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Schools moving forward with tablet PCs

By **DUSTIN LUCA**
STAFF WRITER

Andover Public Schools will pilot e-textbooks in the classroom. In fact, if a supplier hadn't failed to deliver, a \$25,000 pilot program to use Apple iPads instead of textbooks would be underway at Andover High this semester.

For the past year, members of the school community have been discussing the possibility of moving away from using the tried-and-true school textbook in classrooms and replacing it with

a tablet PC loaded with comparable, electronic textbooks. Supporters of the idea have said that switching students to e-textbooks would allow for a more interactive learning medium to expand and strengthen the learning process throughout Andover's school system. Opponents have raised concerns about relying on technology that can become obsolete, or break, get lost or fail much easier than a physical textbook.

But either way, Andover educators appear intent on at least

trying out the concept. "We're going to be doing it," Susan Nicholson, assistant superintendent of Schools, said. "I can't give you a date or time, but it will happen."

SPRING 2011 PLAN FALLS FLAT

Last year, the School Committee voted to earmark \$25,000 to put Apple iPads in the hands of some students at Andover High School. With that, they purchased a new science textbook to

be used in the school throughout the first half of the year, and committed to receiving an e-textbook variant for the second half of the year.

But the effort never really got off the ground because the e-books didn't arrive. "The science program advisor informed me a few weeks ago that the book company didn't deliver the e-textbook to us in time to pilot," Nicholson said.

While the official pilot did not

Students split on using e-textbooks

By **DUSTIN LUCA**
STAFF WRITER

Despite growing up in the digital age, not all Andover High students are ready to throw away their textbooks in favor of tablet computers.

"Textbooks are good for me," 17-year-old Katie Mara, a senior at Andover High, said. "It is easier to learn from a book than from a computer screen,

so (using a tablet) would be a difficult transition." Freshman Samuel Rowe, 15, was concerned about the cost, what students would do if the technology breaks and even how things like research would be handled.

"If you have two books (you need to open) at the same time, how would you do that?"

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AHS grads plead guilty in drug-lab dorm case

By **DUSTIN LUCA**
STAFF WRITER

Two Andover High graduates plead guilty in federal court last Friday to a charge alleging they created a clandestine drug lab in a dorm room at Georgetown University last year.

John Perrone, 19, of 66 Bartlet St. and Charles Smith, 18, of 7 Porter Road, were arrested and charged with manufacturing DMT, a powerful hallucinogenic drug, in October. Following their guilty plea, Perrone and Smith will be sentenced on March 18.

Lawyers for the two young men and government officials have agreed to recommend that the teens get sentenced to six months of jail, which they would not serve, and instead be put on probation and do community service.

A resident at the Smith household declined to comment for this story, and neither Perrone or his family could be reached for comment earlier this week.

During last week's hearing, Perrone acknowledged

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MAIN (STREET) ATTRACTION



An expanded, three-story building at 1-7 Main St. that will house bridal businesses is due to open in April.

Vacancies dwindle with wine shop, bridal group, bank moving in

By **JUDY WAKEFIELD**
STAFF WRITER

The long-vacant prime Main Street real estate that one held House of Clean may soon be a wine and beer store where regional, not mega, brands rule.

The vacant spot that was last Settles Glass will soon be a branch for Century Bank.

Here come the brides, soon, to the brand new Bridal Destination building in Elm Square, the former Kap's and Natale's location, that has been expanded and is set to open in April.

At Andover Spa, work is set to begin for the new Subway sandwich shop that will be located at the back of the retail space. The restaurant plans to open next month.

Storefront vacancies are dwindling overall, giving some hope that downtown Andover is recovering slowly from the economic downturn.

Andover Business Center Association President Elaine LeBlanc-Baker said this year is off to a great start when it comes to business vibrancy on and around Main Street. Landlords seem to be leasing some empty spots and keeping commercial buildings occupied.

She pointed out a new shoe store opening on Post Office Avenue (where Cupcake Boutique and Beauty on Main once were) and a new window treatment business on Essex Street as examples. Fine stationery store Soiree Andover was there

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New parking rules aim to attract more first-floor retail

By **DUSTIN LUCA**
STAFF WRITER

The Planning Board wants to ease parking requirements on new businesses to attract more retail shops to the downtown area.

Retail businesses are required to have a certain number of parking spaces based on the size of the business. The changes to the bylaw would provide incentive for retail and merchandise businesses to move into available space by more than doubling the amount of business space shops can have before another parking spot is required.

"Downtown is built out. It is

difficult for any existing building to have a vacant space and, when (businesses) come in, to meet the requirements," Senior Planner Lisa Schwarz said. "If you want to open up in Andover, we don't want to scare you away with our heavy-handed parking requirements."

Town Meeting voters will be asked to consider a series of changes to the town's off-street parking requirements. The goal of these changes is to encourage particular uses of vacant space downtown while, at the same time, making it easier for businesses to move in, according to Schwarz.

"It is great to have retail

downtown, because they encourage customers to come," Schwarz said. "The more retail you have, the more reasons they have to come downtown."

The altered requirements are meant to give restaurants, personal service establishments and other shops added perks for moving in to ground level storefronts. Other changes seek to encourage establishments like offices to move into space available above the first floor of a building.

Ultimately, what the changes could create are mixed-use districts — zones that cater to multiple uses instead of just retail or

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Gluten-free eating talk next week

Do you, or does someone you know, have gluten intolerance, a wheat allergy or celiac disease? These conditions can make it a challenge for people to find the proper nutrition. Valerie Mata, owner of the Natural Food Exchange, in Reading, will talk about these issues, Thursday, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading.

As owner of the Natural Food Exchange, an independent health food store in Reading, Mata brings her expertise in the field of nutrition. She will talk about various options for those with gluten intolerance.

The program is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Call 978-664-4942 for further information.

Annual MV Chamber dinner set for May 4

Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will host their annual dinner on Wednesday, May 4, at DiBurro's Function Hall, 887 Boston Road, Ward

Hill, Haverhill. Cocktails at 6 p.m. and dinner at 6:45 p.m. The cost is \$95 per person. For more information call 978-686-0900.

DRUGS: Grads plea guilty

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purchasing materials to make dimethyltryptamine, or DMT, and said that he was responsible for mixing the ingredients after reading instructions he printed out from the Internet. Smith said he agreed to pay for half of the costs of making the drug, and that he was present for much of the preparation.

Both Perrone and Smith said they had never consumed DMT before.

"I have never consumed DMT in my life, didn't get that far," Perrone said during the hearing.

Perrone and Smith both reported that the drug was being made for their personal use, not to sell, though they would have shared some of it with friends. A prosecutor said the teens created about a gram of the drug, which Perrone said was enough for about 10 doses.

Material reported by the Associated Press was used in this report.



Andover Stories

By Joan Patrakis
Andover Historical Society

On April 19, 1775, 335 Andover men answered the Lexington alarm. For the next eight years fathers and sons, brothers and uncles, even servants and free men, served side by side in the historic effort for American independence.

Two companies of Minute Men marched from Andover that fateful morning, followed by four foot companies. Included in the last group were eight "aged" or physically unqualified men who delivered provisions to Cambridge. The units marched under Colonel James Frye of this town who headed the 1st Massachusetts Regiment of Minute Men.

Andover troops arrived too late for the battle at Lexington but their presence was noted at Bunker Hill. Captains Benjamin Ames, Benjamin Farnum and

Charles Furbush led 177 men into action against the British who greatly outnumbered the Americans in troops and equipment.

In the battle that cut British forces in half, four Andover men were killed. Twelve others, including Col. Frye and Captains Farnum and Furbush, were wounded. One of the wounded men died four days later. Among the prisoners taken was Darius Sessions. Salem Poor, a Negro, was recognized for outstanding bravery for reportedly shooting a British officer.

During the course of the war, Andover citizens fought and died at Valley Forge, Ticonderoga and Lake Champlain. Several local men were listed as "unfit to serve" at Valley Forge because they lacked shoes or clothing. Some residents, like Peter Martin, served throughout the war. Martin marched on the April alarm, saw action at Bunker Hill and served from 1778 to 1780 with General George Washington's elite Life Guard. He later re-enlisted with the Continental Army for three years.

Colonel Samuel Johnson, who commanded the 4th Essex

County Regiment of Massachusetts Militia, served for the duration of the war. During that time he was appointed Representative to the General Court and sat on several town committees.

Since enlistment age ranged from 16 to 60, it was not unusual that generations of a family served together. Col. Johnson's five sons were Minute Men. Samuel Jr. was a Captain. Phineas Ingalls, his two brothers and their uncle Abijah enrolled from Andover. Four Haggett brothers went off to war; three of them never returned.

Included in the rosters are the names of more than 20 Negro soldiers who represented Andover. Some, like Salem Poor, were distinguished as "free." Philip Abbot, a servant, was one of the fatalities at Bunker Hill.

Women also contributed to the war effort. Lucy Osgood, whose husband Jacob marched on the alarm, fed troops that marched through Andover. Phebe Foxcroft Phillips kept the town records when Judge Phillips' duties as mill owner and lawmaker kept him from his responsibilities as town clerk. Women also cared for sick and wounded loved ones and made homespun clothing to boycott

English imports.

Samuel Phillips responded to the Army's need for gunpowder by operating a powder mill on Stevens Street. Although it made a major contribution to the war effort, the mill had some difficulties. Early production was inferior, generating a complaint from General Washington that "There must certainly be either roguery or gross ignorance in your powder-makers..." In 1778 an explosion killed three men.

The prevalence of Holt and Abbot families in early Andover is reflected in the Revolutionary rolls. Thirty-seven Hols and as many Abbots served in the conflict. Twenty-two Abbots and 26 Hols marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775. Both families suffered losses at Bunker Hill.

From 1775 to 1783 an estimated 700 men represented the town of Andover in the struggle to make America an independent nation. Twenty-three sacrificed their lives.

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in 2011.

STUDENTS: Mixed feelings about using tablet computers

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Samuel said. "You wouldn't be able to do it."

Senior Lily Guttentag, 17, said people need to consider the consequences of putting tablets in the hands "of kids who won't necessarily know how to take care of a computer like that."

But there is support for the idea from many other students. "I think it would be easier,

because you won't have to carry textbooks," Jimmy Walsh, a 16-year-old junior, said, adding that, with digital textbooks and one tablet per student, classes would never run out of books.

Backpacks would become considerably lighter. "You won't have to carry as much weight every day," Reid White, a 15-year-old freshman at the high school, said.

High school sophomore Brian

Riemer, 15, thought it was a good idea, but wanted to hear more about the idea's implementation. Central to his concern was how the tablets would be issued, and whether they would stay with the student or remain in the classroom at the end of the day.

"If you can only have it in the classroom, you would need a book at home," he said.

Overall, as a student experimenting the technology, Jared

Rosen, student liaison to the School Committee, supported its implementation into Andover's education system.

"You aren't just getting words and pictures. You are getting information you can manipulate," Rosen said. "Everybody has their own computer that they can use. Maybe it is time to add something to that repertoire."

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E-BOOKS: Educators excited about using technology

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begin, some teachers moved forward with similar efforts, including high school math teacher Scott Armstrong, who is using an Internet-based textbook in some of his classes.

Last week, School Committee Chairman Dennis Fergie said he was interested in investigating the idea, but he declined to comment without having further data regarding the effectiveness of e-books.

The pilot, Nicholson said, would generate that data.

"We want to collect the data to say to the School Committee and the residents, 'Here is the data,'" Nicholson said. "Every single program advisor I talked with indicated the desire to purchase the iPad to pilot e-books. There is a lot of excitement in the district with the possibility."

That excitement is shared by

School Superintendent Marinel McGrath.

"It appears from the reading that there would be a multitude of advantages ... with the tablets with respect to K-12 learning," McGrath said. "We just need to get these projects going to see what we can learn from them."

Andover High interim Principal Thomas Sharkey also seemed excited about the idea, though he was more cautious about diving into using new technology without fully considering the current market.

"So much of what I've seen in my experience are teaching breakthroughs that schools have adopted, and (then they) found them delivering less of what they advertised, or made obsolete by something more dramatically helpful," Sharkey said. "We are less inclined to encumber amounts of money for a blip on the radar screen that,

in three years, can be replaced by another blip on the radar screen."

At the same time, Sharkey said he liked the prospects of textbooks that students can manipulate, thus removing boundaries that pages of text and non-moving graphics can provide.

"That is really rich, and I would love to see a conversation begin around what is out there at the moment, and field test the resources," Sharkey said. "We need to examine very carefully what is out there and what is available for enhancing learning, and then make a judgement on committing to it."

MOVING FORWARD: MAKING E-TEXTBOOKS HAPPEN

McGrath indicated part of her challenge is making a move on the technology before the state

issues a mandate telling her to do so. Andover's schools would have more flexibility in conducting a pilot they create.

"There are all kinds of mandates out there, and the last thing that we need is another unfunded mandate," McGrath said. "I want us to make that decision. I don't want it to be the other way around."

It is not yet known when students could start testing the idea of replacing textbooks with tablet PCs, but that time will eventually come, Nicholson said.

"We want to collect the data and make sure we're making an informed decision," Nicholson said. "We are confident that that's the direction we will be going in."

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Johnny's Super Market was operated at 43 Park St. An ad in the Townsman dated Nov. 15, 1956, had prices of coffee for 79 cents a pound, Florida oranges at 29 cents a dozen and roast beef for 39 cents a pound. The telephone number was 2740.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: The former location of Johnny's Super Market at 43 Park St., Andover.

New president approved for NECC

At its Feb. 1 meeting, the Massachusetts Board of Higher Education voted unanimously to approve Dr. Lane Glenn as the new president of Northern Essex Community College, replacing Dr. David Hartleb, who will retire this coming June.

A resident of Amesbury, Glenn currently serves as vice president of academic affairs at Northern

Essex Community College, a position which he has held since 2006. Prior to that, he was dean of academic and student services at Oakland Community College in Michigan. He has also served as director of learning services at Lansing Community College, also in Michigan. Glenn holds a Ph.D. in theater from Michigan State University.

St. John's online auction starts Feb 28

An online auction to benefit St. John's Prep will take place on Monday, Feb. 28, through Monday, March 7. Thirty-seven students from Andover attend the private school.

Items will include premier seating for Red Sox, Celtics and Bruins games, autographed

sports memorabilia, a weeks stay at the Caribbean Palm Village in Aruba, the Trapp Family Lodge in Vermont, golf packages, flight lessons, gourmet dining and more. The online auction is open to all by visiting stjohnsprep.org/auction.

March 2 is last day to register to vote in town election

The Annual Town Election will take place on Tuesday, March 22. All precincts will vote at the Andover High School Collins Field House on Shawsheen Road from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The entrance to the polling place is in back of the field house. Parking will be available for voters in the parking lot behind the field house when school is in

session and all parking lots after school closes.

The last day to register to vote for new registrants for the town election is Wednesday, March 2. The town clerk's office at 36 Bartlett St., will be open for voter registration until 8 p.m.

Mail in voter registration forms are available at the Town Offices, Memorial Hall Library and Post

Offices and must be post marked no later than March 2 to be valid for voting in the town election. Voters may also register to vote at the reference desk at the library during regular hours. Anyone turning 18 by March 22 is eligible to register to vote.

The ballot for the 2011 town election will include the following: Moderator - One seat for one

year

Selectman - One for three years

Selectman - One for two Years

School Committee - One for three Years

Andover Housing Authority - One for five Years

If you have any questions, contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8259.

Stately tweets, Facebook connection from Niki Tsongas

Congresswoman Niki Tsongas has launched a new official Twitter feed and Facebook page that she will use to communicate with constituents and keep them updated on her votes in Congress as well as her activities around the Fifth Congressional District.

"I am always looking for new ways to stay in close contact with those that I have the privilege of representing," said Tsongas in a release. "Twitter and Facebook offer an innovative way to do just that and I will be using these new media tools to provide real time updates on

happenings in Congress and the Fifth District. I also welcome feedback and ideas on my posts and hope that Fifth District residents will share their comments."

Twitter is a social networking site that allows users to post "tweets" of up to 140 characters

that can be viewed by logging on to the twitter homepage or signing up for updates via email and text-message. Constituents can follow Congresswoman Tsongas on twitter @nikiinthehouse. Tsongas' official Facebook page can be found at Facebook.com/RepTsongas.

Sen. Barry Finegold pushes financial literacy curriculum

Sen. Barry Finegold filed legislation that will help students acquire useful skills to better manage money and prepare them for their future financial decision. "An Act Establishing a Financial Literacy Curriculum" proposes to add finance-based lessons to the math curriculum for all students in the Commonwealth from kindergarten to grade 12. The legislation aims to equip students with the knowledge needed to become self-supporting and to enable students to make critical decisions regarding

personal finances.

The idea was one supported by Finegold's predecessor Sen. Sue Tucker.

"We need to give our students the tools and skills to be successful in the 'real world,'" said Finegold. "During these tough economic times, having the knowledge to manage money and finances is invaluable. This legislation aims to increase financial responsibility for young people something I think will benefit our students and give them an advantage for the future."

The legislation will require the department of elementary and secondary education to authorize and assist in the implementation of programs on teaching personal financial literacy. The components of personal financial literacy covered in the program will include: understanding loans, borrowing money, interest, credit card debt, and online commerce, rights and responsibilities of renting or buying a home; saving, investing and planning for retirement, and banking and financial services.

The legislation also proposes the creation of an advisory committee to investigate and study the development of curriculum and guidelines. The advisory committee will consult with individuals with relevant experiences including representatives from insurance and investment firms, real estate firms, and bankruptcy attorneys.

Robert B. Kimmett, senior vice president marketing for the Massachusetts Credit Union League, voiced his organization's support.

Students, register for ACT by March 4

Registration is now open for the April 9, ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register before March 4.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It tests what students have actually learned in school, not their aptitude for learning. The ACT also measures what students need to know to be ready for first year credit-bearing college courses based on ACT College Readiness Standards. Every student's results can be

tied directly to these consistent standards.

The ACT has four sections—English, mathematics, reading and science—and takes about three hours to complete. Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes. Unlike other exams, students are not penalized for guessing or answering all the questions on each test section.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$33. When combined with the optional ACT

Writing Test, the total cost is \$48. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

The ACT website actstudent.org, has information, free sample items, and options to order test prep materials to help test takers get ready for the exam. Most students register online at actstudent.org. Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices.

Late registration is available until March 18, for an additional \$21 fee.

Finegold office hours March 3

Sen. Barry Finegold and staff will hold open office hours on Thursday, March 3 in Andover, Dracut, Lawrence and Tewksbury. Office hours will be held at the following locations and times:

In Dracut at the Dracut Council on Aging, 951 Mammoth Road, from 3 to 4 p.m.

In Tewksbury at A Novel Café, 464 Main St., from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

In Andover at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. activity room, lower level, from 6 to 7 p.m.

In Lawrence at Café Verde, 275 Essex St., from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Andover Mobil supports school

Saint Michael School of North Andover has received a \$750 grant from the Exxon/Mobil Educational Alliance program. Sam and Lori Ameen, owners of Main Street Mobil in Andover, worked with school officials to secure the grant, which is one of 2,400 available to schools across the country served by Exxon or Mobil stations. The grants were made possible by funding from the ExxonMobil Corp.

"Saint Michael School works hard to make learning interesting and fun," said Lori Ameen. "As a Mobil retailer, we are proud to help young people of the local communities."

The ExxonMobil Education Alliance program is designed to provide Exxon and Mobil retailers with an opportunity to invest in their communities through educational grants to neighborhood schools.

"It's impressive that a local business recognizes the importance of community support for the education of our children," said Susan Gosselin, principal of Saint Michael School. "We are grateful to the Ameen Family for working hard to secure this grant. The money will directly benefit the children of Saint Michael School".

Main Street Mobil met stringent eligibility criteria before applying for and being awarded this grant, including having a commitment to provide a superior buying experience for customers.

Gibson's firm recognized

Gibson & Behman, P.C., a law firm formed in 1987, was recognized in January at a Boston event for being among the area's largest family-owned businesses and area's

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Great Women to Know sponsor healthy living initiative

An Andover businesswoman is helping to serve up nutrition lessons to students at a private school in Lawrence.

"After 15 years since my initial wish to 'do something' about school lunches, I've realized a dream by creating a pilot series of cooking classes for the Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, the community in Massachusetts with the highest obesity or overweight public school population. I've had help from many generous and talented women in the North Shore," reported Merit Tukiainen, owner of the Andover shop Night & Day, one day after the first class on Feb. 8.

The program planning group consists of about a dozen professional women members of Great Women to Know, an organization of local women, many from Andover, "dedicated to harnessing the diverse talents and influence of their membership to benefit young women in need in their community and other women within the organization."



Merit Tukiainen



Jennifer Vargas, 13, right, serves food last year with fellow Esperanza Academy students during a breakfast for members of the Lawrence Senior Center. Andover businesswoman Merit Tukiainen has helped organize a program to educate Esperanza students about the value of eating healthful foods.

FILE PHOTO

Tukiainen says that "Esperanza Cooks Recipes for Life" mission statement is to give "students at the Esperanza Academy in

Lawrence, hands-on cooking and nutritional learning experiences which promote life-long skills for healthy living. The program

benefits the students, their families, and their community."

Esperanza Academy, is a private, tuition-free middle school for

low income girls in Lawrence.

Esperanza Cooks is a 10-week program designed for 6-8 students in the 8th grade to learn about cooking, nutrition, kitchen safety, food handling and more during a hands-on series of chef-instructed classes. The classes take place on Tuesdays, from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The final class, a family feast, will take place on April 12.

The pilot program is planned to evolve to a permanent, extra-curricular, endowed program for Esperanza Academy. The program responds to the extraordinary statistic about adolescent obesity, placing the Lawrence public school population at the highest rate 46.6 percent of adolescent overweight for obesity in the state of Massachusetts.

Plans are also being made to involve the Esperanza Academy students in working in the community gardens of Groundwork Lawrence, and to use the produce from the gardens in the fall program.

The program is possible with the volunteer contributions of many area women. The pilot program chef instructor is Denise Baron Herrera, vice president of food and beverage at Burtons Grill in North Andover.

Make 2011 the year of living locally

Meg Rokos

What three local businesses would you miss if they were to close their doors forever? This is the question that the "3/50 project" suggests that we consider before shopping online or at a Big Box store this year.

After 20 years, I still miss Ford's Coffee Shop, Thompsons Office Supply (aka "The Paper Store") and Barcelo's Market (aka "The Co-Op). I loved taking my young children to Ford's for grilled cheese sandwiches, walking across the street for

colorful markers at Thompson's, and then on to

Barcelo's Market to pick up a missing ingredient for that night's dinner, without ever manipulating a child's car seat or spending one dime on gas.

The 3/50 project urges you to try to spend \$50 per month with three of your cherished businesses, which would result in \$34 per establishment returned to the community, versus \$21 for national chains, and a big goose egg (not the golden kind) for online shopping.

Of course, there are many

other, significant long term benefits for us to shop locally. Among them:

- Local businesses provide important tax revenues to the community.

- Local businesses keep our downtown landscape welcoming and desirable to our current residents as well as to our prospective future residents. This helps stabilize or increase our home values.

- Local businesses provide a vibrant, accessible town center, reducing automobile use, and its damaging effect on our local

environment.

- Local businesses provide jobs. These are jobs that are more rewarding, enriching, with a shorter commute than Big Box stores, and that encourage employees to shop locally and increase the revenue multiplier effect.

- Local businesses support local causes—our schools, charities and institutions.

Here is one example of the tangible and intangible benefits to all of us of patronizing a local business:

Andover Animal Hospital

has provided a valuable service to our community since 1958.

Many of us know Dr. Richard Lindsay Sr., founder, who has contributed so much to the Andover community, and continues to do so in his retirement. I have personally benefited from his great wisdom on several occasions.

On June 17, 2003 - a date seared into my memory - I delivered a dead, rabid raccoon to Dr. Lindsay, after learning that he was the only ceterinarian

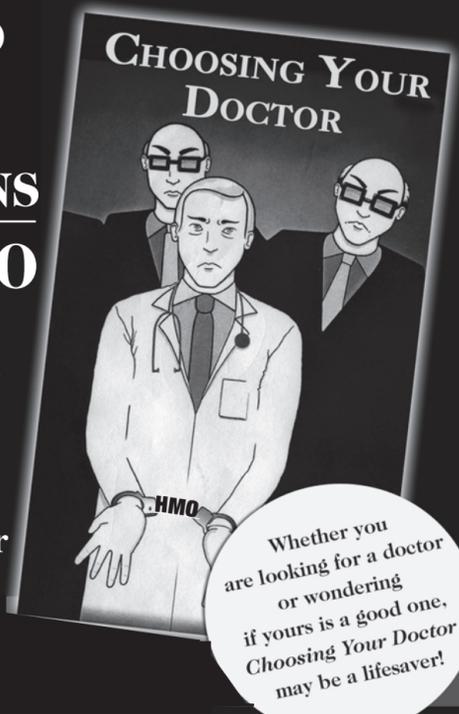
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George LeMaitre, MD, F.A.C.S., a vascular surgeon, is an inventor of medical devices and author of four books. He is on the faculty of Tufts School of Medicine and taught medical students for 14 years in the art and science of physical diagnosis.

Dr. LeMaitre lives in Andover, MA, with his wife and is the father of five children.

Dr. LeMaitre is available at no charge for presentations of his book. E-mail him at: drlemaitre@lemaitre.com

Realtor association installs leaders from Andover

Members of the Northeast Association of Realtors gathered at the Vesper Country Club in Tyngsboro recently for the formal installation of NEAR officers and directors for 2011.

NEAR's 2011 Executive Committee include Andover resident and president-elect Mary O'Donoghue of Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors of Andover, and North Andover resident and first vice president Bill Dumont of RE/MAX Partners of Andover.

Others installed as members of the NEAR Board of Directors during 2011 include Andover resident Christopher Doherty of Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors of Andover, and Andover resident Linda Gilligan, of J. Borstell Real Estate of Tewksbury.

Those also installed as directors for the Massachusetts Association of Realtors during 2011 include Doherty, Gilligan and O'Donoghue.

New committee chairpersons for NEAR in 2011 were also announced at the recent NEAR



Bill Dumont Linda Gilligan

installation ceremonies. They include:

- Mary O'Donoghue, Board of Directors/Executive Committee;

- Linda Gilligan, Community Service Committee;

- Bill Dumont, Grievance Committee vice-chair; and

- Maureen Collins, Professional Standards Committee vice-chair from Prudential Howe & Doherty of Andover.



Mary O'Donoghue



Diane Tower at Andover Animal Hospital

ROKOS: Make supporting local businesses a priority

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in Essex County who could prepare the animal for rabies testing. On his recommendation, I then proceeded --poste haste-- to

LGH for the first of several rounds of shots, which, quite plausibly, could have saved my life.

In another memorable family trauma, he removed a "cherry eye" from our hamster. I had previously been told that to correct this grotesque malformation, I'd need to check the rodent in to a hospital, where, under general anesthesia, a veterinary ophthalmologist would perform surgery. Cha Ching. In one 10 minute, decisive maneuver, Dr. Lindsay corrected a problem that spared "Tiger" a one-way trip to that great

hamster wheel in the sky.

Andover Animal Hospital's impact on our town is hugely significant. Diane Tower, current owner and daughter of Dr. Lindsay, pays a staff of 48, serves on the Board of the Boys and Girls Club in

Lawrence, Lazarus House and Ironstone Farms programs. She hires students from Essex Agricultural School. She is an active member of Great Women to Know, bringing veterinarians to Esperanza Academy to inspire and inform fifth through eighth grade Lawrence girls on the annual "Shadow Day". She uses the hospital's freezers to store turkeys and other ingredients of a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for the faculty, staff, and students at Esperanza Academy in Lawrence. And, she provides an invaluable professional service to animal owners throughout Essex County.

Make 2011 the year of living locally. Try the 3/50 rule. \$50 a month at three local businesses. Invest in the quality of life of our community. Support our schools, our neighborhoods, our causes, and our community. Which Andover institutions would you miss?

Meg Rokos is chairwoman of the Board of "Great Women to Know" and a Realtor at Prudential, Howe, and Doherty.

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largest law firms. Dan Gibson, the owner of the law firm, is an Andover resident.

The law firm has been named to two lists in the Boston Business Journal: Area's Largest Law Firms, and Area's Largest Family-Owned Businesses. As part of this year's Book of Lists, representatives of the firm attended a reception recently to honor recipients of these awards.

"This is always an excellent event to attend, and we are pleased to be in such fine company with other area businesses," said Daniel P. Gibson, managing partner of Gibson & Behman. "We are grateful for the continued confidence of our clients and to the Boston Business Journal for all they do in promoting business and recognizing business growth in our region."

Two chamber events this week

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with the Merrimack Valley Family Chiropractic will present "Business Before Hours" on Friday, Feb. 18 from 7:45 to 9 a.m. at the Merrimack Valley Family Chiropractic, 800 Turnpike St., Suite 104, North Andover.

The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The chamber will present "Speed Networking" on Tuesday, Feb. 22 from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Methuen Village at River Walk Park, 4 Gleason St., off Route 28, Broadway, Methuen. Advance registration and payment is required. The cost is \$15 for members and \$30 for non-members. For more information on either event call 978-686-0900.

Police chiefs to address chamber

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "A Public Safety Breakfast Forum: What You Need to Know For Your Business and Home" on Friday, March 18 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at Michael's Function Halls, Alpha/River St., Haverhill.

Invited speakers include, Mass. Sec of Public Safety Mary Elizabeth Heffernan, District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett, Essex County Sheriff Frank Couxins, Rep. Michael Costello Chairman Public Safety, Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo, Haverhill Police Chief Allan DeNaro, Lawrence Police Chief John Romero, Methuen Police Chief Joseph Solomon and North Andover Police Chief Richard Stanley.

A full breakfast buffet is included. The cost is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

Miele is VP of commercial banking at Andover TD Bank

Angela C. Miele has been named vice president Commercial Relationship Manager in Commercial Banking at TD Bank in Andover. She is responsible for handling the daily activities and supervision of a portfolio of commercial loans as well as generating new commercial business loans and commercial mortgages.

Miele, who changed her name from Angela Dushane following her January 2011 marriage, has 30 years of experience in banking and lending in the region. Prior to joining TD Bank, she served as a Commercial Lender at The Savings Bank in Wakefield, and The Provident Bank in Amesbury. Miele began her commercial banking career at State Street Bank in Boston. She has served on the Board of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council, and is a member of the Northern Mass. Commercial Investment Board of Realtors, the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, and the Great Haverhill Chamber of Commerce.

Miele and her husband, Joseph Miele, III, live in Londonderry, N.H. She volunteers in fundraising efforts for the Merrimack Valley YMCA.

Former resident, Berger, named IEEE Fellow

Paul Berger, son of Raymond and Mary Ann Berger, formerly of Andover, has been promoted to Fellow status in the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, one of the most prestigious honors bestowed by the organization.

Berger, a professor of electrical and computer engineering and physics at Ohio State University, was promoted for "contributions to the understanding, development, and fabrication of silicon-based resonant interband tunneling devices and circuits." In addition, his work on the surface kinetics of highly strained epitaxial layers led to advancements in quantum dot lasers.

Berger is one of only 36 people worldwide elevated to Fellow within IEEE's Electron Devices Society for 2011.

The IEEE grade of Fellow recognizes unusual distinction in the profession and is conferred only by invitation of the Board of Directors upon a person with "an extraordinary record of accomplishments in IEEE's designated fields of interest," according to a release.

IEEE is the world's largest technical professional association, and is dedicated to advancing technology for the benefit of humanity.

Berger resides in Upper Arlington, Ohio, with his wife, Rita, and two daughters.

Chamber of Commerce trade show set for April

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Business Expo Trade Show and Health and Wellness Fair will be Wednesday, April 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Michael's Function Hall, Alpha/River St., Route 110, Haverhill. For more information call 978-686-0900.

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DOWNTOWN: Vacant buildings filling

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until it moved to the former Native Sun location on Main Street (just steps from the new bridal building).

"We've still got a vacancy at the old bike space (on Chestnut Street) but overall, I would say downtown Andover is doing very well," she said. "New businesses, like Lyn Evans, tell me they are doing well."

Selectmen will discuss plans for the new Andover Fine Wine & Spirits at their Feb. 28 meeting.

Gene LeBlanc of Andover is the man behind this proposed new wine store that is expected to move into 77 Main St. the former home of House of Clean, a dry cleaner. He said downtown's charm is what made him choose Andover for his new business, which will host wine tastings.

"I looked in Groveland, Peabody, Danvers and Tewksbury, and it was the quality of our downtown," he said of his chosen location.

While other locations offered "twice as much space for half the money," this married father of three is excited about his proposed new business.

"If everything goes well, I plan to open around May 1," he said.

The feeling is not universal in Andover, of course. Shawshen Plaza has two anchor spaces



The former House of Clean location at 77 Main St. in downtown Andover, a building with offstreet parking, is expected to become a wine shop.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

empty or about to be empty. However, inside work continues where Market Basket used to be as Stop & Shop is on track to open on Memorial Day in May. At the other end of the plaza, Marshalls is getting ready to close on Sunday, March 13, after 17 years. Stop & Shop owns the plaza

and a spokesman said a replacement tenant for the Marshalls space will be found quickly.

"It's a great space," said Stop & Shop spokesman Bob LaRochelle. "Our brokers are on it and we're hoping to fill the space as quickly as possible."

Coming soon

Town planner Lisa Schwarz said Century Bank filed paperwork for a permit last Friday as the bank plans to renovate the former Settles Glass site at 15 Elm St., next to Andover Spa. What was an automotive shop in 1957, then Settles Glass starting in 1993, has been vacant for

TIP also coming downtown

Even downtown office space is seeing a rebirth. After renting in Methuen for the past 12 years, Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley Inc. is relocating to 91 Main St., second floor of Olde Andover Village.

Jayan Marie Landry, TIP CEO/executive director, emailed volunteers and friends about the move, which is happening Sunday, Feb. 20.

"Rent will be a fraction of what we pay and there is a municipal lot attached with plenty of parking. There will be ample space for monthly team and quarterly board meetings. This location will be ideal for us to continue offering our community outreach services to traumatized children and adults in need in the Merrimack Valley community as we enter our 19th year," Landry wrote.

TIP responds to hospitals, and police and fire department calls following traumas and helps residents of Andover, Lawrence, Methuen, and North Andover during these difficult times.

a few years.

Meanwhile, an April opening is being planned for the new bridal destination building at 1-7 Main St. The building is in the last stretch of its makeover.

Steve Kalman of Cristina's, whose business will spread out on three floors and occupy about 75 percent of the new building, said April 1 is his target date to open.

"It's been a huge undertaking," he said citing a three-foot drop in the floors that needed to be adjusted. He said marble floors were scheduled to go in last week while plans for 18 dressing rooms, an intercom system and iPads were on track.

It's a location rich with merchant history as historical papers show the building was built in 1884 for retail merchants, said Elaine Clements, executive director of the Andover

Historical Society.

All these years later, it's still a prime address for a retailer and Kalman is thrilled that it's him.

"It's a whole new building," he said. "We put in an elevator, and everything is new...it will be beautiful."

Kalman has leased some 7,500-square-feet in the new building, owned by R. Thomas "Tom" Belhumeur of CHB Enterprises of Swampscott, who did not return telephone calls.

Kalman is moving Cristina's from the other side of Main Street where Belhumeur is also his landlord. Cristina's has been at 10 Main St. for almost 27 years. Kalman said the new space will double its size.

First Date Boutique, Russo tuxes and limos, Photography by Linda and a light and sound company are Kalman's new business neighbors, he said.

PARKING: Changes would create mixed-use districts, encourage first-floor shops

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just housing — with shops filling the first floor of every building.

"We want our downtown to be walkable, and we want people to feel like they can walk downtown and go to a few different stores without having to get in their car and drive down the street," Schwarz said.

The requirement changes would only be enforced on future businesses and establishments. They would not have any affect on existing businesses, Schwarz said.

But some businesses that currently exist would have benefited from the changes had they been implemented years ago. As an example, Schwarz mentioned Brasserie 28, a wine bar that came into

Elm Square last year. When it previously entered its existing space, the restaurant was required to have 36 parking spaces. Under the new requirements, the wine bar would have only needed 11 spaces.

"That is significantly more doable," Schwarz said.

Business owners moving into downtown space who do not have the off-site parking available for their establishment, even with the new requirements, will still be able to request an exemption to the bylaw. But ultimately, fewer businesses will need to do so. And those that do will seek smaller exemptions, Schwarz said.

"It is more appropriate for our downtown and what land we have," she said.

INFORMATION BELOW FOR GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT AND MIXED USE DISTRICTS, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

Category	Description	Old requirement	New requirement
Personal service establishment	Hair salons, barber shops, etc.	One space per 250 sq. feet on first floor, one space per 350 sq. feet for second floor, one space per 600 sq feet of basement space; one space per 250 sq. feet for all other districts.	One space per 500 sq. feet on first floor, one space per 600 sq. feet for other floors (including basement floors); one space per 250 sq. feet for all other districts.
Retail and merchandise	Retail locations that cater to larger demographics, such as office supplies or jewelry	One space per 250 sq. feet on first floor, one space per 350 sq. feet for second floor, one space per 600 sq feet of basement space; one space per 250 sq. feet for all other districts.	One space per 600 sq. feet on all floors; one space per 250 sq. feet for all other districts
Convenience store	Stores that cater to a general range of products, such as Andover Spa	One space per 250 sq. feet on first floor, one space per 350 sq. feet for second floor, one space per 600 sq feet of basement space; one space per 250 sq. feet for all other districts.	One space per 500 sq. feet on first floor, one space per 350 sq. feet for other floors, one space per 600 sq. feet for basement floors; one space per 250 sq. feet for all other districts.
Sit-down restaurant	Dining areas with seating available	One space for every two seats, plus 1.5 parking spaces for every two employees, covering all districts.	One space per 500 sq. feet of floor area, one space per 350 sq. feet for other floors, one space per 200 sq. feet for every two employees, in other districts.
Fast food restaurant	Dining areas with no seating available	One space per 200 sq. feet of overall floor area.	One space per 500 sq. feet of overall floor area, plus one space for every two employees; one space per 200 sq. feet of overall floor area in other districts.
Business, professional or administrative office	Office space, such as insurance companies and banks	One space per 300 sq. feet of overall floor area, covering all districts.	One space per 300 sq. feet on first floor, one space per 500 sq. feet on other floors, including basements; one space per 300 sq. feet of overall floor area in other districts.

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VILLAGE GARDEN CLUB MEETS, "Chocolate and Vanilla - Tales from the Rain Forest," presented by Nancy Engel who will talk about the rain forest of Costa Rica, 1 p.m. at the home of Cheryl McKeough, 36 Bartlet St., Andover; Cheryl McKeough, 978-475-6464, seating is limited.

DISABILITY AWARENESS: HELEN KELLER IN ANDOVER, Girls Afternoon Adventure, 3:30 p.m., \$10 per girl, Andover Historical Society, 93 Main St., Andover.

AUTHOR READING, Juliette Fay will read from her new novel DEEP DOWN TRUE. Newly divorced Dana Stellgarten finds the money is tight, the kids are reeling from their father's departure and her teenage Goth niece has arrived on her doorstep, 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, FEB. 18

LIVE MUSIC, the Academy Concert Bands and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco and Derek Jacoby, works by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Bagley and Dvo at 7:30 p.m., free, Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover; (978) 749-4263, music@andover.edu.

LIVE THEATER, Life in a Trailer Park opens, with Penny Kohut of Andover as Betty, Rated PG-13 due to adult language and themes, 8 p.m., Amazing Things Arts Center, 160 Hollis St., Framingham, \$20-23; amazingthings.org, 508-405-ARTS (2787). Shows also on Feb. 19, 25, 26 at 8 p.m., 20 & 27 at 3 p.m.

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Phillips Symphony and Chamber Orchestras perform Feb. 25

The Symphony and Chamber Orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert on Friday, Feb. 25, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel. The program will feature senior Marilyn Harris, soprano, performing Mozart's Exsultate directed by Christina Landolt, and fellow senior Stephanie Liu performing the Sibelius Violin Concerto under the direction of James Orent.

The program will also include Samuel Adler's Concertino for String Orchestra directed by Holly Barnes and Peter Oswald; and Mendelssohn's Hebrides Overture and Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake under the direction of James Orent.

This concert is free and open to the public. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. For more information, contact the school's music department at 978-749-4263 or send an e-mail to music@andover.edu.

Phillips band concert

On Friday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Academy Concert Bands and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco and Derek Jacoby. The program will include works by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Bagley and Dvořák. The concert, free of charge and open to the public, will take place in Cochran Chapel located on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St.

For further information, contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or send an e-mail to music@andover.edu.



Mariana Fedele, 7, learns how to cook a hot dog over an open fire as her father, Anthony Fedele, looks on during 2010 Winter Fun Day.



Zoe Irons, 13, laughs as her father, Stephen, guides her across a narrow bridge during last year's Winter Fun Day at the Ward Reservation.



While most adults may be sick of all the snow, a number of Andover youth continue to find ways to entertain themselves. Here, Jack Hayes seems quite content atop his "snow mountain" on Enmore Street. People of all ages can enjoy some fun in the snow this Sunday at the Winter Fun Day.

Make the most of all this snow

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

FUN IN THE SNOW

WHAT: Free Winter Fun Day
WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 20, noon-3 p.m.
WHERE: Ward Reservation, Andover
WHAT: Hikes, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, refreshments, warming fire
PARKING: At the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, off Route 125
More info: 978-682-3580, arollfs@ttor.org

This week's unseasonably warm temperatures haven't ruined anything planned for this Sunday's fun-in-the-snow, family event at Ward Reservation in Andover.

It will take a lot more than a few balmy-by-comparison days to melt Andover's 25-inch base of snow, said Adam Rollfs of the Andover Trails Committee. So, for the fourth year, the Winter Fun Day event will return.

This year offers the most snow for local winter-sports enthusiasts so far.

"This year, I think everyone has snow on their mind," chuckled Rollfs. "So, bring your gear and have some fun."

Rollfs said 100 to 150 people

turned out last year. Participants can bring sleds, snowshoes or cross country skis. Limited instruction for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will be available, along with short to medium length guided hikes to different destinations on the reservation off Route 125. Hikers will leave from the big barn on the reservation, periodically throughout the afternoon.

If you always have wanted to try cross-country skiing but don't have the gear, check out Moor & Mountain of Andover. Located in Dundee Park, staffers will rent cross-country skis for the event (call 978-475-3665 for rentals).

"We'll have a warming fire throughout the afternoon," Rollfs said. "That's always a favorite for people...they can meet people and talk."

And what kid doesn't enjoy cooking marshmallows over an open flame?

"We'll have lots of s'mores and hotdogs," he said.

The event is hosted by The Trustees of Reservations and Ward Reservation Property Committee, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee, Friends of North Andover Trails and Moor & Mountain of Andover.

Daborn's 'Somewhere Else' exhibit is here in Andover

Residents can attend a gallery talk about "Starting from Somewhere Else," drawings by Erica Daborn, on Tuesday, Feb. 22 at 8 p.m. in the Gelb Gallery in George Washington Hall, off Chapel Avenue, on the Phillips Academy campus. The exhibit was unveiled at a reception last Saturday, Feb. 12.

About the works in this exhibition, Daborn writes, "Drawing provides me with a barrier against the monotony of daily life, an adventure amidst the drudgery of domestic obligation, a security blanket under which to hide from political madness. Drawing allows me to examine life's contradictions on a stage of my own choosing and through this activity I can escape the uniformity of images and messages in the culture around me; the sterility of contemporary design,

the mindlessness of consumerism, the lack of mystery, the irrelevance of history."

The drawings are made over carefully selected photographic book pages, usually from a previous era, such as a '40s crime scene, or a fatal car crash from the '50s. The surface of these bookplates are first covered with paint, rendering the original scene unrecognizable. That mask is then scratched or dabbed away in places to reveal only traces of the underlying image. Those small revelations are then reinterpreted using traditional drawing materials such as ink, pencil and graphite.

Daborn's aim is "to catch the viewer on a precipice of perception, juggling a disharmony between modes of depiction, where the distinction between document and

invention is lost," according to a release. "She is fascinated by the way in which a few random marks in grey dust, or an ink dribble, can create an illusion that stands on equal terms with the concrete "reality" of the photographic form."

Daborn writes, "When my own actions become unduly repetitive, I reintroduce the underlying photograph, breaking down the predictability of the evolving image and disturbing the status quo." The diversity and occasional horror of the photographs I choose also serve to confront my safe, affluent, middle class existence. Socially, culturally and historically, they reference other lives. Using these photographs as a base, I get to start, and then expand, from somewhere else."



Interplay: Green Pig; 32x42 inches; gouache, pencil, ink on enlarged bookplate; 2008.

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Great White Way's hits make way to Rogers Center

The magic of Broadway extends to the Merrimack College campus on Saturday, Feb. 26 at 7:30 p.m. when the Rogers Center welcomes The "Broadway Showstoppers," an evening of theater's greatest hits and classic show tunes. This musical journey includes selections from classic musicals, long-running blockbusters and the hottest new shows, according to the center, which claims people will "experience comedy, passion and romance on an electrifying roller coaster ride down the Great White Way." The show includes hits from I Want to be a Producer, Phantom of the Opera, Man of La Mancha, I Could Have Danced All Night,

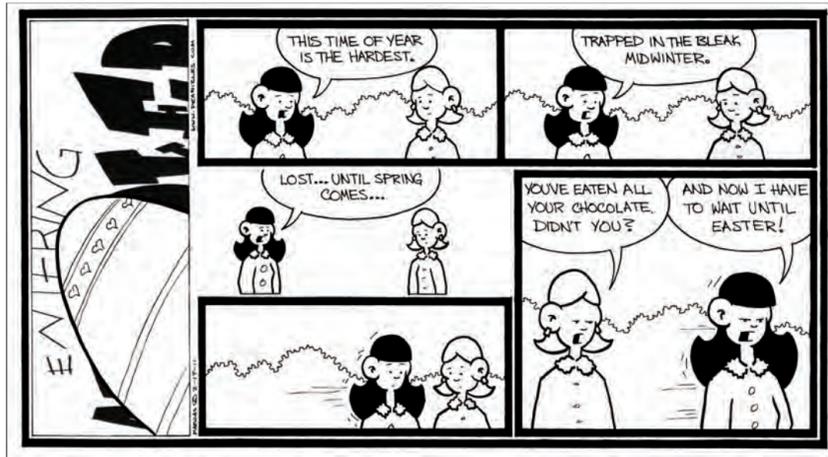
If I Were a Rich Man, Impossible Dream, Sunrise, Sunset, People, All That Jazz, and Beauty and the Beast. The show's performers have combined credits, include starring roles on Broadway in "Phantom of the Opera," "Les Miserables" and "Evita." They have sung with major symphony orchestras including the Houston Symphony, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Long Beach Symphony. Advance adult tickets cost \$25, advance senior tickets cost \$22, all tickets at the door cost \$28. For more information and reservations call 978-837-5355 or merrimack.edu/rogers.

Opera singing for ages 5-8?

Do you have a child between the ages of 5 and 8 who loves to sing? A new "Young Opera Preparatory Program" is touting itself as "ideal for helping your child find their voice as they learn to love the arts." The program will be held on Monday afternoons from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the First Parish Congregational Church in Wakefield, under the direction of Marie Stultz, founder and artistic director of the Young Opera Company of New England. In this new program, children will learn to express themselves through professional vocal training, movement, theory and reading through fine choral and

operatic music, according to a release. The Young Opera Company is entering its sixth season. Stultz is celebrating 35 years of training young singers in music education in both opera performance and choral music. Stultz says the mission of YOCNE is to train elementary, middle and high school singers to achieve excellence in vocal technique, stage presence and performance. For more information and to arrange an audition contact Stultz at 978-664-4705 or YOCNE@aol.com. For more information on the companies full program go to the website at youngoperacompany.org.

ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



EVENTS CALENDAR

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SATURDAY, FEB. 19

LIVE CARNIVAL SHOW, Lydia's Carnival Sideshow, featuring human blockheads, mind readers, hula hoopers, escape artists and folks that sleep on beds of nails, Museum Place Mall, 1 East India Square, Salem, MA.

PERFORMANCE SKILLS WORKSHOP, with Don White, 2 to 4 p.m., UU Church in Haverhill. Accomplished or novice performers of all types, or anyone who wants to be more confident in front of people, are welcome, \$30; don@donwhite.net, 781-595-5269.

SONGWRITER/HUMORIST LIVE, Don White, New Moon Coffeehouse, UU Church, Haverhill, 8 p.m., \$10-20. Fellow songwriter/humorist Howie Newman opens; newmooncoffeehouse.org.

ESSEX SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS MEET, will feature Connie Reik, Research Librarian, Tisch Library, Tufts University, speaking on Researching Your 18th Century Military Ancestors in Federal Government Documents & Publications, social hour at noon, meeting and lecture at 1 p.m., Centre Congregational Church, Summer Street, Lynnfield. Parking behind church; guests welcome; handicapped accessible; http://www.esog.org.

SUNDAY, FEB. 20

ART DEMONSTRATION, hosted by The Andovers Artists Guild, 2 p.m., East Mill Art Space, 21 High St., North Andover (Davis and Furber Complex). Guest are welcome for a \$5 donation, free to Guild members; Nella, 978-975-0015, andoversartistsguild.org.

WARD WINTER FUN DAY, noon to 3 p.m., free, Ward Reservation, Andover. The Trustees of Reservations and Ward Reservation Property Committee, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee, Friends of North Andover Trails and Moor & Mountain of Andover will host. Short to medium length guided hikes to different destinations on the reservation will leave periodically throughout the afternoon.

Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledging, refreshments and a warming fire will be available throughout the afternoon. Limited instruction for cross-country skiing and snowshoeing will also be available; 978-475-3665 for rentals. Parking at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, 978-682-3580, arollfs@ttor.org.

DISCOVER CAMP DENISON, 84 Nelson St., Georgetown, 1 to 3 p.m., with views of Baldpate Pond, a beaver hut, remnants of 17th century human settlement, cellar holes and stone walls, trails and an acre of demonstration forest used for education and interpretation. Bring your own snowshoes and poles, dress appropriately for your comfort and cold the weather. RAIN DATE: Feb. 27. Open to the public. Space is limited and reservations are required with payment by Friday, Feb. 18, online at EssexHeritage.org/membership, 978-740-0444 or send checks to Essex Heritage, 221 Essex St., Salem, MA 01970.

LIVE MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Music Department presents Inca Son, Winners of the 2008 LA Music Award, 2007 Independent Music Award and the Boston Music Award, Inca Son will perform lively uplifting traditional Andean music, Cochran Chapel, Chapel Avenue, Andover, 3 p.m.; (978)749-4263, music@andover.edu.

TUESDAY, FEB. 22

FISH ON! be a better bonefish angler, Dick Brown's entertaining, tip-filled talk is based on the new edition of his book, "Fly Fishing for Bonefish," 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall library, Andover; mhl.org.

DRUMMING FOR JOY, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gosard, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover, 7-9 p.m., dessert and coffee follow. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums will be supplied, or bring your own, \$15 advance, \$20 door; 978-682-8815, rollingridge.org.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 23

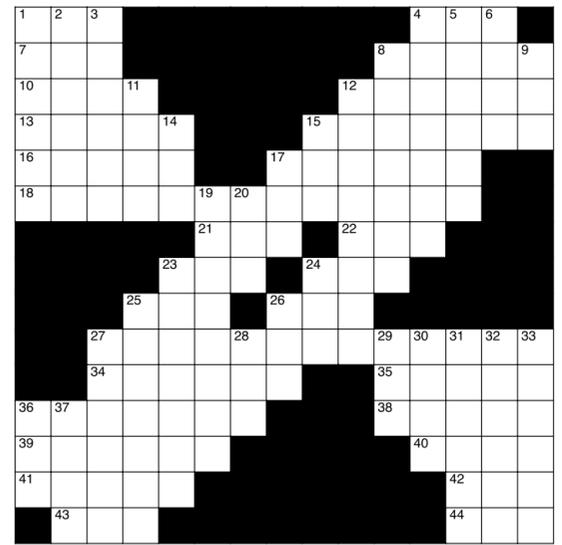
FREE HIKE, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the headquarters at 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. This is a moderately paced walk appropriate for all ages. Wear walking footwear; bring water and sunscreen as appropriate; (617) 828-1728, mass.gov/dcr.

THURSDAY, FEB. 24

SCHOOL VACATION WORKSHOP, Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln, Buttonwoods Museum, Haverhill, for grades 1-6, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., games, stories, crafts and a museum scavenger hunt. Parents are invited to join us for cake and ice cream at 12:45 p.m., \$10 for non-members, \$7 for members; haverhillhistory.org, sfraser@haverhillhistory.org, 978-374-4626.

AUTHOR READING, Nick Trout will be reading his newest book, EVER BY MY SIDE: A memoir in eight (Acts) Pets. Dr Nick Trout, a surgeon at Angell Animal Medical Center, returns with another of his heartwarming slide presentations. His latest book is a memoir about how Nick's pets have shaped his life, 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

Crossword puzzle



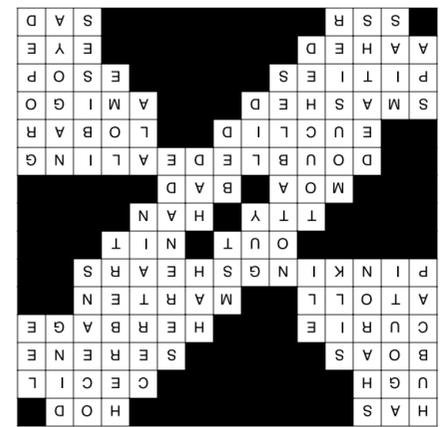
CLUES ACROSS

1. Possesses
4. Mortar trough
7. Exclamation: yuck!
8. Filmmaker ___ B. de Milles
10. Constrictors
12. Peaceable
13. Radioactivity unit
15. Pasturage
16. Coral reef island with a lagoon
17. A fisher cat is one
18. Trimming scissors
21. Away from
22. ___ wit
23. Teletype (Computers)
24. Principal ethnic group of China
25. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
26. Not good
27. Deceptive action
34. Greek geometrician

CLUES DOWN

1. Wheel cover
2. Genus Dasypsectas
3. Actress Stone
4. President Hoover
5. Mains
6. Ring-a-___
8. Impossible to evade
9. Side sheltered from the wind
11. Fabric from cocoon
12. Sung outside a woman's window
14. ___ Lilly, drug company
15. Expresses surprise
17. Mountain standard time
19. Famous persons
20. Goes with a gal
23. Slightly insane
24. Possessed
25. More timid
26. Where you sleep
27. Life terminations
28. Covers a can
29. Flower petals
30. Capital of Togo
31. Wood storks
32. Central Honshu city
33. Grabbed at
36. A health resort
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Opinion

School-museum partnership opens doors

It's been said several times in this space that the Addison Gallery of American Art is one of Andover's most underused resources locally. The museum, the first art museum in the world devoted entirely to American Art, is a treasure accessible for free by Andover community members of all ages, including Andover students and teachers. Families can attend the museum and see a variety of exhibits. Its new museum learning center, created as part of a more than \$20 million renovation and addition, provides classrooms with opportunities to view and learn more about any artwork in its extensive selection.

A group of teachers at West Middle School during the past month have shown that the museum has much to offer, even to non-arts courses. Sixth-grade students were able to use knowledge shared by staff at the Addison to create a "museum" of their own, and showcase what they have learned about Mesopotamia.

Kudos to the West Middle School teachers for tapping into this tremendous local resource to provide a more enriching program.



COURTESY PHOTO

A Mesopotamian queen, played by 11-year-old Dawna Badie, greets museum guests at West Middle School's Mesopotamian Museum.

Get snowbound

This winter in particular, snow has been a four-letter word. By now, most people are sick of the stuff. The huge piles that remain are mostly ugly to look at, blacked by time, tires and road sand and salt. People are tired of shoveling it from around cars, snow-blowing it from driveways, chipping it off walkways, scraping it off roofs, pushing it from porches.

So why not let the snow work for you? That's the idea of a free event dubbed Winter Fun Day pulled together by a group of volunteer outdoor enthusiasts. (There is a charge to rent equipment.) The fourth annual event is set for this Sunday, Feb. 20, in the Ward Reservation, with parking near the entrance on Prospect Road, near Route 125.

People of all ages have the opportunity to hike the scenic reservation, cook over a fire, sled and try cross-country skiing and snowshoeing.

It's a special event that might help take some of the "ow" out of all this snow.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Jared Rosen, student liaison to the town's School Committee, is interested in an idea he believes will bring Andover's public school system into the 21st century by replacing yesterday's textbooks with today's tablets.

WEB QUESTION

What do you think about e-books?

Last week's web question was, "What do you think of the idea of replacing textbooks with tablet PCs in the Andover schools?"

As of Wednesday morning, 209 people had responded. By a slight majority, those responding favored the idea, as seen by the results below

I'm under 18 years old and I support this idea - 8.13 percent (17 votes)

I'm 19-35 years; I support this idea - 8.13 percent (17 votes)

I'm 36-55 years; I support this idea - 28.23 percent (59 votes)

I'm 56 and older; I support this idea - 9.09 percent (19 votes)

I'm 0-18 years; I oppose this idea - 5.74 percent (12 votes)

I'm 19-35 years; I oppose this idea - 11 percent (23 votes)

I'm 36-55 years; I oppose this idea - 16.27 percent (34 votes)

I'm 56 and older; I oppose this idea - 13.4 percent (28 votes)

This week's web question is: Do you believe the local economy is recovering?

Yes.

No.

HEELS OVER HEAD



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

North Andover's Sean Erb and Andover's Craig Luschenat fight for the ball at the boys basketball game held at Andover High School.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Professor notes downside to e-textbooks

Editor, Townsman:
I read with interest the discussion of trading textbooks for tablets. I teach online courses at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. One of the options for students is to purchase electronic versions of the textbooks, including Kindle versions. One unexpected downside is that there are no page numbers with this particular version, so when assigning problems, or referring to specific portions of the text, students may have trouble finding the appropriate material.

DAVE LEWIS
Arthur Road

The writer is a professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

Gottfried had ability, energy

Editor, Townsman:
I was excited to hear that Don Gottfried was running for School Committee. I have known him for nearly 30 years and I have seen that he has the communication and analytical skills to provide leadership for our schools.

Our schools face the daunting challenges of an increasingly competitive world for our children and scarce financial resources. I've seen how he can tackle complex problems in the technical area at MIT as he does now in the financial world.

But these problems can't be solved in a vacuum. We need someone who is involved and reaches out to many groups as Gottfried has done for example with his work on the Andover Recycling Committee as well attendance in various groups around town. He uses his humor to get people to open up and listens to what they have to say. Because he is viewed as someone who is fair and trustworthy, he builds consensus with diverse groups.

Gottfried has the problem-solving ability, energy and leadership to help move our schools and our town forward. Please join me in voting for for him for School Committee on March 22.

GLEN STUMP
99 Haverhill St.

New fire station at South School a bad call

Editor, Townsman:
The Ballardvale Fire Station Building Committee is proposing a new fire station on the ball field at the corner of Andover and Woburn streets. Locating a station next to South Elementary School will introduce huge risks, raise numerous safety issues, be disruptive to teacher and students, set a dangerous precedence of developing community ballparks and make future expansion at South more difficult.

The BFSBC plan tries to solve the traffic problem by

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reconfiguring the traffic flow at South. However, no plan can overcome the dynamics of 500 students being released at the same time. These situations are worse during bad weather, which is when emergency calls are at their highest. Moreover, Woburn and Ballardvale streets are almost impassable multiple times a year during schoolwide events because of overflow parking. The plan provides some additional parking but not enough to solve the overflow problem.

A fire station would be disruptive to classrooms. Having sirens and lights periodically and randomly blaring during school hours will cause students to be distracted and give others an opportunity to be disruptive. Teachers are already challenged to provide a structured and orderly learning environment with classrooms of 20-plus children. It's unreasonable to introduce yet another challenge of speaking over sirens and competing with the distractions created by sirens and lights.

Is it a fair trade? The plan proposes a new ball field behind South on land designed for future expansion. The School Committee would need to forfeit school land which would limit its options for future expansion at South. All for what? A questionable solution to South's traffic problems that would be exacerbated by a new station? It's a Pandora's Box that will lead to more problems than solutions for South.

Has it grown out of scope? Andover is not land-starved. The good news is that the BFSBC has identified other sites. If a station at South requires hundred of thousands of dollars in site improvements for South, then it's time to look at other least-cost options.

Let us support the BFSBC to replace the outdated Ballardvale Station, but not next to South School.

LYDIA CARDIN
29 Glenwood Road

Teachers union head: Public life essential, increase tax on super rich

Editor, Townsman:
Several politicians as well as some in the media are using the economic crisis to launch attacks upon public sector employees as the only solution to our dilemma. Their claim is that the public sector needs to cut back the same as other sectors of the economy are doing. Although one might

achieve a psychological boost by adhering to the old adage, "misery enjoys company," the problem with this refrain is that it may help someone to feel good, but it doesn't begin to solve real problems.

In fact, cutting public sector wages and benefits is actually going to exacerbate the crisis. Teachers, police, fire fighters, social workers, and numerous other public employees not only provide essential services, they also act as consumers adding essential demand to our economy. Consider who maintains your highways, provides public safety for individuals and property, and who educates over 85 percent of Americans from first grade through university. Neil Fater, the Andover Townsman Editor, claims public employees have benefited far more over the past 10 years than have individuals in the private sector. The reality is that when the comparison is based upon similar levels of education private sector employees fair much better than do public employees.

Instead of scape goating public employees we need to explore the real reasons why we are in this mess in the first place. Since the 1970s, the private sector has been cutting wages and benefits for 80 percent of the labor force. Wages have decreased as mechanization replaced the workers and as the so called captains of American industries abandoned American labor and sent jobs to less expensive production sites in the third world. This reality has caused a classic economic crisis, the over production of commodities and the countervailing inability of people to purchase what is produced. To cope with this scenario the middle class has been forced to work longer hours and or borrow from the wealthy to keep paying for products. Obviously this imbalance between the wealthy and everyone else has led to more stress and frustration for most citizens.

These economic shifts have helped to create two Americas. The first group, the top 10 percent, control over 90 percent of the wealth. These people can afford to invest substantially and reap higher profits from the mechanization and outsourcing of production. They use their wealth to acquire even more wealth. They do this by lending to the second tier who can't afford to pay for products because wages are too low. The wealthy have also used their capital to influence law makers to change tax codes so that the marginal rate of federal taxes

has shifted from 91 percent in the 1980s to currently 35 percent. The Democrats and Republicans further exacerbated this situation last December when they agreed not to let the tax loopholes expire. The decline in revenue has meant that the federal government has cut back on funding for cities and states. This has forced several states to shift the tax burden onto the backs of the second tier of American citizens in the middle class. For this reason many within the second tier believe the only solution is to have a tax revolt which will result in a diminution of public services and benefits. Such a consequence will lead to a reduction in vital public services and consumer demand that is generated by public sector employees' salaries. As a society we can ill afford either scenario.

A much more reasonable approach would be to substantially increase taxes on those in the top 10 percent at the state and federal level. They have excess wealth that is not creating the demand needed to move economy forward. This resolution will restore the balance of responsibility between the two tiers of American society the wealthy and the large majority of middle class citizens. Ultimately all individuals will benefit when our economy is moving in the right direction by creating jobs and maintaining a vibrant public sector which maintains the quality of life for citizens in Andover and throughout our nation.

TOM MEYERS
Lawrence
President, Andover Education Association

Teacher's suggestions lack logic

Editor, Townsman:
I read teacher Fred Hopkins' letter of Feb. 3 ("Reduced spending bandwagon headed to 'Somalia' government"), and was rather amazed at some of the editorials he suggested should be written. I applaud him for demonstrating to his students the more common logical fallacies and how they can afflict even a skilled educator. For those who were not following his demonstration, I have defined them for you.

"...toward a no tax, no union, small government utopia such as Somalia" (*causal oversimplification*).

The fallacy here is that a lack of taxation or labor organization is the cause of Somalia's problems. Somalia plight is caused by numerous factors, but taxation and lack of unionization are very far down the list.

"Cutting Public Sector Will Worsen Economic Crisis, Deepen Social Problems" (*false dichotomy*).

Canada cut its public spending significantly in the mid-'90s and now has one of the healthiest economies in the world, and its social problems are no worse than the United States.

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Andover residents Julius Ren holds a banner and Roselie Ren holds a microphone while singing as part of a chorus to celebrate the Chinese New Year.



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Andover residents Scott and Emily Jackson at the ACCE Chinese New Year celebration.

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TOWN TALK

Former candidate Rigby joins Finance Committee

A one-time School Committee candidate is the new face on the Finance Committee.

Greg Rigby, 58, of Rattlesnake Hill Road, ran unsuccessfully against Dennis Fogue in 2008. Rigby was just appointed by Town Moderator Sheila Doherty last week.

"He has hit the ground running and brings experience," Doherty said of Rigby.

Rigby replaces Stephen Stapiniski who Doherty said she asked to step down last fall. Rigby will serve the remainder of Stapiniski's term which expires on June 30, 2012.

Town charter allows Doherty to appoint the town's Finance Committee members.

Rigby has a financial background and Doherty said he was her top choice for the seat.

— Judy Wakefield

Year of the Rabbit festivities put bounce in step

The Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange celebrated the Chinese New Year - it's the Year of the Rabbit - on Saturday, Feb. 12 at the Lin Garden in Dracut.

ACCE's celebrations started with beating drums and the lion dance, karaoke, origami, a yo-yo demonstration and raffle prizes, according to president Richard Soo Hoo of Wolcott Avenue. A sword, fighting stick and kung fu performance by the Yang Martial Arts Demo Team highlighted the evening.

After a Chinese banquet, all children received the traditional Chinese hong bao (red envelope)

from the ACCE elders for good fortune as they go out to seek new prospects and make their way in the coming year.

ACCE is a non-profit organization based in Andover, dedicated to providing Asian cultural programs, educational opportunities and support for charitable causes in the Merrimack Valley. Its events are open to the public.

Bob Douglas, shadow-puppet master

In a presentation before the Board of Selectmen last Monday, Feb. 7, Conservation Director Bob Douglas was discussing the outcome of last year's deer management program when, while he was talking, he was informed that a Powerpoint presentation he prepared wasn't loading onto a computer connected to a projector.

Douglas paused for a moment after receiving word of the problem, and then announced his intentions.

"Not recognizing the Powerpoint?" Douglas asked. "OK, I can do shadow puppets."

— Dustin Luca

Meet the candidates

Residents will have a chance to meet and question the candidates for local office at a Candidates' Forum to be held on Saturday March 12, 1:30 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library. The event is hosted by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, in advance of the March 22 election.

Are you hearing some talk around town that we didn't catch? Let us know by calling 978-475-7000, or by emailing townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

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"This Economic Crisis Was Not Brought To You By Public Employees, Unionized Or Other" (*petitio principii*).

Obviously the economic crisis has many fathers, but part of it was certainly the numerous tax subsidies for home construction and ownership, and lax regulation of Pannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Those of course would fall on the shoulders of the public sector.

"No Taxes + No Unions = Third World Economy" (*straw man and cum hoc ergo propter hoc*).

No public figure has endorsed either position, much less a conjunction of the two. Also, taxes and labor organization do not prevent Third World economic conditions as Cuba and North Korea can attest.

"Tea Party Narrative Is

Hogwash: Only 7 Million Workers In Public Unions" (*affirming a disjunct, straw man*).

The number of public employees does not automatically invalidate the arguments of the Tea Party, specifically as their argument appears to be that those individuals are overly compensated. It should be noted that 7 million people is easily more than the top 10 private employers put together.

"400,000 + Public Workers Lose Jobs..." (*post hoc ergo propter hoc*)

This demonstrates an attempt to argue causation based on correlation. While John Paulson earned money at the same time as people lost their jobs, there is no evidence that his financial success caused it. Also note that using scare quotes is considered lazy writing.

Mass Schools #4 In World Thanks To Teachers Union (*non sequitor and causal oversimplification*).

While the teachers union may have some role in this, it should be noted that the moment anyone starts talking about evaluating teachers on student results, the unions quickly state how little impact teachers have compared to parents and how unfair such an evaluation would be.

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A Mesopotamian queen, played by 11-year-old Dawna Badie, greets guests to West Middle School's Mesopotamian Museum.

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM

Month-long Mesopotamia project comes to life at West Middle

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

For most schools, a night at the museum means a field trip with teachers and chaperones. But last Thursday's Mesopotamia Museum at West Middle School was different, given that the parents took the trip and the children ran the show.

Ending a month-long unit about Mesopotamia, students throughout the school's sixth grade class hosted parents and other West Middle students, as well as several other guests, for a night of ancient artifacts and insightful information. There was a cake shaped like a Ziggurat, the stepped temples that were the Mesopotamian equivalent of the Egyptian pyramids.

"It is a lot of work, but it is really fun and exciting," Katie Holden, 12, said. "You try to put on the best you can for the people."

The project to run a museum allowed students to "discover" artifacts, where they became pseudo-archaeologists, and then research them as historians and present them to the public as museum curators.

In that, the students became the museum, according to Emily Thompson, a West Middle sixth grade social studies teacher.

"We can teach the kids the content and they can memorize it, but are we making them better learners?" Thompson said. "This is much better than sitting there and taking a test. They are teaching each other."

The project started with a school field trip to the Addison Gallery at Phillips Academy last December, followed by curators of the museum coming to West Middle to help students create their own museum.

For Kait Ziskan, education fellow at the Addison, last week's presentation represents a bridging between two worlds of learning, the museum and the school.

"If you learn something well,



Assistant Principal Deborah Downes cuts a ziggurat cake as museum curators and guests surround her.



Students Carolyn Holden, 12, and Alana Ferris, 11, play a brief, informative game with two of the museum's guests regarding the Standard of Ur - a Sumerian artifact they "discovered."

then you can explain it to someone else," Ziskan said. "That is what we do. That is what we are all about."

"So for the Addison to be able to inspire the use of museums in education, it's what we aspire to do," Jamie Kaplowitz, a learning fellow with the museum, said.

Dawna Badie, 11, was a piece of Mesopotamian history brought to life last Thursday as, dressed like a queen from the ancient civilization, she greeted museum guests at the door. She learned a lot about Mesopotamia during the month, she said.

"I learned that they invented

the irrigation system, and that they were the first empire, not the Romans," Dawna said. "We worked really hard on this (project), and it turned out really well."

Working with the Addison Gallery made the project unique, she said.

"It was pretty cool having professionals come instead of having just a class project," Dawna said.

School Superintendent Marinel McGrath praised the project, saying that it represents a great partnership with a local museum, one that significantly augments student learning.

"Any time students can mirror and take on the skills in a way a professional does, to me that is learning," McGrath said. "I think it is fabulous, because that is the potential of learning, and that is what we are all about."

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The EXCEPTIONALS
by Bob Clyman

SHED founding director leaving after 27 years

Sydney Bialo, town after-school guru, moves on next month

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Sydney Bialo, executive director of Shawsheen Extended Day, who built the before- and after-school kindergarten program into a one of the town's most treasured offerings is leaving SHED after 27 years.

It's been some 20 years since Andover parents camped out overnight on the lawn of the Shawsheen School to secure a spot for their child in the popular kindergarten program, with designated dads usually handling middle-of-the-night coffee runs. Bialo laughs at the memory.

Next month, will mark her departure from SHED as her last day is Friday, March 11.

She's steering clear of the word "retiring," and prefers to call her post-March 11 life "a new chapter." She's a new grandmother and is thrilled to have time to spend with the new baby girl.

SHED has changed over the years, keeping up with child care trends all the while, according to many of those who have used the program over the years. A spin-off, Kid's Club, has long served children in grades one through five.

Now with many parents working from home and others opting for a less expensive in-house babysitter, enrollment is down, Bialo said.

As a result, SHED is restructuring and down-sizing to get "ready for the next decade and beyond," Bialo said. It is a good time for her to leave, she said.

Letters about her departure went out to SHED parents this week.

"The timing is right for me," she wrote. "I will step down as the executive director of SHED, Inc. I am looking forward at this time of my life to new challenges and the time to explore them."

Linda Shottes-Bouchard, the Kid's Club director for the past 20 years, will be the new executive director of SHED Inc., and



Sydney Bialo

Dina Hurley, assistant director of Kid's Club (also a 20-year veteran with the organization) will move into the Kid's Club director position.

Bialo watched SHED grow in leaps and bounds in her 27 years "beginning in 1984 with 15 children in the basement of the Shawsheen School, to the opening of Kid's Club (after-school day care) in 1991 at the same location. This was followed by the opening of the morning programs in each elementary school in 1992 and in 1995, re-location of Kid's Club to the Korean Church on Route 133," she said in her letter. "We completed the renovation and building of our present facilities, housed at 65 Phillips St., in 1998 and opened our first summer programs. SHED, Inc. finally had a place to call 'home!'"

In 2003, SHED, Inc. started "Springboard to Kindergarten," its kindergarten readiness program. This year, SHED opens "Minds In Motion", a half-day enrichment option for Andover kindergarteners.

"Like life, SHED Inc. continues to change and has evolved into a well-run, successful program focused on meeting the out-of-school care and enrichment needs of families," Bialo proudly said.

She called working with scores of Andover kindergartners over the years "a privilege" and said she is grateful that so many local families trusted SHED and its programs.

"I will take with me a sense of accomplishment, lasting friendships and wonderful memories. My wish for all of you is that you too will be as fortunate as I have to experience the same love and sense of wonderment that life offers when seen through the eyes of children," she wrote to parents.

ON CAMPUS

Allison Lindsey Hyde of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Radford University.

Hyde is the daughter of Kenneth R. Hyde and Linda Look, is a freshman fashion major.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have taken 15 or more credit hours and have a grade-point average of 3.4 or above with no grade below a C.

Radford University is a comprehensive, mid-sized university located in the Blue Ridge Mountains in Southwest Virginia serving a student population of approximately 9,000.

Peter Maher, son of Thomas and Nancy Maher of Asheville is participating in the Hamilton College Program in Washington. Maher, a sophomore at Hamilton, is a graduate of Kimball Union Academy.

Created in 1969, the Hamilton Program in Washington provides a combination of academic study and experience in national government. The participants in the program conduct research and attend two seminars led by a resident member of Hamilton's government department, and at the same time work full time in congressional or executive offices.

Hamilton College is a highly selective residential college offering a rigorous liberal arts curriculum. Students are challenged to think, write and speak critically, creatively and analytically, so that upon graduation they may distinguish themselves in both their professions and their communities.

Tyler J. Bedford of Andover has been named to the dean's list at Fitchburg State University for the fall semester. The dean's list honors students for consistently

high academic achievement. A student is named to the list after achieving a 3.20 grade-point average or better while attending classes full-time.

Bucknell University has conferred bachelor's and master's degrees to students who completed their graduation requirements during this past fall semester. Degrees were awarded in January for studies in liberal arts and professional programs in engineering, education, management and music.

The following list identifies any graduates in your circulation area receiving Bucknell degrees and provides information on special honors earned.

Nefertnerneken K. Francis of Andover, graduated with a master's degree in Master of Arts in Chemistry.

Colleen E. Ritzler of Andover, class of 2011, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester at Assumption College. Students must achieve a grade-point average of 3.5 or higher to make the dean's list.

Daniel Powers of Andover, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester at Wentworth Institute of Technology.

The following Andover students have been named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester at Salem State University:

Faye Gianopoulos, Elizma Marais, Danielle Riendeau, Maxanne Holman, Jennifer Brown, Nicole Fluet, and Mischa Kossodo.

Muhlenberg College has announced its dean's list for the fall 2010 semester. Students must earn a minimum of a 3.5 grade-

Reasonable way to run the town

Ken Seifert



A short while ago, I introduced you to my Luther's Tavern philosopher and personal psychologist, Jerry Berry. In one of his sessions he shared an observation about me. Ken, don't be such a wise guy, he said. Sometimes, on rare occasions, you have a good idea but people are confused. Too much wise guy and too few ideas make for poor public relations. The whole world hates a wise guy (or words to that effect). You need to examine the balance. If

you are to err, do it with more ideas.

I must admit, I thought I was trying to make things better than being a wise guy. He was my friend and true friends tell you what it is important for you to know, especially about how you behave. The following is a suggestion to make things better. I hope I do not sound like some wise guy.

Yesterday while drinking my second cup of morning tea (my mother was Irish) I was considering an article in this year's Town Meeting warrant. It is to see if the town would vote to establish a town improvement committee. The number and representation would be at the discretion of the moderator. The primary purpose of the committee is to establish job descriptions for the

selectmen, School and Finance Committees. It is based on the assumption that expectations determine outcomes. It would also assume the appropriate chief executive officers provide public job descriptions at least to the level of middle managers or department heads. They could provide more if they choose.

The Finance Committee would be relieved of such a detail as they are volunteers and voluntary in nature. They are however the backbone of financial information for the citizens who are the stockholders of our town business. It wouldn't require much time to get a job description from them. All we need to do is ask. Every member has a good business mind and knows how to spend a buck in a prudent manner.

That would be Phase I. Phase II would be to request each committee to decide the five or six priorities each needed to address for making the town better and some detail on how they propose to do it. This is based on what I consider a good practice.

How do you know whether a person or committee is doing a poor, good or super job unless you know the job they are supposed to do? It provides the basis for being fair and more objective in your decision. It really shows you know what you are talking about. All too frequently we hear, he has met and even exceeded our expectations. That may sound convincing but it still does not answer the questions, what was he

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LOCAL SCHOLARS

Shore Country Day School of Beverly has announced that two Andover residents made its first trimester honor and high honor rolls for the 2011-11 school year. Making the high honor roll is **Alex Claman**, who is in grade 6. Making the honor roll is **Jack Miller**, also a sixth-grade student.

Phillips Exeter Academy has announced the names of students from Andover who earned honors for the fall 2010 semester.

Nathan B. Elkin, grade 11, earned honors. He is the son of Ross and Jennifer Elkin

Samantha L. Pellegrino, grade 11, earned high honors. She is the daughter of Anthony and Stephanie Pellegrino.

Anna S. Barr, grade 10, earned high honors. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Barr.

It was recently announced that senior **Shauna Martin** of Andover, is the recipient of the Distinguished Senior Award at the Academy of Notre Dame for the month of November.

Martin has been described as very involved young woman with a myriad of qualities that enhance the Academy of Notre Dame community. She is a member of Blue and Gold, a carefully selected group of students who represent the Academy at school events such as open houses, school visits, and other events throughout the school year. She also is a member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, and the Recycling Club. She serves as editor of the yearbook and enriches the school liturgies as a Eucharistic Minister. Her role as Senior Class President is evidence that she has earned the trust and admiration of her peers.

In addition to her academics, she has played volleyball for the past four years and, during the 2010 season, was varsity co-captain. Her skills on the court also won her recognition as a Merrimack Valley Conference All Star. In the spring, she is a member of the Academy's Tennis Team.

She is the daughter of Patricia and Jay Martin. Next fall she plans to pursue studies leading to a nursing career. She has already received acceptances at four of New England's top colleges.

The Academy of Notre Dame is a Catholic, private school comprised of college-preparatory high school for young women and a co-educational K1-8 elementary and middle school.



Colleen Shay and Jared Moses

Discovery Museum lets students experiment

Second-grade students at South Elementary School enjoyed hands-on science experiments when the Discovery Museum visited them this month to present "Physical Changes in Matter." Students investigated the physical properties of solids,

liquids and gases.

The program was supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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supposed to do, how well did he do it and to what degree? Job descriptions, action plans and monitoring of such plans increases credibility. In the absence of such information it appears the judgment is based not on fact but rather how much you like or dislike the person in the position.

In my later years I have learned to be more objective about the effectiveness of people and organizations. It is how well they do their job. It would be wonderful if all leaders were well schooled in the social graces, were well liked and did their job. I would rather evaluate the effectiveness based on job performance first and personal traits second. This assumes following the law and common courtesy under job performance. If he or they should get high numbers in both categories thank the good Lord for good

fortune.

Phase III: All three committees should get together and prepare the unified plan with dollars attached. There should be two sessions of the town meeting. The first meeting has only one item. The three leadership groups present the fruit of their efforts, visions, details, yardsticks to measure, indicators of success and of course dollars involved. It could be called the big picture and strategic plan presentation. It sets the stage for our typical business meeting where we vote or not vote dollars with the business plan.

Meeting number two; if the leadership team has done their job we will be able to see as stockholders what goods and services we will receive for our hard earned dollars and our hope for a better future. The dollars should relate directly to the big picture. It shouldn't take days to discuss, what does the budget mean? Can we afford it? Is this the total package? What; put the ball field in the back of the

school after we just allocated money for a few new ones?

We would show we are a well planned town and are making progress.

There is another alternative: forget the committee. We usually spend years studying things. We don't have the time. We are a town with capable people. They are all over the place, on and off all committees.

Do we have the will and the common sense to do what is right?

Jerry, please forgive me. I am very serious about what I have written. I have even suggested ways to make things better. I can do no more. I was taught whenever a reasonable question is raised, it deserves a reasonable answer. I will tell you in my autumn prayers whether it was answered or not. Please don't tell me I am unreasonable as well as a wise guy.

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

Something borrowed, something new in 'Matched'

REVIEWED BY CAROLINE LU
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

BOOK REVIEW
'MATCHED'
BY ALLY CONDIE

I first saw Matched, by Ally Condie, on a website on which a user review complained that the novel was all too similar to Lois Lowry's award-winning novel, The Giver. My Language Arts class had recently read and discussed The Giver, so I was intrigued. I began reading the novel to decide for myself if this complaint was valid.

At first, the plot seemed unique. Cassia Reyes, Matched's protagonist, is a 17-year-old girl living in the controlling, supposedly-utopian "Society." For Cassia and her fellow citizens, most important decisions are determined by the government, using data, statistics and probability. Cassia is on the cusp of adulthood; at the beginning of the novel, she attends her "Match Banquet," during which she is introduced to her future husband, or "Match." Most of the teenagers at the Match Banquet, Cassia included, expect to see their Match's face on a screen, and to smile and wave at a boy attending a different Match Banquet at a far away location.

Cassia is shocked when her name is called and the screen remains an ominous black. Cassia is shocked when she is Matched with a boy sitting across the room, a boy she has known for her entire life. Cassia is shocked when she is Matched to her best friend.

When she returns home and inserts her microcard into the port to read more about her Match, her best friend's picture pops up. But after a moment, it disappears, and is replaced by a picture of another boy.

This is the beginning of a mysterious, tangled love story. Cassia's complex love life reminded me of Stephenie Meyer's New Moon, in which Bella Swan must

choose between the dangerous vampire and the reliable werewolf. Cassia finds herself struggling to choose between her reliable Match, and the other face on the screen, who is more dangerous and intriguing. At times, this dilemma became tiresome. I found it difficult to relate to a character who wanted to risk everything — her family included — for a boy who didn't seem worth the trouble.

Matched brings up some important questions: what are we, as citizens and people, willing to fight for? What liberties do we sacrifice for safety? What safeties do we sacrifice for liberty? Cassia is a respectably rebellious character. People like Cassia, who are willing to risk their safety for the sake of liberty, are essential to society, whether they are respected or not.

As in many stories about utopian societies, Cassia realizes that the Society is not as perfect as its pristine facade. This is the area in which Matched becomes cliché — Cassia's revelations are very similar to those of The Giver's Jonas.

I give Matched (Dutton Juvenile, 2010) seven out of 10 stars. Despite some lack of originality, Matched is unusual and interesting in ways that The Giver is not. Ally Condie's writing is of undeniable quality. Even the most insignificant passages seem to have deeper meaning. For more of Condie's concise prose and Cassia's lovesick escapades, readers can pick up the sequel, Crossed, on Nov. 1, 2011.

Caroline Lu is an Andover teenager and student who reviews books for young adults.

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point average 4.0-scale to attain dean's list status.

Cara Lemire of Andover and a member of the class of 2012, is a theatre and english major has achieved dean's list status. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary J. Lemire and a graduate of The Pingree School.

The following Andover students named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester at Quinnipiac University include:

Brittany Conlin, Mackenzie Dezieck, Alexander Lippa, Amy Machain, Emily Martin, Paul Paonessa, Jessica Poe, Jennifer Quinlan, Kasey Quinlan.

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Bill Dalton



Sometimes I sleep late. My wife, that most perfect person, is quiet on those days and has to keep Buddy, our Boston Terrier, from disturbing me, but he's so smart that when he sees her filling a second mug he knows he's free to wake me up.

He paws me awake and then apologizes by throwing his head back to display his natural tuxedo - black all over with a white bib. I pat his bib to release his guilt, and he rewards me by doing a dead man's crawl - as we called it as kids - pulling his body across the bedroom rug using only his front feet and then finishing it off by playing dead, legs in the air. I react by laughing, and he likes that.

I've never had a dog so smart ... or so risk-prone. When we lived in Atlanta, he jumped out of our condo's second floor window when he saw a squirrel in a tree. The window was open because the condo painters were working on them. My wife pointed out the squirrel to Buddy (he knew dozens of words, but "squirrel" and "rat" made him furious) never dreaming he'd jump out the window, but he did. Expecting the dog to be dead or seriously injured, she found him at the back patio door wagging his stubby tail. He'd landed on the Styrofoam cover of our hot tub and was fine. The cover was left with a permanent imprint of Buddy that would fill up when it rained.

We knew from the start he was unusual. He stood apart, literally, from the other shelter dogs when we went to adopt him, looking at them like they were space aliens. One day when my daughter, Abigail, was visiting us, he stood on the wall next

to the tub considering his giant crush on her. Without an invitation he jumped into the hot tub to join her. She was shocked.

Buddy loved pretty women. When we had pizza delivered, our usually-loyal Buddy would be all over the pizza-delivery girl, and I suspected he'd exchange me in a minute for her.

If he hears a family conversation that has a serious tone, he finds doggy toys and lightens things up by playing the clown. If I hug my wife a little too long it's cause for Buddy's loudest squeaky toy to be called into action.

Another think in his almost-perfect gentleman conduct was discovered at our first Christmas with him. He hated boxes. Any box he saw would be destroyed with a fervor that left him red-eyed and exhausted. He acted like he was protecting us from a most dangerous intruder.

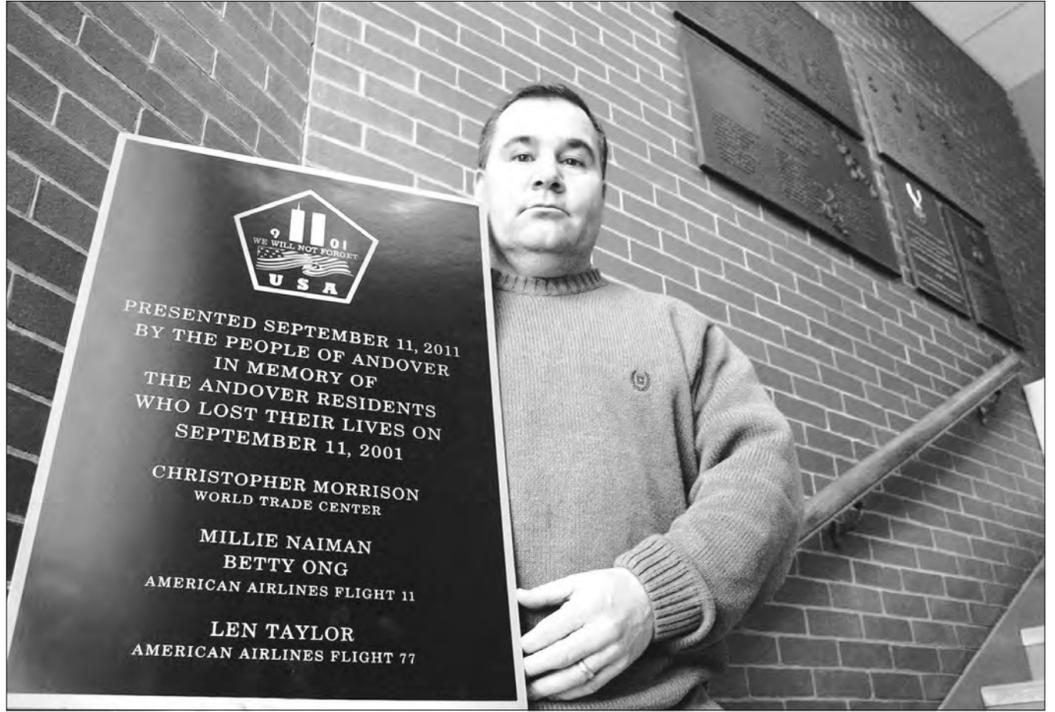
Anyway, I always promised myself I'd never write a column about a dog that died, so I'm sorry about this. Buddy was the best dog I ever owned. My wife and I brought him home just before I had cancer surgery eight years ago. As I recovered, he sat next to me and did tricks to make me laugh.

He had one bad trick, and he was good at it. Without warning, he'd lick you in the mouth so quickly you'd feel his tongue on your teeth. The taste would last for hours no matter how much you brushed and gargled.

He was only 9 when we put him to sleep the other day. He had a tumor in his heart, and he went from normal to very sick in days. Our hearts still ache.

What is it about humans and dogs? Why do we get so attached? I'd give anything to be licked in the mouth by Buddy right now.

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



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Michael Burke, director of Veteran Services, presents a copy of the plaque that will memorialize the four Andover residents who died in the Sept. 11 attacks 10 years ago. The plaque will be hung inside the main entrance of the town offices on Bartlet Street, and be hung during the town's 10th-anniversary memorial event.

PLAQUE REMEMBERS RESIDENTS LOST ON 9/11

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Four town residents died in the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, and, to honor their lives, a bronze plaque will be hung inside the main entrance of Town Offices this September during the town's 10th anniversary ceremony.

"When the 10-year anniversary looms, it is time to recognize that there were four members of our community who we lost on that day," Mike Burke, director of Veteran Services, said. "It has been long in the works, and we are thrilled to support the families of lost ones."

The four residents named are Christopher Morrison, who died in the World Trade Center; grandmother Millie Naiman and flight attendant Betty Ong, who were both on American Airlines flight 11 when it hit the towers; and Len Taylor, who was on American Airlines flight 77.

Paid for by Veteran Services, the plaque will carry the names of these

four residents and where they died that morning. Its design is symbolic of the day it represents, showing the date "9 11 01" — with the "11" shaped like the World Trade Center's Twin Towers — with an image of a waving flag and the letters "USA" below it. The full design is surrounded by a pentagon.

"Within that design is the clear indication that we will not forget, and those are the words because we will not forget," Burke said.

Families of three of the four lost Andover residents worked with and approved the design. One family could not be located, Burke said.

Like the World War II memorials that also exist in the hallway, the new memorial will present the community's history to future residents who may stop and look at the memorials when moving through the offices.

"It is our responsibility to help fully remember 9/11 and to educate our students on the events," Burke said. "But this isn't a history lesson. You need to solemnly remember these four folks." High Plain Elementary School

teacher Marianne Merritt, Chris Morrison's sister, said she appreciated the dedication to her brother.

"I think it is really great that (Veteran Services) and the Patriotic Holiday Committee remembered the victims with the plaque," Merritt said. "It is nice to remember that, and to keep in people's minds, as we approach the 10-year anniversary, to remember the victims, and to help remind people of the men and women fighting to make sure it doesn't happen again."

The date of the dedication ceremony has not yet been established. While it was tentatively scheduled for Friday, Sept. 9 because Town Offices would be closed on Sunday, Sept. 11, the actual anniversary of the attacks, the Board of Selectmen emphasized that the ceremony should be held on Sunday, Sept. 11 anyway. The Patriotic Holiday Committee is working currently to make those arrangements.

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please e-mail dluca@andovertownsmen.com.



COURTESY PHOTO

Ethan Prother, a seventh grader from West Middle School, has organized a sports equipment drive benefiting Family to Family.

Boy collecting sports equipment to help others play

Seventh-grader Ethan Prother wants your unused sports equipment. He wants to help other kids in Andover who could use the equipment to participate in youth sports.

"I want to get people to clean out their garages and basements over February vacation and donate equipment," Ethan reported. "I'm going to collect the equipment at [Andover Youth Services] until the end of March. Then I'm going to log everything and help Diane Caraviallo get the equipment to kids in Andover that need it to participate in sports."

Ethan is working with Andover Youth Services to organize the sports equipment drive to benefit the Andover organization called Family to Family. Ethan said he is also working with the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel on a one-day

drive, for March 27, to collect more equipment for the Family to Family organization.

Working with Andover Youth Services, Ethan hopes to collect new or gently used sports equipment including, but not limited to, football, baseball, hockey, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and basketball equipment; cleats, shin pads, baseball gloves, helmets, sticks and ice skates.

People can drop off equipment any time until March 28 at the Andover Youth Services home at 37 Pearson St. The home is behind Depot Pizza and across Pearson Street from it, near the commuter rail tracks. Residents are asked to use the brightly decorated bins outside, which will be emptied regularly.

Ethan attends West Middle School.

■ HIGH SCHOOL REUNIONS

"Fabulous Fortieth Reunion"

The Class of '71 will be celebrating its 40th class reunion at the Andover Country Club on Friday, June 17.

Organizers say they are looking to get the news out to as many graduates as possible. For

more information contact Bruce Gilday at bagilday@comcast.net, Janet Nardoza at jmn527@aol.com, Cynthia Verda-Abraham at ccamel@comcast.net, Stephanie Sweeney-Brownlie at stephbrownlie@aol.com, Beth Majerison at McRaeAssociates@aol.com or Jeff MacDonald at grmacdonald@comcast.net.

■ SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

By KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR
SENIOR CENTER STAFF

All residents of the Andover and greater Merrimack Valley communities are welcome for events as space allows. Pre-registration appreciated, and required for some events. Call the Andover Senior Center at 978-623-8321 or drop by for a tour at 30 Whittier St., behind Town Offices. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Registration week started this Monday, Feb. 14 for all exercise, performance and artistic groups. Stott Pilates is a new program.

Mixed Media Art Instructional: Beginning Mondays Feb. 28 at 1 p.m., at a cost of \$66, and Wednesday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m., at a cost of \$72. Traditional media as well as silk painting and collage. Materials provided by student. Open studio space prior and after class.

Seasons of Photography: Outdoor Photography on Wednesdays, March 2 (weather make-up date:

March 9) and 16, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20. Photograph conservation property. Part two focuses on editing and processing. Nature photographer Jack Holmes.

Pilates: Thursdays, 2:40 to 3:20 p.m., March 3 to May 19; cost, \$48. Strengthen your core muscles and improve balance. Similar to yoga. Zumba: March 3 to May 19, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., cost, \$65.

Ukrainian Easter Eggs: Thursdays, March 3 and 10, 1 to 3 p.m.; cost, \$4. Learn the art of Pysanky (Ukrainian Easter Eggs). Pre-registration requested. Call for information on purchasing your supplies.

"See the USA in Your Chevrolet": Brown Bag Lunch, Tuesday, March 8 at noon; cost, \$2. Includes dessert and beverage, bring your own lunch. The Retelles will put you in the front seat on their 7,000 mile camping adventure celebrating their 80th birthdays. Pre-registration required.

Women's Herstory: Past and Present: Thursdays at 1:30 p.m., cost,

\$10 for series. March 10, Sue Tucker. Live and uncensored! March 17, League of Women Voters. 90th Anniversary. March 24, Dr. Suetta Tenney. Healthcare on the Line. March 31, The Grimke sisters. Reenactment with Lani Peterson and Susan Lenoe.

Addison Gallery of American Art: Wednesdays, March 9 and 23, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Free, registration necessary. Held at the Addison Gallery. Limit of 25 people.

"The Patient as Partner: Creating Effective Medical Visits" March 11 at 9:30 a.m. Free, Dr. Howard Kramer presents strategies to get the most out of your health care.

The Luck of the Irish: Tuesday, March 15 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. Everyone's Irish for the day, so put your green on and come celebrate St. Patrick's Day with food, fun and entertainment with international performer Brian Corcoran.

High Tea and History: Wednesday, March 16 at 2 p.m., the topic is "Punchard High." Tom Adams

will talk about the history of Andover's first high school. Free, but RSVP so that we can set a place at the table for you.

Trip: The Boston Flower and Garden Show, March 16, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., cost is \$34. Admission and transportation.

"Around the World in 80 Minutes": Thursday, March 17 at 10 a.m.; cost is \$3. Take a look at world events and developments in selected countries and regions around the world. Join Richard Padova, instructor of geography at Northern Essex Community College.

A Day of Beauty: Monday, March 28 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., cost is \$10. To end our celebration of Women's History Month, join us at "Planet Color." Hair cut, styling, sets, blow dry, manicure, mini-makeovers and more, color not included. Appointments are necessary. Planet Color is at 90 Main St. in Bertucci's building, 978-475-4956 or 508-265-8157. The owner is Eric Howard, planetcolor.biz.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGET

25 Years Ago Feb. 13, 1986

A warrant article that defines and governs land use in areas surrounding Andover's water supply met with mixed reviews in a public hearing at Tuesday night's Planning Board meeting. The proposed Watershed Protection Overlay District, drawn up by planning consultant Frances M. Fink in conjunction with town staff and board members, was lauded by members of the West Andover Neighborhood Association (WANA).

The School Committee has agreed to allow the elementary schools to begin to use the \$25,000 grant for school improvement out of the \$200 million school improvement reform bill

instituted by the state legislature in 1985.

After a heated discussion about the planned placement of a controversial intersection, the Andover Planning Board voted to disapprove definitive plans for the subdivision "Devonshire Place," proposed for a location between Osgood and Blanchard streets.

50 Years Ago Feb. 16, 1961

New homes constructed in Andover, with relatively high valuations, actually pay for themselves and services needed by their residents. It has been reliably reported that this is a conclusion by a special study committee appointed after the last Town Meeting to determine how many new homes are costing the community.

Industrial zoning will get a thorough exam when the Planning Board holds its legal hearings on proposed changes in the industrial area. Vigorous objections and concern have been raised about the extension on the industrial zone along Route 93 past the intercept with Route 495 down to High Plain road.

The dedication of a new wing at the Memorial Hall Library will take place this Sunday. Space for a workroom and office and a librarian's office was allowed by the western extension of the former building.

75 Years Ago Feb. 14, 1936

Last Saturday evening the Punchard High School students on Salem street gave their annual sleigh ride party. The

group started from the Lynch Farm on Grey road and continued on many country roads of Andover, North Andover and Boxford, and returned by way of the Salem turnpike to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dunn of Salem street where hot refreshments were served to the hungry crowd.

A tax rate of \$30.20, a record high for Andover and one dollar higher than last year's rate is forecast by the town finance committee in the annual report on the town warrant.

The town ballot closed last night with papers being filed with the town clerk for 33 candidates. The last week saw little action in the major battles, although several papers were filed in other contests.

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ENGAGEMENT



Shannon Sweeney and Conor McCormick

Kevin and Joan Sweeney are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Shannon Sweeney, to Conor McCormick, of Newburyport.

Shannon graduated from Andover High School in 2002 and received a bachelor of science degree and a master's degree in physician assistant studies from Northeastern University. She is employed as a physician assistant at MetroWest Medical Center Emergency Department

in Framingham.

Conor received a business degree from University of Southern Maine and is pursuing a master's degree in business administration at Norwich University. He is employed at Pyramid Research in Cambridge.

The couple is planning a wedding for Oct. 8, 2011 at the Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, N.H. The couple resides in Winchester.



Karen Whelan and Aaron Hakenson

Janet and John Whelan of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Karen Whelan, to Aaron Hakenson, son of Gay Gardner and Michael Hakenson of Worcester.

A 2001 graduate of Andover High School, Karen graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in English, writing and mass communications from Assumption College in 2005 and received a master's degree from a joint program in health communication at Emerson College and Tufts University School of Medicine in 2007. She currently works in marketing as a communications manager at Mpathy Medical in Raynham.

Aaron graduated in 1999 from

St. Peter-Marian High School and graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in history from Assumption College in 2005. He currently works in sales as an account manager at Braffton in Boston.

The couple met while attending Assumption College. A May 2011 wedding is planned on Cape Cod at St. Christopher's by the Sea in Chatham. A reception will follow at Ocean Edge Resort and Golf Club in Brewster.



Amy Hayner and Jamie Way

Mr. and Mrs. James Hayner of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy M. Hayner to Jamie A. Way. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Way of Oakland, Calif.

Amy is a graduate of Andover High School. She received a bachelor's degree in music from Ithaca College and a master's degree in music education from Northwestern University. She is currently the choral director

for Carondelet High School in California.

Jamie is a graduate of Skyline High School in Oakland, Calif. He received a bachelor's degree in entrepreneurship from San Francisco. He is currently a label relations specialist for an Internet jukebox company in San Francisco.

A June 2011 wedding is planned in Kennebunkport, Maine.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago
Feb. 17, 1911

The proprietors of the Myerscough & Buchan garage on Park Street are fast adding to their well equipped business. With the purchase of new machinery which has just been installed, they now have as good a machine shop as can be found in any garage in this vicinity.

The Hemenway property on Abbot street which was sold on Monday afternoon at public auction by auctioneer Rogers, was bought by H. J. Shorten of Lewis street. The purchase price was \$2,950.

A party of some of the girl employees of the Tyer Rubber Co. together with their friends enjoyed a sleigh ride to Lowell.

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Margery E. Batcheller

Margery E. (MacLellan) Batcheller, a lifelong resident of the Shawshen section of Andover, and beloved wife of the late Harold B. Batcheller, died at the Lawrence General Hospital on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011. She was 80 years old.

Born in Andover on March 22, 1930, Margery was the daughter of the late Peter J. and Bertha J. (MacLean) MacLellan. She had been a longtime member of the Christ Church in Andover and was retired from Andover Bank, following 45 years of service.

Margery will be sorely missed

by her niece, Susan and her husband Jeffrey Petit and nephew, Brooks and his wife Luanne MacDonald, all of Kennebunk, Maine.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral service will be celebrated in the Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. At the request of Margery's family, calling hours have been omitted. Donations in Margery's memory may be made to the Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover, MA 01810. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home of Andover.



lived in Andover for 25 years before moving to Lawrence and then Gilmanton, N.H.

He served in the Army during World War II and in the Air Force during the Korean War. He worked as an engineer and circuit board designer for General Electric.

Samuel leaves his wife of 58 years, Delia C. (Bolduc) Blake. He also leaves his children, Frank and

Samuel Blake, 83

Cindy Blake of Gilmanton, N.H. and Paul and Leslie Blake of Barnstead, N.H.; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren; siblings, Robert Blake of Amity, Ar, Verle Dayhoff of Madill, Okla., Thelma Weber of McComb, Mo., and Jean Bledsoe of Glenwood, Ariz.; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Michael, and grandson, Jared Blake.

ARRANGEMENTS: The family received friends Tuesday, Feb. 15, at Cataudella Funeral Home, Methuen. The funeral service was Wednesday. The committal service was in New Hampshire Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Boscawen, N.H. Donations in memory of Sam may be directed to the Blake Memorial Fund, c/o Family Bible Church, 694 Loudon Ridge Road, Loudon, NH 03307.

Gary A. Caruso

Gary A. Caruso, of Andover, died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011.

He was the son of Richard and Carolyn (Smith) Caruso of Andover, brother of Richard Caruso of New York and Bethany Caruso of Georgia, grandson of Phyllis Smith of Florida. Gary is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral was from the Cota Funeral Home, 335 Park St., (corner of Park Street and Route 28)

North Reading, at Reading line, on Saturday, Feb. 12 at 9:45 a.m. Funeral Mass in St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends visited at the funeral home Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Gary's name to the Lawrence General Hospital Pediatric Center, c/o Advancement Office, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01841. www.cotafuneralhomes.com.

James Edwards Trott, 90



World War II Army Air Corps veteran James Edwards Trott, 90, of Fort Benton, Mont., a retired farmer and artist, died Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, after a brief illness.

Jim Trott was born Feb. 19, 1920 in Andover, to Gustavus S.B. and Bertha (Clark) Trott. He attended public schools there and graduated from Phillips Academy. He received a degree in fine arts from Harvard in 1942. He then joined the Army Air Force, went to photo school, and was assigned to the 320th Fighter Squadron at Suffolk Air Base Gunnery School on Long Island, then went to Mitchel Field, where he worked on training films. In 1944, he joined the 321st Bomb Group in Corsica, Italy. His unit was crossing the Atlantic on its way to the Pacific theater when the A-bombs were dropped, ending the war.

In 1946, Jim found a job as an exhibit-maker at the Field Museum in Chicago, where he met Lucile Hanford, then a student at Antioch College. Within a year they were married and, after three more years working at the Museum, they moved to Fort Benton to operate a farm in the Shonkin area, under the auspices of Lucile's father, J. Arthur Hanford. Jim continued to farm for about 30 years. He served on the Fort Benton City Council and the school board, and filled various positions in the Farm Bureau and the United Methodist Church. He also served as a Cub Scout leader and, with Lucile, as a hospice volunteer.

For some years after retirement, he took up painting, concentrating on the mountain steamboats amidst Upper Missouri landscapes. Many of his paintings have appeared in

television documentaries, as magazine and book covers, and as illustrations in calendars and books. He had a lifelong interest in Andover and, a few years ago, contributed some of his memories of it to Bill Dalton's Townsman column.

His parents and eldest brother, Howard, died in the mid-1940s. He was also predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Partridge Randig; and brothers, Robert and Allan. In addition to his wife, Lucile, Jim is survived by six children, Jim H. (Roseann) Trott of Philadelphia, Peter (Suzanne) Trott of Hillsboro, Ore., Drew (Jennifer) Trott of Loma Mar, Calif., Laurie (Ross) Rettig of Fort Benton, Jonathan (Carol) Trott of Chicago and Matthew (Carrie) Trott of Power, Mont.; and by 21 grandchildren, Kimiko (Garrett) Nabors, Joshua (Lydia) Trott, Jed (Sarah) Trott and Adriel, Loren and Victoria Trott, Kaitlin, James C. and Alexandra Trott, Amanda (Mike) Bedford, Jamie (Shaun) Carrier, Annie, Jessica, and Daniel Bumgarner, Tamzen and Tabitha Trott, Chris (Azuree) and Trevor (Hannah) Wiitala, Matalyn (Shon) Weaver and Aaron and Jenna Rose Trott. He also had nine great-grandchildren: Sophia, Lucile, Benjamin and Hazel Trott of Philadelphia; Yael and Portia Nabors of Silver Springs, Md.; Naya and Sumaia Trott of Chicago; and Emmy-Jean Lucile Carrier of Great Falls, Mont. Local survivors include nieces, Kristina Trott and Karen Courtenay of Andover; and nephew, Robert (Kath) Trott of Haverhill.

ARRANGEMENTS: Condolences may be posted online at www.gftribune.com/obituaries. Cremation has taken place under the direction of Benton Funeral Home. A memorial service will be held Thursday at the United Methodist Church in Fort Benton, at a time to be determined.

Dr. Santosh K. Shetty

Dr. Santosh K. Shetty passed away unexpectedly on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011. He was President of New England Radiation Therapy Associates (NERTA) and was Director of Radiation Oncology at the William Lane Cancer Center at Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Dr. Shetty was born in Mangalore, India in 1942. He graduated from Mysore Medical College before arriving in the United States for his residency. He trained in New York, Pittsburgh, and Boston. His compassionate manner and caring personality gave comfort to both the patients he treated and their families.

Dr. Shetty was very active in local and national cancer societies, Indian community organizations, and various charities near to his heart. He was a past president of IMANE and BANA.

He was an avid tennis player in

his early years, and transitioned into becoming a seasoned golfer. He had a passion for travel, and also enjoyed spending time with numerous family and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mrs. Sujyothi Shetty, his son, Shawn; daughter and son-in-law, Sajini and Chethan; grandson, Elan; sister, Mrs. Zarina Punja of Oregon, and brother, Dr. Sharat Shetty of India. He will be dearly missed by family, friends, colleagues, and the Holy Family Hospital community.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Sunday, from 5 to 8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the American Cancer Society, local chapter, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701; or to the Chinmaya Mission, 1 Union St., Andover, MA 01810. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.



lengthy illness.

Professor Parrotta was born in Italy on May 17, 1919. He came to America at the age of 12. He attended English High School in Boston, then Northeastern University, earning a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also obtained advanced degrees in mathematics and engineering. During World War II, he was an engineer for Chance Voght Aircraft and also served in the Navy. He taught mathematics and engineering sciences at Merrimack College for 39 years.

Ralph P. Parrotta, 91

Ralph P. Parrotta, Professor Emeritus, formerly of Bradford and Andover, died in Peabody on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at the age of 91, after a

lengthy illness.

Professor Parrotta was born in Italy on May 17, 1919. He came to America at the age of 12. He attended English High School in Boston, then Northeastern University, earning a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also obtained advanced degrees in mathematics and engineering. During World War II, he was an engineer for Chance Voght Aircraft and also served in the Navy. He taught mathematics and engineering sciences at Merrimack College for 39 years.

John J. Wilson



John J. "Jack" Wilson passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2011 at his home.

Jack was born and raised in Lawrence, the son of the late George and Julia (Keenan) Wilson. He attended the Bruce School and Central Catholic High School. He attended Merrimack College, served in the Army and was an educator in Lawrence schools, retiring in 1997 after 40 years.

In addition to his wife, Mary, Jack is survived by his children;

son, Jack and his wife Shari of Andover; daughter, Sheila Hudson and her husband Phil of Windham; son, Bob and his wife Karen of Amesbury; son, Jim of Boston, and daughter, Maureen Leal and her husband Mike of Pelham; his brother George Wilson of Tewksbury; and grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his sister, Eileen Sweetra.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Tuesday, Feb. 15, at the Cataudella Funeral Home, Methuen. The Mass of Christian burial was held Wednesday, with the committal following in St. Mary's Cemetery. Donations in memory of Jack may be directed to the National Parkinson Foundation, P.O. Box 5018, Hagerstown, MD. 21741-5018.

Gladys M. Smeltzer, 90

Gladys M. Smeltzer, 90, of Andover, passed away on Monday, Feb. 7, 2011 at her home in Andover.

Gladys was born, raised and educated in Lawrence.

In her free time she enjoyed sewing, spending time up at the family cabin in the mountains and most of all spending time with her family, children and many grandchildren. Gladys was a member of the Ballardvale United Church of Andover.

Gladys is predeceased by her husband, William Smeltzer, Jr., and two sisters, Eva and Claire. She leaves her five children, William Smeltzer III and his wife Rita of Lawrence, James Smeltzer

of New Hampshire, husband to the late Joyce Smeltzer, Richard Smeltzer of Raymond, N.H., Judy Julien and her husband Ronald of Andover and Joan Ferris and her husband David of Andover; 17 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request of the family, services are private. Arrangements are under the direction of the Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, Andover. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Boston Office, 330 Congress St., 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210.

Egypt's citizens take a stand

The entire world watched Egypt as many of its citizens took to the streets to protest for better government. After 18 days of protests, Hosni Mubarak, the country's president, agreed to step down. He had been in office for 30 years.

Where is Egypt? Why is the entire world interested in what is going on there?

The official name of the country is the Arab Republic of Egypt. It is located mainly in North Africa. The Sinai Peninsula makes a land bridge to Southwest Asia. The country is about 390,000 square miles in area. That's about the same size as Texas and New Mexico combined.

Egypt is bordered by the Mediterranean Sea to the north, the Gaza Strip and Israel to the northeast, the Red Sea to the east, Sudan to the south and Libya to the west. The Suez Canal links the Mediterranean and the Indian Ocean.

Egypt is a major power in Africa and the Middle East. About 79 million people live in an area of about 15,000 square miles near the banks of the Nile River. Two of the largest cities are Cairo and Alexandria.

Egypt is known for its ancient civilization and monuments. The Great Sphinx, the Giza pyramid complex, and other ancient ruins like Karnak, Thebes, Memphis, Luxor and the Valley of the Kings have been the site of many archaeological studies. Many people travel to Egypt to see the ancient ruins.

In the last few years Egypt has slid into poverty, illiteracy and what many think is corruption in their government. The citizens' anger with the president and government erupted in civil unrest.

A few weeks ago, protesters met in the Tahrir Square in Cairo. At first the demonstration



The Great Sphinx of Giza was carved out of a hill of limestone about 4,600 years ago, probably during the reign of the pharaoh Khafra. It is 241 feet long and 66 feet tall. Behind the sphinx is Khafra's pyramid. A sphinx is a mythical beast with the body of a lion and the head of a person.



was peaceful. It turned violent when pro-government protestors clashed with pro-reform protestors. About 300 people were killed. Many more were injured.

Reporters, photographers and their crews were targeted. Some were captured or injured. Some went into hiding. Some reporters thought that the government did not want the world to see what was going on.

The military is now in charge in Egypt The people who live in Egypt are hopeful that the transition to democracy will continue.

Things are unfolding hour by hour. By the time you read this, more changes may have taken place in Egypt.

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Bishop, Andover girls repeat at MVC Meet

Eve Bishop's senior season just continues to get better.

The Cornell recruit shattered the school record in the 300, won the long jump and ran the opening leg of the record-setting 4x400 as Andover edged archival Central Catholic 104-101 in the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet on Friday.

Bishop's 40.39 in the 300 broke former Andover great Barbara Cullinan's 28-year-old school mark and the meet record, and she then scored a win in the long jump with a 16-7. She also teamed with Alli Puccia, Jaclyn Torres and Sydney Eberth to take the 4x400 in 4:01.44.

"She's one of the top sprinters ever from Andover," said coach Peter Comeau, whose Golden Warriors repeated as MVC Meet champions. "She already has the 200 record (last spring) and we've had some great sprinters. She's a great athlete. She never long jumps and we asked her to do it this week and she won it."

Maggie Mullens continued her assault on the record books with an 11:09.58 in the mile, breaking the meet record set by Wilmington's Mary McNaughton set in 1983.

Emily Belluche added a win

in the 55 hurdles (8.87), Moira Cronin set a meet record in the high jump (5-6), with Jess Salley placing second, and Chelsea Angelosanto, Emily Shields, Cronin and Michaela Soucy won the 4x200.

Relays dominate for boys

Andover continued its tradition of dominating the relays, taking first in all three events as the Golden Warriors fell just short and took second at the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet on Friday with 79 points. Lowell took first with 89 points.

"Winning all three relays, that's pretty darn cool," said Comeau.

Pat Farnham, Troy Cayon, Adam Carrington and Cole Organisciak won the 4x200 (1:32.51), Cayon, Paul Sokol, Ryan Cooney and Brian Knapp teamed to take the 4x400 (3:32.69) and Mike Maldari, Ryan Beaumont, Will Ossoff and Simon Voorhees won the 4x800 (8:18.15).

Farnham also set a meet and school record in the 300 (35.75) and Voorhees set a new meet mark in the 2-mile (9:33.12). Ossoff (mile) and Knapp (600) added third-place finishes.



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's Maddy Baldwin flies down the slope for Andover High. Baldwin, who lived in China for four years before returning to Andover, has earned two individual victories in the last month for the undefeated Golden Warriors girls team.

'GOING ALL OUT' Back from China, Baldwin stars on the slopes

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

It was just two years ago that Maddy Baldwin was refining her skiing skills at an indoor facility approximately 7,300 miles away from Andover in China.

But this season, Baldwin has emerged as a breakout star with a pair of wins for the Golden Warriors ski team that has surged to a stellar 10-0 record.

"She has always been a good skier, but she has really come into her own this year," Warriors coach Tom Busta said. "Everything has come together and she is really turning heads."

It has been a long journey for Baldwin to star for Andover, one that has taken her to the other side of the world and back.

When she was in seventh grade, Baldwin and her family moved from Andover to China, after her mother was transferred by "3M Company" where she works in sales.

"I thought we were moving to California," Baldwin said. "But we ended up in China at the last minute. It was very intimidating at first."

Initially, Baldwin found herself overwhelmed by the transition to Shanghai, China's largest city with a population of 19,210,000 as of 2009 — considerably more than the 31,247 population of Andover.

"It was crazy how different it was," said Baldwin. "It is a major city. I went to a small international school with people

from all over the world. Most of them were learning their third or fourth language and I only spoke English."

But Baldwin began to adapt to the hustle and bustle of Shanghai, and began to learn Chinese — which she can speak "pretty well" and is improving her reading and writing.

"Everywhere you go, people are humble and very friendly," she said. "They want to meet and talk to you. They appreciate talking to you. I had a chance to go to more rural areas of China, and it was so different."

Baldwin also found time for her favorite sport, skiing.

"That had mostly indoor skiing," she said. "It was like plastic what they had for snow. I did get to go to Nagano (the host of the 1998 Olympics). They had great skiing there."

Then, prior to her junior school year, Baldwin and her family moved back to Andover — a move she actually found more challenging than the move to China.

"It was so difficult moving back," she said. "At my school in China, everyone had been new at some point. They knew what it was like to be the new kid, and they were ready to be your friend."

"Even though I was back in my home town (Andover), I had missed four years of their lives and they had become different people."

But sports allowed Baldwin to quickly

become comfortable again in Andover.

She made the Golden Warriors varsity soccer team as a goalie, and it was on the pitch that teammates persuaded her to come out for the ski team.

"I hadn't thought about it until they told me," Baldwin said. "Girls like Jess Kearns and Kerry Christopher told me about it."

After showing potential last season, Baldwin emerged as a top contender this year. Her true breakout came on Feb. 4 when she took first overall (22.24) out of the six teams competing as Andover downed Masconomet and Haverhill. She followed that three days later by grabbing first (21.98) again.

"She came on so strong halfway through the season," said Busta. "To win two races is excellent. She wins one, then takes another and you realize it's no fluke. She put all of the aspects of racing together, and skiing came by a mind game, and she has relaxed."

Baldwin credits her success on the slopes to her strength and aggressiveness.

"My coach says I have a habit of getting into a tuck so I can do as fast as I can," she said. "I used to be a timid. I was new to the team and the area. But now that it's my senior year, I just decided, 'I'm to going all out' and go after it."

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THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Feb. 17..... Central Catholic 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 19..... at BC High Tourney TBA
Feb. 24..... Brockton..... 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Feb. 17..... at Lawrence..... 5:30 p.m.
Feb. 18..... Notre Dame of Hingham..... 6:30 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Feb. 19..... Central Catholic 6 p.m.
Feb. 21..... at North Andover noon
Feb. 23..... North Reading 8 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Feb. 19..... Boston Latin 9 a.m.
Feb. 21..... Concord-Carlisle 3:45 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Feb. 17..... at MIAA Division 1 Meet 4 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Feb. 17..... at MIAA Division 1 Meet 4 p.m.

BOYS SWIMMING

Feb. 17..... at Mass. State Meet..... 7 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Feb. 19..... Mass. State Meet..... 4 p.m.

Roundup: Caraviello, Andover win nail-biter over Lawrence

BOYS HOCKEY

Swett, Warriors surge

Matt Swett scored a hat trick and chipped in with two assists, his largest point output of the season, as Andover blasted Arlington 7-1 last Wednesday. Jim Burns added a pair of goals, Scott Campbell and Tyler Weeks each had one tally and Liam Centrella had two assists for the winners. Kyle Berthiaume made 17 saves.

BOYS SKIING

Sherman, Cummings lead the field

Nick Sherman and Matt Cummings took the top two spots overall and Tom Suglia was fifth as Andover rolled over Manchester Essex (108-27) and Haverhill (133-2) last Tuesday. Also for the Warriors, Adam Risman (ninth) and Kurt Geffken (10th) added top-10 finishes.

GIRLS SKIING

Baldwin grabs a first

Maddy Baldwin took first overall and Kerry Christopher (sixth) and Sarah Heath (ninth) added top-10 finishes as Andover topped Masconomet 90-45 last Monday. Golden Warriors Julia Ganley (11th) and Rose Ganley (12th) added key finishes for the winners.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fazio torches Billerica

Ally Fazio tallied 24 points, tied for the game-high, as Andover eased past Billerica 81-56 on Friday. Nicole Boudreau matched Fazio — both with 24 points and four 3-pointers — and Devon Cavenny added 14 points for the winners.



DAVID LE/Staff Photo

Andover's Joe Bramanti sails to the basket during the Golden Warriors' 67-66 victory over Lawrence.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Nader, Gross score in win

Alicia Nader scored her second goal of the season and Weezie Gross potter her third goal of the year to lead Andover to a 4-2 victory over Weston last Thursday. Meghan Pierce added her fourth goal of the season and Meagan Keefe chipped in with a goal and an assist for the winners.

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Jill Manning and Emily Appleton each scored a goal, but Andover lost to Arlington 4-2 on Saturday.

Meagan Keefe had a goal and an assist for Andover, which dropped a 4-3 decision to Chelmsford last Wednesday. Weezie Gross and Emily Appleton each also scored for the Warriors.

Meaghan Leary and Jill Manning each

scored a goal and assisted on another, but Andover fell to Boston Latin 3-2 last Monday. Meagan Keefe added a pair of assists for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Andover saw Lawrence cut a 16-point fourth quarter advantage to just one point, but Van Caraviello knocked down a pair of free throws with 19.6 seconds

Van's clutch plan helps Warriors' drive

Coach Dave Fazio of the Andover High School boys varsity basketball team nominates Van Caraviello as this week's "Player of the Fortnight" award winner.

"Van has made a lot of very big, key free throws for us this season. He has an intelligence about him that helps all our guys play better offensively. We hope he and the rest of the team also play even better defensively, so we can make the best possible run in the playoffs this year," said Fazio.

The next "Player of the Fortnight" award will be given next week, to a girls basketball team player.

to go as the Golden Warriors held on for a 67-66 victory over the Lancers on Friday.

"I'll take win and learn over lose and learn, every time," said Andover coach David Fazio. "This one was just like one of those state tournament games. You get out to the lead, get a little comfortable, turn it over a couple times, they hit a couple of threes, and look out, you're playing for your life."

Sam Dowden had 10 of his 13 point in the third quarter for Andover. Craig Luschenat had 10 points and Jack Kieckhafer finished with nine, including four straight points in a pivotal spot in the fourth

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Joe Bramanti drained four 3-pointers on his way to a game-high 30 points, grabbed 10 rebounds and made six steals as Andover rolled past Chelmsford 76-50 last Tuesday. Sam Dowden added 15 point for the winners.

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SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Synchers adds to trophy case

As the largest synchronized swim team in the country, the Andover/North Andover YMCA's ANA Synchers says it is a team with a long list of accolades. That list just got longer as the Synchers out swam their competitors, taking first place in every senior event at January's NESSA Jr/Sr Championship and Age Group Invitational, the group reports. With nine gold medals and a stack of silver, ANA finished the day by receiving the NESSA High Point Trophy.

Andover/North Andover YMCA ANA Synchers 16-19 Jr/Sr Swimmers:

Senior Team Routine: First, Laina Gray, Caitlyn MacGregor and Alice Rodgers of North Andover, Gillian Brassil and Candace Ju, of Andover, Jennifer Flanagan of Boylston, Janine Kopeski of Sterling and Laura Schmidt of Hollis, N.H.

Senior Trio: First, Laina Gray, Laura Schmidt and Gillian Brassil; second, Caitlyn MacGregor, Alice Rodgers and Janine Kopeski

Senior Duet: First, Jennifer Flanagan and Candace Ju

Senior Solo: First, Gillian Brassil; second, Allison Ziel; third, Laina Gray; fourth, Jennifer Flanagan

Junior Trio: First, Laina Gray, Laura Schmidt and Gillian Brassil; second, Caitlyn MacGregor, Alice Rodgers, Janine Kopeski; third, Marian Crockett, Gloria McNamara both of Andover, and Anna Barnes of Ipswich

Junior Duet: 1st, Marian

Crockett, Gloria McNamara, both of Andover

Junior Solo: First, Alison Ziel; second, Laina Gray both of North Andover

Senior Figures: First, Gillian Brassil; second, Candace Ju; third, Alison Ziel; fourth, Laura Schmidt

Junior Figures: First, Gillian Brassil; second, Alison Ziel; third, Laina Gray; fourth, Laura Schmidt

For more information visit the Andover/North Andover YMCA's ANA Synchers at anasynchers.org or to try a class contact head coach Svetlana Malinovskaya at 978-685-3541 Ext 147 or at smalinovskaya@mymca.org.

Arvidson named to AD's honor roll

Volleyball player Kirsten Arvidson of Andover, a freshman at Stonehill College, has been named to the school athletic director's honor roll for the fall 2010 semester.

A total of 216 Stonehill student-athletes were recognized for earning a grade point average of 3.2 or better during the semester.

Rowing club accepting new members

Essex Rowing Club Inc. is accepting registrations for its adult programs for the upcoming spring season. No experience is necessary, introductory programs are available for anyone interested in trying the sport. All fitness levels are welcome. For registration details or for more

information about Essex Rowing Club youth programs, visit essexrowing.org or call 978-208-4617.

Fencing sessions nearby

Penta Fencing Club is holding open fencing sessions for kids and adults Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at its Wilmington facility located at 1 Jewel Drive. There is no charge to attend and watch. To participate, there is a \$15 floor fee for the three-hour session. Those interested in attending can RSVP by email to vaho@penta-fencingclub.com or by phone at 978-203-0380.

Owned and managed by Vaho Iagorashvili, a three-time Olympic medalist, Penta Fencing Club

offers beginning fencing lessons to boys, girls, men and women.

Swim Team leader at Austin Preparatory

Austin Preparatory School senior Nysa Casha of Andover has been leading the swim team to a successful season as captain this year. A three-time Catholic Central League All-Star, Casha competes in the 100 meter fly, breaststroke and freestyle as well as the 50 meter freestyle. Austin's co-ed team finished second in the Catholic Central League this season. Casha will be swimming for Connecticut College next year. She is the daughter of Larry and Mary Casha of Andover.

ROUNDUP

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WRESTLING

Lynch, Jackson take seconds

Caleb Lynch placed second at 145 pounds and Paul Jackson was second at 189 pounds for Andover, which took 10th at the Division 1 North Sectionals on Saturday. David Ortiz chipped in with a fourth at 215 for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Manning, Rivet lead squad

Brian Manning was fifth in the pommel horse, seventh in the parallel bars and rings and eighth in the high bar for Andover, which was fifth at the Massachusetts State Meet on Friday. Pat McDonough (pommel horse) and Shane Psonis (floor) each added a seventh.

Colin Rivet was fourth in the vault and Jason Ho was fourth in the floor routine as Andover fell to Braintree 169-121 last Monday.

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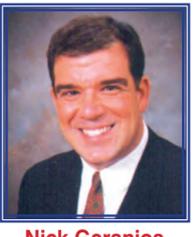


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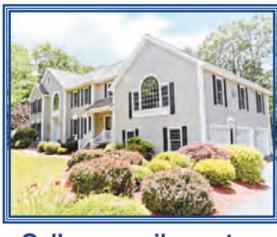


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