to keep pace with evolving technology, knowledge of human behavior, and scientific research," said Mansfield. "I want to stress that working smoke alarms greatly increase your chances of surviving a fire."

In addition to smoke detectors, since March 2006, all homes have been required to install carbon monoxide alarms on each habitable level.

For more information about smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms, contact the Andover Fire Rescue Fire Prevention Office at 978-623-8343, or the Department of Fire Service's Web site at www.mass.gov/dfs, then click on "Division of Fire Safety". To help guide homeowners and realtors, a new brochure called "A Guide to the Massachusetts Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Requirements When Selling a One-or Two Family Residents" has been published and is available on the Department of Fire Services Web site.

A spring cleaning checklist

A guide to spring cleaning from Home and Garden Television:

Kitchen

- Clean inside the refrigerator. The best cleaner is a combination of abrasive salt and bubbly soda water.

- If there's a lime buildup around the faucet, lay paper towels over the fixture and soak it with vinegar, letting it set for one hour. The deposits will soften and become easier to remove.

- To clean chrome, glass or stainless-steel appliances, fill a spray bottle with a mixture of 50 percent rubbing alcohol and 50 percent water.

- Set your oven to self-clean. Be sure to wipe up major spills before setting it to self-clean.

- Thoroughly clean the microwave.

- Organize the pantry and throw out any expired foods.

Bathrooms

- For a vinyl shower curtain: Throw the shower curtain in the washing machine with a few towels, a cup of white vinegar and your detergent, then air dry.

- To remove hard-water scale or mildew on shower and faucet heads, soak them in vinegar. If the head isn't removable, position a plastic bag filled with vinegar over it and tape it shut.

Bedrooms

- Turn mattress.
- Launder bedding and pillows. If you change bedding for the season, air out the spring blankets before putting them on the bed. Store winter bedding after having it cleaned.

Getting return on home improvement work

Looking to upgrade your home and get the best return on your investment? Doug Coyle of Andover, the local owner of a House Doctors franchise, suggests home improvements that will get the highest return on investment.

"Certain home improvements will achieve a higher percentage returned than others," said Coyle in a release. "You want to focus on functional investments such as upgrading your kitchen rather than lifestyle home improvements like a pool."

House Doctors is a nationally franchised, professional handyman service and property repair, remodeling and maintenance company. "In making these improvements, you'll not only obtain a higher return on investment, but you'll also be able to enjoy your house for years to come," said Coyle.

The following home improvements that will get the highest return, according to Coyle.

Kitchen and Bathroom Face-Lift

A minor kitchen remodel – painting, refinishing surfaces and upgrading appliances – will return more than a full revamp. Consider cosmetic upgrades in your bathroom such as new plastic laminate counter tops and new toilet seats. Kitchens

and bathrooms should have modern lighting as well as new faucets, cabinet hardware and cabinet door faces. These key spaces should look bright and clean.

Replace Damaged Shingles

Replace any roof shingles that are missing or damaged. Deteriorated shingles or other roof coverings are one of the first things home buyers and home inspectors notice. If the elements underneath the shingles are moist or rotted, repairs must be made. If possible, insert a water repellent layer under the shingles. A functional roof is one of the most essential parts of a home.

Add a Bedroom or Bathroom – if Necessary

These additions should be done in relation to other homes in your neighborhood. For example, if houses in your neighborhood have an average of 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths and you have 3 bedrooms and 1 bath, adding ½ bath will definitely pay off. If all the homes in your neighborhood have at least 3 bedrooms and you only have 2, it will put your home at a disadvantage. Adding another bedroom will translate into a higher return on investment.

Paint

A freshly painted home, especially exterior, is more inviting. Definitely paint the front door and window shutters, and try to repaint any rooms inside the home that have cracks or stains. Painting the interior of your home is quicker than painting the exterior, and is a faster way to increase the value of your home than a full room remodel. Clean walls and trim make a house look sharp.

Buy New Windows

New windows can drastically change the look of a room and replacing single pane windows for high-end double pane windows not only looks better but will save you money on heating bills. If you decide to keep the current ones, however, make sure window panes and windows are clean and shiny. Dirty windows make a home look messy.

Restore The Siding

Vinyl siding is popular, because it is low maintenance and lasts a long time. In neighborhoods where vinyl siding has become more common, shiny new siding can add value to your home. If you don't think it's necessary to re-do the whole house, keep in mind that it is possible to replace a single vinyl panel of siding.

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spearhead the project. Milkowski invited students interested in living in the dorm to submit a "statement of interest" in association with a formal residential form that was due Friday, April 16.

Milkowski credits Spanish instructor and house counselor for Fuess dormitory Mark Cutler and art instructor and house counselor for Taylor dormitory Thayer Zaeder with laying the groundwork for the green dorm pilot.

"They have managed to reduce dorm waste significantly, demonstrating that young people, when given the opportunity, welcome the challenge and rewards of sustainable living," she said.

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Beautiful efficiency

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Within the 168 pages are some of the most luscious-looking container plantings I've ever seen, each one offering the bonus of a harvestable food crop. These are truly elegant, with intricate pot choices that show off finely glazed Asian ceramics and painted Mexican talavera. There is also a whole chapter on \$5 containers, so even small-budget gardeners like me will find the ideas doable.

Each page features a full view of Crawford's artistic ideas in a real garden setting, including subtle suggestions as to where and how to use potted veggies to their best advantage. Opposite this eye candy are valuable how-to photos for first-time gardeners or novices. This level of detail leaves nothing to chance, ensuring that you will be rewarded with beautiful and prolific compositions.

As a designer, I know how difficult it is to figure out which plants share similar preferences. When mixing ornamentals with edibles, the combinations must be that much more precise. Thankfully, Crawford has solved this age-old problem for us. She shows how to group collard greens with petunias, Japanese eggplant with

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Her Web site, www.sideplanting.com, augments the book with free online how-to videos. These are particularly useful for her iron baskets lined with fiber, which are the modern version of sphagnum-moss baskets. You'll learn the art and craft of cutting holes in the fiber to plant the side of the container, doubling its contents. Fiber also ensures perfect drainage, reducing the risk of over-watering altogether. Some of the most fabulous planting designs in this book are side-planted, and once you see it done, you will fall in love with this technique.

Not all the ideas are combinations. I was particularly amazed to discover how well yellow crookneck squash stands out in a big cobalt-blue pot. Crawford has utilized various-shaped iron trellises to maximize space with plants that climb or trail. Wrought-iron grids or obelisks save space by gardening vertically. She also uses low-cost, prefab-wood trellises painted in bright, bold colors for a truly festive look. These dynamically different colors and forms help us rethink what food plants are, and how they can thrive on porches, patios or around the pool.

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Vegetable gardening revival still thriving

By KIM PALMER
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Dawn Steward was one of many rookie gardeners who tried growing vegetables for the first time last year. But her yields were underwhelming. "I didn't know what I was doing," she said of her attempt to start peppers and shallots from seed in her St. Paul, Minn., home. "They were fine until I watered them. Then they all died. I think it was my lack of experience."

Still, that didn't dampen her enthusiasm. Homegrown produce has too many benefits not to keep trying, she figures. "It cuts down on buying that kind

of stuff from the grocery store. It's healthier -- I don't have to worry about pesticides. And I get the satisfaction of saying, 'Look what I did.'"

Steward won't be alone. All signs point to another bumper year for veggie gardening, an age-old practice that had nearly fallen out of favor. But it flourished last year, fueled by an influx of new gardeners, according to a study by the Garden Writers Association Foundation, or GWAF. When asked about their plans for 2010, 37 percent of gardeners said they planned to increase their edible gardens.

"Last year was the tip, when we first saw the resurgence in vegetable gardening," said Susan Bachman West, senior hard-goods buyer for Bachman's. "People were quite successful, and now they're hooked." She's seen more customers perusing seed racks, and

seed companies are reporting brisk early sales, she said. Two seed-starting seminars at Bachman's last month drew bigger-than-usual crowds.

"Everybody was astonished how full the rooms were this year."

Mother Earth Gardens in Minneapolis also hosted a capacity crowd for its seed-starting class earlier this year, according to co-owner Paige Peline. The "Beginning Urban Vegetable Gardening" class filled up rapidly, and this year, Mother Earth added an advanced class.

"From what I can tell, people got a taste of it and really got into it," Peline said. "A lot of people who started new last year were encouraged and want to make their gardens bigger and better."

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That doesn't mean all those

newbies had great results. According to the GWAF study, the No. 1 reason for planting less this year was lack of success in 2009. Some of Peline's customers complained that they planted too many zucchini or tomatoes and were overwhelmed with produce, she said. Or, at the other extreme, some new gardeners griped that they didn't plant enough green beans to harvest a full meal's worth at one time.

Container gardening, a hot category, got mixed reviews when it came to growing veggies. "I heard from people who are really excited about containers, and people who were disappointed," Peline said. Growing veggies in a pot might seem easier than growing them in a bed, but it's hardly a low-maintenance method. "With a container, you are the waterer. It's like having a puppy."

Maybe that's why not everyone is taking the DIY approach to growing their own food. A Backyard Farm, a service that installs and maintains residential veggie gardens, is bracing for a busy spring, according to co-owner Joan James. The service was a start-up last year; by early February, it was already fielding calls and e-mails from customers wanting garden plots, she said. "Last year, we had one crew. Now we're going to need two or three."

Some customers want to learn how to tend their gardens themselves, but others are seeking a completely turn-key garden, James said. "They want us to do it all."

WHY HOMEGROWN'S HOT

Factors driving the veggie-garden resurgence are the same as last year, just gathering more momentum. Finances and the faltering economy remain a big factor. (Supplementing the household food supply was the most commonly cited reason for growing vegetables, according to the GWAF.)

For Steward, it's a no-brainer: "You can spend \$2.99 on a carton of cherry tomatoes -- or just get them off the porch," she said.

Taste is another motivator. "It's taking off because it's so satisfying," said Twin Cities native Cindy Pawlcyn, now a Napa Valley chef/restaurateur and one of the pioneers of the "farm-to-table" movement. "Things taste so much better when they're fresh. There was a long period of time when everything came from the grocery store. We've sacrificed flavor and variety, and dumbed it down to 'What's the best tomato for packaging?' People got kind of bored."

So what are today's veggie gardeners planting? Easy-to-grow crops, such as beans and lettuce, are perennial favorites, according to Bachman West, because "there's a high success rate."

But as gardeners gain



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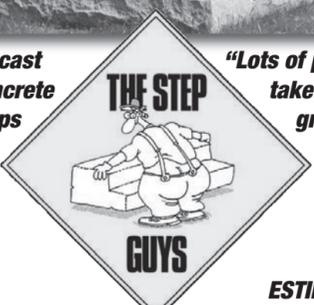
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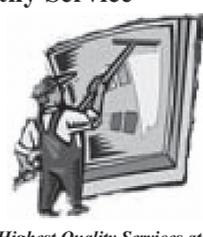
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ARRESTS

Tuesday, April 13 - At 5:47 p.m., Matthew J. Jurczak, 51, of North Street, North Reading, was arrested and charged with violating an abuse-prevention order.

Wednesday, April 14 - At 1:04 p.m., Scott G. Stillman, 40, of 800 Bullfinch Drive, Apt. 408, was arrested and charged on warrants for larceny and conspiracy.

At 1:08 p.m., Angela G. Fazio, 33, of 800 Bullfinch Drive, Apt. 408, was arrested and charged on a warrant for conspiracy.

Thursday, April 15 - At 8:03 p.m., Yessenia Abreu, 23, of 3 Temple St., second-floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license; also on warrants for disorderly conduct and driving without a license.

Friday, April 16 - At 7:37 p.m., Rita S. Martin, 72, of 247 North Main St., Apt. 9, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

Saturday, April 17 - At 9:49 p.m., Christopher J. Savage, 27, of 95 Audubon Road, Apt. 1012, Wakefield, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

At 10:24 p.m., Christina L. Wing, 21, of 14 Fulton St., Woburn, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

Sunday, March 18 - At 1:29 a.m., Jonathan Carrion, 23, of 563 Haverhill St., Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 3:27 a.m., Luann M. Roberge, 41, of 21 Cassidy Ave., Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with speeding and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 7:04 p.m., six officers responded to LaQuinta hotel, River Road. Between 7:55 and 9 p.m., Tara L. Giuffre, 27, of 98 Beech St., Tewksbury; Jason M. Huber, 28, of 149 Andover St., Apt. 9; John W. Fitzgerald Jr., 29, of 9 Nassau Ave., Wilmington; and David E. Savoie, 29, of 96 Chestnut St., Wilmington were all arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

At 10:05 p.m., Jason Orsini, 21, of 14 Chestnut St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for vehicle theft.

Monday, April 19 - At 2:42 p.m., police responded to a multi-car crash on Route 125. At 3:16 p.m., Marilene T. Oliveira, 43, of 53 Washington St., Medford, was arrested and charged with driving without a license.

BREAKS

Wednesday, April 14 - At 6:42 p.m., a North Main Street resident reported a housebreak sometime today. A responding officer found the front door kicked in and a TV stolen.

THEFT

Thursday, April 15 - At 11:21 a.m., there was a report of computer equipment stolen overnight, Corporate Drive.

At 11:24 a.m., there was a report of a backpack theft, Railroad Street.

At 3:17 p.m., there was a report of a stolen leaf blower, Essex Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 14 - At 11:20 a.m., a Woburn Street resident reported his vehicle had been stolen out of his driveway that morning.

At 7:09 p.m., the town of Tewksbury reported finding a vehicle

that was stolen out of Andover. The keys were in the vehicle, which was in a sand pit, and there was no damage.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, April 14 - At 12:54 p.m., an officer checked out a suspicious package in front of a Main Street bank. It was found to be a child's bag with some old newspapers in it.

Thursday, April 15 - At 8:25 a.m., three officers responded to a residence after a mother called 911 reporting her son had overdosed on a stimulant and became violent.

Friday, April 16 - At 10:52 a.m., a Sheffield Circle resident reported her dog had been bitten by another dog.

At 8:29 p.m., a Fleming Avenue resident reported her neighbor slapped her in the face and left the area in his truck. Four officers responded and issued a summons for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Saturday, April 17 - At 9:31 a.m., a Gleason Street resident reported someone hit her mailbox.

At 2:07 p.m., a 911 caller reported two males were walking down Foxhill Road smoking marijuana. Three officers responded, finding the two males did not have any drugs or paraphernalia on them. They were sent back to Merrimack College.

Sunday, April 18 - At 3:30 p.m., a 911 caller reported youths were throwing eggs at cars from the roof of Strawberry Tree gift shop, Main Street. A responding officer took three youths into custody, called their parents and issued a court summons.

Monday, April 19 - At 7:42 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reporting finding caution tape wrapped around his vehicle.

New leader for downtown business group

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

For years, downtown's business group has been led by retailers who own a shop there.

Now, there's a new twist on downtown business leadership. A financial advisor has taken the lead.

"There is more than just retail downtown," said Elaine LeBlanc-Baker, a financial advisor at Edward Jones on Essex Street.

She is the new president of Andover Business Center Association.

Her fresh face and investment services background are a bit different from the former ABCA presidents who were owners of Kaps, Culinary Concepts and Cupcake Boutique. All three of those shops have gone out of business or left Andover.

LeBlanc-Baker said retail owners are still involved with ABCA, but have most likely cut back on employees and are handling more work in their shops as a result of the economy. They simply don't have time for the volunteer job. ABCA presidents serve one-year terms.

So, LeBlanc-Baker has stepped up and her first order of business is to start making plans for two well attended downtown events, Andover Day and Holiday Happenings.

Andover Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 25 with a Sept. 26 rain date. Holiday Happenings is set for its traditional first weekend in December.

"We've got sponsors for Andover Day, which was very successful last year. Over 6,000 people came to Andover Day," she said.

This year, ABCA is hoping for the same success.

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Elaine LeBlanc-Baker

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Stop & Shop and The River radio station, 92.5 FM, have already signed on, she said. She expects Stop & Shop to be just about open by the Andover Day event. The supermarket is moving to Shawheen Plaza at the end of the Market Basket lease in July.

LeBlanc-Baker also said downtown merchants are banding

together to support The 3/50 Project, a national effort encouraging shoppers to use their downtown businesses.

"It's all types of locally owned brick and mortars. Join us in supporting the cafes, coffee shops, bistros, diners, pizza joints, pasta shops and white table cloth haunts that make our neighborhoods fun and fabulous," says the Web site the350project.net.

Residents are encouraged to pick three independent establishments in their downtown and pledge to spend \$50 at the three sites.

"We've been talking about this campaign at ABCA meetings," said LeBlanc-Baker, who lives in Andover. "We continue to work on ways to bring people downtown, especially since the Main Street makeover is done."

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Sports

Okun, Andover deliver classic

SOFTBALL

Junior designated hitter **Samantha Okun** delivered the game of her career, driving in a stunning six runs including a three-run triple and a key two-run double in the seventh as Andover rallied for a 12-11 victory over Haverhill last Wednesday. **Irena Kushner** added three hits and two RBIs and **Abby Taylor** picked up the win with two innings of relief.

BASEBALL

Hennessy stays hot

John Hennessy drove in four runs, giving him seven RBIs in the season's first two games, as Andover downed Chelmsford 9-6 last Wednesday. **Mike McQuillean** was 2 for 4 with two RBIs and **Alex Driscoll** scored three runs for the winners.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Fazio, team keep rolling

Ally Fazio and **Rosie Forster** each scored twice to help Andover sail past Tewksbury 12-2 on Friday. **Jenn Caro**, **Jaymi Cohen**, **Jaelyn Torres**, **Becca Puntoni**, **Meagan Keefe**, **Lindsey Vivian** and **Bridget Thibodeau** each scored once for the winners.

Jackie Pelletier tallied four goals, and **Jenn Caro** stayed hot, notching four scores of her own as Andover crushed Chelmsford 15-8 last Wednesday. **Rosie Forster** added a pair of goals and **Jaelyn Torres**, **Meghan Morris**, **Ally Fazio** and **Emily Shields** each scored once for the winners.

Jenn Caro scored four goals and **Sara Miller** added a hat trick as Andover blasted Lowell 16-5 last Tuesday. **Ally Fazio** and **Alex Alois** each scored one goal and assisted on two others and **Jaymi Cohen** and **Meagan Keefe** each had a goal and one assist.

BOYS LACROSSE

Goals aplenty

Jake Gilman and **Matt McIver** each scored three goals and **Nick Price** added two as Andover crushed Tewksbury 14-3 on Sunday. **Tom Lomedico**, **John Fiorentino**, **Conor Timmins**, **Jeff Hanson**, **Matt Swett** and **Tim LaBrie** each scored once for the winners.

Matt McIver notched five goals, helping Andover break into the win column with a 10-6 victory over Lowell last Tuesday. **Jake Gilman** scored two goals and assisted on two more and **John Fiorentino** added a pair of goals and an assist for the winners.

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Andover teacher E.J.Perry was named the new coach of the Andover High School football team.

'A NEW ERA'

Andover's Perry hired as Golden Warriors football coach

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff writer

Just hours after being offered the head football job, E.J. Perry was already in the Dunn Gym at Andover High, addressing a group of his future players.

"Just stepping into this building gives me chills," said Perry. "Memories of sweating on that football field and on that (basketball) court."

Last Thursday, after nearly a year of uncertainty, lifelong Andover resident Perry was named Andover High's head football coach after a champion tenure as a basketball and volleyball coach at Salem (N.H.) High.

"This is 27 years in waiting," said Perry, a longtime teacher at West Elementary School in Andover. "I am so excited. I'm ready to come back to my roots and continue to grow as a coach and as a person in the place that means so much to me. I am new to this job, but I'm not new to Andover."

Perry — and the Perry family in general — are nothing new to the Andover athletic

scene. E.J., the oldest of seven siblings, was a three-sport star for the Golden Warriors (1979-1983), earning Eagle-Tribune All-Star honors in football as a receiver and basketball as a guard. He then went on to play college basketball at Colby, scoring more than 1,000 points.

He was followed by younger brothers Tim (class of '86 and Andover Hall of Famer), John ('88) and Matt ('91), who all starred in basketball and football for the Golden Warriors with Tim and John two-sport All-Scholastics.

Youngest brother James was a basketball football All-Scholastic at Malden Catholic. All four of his brothers played college football at the 1-AA level and his sisters, Louise and Grace, also starred at Andover.

E.J. Perry brings a wealth of coaching success, but less football coaching experience.

Perry is best known as a basketball coach (two Class L titles, 177-100 record in 12 years at Salem, N.H., High) and a boys volleyball coach (record-setting 112-0 with six titles

at Salem). His last time coaching football was as an assistant at Malden Catholic, where he also was the head basketball coach. He said he coached football there from 1991 to 1995.

"E.J. knows how to coach," said Andover High athletic director Chris Bergeron, who also worked with Perry during his time as AD at Salem. "He can motivate and he knows all of the behind-the-scenes things that you need to be a good coach. He built two programs that are the envy of the area, and knows how to work with kids that are motivated, and how to motivate those that aren't."

The Golden Warriors had been without a permanent head coach since Ken Maglio was let go on June 29 of last year. John Rex, the other candidate for the job, served as the interim coach last season, guiding the Golden Warriors to a 6-5 record.

Andover elected not to open the search process outside of Andover High.

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Marathon Memories

Here are some of the favorite memories of Andover residents who ran the 2010 Boston Marathon:

"The high-fives from a 4-year-old dressed in his Patriot costume to celebrate the day"

Katie Witman

"I was in the last section of the first wave going off at 10 a.m. I was surprised how no one moved when the gun went off, no jogging, no push at all. Nervous energy usually makes people go crazy in this situation, but it was very calm."

Lisa Doucett

"Everybody was hurting toward the end of the race (myself included), but no pain was great enough to overcome sheer determination."

Michael Zakin

"Seeing my friends and family in Kenmore Square and knowing I only had a mile left to go."

Samantha Hughes

ANDOVER'S BOSTON MARATHON FINISHERS

Here's a look at how Andover residents fared in the Boston Marathon:

Peter Aisenberg	5:25:01
Christine Andersen	3:53:56
Kendra Bower	4:06:51
Lynne Capozzi	5:58:47
Linsey Cohen	3:33:53
David Dargie	3:19:20
Sean Devendorf	4:09:42
Lisa Doucett	3:31:31
Mike Elmer	4:07:14
Aaron Grover	3:57:42
Ashley Hayes	4:17:28
Rebecca Hession	3:46:39
Samantha Hughes	4:35:20
Jan Willem Jongert	3:23:27
Zahia Kattar-Shaw	3:34:48
Ingrid Lapsa	3:40:18
D. Nepomnayshy	4:02:47
Mary O'Donoghue	5:20:47
Beib O'Donoghue	5:26:30
Geoff O'Donoghue	5:02:12
Mary Obert	3:56:01
Michael Olivieri	3:38:15
Eric Parry	3:53:30
William Pennington	4:28:03
James Primes	2:43:05
Michael Psionos	4:26:06
Ken Shiff	4:47:29
Marla Sigman	3:57:42
Sunny Srivastava	4:18:40
Masato Suga	4:11:28
Kevin Sullivan	2:48:29
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COACH: Perry takes over

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"We are excited to enter a new era in Andover football," said Bergeron. "We have rules that we have to interview internal candidates. I thought we had two outstanding internal candidates, so I did not feel the need to go outside the district. We did the interviews and made a selection to go with E.J."

Perry began his pursuit of the job when it opened in January.

"I threw my resume in and just became more and more passionate about it," said the 45-year-old Perry. "Football and football coaching are in my blood, and so is Andover. It never gets out."

"Coaching is coaching. Coaching football was interrupted by the volleyball, but I have never really been away from football. I have been around my brothers' practices. It's about learning and letting things sink in."

Perry's brother John is the head football coach at Merrimack College, and his brother James is the offensive coordinator at Princeton.

Perry has two sons, E.J. IV, 11, and Will, 5, and daughter Julia, a seventh-grader.

"I told my son E.J. that I had taken the job with Andover football," said Perry. "Seeing the smile and excitement on his face. Seeing him on the field, being the ball boy during games."

Rex disappointed

The runner-up for the football job, 2009 interim head coach Rex, was saddened by the news he was passed over for the job.

"I really felt like the job was mine," said Rex. "I really thought, after what we were able to do last year, I was going to get a shot at a full season. I presented a plan of what I wanted to do with the program, and hoped it would go in the right direction. I was very surprised it didn't work out that way."

Rex helped the Golden Warriors to a 6-5 record in his lone year as head coach, including a victory over Chelmsford that snapped a 10-game losing streak to the Lions.

Rex, who received countless calls and texts from players and parents, said he was unsure of what the next step in his coaching career will be.

ROUNDUP

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BOYS TRACK

Vetere again raises bar

Superstar **Mark Vetere** continued to his assault on the record books, winning the pole vault with a stunning 15-0 as Andover cruised past Lowell 96-40 last Wednesday. **Chris Chu** continued his stellar start to the season, winning the triple jump (40-2) and 110 hurdles (14.9) and **Christopher McConnell** took the 100 and 200 for the Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Belluche, Warriors dominate

Emily Belluche won the long jump (14-4) and triple jump (34-8) while **Eve Bishop** took the pole vault (9-6) and 200 (25.9) as Andover topped Lowell 83-63 last Wednesday. **Kayla Baldwin** added a win in the 100 dash and **Jess Salley** took the 400 hurdles for the winners.

BOYS TENNIS

Doubles excel

Alex Kutchin and **Cam McCarthy** swept to a victory at second doubles as Andover defeated Lawrence 5-0 last Wednesday. **Andrej Samardzic**, **Josh Holman** and **Andrew Gray** each earned easy victories at No. 1-3 singles, respectively.

Austin Bendetson won third singles 6-2, 6-7, 7-5 as Andover threw a scare into two-time defending state champion Concord-Carlisle before falling 3-2 last Thursday. **Jeff Birenbaum** and **Nitin Mahesh** won No. 1 doubles for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Rivet, Warriors top rivals

Colin Rivet notched a team-high 15 service points and 10 digs as emerging Andover bested archrival Central Catholic 22-25, 25-21, 25-13, 13-25, 15-13 last Wednesday. **Pat Morrow** led the Golden Warriors in kills and **Joe Kuykendall** assists.

Despite 21 service points for **Eduardo Machado**, Andover fell to Lowell 9-25, 25-23, 25-21, 18-25, 15-11 on Friday. **Joe Kuykendall** added 27 assists and 10 digs for Andover.

Golden Eagles basketball teams take medal of each color

The Andover Golden Eagles Special Olympics Basketball Program soared to victory again this year at the Special Olympics State Championship Games that were played in Worcester recently. There were 114 basketball teams competing.

The Andover Blue team coached by Head Coach Mark Davey and Program Director Audrey DeSisto won gold medals. Playing for the Blue Team were **Alexis Alfonso**, **Michael Briggs**, **Devan DeSisto**, **Katie**

Garofoli, **Matt Hirsh**, **Adam Hornung**, **Brandon McCormack**, **John McKeon**, **Max Novick** and **Niko Wallingford**.

The Andover Eagles Team, coached by **David Pekarovich** and **Jaymi Cohen** took home silver medals. Playing for the Andover Eagles were **Raymond Jovelakos**, **Kevin O'Connor**, **Kyle White**, **Will Quirnbach**, **Michael Fox**, **Matt Crush**, **Grant Hespeler**, **Eddie Martin**, **Steve Kimball**, **Ben Aronovitz**, **Chris Briggs** and **Andreas**

Christopulos.

The Andover Gold Team, coached by **Peter Garofoli** and **Assistant Coaches David Briggs** and **Devon Follett**, won bronze medals. Playing for the Gold Team were **Ian Angles**, **Tyler Gervasio**, **Katherine Hallihan**, **Will Lionetta**, **Nabeeha Ahhusaini**, **Francesca Lionetta**, **Zachary Perry**, **Nicole Annino**, **Will Eikenberry**, **Rachel Annino**, **Clay Wadman** and **Sheryl Ehlsbeck**.

The Andover teams also won six out of six games during the

assessment rounds a few months ago in Weston.

The program is a Unified Mentoring Inclusion Program and includes kids with and without disabilities between ages 8 and 21. The team offers "special thanks to **Abby Martin**, **Jackie Hodas**, **Devon Follett**, **Sam Okun**, **Michelle McCormack**, **Marina Wallingford**, **Andy Hook**, **Lisa Alfonso** and all the parents who have been so dedicated to making this program a huge success," said **Audrey DeSisto**.



This photo of some members of the Golden Eagles program was taken during the assessment round in March, during which Andover teams won all six games they played.



Members of the Andover Golden Eagles Special Olympics program were able to celebrate winning a gold, silver and bronze medal.

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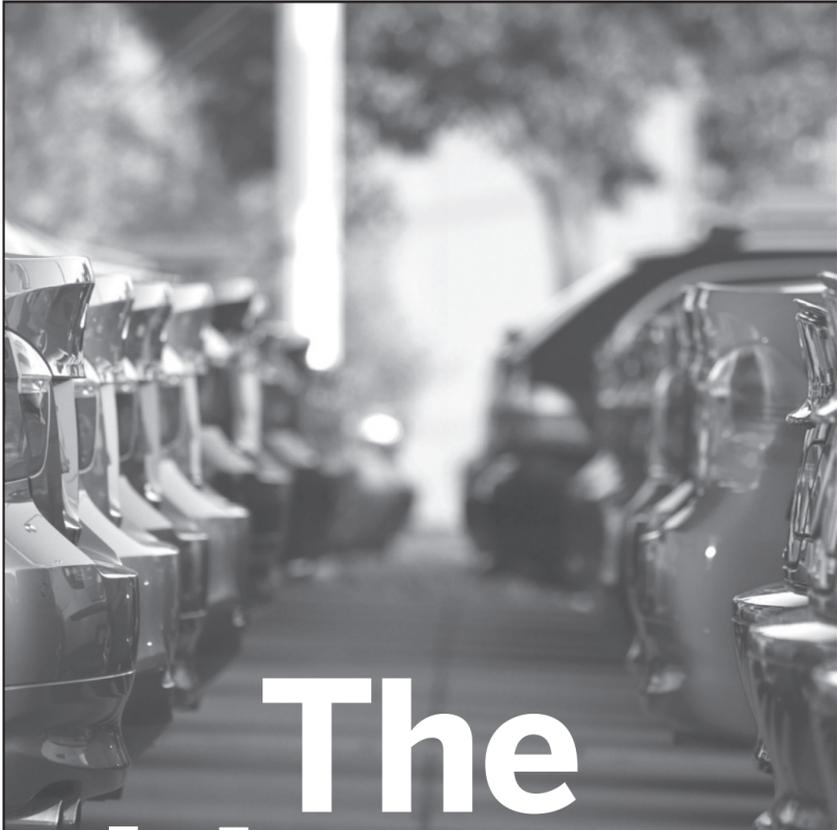
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