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Manager: March 31 deadline to balance budget \$3.1M in red

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER
Andover leaders are giving themselves until the end of the month to balance the town budget, hoping to avoid the need to broker last-minute budget compromises in the days before April Town Meeting.

As of Tuesday, the gap between the town department requests and the available revenue was about \$3.1 million, and town boards and departments will meet every Monday and Wednesday for the rest of the month to settle that difference.

To start the budget season, the town had a \$5.3 million gap to eliminate. The town manager's recommended budget tallied roughly \$149.4 million, with expected revenues coming in just over \$144 million. The school department faced a \$4.65 million deficit, while other

town departments sought \$654,470 more than revenue could support. Unlike previous years, where town and school leaders have immediately disagreed over the money available to the schools, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski took the approach of recommending the budget that the school department turned into him, without any changes. "With the new school superintendent and the new interim business manager, I know that they need more time to bring their budget into balance, in working with the selectmen, the School Committee and the Finance Committee," Stapczynski said.

The message coming out of Town Offices is: We are all in it together. In fact that's the stated "theme" of the recommended budget for the next fiscal year, which starts in July, as named by Stapczynski. "The context of this year, with the two new state reps and the state senator, these new people in new positions, a new superintendent, new principals, ... With this group of people, the thought was that we get to build on that new energy, new enthusiasm, new creativity," Stapczynski said.

Officials are emphatic about balancing the budget by the end of the month. March 31 is the deadline, Stapczynski has said, and the many departments around town must do everything they can to ensure that the deadline is met. This past week, Andover lowered the budget gap by \$2.1 million thanks to:
■ a much smaller increase in employee health insurance costs

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Residents weigh in on overlay district

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER
A proposal to add a business overlay district on River Road faced opposition Tuesday night at a Planning Board meeting, where residents challenged the article on a number of its key points.

The River Road Business Overlay District article seeks to take around a dozen existing land parcels zoned for industrial development and rezone them to allow additional uses, and opening the area to things such as for restaurants, affordable housing, supermarkets, mixed use and more. The issue will come before Town Meeting next month.

Residents who raised concerns about the potential overlay district cited issues with how it would affect the area once development took place, while also challenging claims made by proponents of the plan that say the area is in need of new services and amenities.

Beacon Street resident Lelani Loder offered criticism of the plan for the way it is designed.

"You put together a really nice presentation, but it screams, 'I'm a developer,'" Loder, who

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Pat Enxing of Andover shows his support of this year's Andover Youth Services' telethon "Heart of a Champion" theme.

Have a heart: AYS telethon starts tonight

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER
The Oscar-worthy movie, *The Fighter*, got Andover's Director of Youth Services thinking about the punchy parallels.

"You never give up is what I tell the kids. And, boxer Mickey Ward of Lowell never gives up in the movie," Bill Fahey said. "He went through so much in his life, but never quit. It's like us - we're still trying to build a youth center in town and we'll never give up."

Fahey said Ward has a heart of a champion. That's the theme for this year's Andover Youth Services

telethon, which will raise money on March 10 and 11 for youth services staffing and programs, while squirreling some money away for a youth center.

AHS show choir wins NE award

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"We always root for underdogs and Ward was an underdog who did something with his life, in spite of his surroundings," Fahey said. Kids of all ages from numerous sports, drama, dancing and music groups will perform alongside tap-dancing seniors from the Andover Senior Center. There will be a buffalo-wing-eating contest and an

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Andover youth are ready to perform and take phone calls as part of a semi-annual telethon to raise money for youth services and a potential youth center.

Sit up and take notice: Dog park may be coming

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The previous attempt, to create a dog park on High Plain Road, stopped because some people were concerned about illegal dumping in the area of the nearby leaf composting site, according to Conservation Director Bob Douglas.

A number of sites in the same area have been considered, and proponents of the park have settled on three to four acres of conservation land, with parking, just down the road from the previous site.

"There is a good amount of people, pretty much every dog owner in town, who would want a spot where their dogs could run free," Douglas said. Nearly 2,500 dogs were licensed in Andover last year, according to the town clerk's office.

Tracie Fountas, co-founder and co-owner of River Road Veterinary Hospital and a member of the five-person group supporting the park, said it will be "a park for your four-legged kids." "This is a place where you can slow down, enjoy nature and get to know people better, whereas now you just pass them by,"

Fountas said. The park, should a location be found, would need around \$50,000 to \$100,000 to come to fruition. Fountas wants all money for the park to be privately generated, something she believes is a very real possibility. "Andover is a very dog-friendly

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In Brief

Phillips Academy head of school Barbara Landis Chase to retire in 2012

Barbara Landis Chase, Phillips Academy's 14th head of school and first woman to hold the position, will retire next summer, in 2012.

Chase, who is in her 17th year as head of Andover, previously served as headmistress of the Bryn Mawr School, in Baltimore, Md. This academic year marks her 31st leading an independent school.

"There is never a perfect time to leave a place you love, but thanks to the vision and work of many, the Academy is, by all measures, on a very firm footing," said Chase. "It has been a singular privilege to be part of Andover's story."

Oscar Tang, president of the board of trustees, thanked Chase for her visionary leadership, and for upholding and advancing the values of PA for nearly two decades.

Through two strategic plans and two fundraising campaigns, the Academy has converged on its most important goals -- inspired by our founding ideals. These ideals were tested tremendously during the recent economic crisis," he said, commending Chase for her "unwavering focus."

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



It is the greatest football team in the history of football - not in Andover - in football. You show me another 22-0 team.
- Gerry Callahan, who helped coach part of the eighth-grade travel football team. Both the varsity and junior varsity squads went 11-0, and head coach Kevin Lynch has been named Massachusetts Youth Coach of the Year. Story in Townspeople, page 9.



Colby and Katherine had given great meaning to a piece of cardboard. I'm sure it appreciated the thoughtfulness provided by two creative and sensitive kids.
- Columnist Ken Seifert, on the creativity of neighbors who turned a cardboard box into something for the neighborhood. Story in Education, page 11.

Candidates forum at senior center tomorrow, March 11

On Friday, March 11 at 10 a.m., the Council on Aging will sponsor a candidates' forum at the Andover Senior Center, attached to the back of Town Offices near the Park. Come meet the candidates for Board of Selectman, School Committee, town moderator and Housing Authority. Listen to their responses to questions about the issues and then you can make an informed decision at the town election on Tuesday, March 22. The program will be moderated by the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters. The public is welcome to attend. Pre-registration is requested since the Council on Aging will serve a continental breakfast. Call 978-623-8321, the senior center number, to register.

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: 8 Marland St. was the rectory for the Ballardvale Methodist Church until it merged with the United Congregationalist Church in 1955. The church and the rectory it served was demolished in 1967.



NOW: 8 Marland St., Andover is now a private home.

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LWV Candidates Forum March 12

Learn more about the candidates for local office at a candidates forum to be held on Saturday March 12, at 1:30 p.m., at Memorial Hall Library in Andover. Hosted by the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover, the event provides Andover residents with an opportunity to meet and question the candidates in advance of the March 22 election.

All candidates for the following offices have been invited, Town Moderator, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Andover Housing Authority. Candidates without contested races will have the opportunity to make a

statement concerning the duties of their office and to answer questions. Candidates in contested races will make opening and closing statements and answer audience questions. The moderator will be League member Heather McNeil, a resident of North Andover. Those unable to attend the event may email questions for candidates in advance to voterServiceAndover@lwv-andovers.org.

The forum is free and open to the public, and will also be televised live and rebroadcast on cable and posted online. For more information, contact Stefani Traina, voterServiceAndover@lwv-andovers.org.

Protecting yourself from identity theft and financial scams

The Andovers Villages At Home (TAVAH) will sponsor a free forum, "Identity Theft and Financial Scams," later this month.

Every day, it seems, we hear another sad story about a victim of an identity theft or a financial con game. In the U.S., one in every 10 consumers has already been victimized by identity theft. Use of credit cards, computers and the Internet has exploded, and the financial and investment world has never been more complicated. But, identity theft is not strictly an online crime. Some of the most successful thieves employ low-tech methods such as stealing people's mail, checking their garbage for receipts and statements, or grabbing a purse or wallet.

How can people protect themselves from identity thieves and scam artists? How can they prevent trouble before it happens, or recognize it if it does? Who is there to help? TAVAH says its forum will provide some answers.

Presenters Kim Dandurant, vice president and small business manager at TD Bank in Andover, and Rosemary Desmond, vice president and branch manager of TD Bank Pleasant Valley, will draw on their long-standing experience in finance and investment to help people to better protect themselves financially, according to a release. "They will discuss the often serious consequences of identity theft, and the relatively simple, easily understood and

surprisingly effective defenses anybody can use. Some common financial scams, and ways to recognize and avoid them, will also be reviewed," according to TAVAH. "In today's technology-driven economy, protection from identity theft and scam artists has never been more important."

The seminar will be presented at the Parish Center of St Augustine Church, 35 Essex St., Andover, on Wednesday, March 23 at 2 p.m. Plenty of free parking is available. The Andovers Village at Home describes itself as a non-profit organization serving Andover and North Andover, which provides information and referral, social opportunities and access to volunteers and vetted providers of service, to enable older to remain safely in their own homes for as long as they choose.

Temple hosts sports drive March 27

The Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel in sponsoring a Sports Equipment Drive on Sunday, March 27. Items needed include football, baseball, hockey, soccer, lacrosse, field hockey and basketball equipment; cleats, shin guards, kick balls and ice skate. Such items can be dropped off in the Temple lobby, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, between 8:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. or between 5 and 7 p.m.

The sports equipment will be donated to Family to Family. For further information contact the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 or e-mail Beverly Birnbach at b.birnbach@verizon.net.

Plover wardens needed:

Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island is looking for Volunteer Plover Wardens. Beginning in April of each year, the refuge beach is closed to provide undisturbed nesting habitat for the federally threatened piping plover. A plover warden orientation will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 10 a.m. to noon at Refuge Headquarters, 6 Plum Island Turnpike.

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Sometimes parents, consumed with their own grief, find it difficult to talk with their children about death because they think it will make them sadder. For this reason, many children become the forgotten mourners. And, because they grieve differently than adults, their needs can be inadvertently overlooked.

Here are some tips to help you support children that are grieving a loss:

- Encourage children to ask questions about death. Treat questions with respect and answer them simply and honestly.
- Keep in mind that children will not grieve in an orderly way. They may experience deep feelings of grief — then be off to play a short time later. These shifts in behavior are normal.
- Understand that children will need long-lasting support. They may be more demanding, act younger than they are, or have disruptions in eating and sleeping patterns.
- Remember that death is a disruption in a child's life that is quite frightening. Be patient.
- Be aware of your own need to grieve. Adults who have lost a loved one will be better equipped to help children if they receive help themselves.

For some adults and children, grief support may be helpful. Merrimack Valley Hospice has a wide variety of support groups and bereavement programs tailored to adults and children, as well as for widows, caregivers, and others. Importantly, all support groups and bereavement programs are free and open to the public. For a complete list, please call 978-552-4611.



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■ CORRECTION

Due to a reporting error, a story on page one of last week's Andover Townsman titled "Court of public opinion: Tennis fix needed" reported that an estimated \$25,000 will bring tennis courts at the high school in need of repair back

to an acceptable quality. The \$25,000 only would cover feasibility studies and surveys of the site to determine the extent to which repairs are needed. Further work from that point would then determine the cost of making repairs.

PARK: Place for dogs to play

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community," she said.

With the dog park, dog owners could sit and talk while their dogs did their own socializing a few dozen yards away, according to Alex Vispoli, selectmen chairman and an advocate for the park.

The location could become something like "the Old Town Hall, at (Saturday Morning Coffee Hour), or the soccer field when you'd have your kids playing and you would communicate with other parents, but also solve all the problems of the world," Vispoli said.

Chestnut Street resident Janet Schwartz, a dog owner, said she loved the idea, and has wanted a dog park for a long time.

"We have so many dogs in Andover, and they deserve to

have a place to run around," Schwartz said. "They are not supposed to be on a leash all the time. They need a place to play and socialize."

Debbie Frio, an Ivanhoe Lane resident and dog owner, said a park would create a network of canine lovers, something she said she felt was worth donating to.

Currently, the plan's proponents are working out the details of where the park would be and how it would look so the Conservation Commission could consider the plan.

"The commission reviewed that spot for the first time at (last) Tuesday's meeting, and they're still not sure about what that place would look like as a dog park," Douglas said. "I suspect that, in a month or two, I will have a plan that everybody here could come together on."

ROAD: More development?

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admitted she works for a developer before making any comments, said. "This looks to me like something that, as a developer, I would put together, not something, as a resident, I would want to see go in down the street."

At the meeting, Bill Caulder, managing director of local property owner The Gutierrez Company, said that the overlay would allow for services that don't currently exist in the area and, at the moment, cause residents and employees in West Andover to travel unnecessary distances for simple needs.

That statement was challenged by resident Willa Rapp, of Launching Road, who said the amenities weren't needed.

"I enjoy living in West Andover. We've lived there for 27 years," Rapp said. "We have plenty of access to grocery stores. If you want a really close one, you can just go right across the river to Market

Basket. ... If you just want your loaf of bread or a quart of milk, you go to the Mobil gas station on River Road."

Overall, Caulder said he hopes for positive support at the upcoming Town Meeting, scheduled to begin on April 27.

"The opportunity to add additional uses (for existing land) is really all the plan does," Caulder said. "We just have to do more outreach."

Planning Director Paul Materazzo said the overlay district supports the town's action and master plans, and that Planning could possibly pick up the private article and work on it further if it failed at Town Meeting in April.

"If this doesn't go forward this year, we could revisit it in the spring or fall, or spring of 2012, to pick up the overlay and tweak it," Materazzo said, adding that Planning could learn from the article's opposition and modify it to be more attractive to town residents.

AHS Show Choir, 'From Start to Finish,' wins top award

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Andover High School sports teams have been collecting state championships this school year. Now, the girls swimming, field hockey and boys ski teams have to move over. The Andover High School Show Choir, "From Start to Finish," won the Varsity Grand Champion award at the New England Show Choir Classic last weekend.

Popularized by the television series "Glee," show choirs dance and move around stage as they sing popular, jazz or show tunes, usually wearing costumes or coordinated outfits.

"From Start to Finish" performed to five songs, Eye of the Tiger, Strut, You Found Me, Toxic and Mercy.

Resident can watch the show choir themselves on cable television as they will perform on



COURTESY PHOTO BY SUE WELCH

The Andover High School Show Choir won the New England Show Choir Classic last weekend.

Friday at 9:15 p.m., during the Andover Youth Services telethon. The telethon can be seen on Comcast channel 8 and Verizon channel 47.

The director is Mark Mercer, director of vocal music at Andover High School, who is credited with restoring choruses

at the town's three middle schools and AHS after years of budget cuts to school-based music programs. The choreographer for the Andover High Show Choir is Beth Kennedy, a South Elementary School fifth grade teacher, and the pit director is Joseph Wright, AHS band director.

Especially popular in the Midwest - "Glee" is set in Ohio - high school show choirs can compete in regional and national competitions. AHS' show choir was formed last summer.

Mercer was not available before Townsman press time this week.

TELETHON: Event broadcast live March 10, 11

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auction of some great items, like Red Sox tickets.

AYS teens said they are looking forward to the telethon. Victor Amesoeuder is performing with friends, Tommy Duffton, Philip Leblanc and youth program coordinator Jamey Grieco. "We're part of an AYS guitar group," he said.

Meghan Day plans to perform with the AYS group Big MAC.

"I love coming to AYS and helping out in any way I can. This is my first year being really involved in the telethon and AYS and I'm so excited to be a part of it," she said.

For Christina Pellegrino, getting involved is all about local fashion styles. "I am helping promote the AYS fashion show, Keep it Wild, and put together a segment with last year's designers. I am excited to see how this promotion for the fashion show will produce new faces and designs for the 2011 show," she said. "I can't wait to

see the different talents that will be showcased at the telethon this year."

Plus, Andover High School faculty are collaborating with AHS juniors for "a show within a show" on Friday night, while for a cash donation of any amount, AYS hosts will read shout-outs.

"It's a community event. People of all ages from all around town will be here," Fahey said of this year's telethon, the fifth for AYS.

The two-night telethon will air live on cable (channel 8 Comcast, channel 47 Verizon) tonight, March 10, from 6 to 9 p.m. and tomorrow, March 11, from 6 to 11 p.m.

WHERE THE PROCEEDS GO

Last year's telethon raised

\$90,000 and Fahey is hoping to raise more money this year. Last year AYS staffers tried "beards for bucks" - staffers grew beards that were shaved at the telethon for donations.

Money raise is split 80-20 with 80 percent going to AYS programs and to pay for two staff salaries. Last year's telethon proceeds paid for skate park renovations, fixing up the AYS office on Pearson Street and scholarships to young teens who couldn't afford AYS programs, Fahey said.

Fahey said 20 percent of the telethon proceeds are deposited into the proposed youth center account which currently stands at about \$2.1 million.

when asked how it feels to have that much cash sitting in the account. But like Mickey Ward, he's not ready to give up. Fahey supports building a youth center behind Doherty Middle School.

"Every once in awhile I pull out a letter I keep in my desk. It was written in 1964 by Andover kids who wanted a youth center. They had a car wash and donated \$100," Fahey said. "Kids in 1964 wanted it... Andover is missing the space... I am not giving up."

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Assistant superintendent resigns

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Susan Nicholson has tendered her resignation as Andover's assistant superintendent in favor of pursuing a superintendent position in another community.

Her resignation is effective June 30 of this year, at the end of the academic and fiscal year.

"I am actively seeking a position as a superintendent of schools," Nicholson said. "I am a

finalist in Waltham for the superintendent's position, and I did not think it was fair to try to negotiate an assistant superintendent's contract in Andover while I am actively seeking a position as a superintendent."

Superintendent Marinell McGrath could not be reached for comment.

Nicholson came to Andover as assistant superintendent in 2007. Before that, she was a principal at North Andover High School

from 1999 to 2007 and an assistant principal for a few years before that. Last year, as then-Superintendent Claudia Bach announced her resignation, Nicholson was one of four finalists for the soon-to-be vacant Andover position.

McGrath was also a finalist in that search, following her time as superintendent in the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District since 2002 and as assistant superintendent in Andover

from 1995 to 2002. Last spring, McGrath was named Andover's superintendent, and she started that position in July while Nicholson remained an assistant superintendent under her.

Dennis Forgue, chairman of the School Committee, said that Nicholson's efforts in town since 2007 have been appreciated.

"We wish her the best, and are very appreciative of everything she has done for us," Forgue said.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover High School English teacher Josephine Goldin writes on the board in her classroom. The budget lists teaching costs as rising \$2.9 million. For more line items, see andovertownsman.com.

BUDGET: \$3.1 million gap

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than projected.

- taxing closer to the maximum allowed under Proposition 2 1/2, and
- reducing how much the town will pay towards large capital projects.

This reduced the \$5.3 million deficit to \$3.18 million.

SCHOOLS LOSE FEDERAL, STATE CASH

Of the current \$3.08 million gap that remains in the schools' budget, at least half of it is for programs that were once paid for with state and federal money, which has dried up since last year, according to Marinell McGrath, schools superintendent.

The missing revenue last year came from sources such as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the one-time so-called stimulus money, as well as a decrease in circuit breaker money to offset unexpected costs.

Teacher salaries within the school system represent the largest area of growth, \$2.9 million, representing nearly two-thirds of the increase in the school's budget this year. The payments have increased to compensate educators with raises based on tenure, step increases and track adjustments based on the degrees they receive over time, according to Peter De Roeve, interim school business administrator. Many of these factors are outlined in and controlled by previous contracts between the teacher and school department, even though a new contract has not been signed for teachers.

"You still have to meet your contractual obligations and mandate obligations," McGrath said. "We're working on that at this point in time, and it is a challenge to do it."

A small increase was also set aside for the ongoing contract negotiations with the Andover Education Association to fund any possible, negotiated salary increases in the future.

"When you deal with collective bargaining, you have to factor in a cost factor," De Roeve said. That is the largest example of a change in this year's budget, but only one factor among many, according to De Roeve. Principals and contracted school administrators, which doesn't include public officials, saw \$166,570 more, an

extra 6 percent over last year. Special Education programming also played a significant role in next year's budget. Overall, out-of-district special education programs are expected to cost \$284,924 less, but the town will also receive \$1.2 million less in state money for the programs, generating a net town-budget increase of over \$900,000.

'11 SHORTFALLS

Officials are also realizing that 2011 hasn't been a piece of cake either. Though the budget was balanced to begin the year last July, a handful of expenses have gone far beyond projections: snow and ice maintenance, health insurance coverage, fuel prices and school special education expenses.

"Every other increase we could handle," Stapczynski said, but these ones have pushed FY11 town finances over the edge.

With a few months left to go in the fiscal year, officials are addressing the current-year issue while working to balance next year's budget. To meet both needs, the town has three options: absorb the remaining costs of this year's challenges with additional revenue available at the end of the year, push the unexpected debt to next year and increase that deficit even more, or do a little bit of both. The favorable and likely option is to eliminate the costs before next year's budget kicks in, according to Stapczynski.

At least a portion of the town's free cash reserve - it's rainy-day fund currently containing just over \$1.6 million - will be used to pay these bills. How much the town will use depends on how big the challenges are around mid-April. Finance Director Anthony Torrisi said.

RESIDENTS: A KEY FACTOR IN BUDGET SEASON

The new FY12 budget will take effect starting July 1, but before that happens it will be presented and voted on at this year's Annual Town Meeting in April.

But residents can, and are encouraged to, become involved in the direction of the budget before then, according to Stapczynski.

"We both have a lot of work to do, and we are meeting every Monday and Wednesday in March to bring the budget into balance," Stapczynski said. "It is my goal to do everything I can to make everything happen in the end."

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA
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■ The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, March 1 through Monday, March 7:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, March 1 — At 2:14 a.m., Corey Sutton, 22, of 590 Flat Hill Road, Lunenburg, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving without an inspection sticker and operating under the influence of liquor.

Thursday, March 3 — At 12:04 p.m., Kevin Lynch, 29, of 107 Cedar St., Haverhill, was arrested in the area of Routes 93 and 133 and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, subsequent offense, and possession of a class C drug.

At 8:52 p.m., Patrick Leavitt, 19, of 7 Wilshire Circle, Dracont, was arrested on Essex Street and charged with possessing liquor while under the age of 21, two counts of breaking and entering at night time with intent to commit a felony, as well as one count each of larceny over \$250 and larceny under \$250.

Friday, March 4 — At 8:14 a.m., a 15-year-old male was arrested near the high school on Shawshen Road and charged with distribution of a class D drug and possessing a controlled substance in, on or near school property.

Sunday, March 6 — At 2:17 a.m., Deborah Kingston, 21, of 65 Beacon St., Melrose, was arrested on River Road and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating a motor vehicle with suspended license.

Monday, March 7 — At 5:01 p.m., Raul Suruy, 31, of 40 Juniper

St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed, driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

CAR CRIME

Friday, March 4 — At 10:42 a.m., a Virginia Road resident contacted police regarding theft from his motor vehicle that happened at some point during the previous night.

At 12:59 p.m., police received reports from a Lowell Street resident regarding theft from her motor vehicle.

Monday, March 7 — At 10:31 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported a possible theft from a motor vehicle that occurred in the last two days. A responding officer determined that the incident was an attempted car theft.

THEFTS

Friday, March 4 — At 10:18 a.m., a case of credit card fraud was reported on Bradley Road.

At 1:28 p.m., a case of fraud was reported on Pasho Street.

Saturday, March 5 — At 9:39 a.m., a larceny was reported on Brechin Terrace.

At 2:48 p.m., a student at Phillips Academy reported that her cell phone was stolen on Feb. 25.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 1 — At 5:13 p.m., a woman driving on Chandler Road contacted police after a tree limb came down on top of her car while she was driving. No injuries were reported in the incident.

At 9:14 p.m., police were notified of two males in a restaurant on Park Street who were

"throwing trays that had napkins and other items on them." Police caught up with and spoke to the two subjects in a nearby parking lot. The incident "was a misunderstanding."

Wednesday, March 2 — At 9:54 a.m., police received reports of a skunk in the area of Ruggiero Way. A responding officer reported that the skunk was gone on arrival. Close to half an hour later, the same officer also went to Algonquin Avenue, where he was "investigating a squirrel in the home." The squirrel couldn't be located, but a trap was left for the owner.

Thursday, March 3 — At 10:52 a.m., police were called out to Bancroft Road to assist with a woman who had locked her baby in her vehicle. The child was fine, though crying a little, and police called Elm St. Auto to open the vehicle. No injuries were reported throughout the incident.

At 1:19 p.m., police were called out to Pine Street regarding an 18-month-old boy who was bit by a dog. An ambulance was called to the scene, and the dog - a family dog - was confined to a pen.

Friday, March 4 — At 9:02 a.m., police were called out to a school on River Road regarding a student who was making threats. An ambulance was requested to evaluate the student.

Saturday, March 5 — At 11:02 a.m., an Olympia Way resident reported a case of illegal dumping in front of her house. A responding officer reported that the incident included some chairs, a Christmas wreath, a rug and a small oven, but that none of the items were on the caller's property. The Department of Public Works was notified.

At 1:54 p.m., a Haggetts Pond

Road resident called police regarding a telephone pole that was dropped off yesterday near his house that, at the time that he called, had rolled into the roadway. National Grid was notified, but a responding officer made the determination that the item in the road was a boulder, not a pole. It was pushed off to the side of the road, a cone was placed near it and the call to National Grid was canceled.

Sunday, March 6 — At 10:20 a.m., police received a 911 call regarding a black and white dog that may have been hit by a car around Blood and Argilla roads. Two officers responded to the call and didn't find a dog. Instead, they identified a deceased skunk and picked it up off the road.

At 3:12 p.m., a cat bite was reported on Iroquois Ave.

At 5:06 p.m., an employee at a hotel on River Road contacted police regarding a handgun that was located near the back of the building. Responding police determined that the handgun was found after being uncovered by recent significant snow melt, and that it had likely been in the area for a while.

Monday, March 7 — At 12:52 p.m., a caller on Post Office Avenue reported that his car was keyed.

At 4:57 p.m., a resident visited the station to report that her cell phone had gone missing from the high school the week before.

At 5:25 p.m., an individual on Minuteman Road reported that his car was keyed while he was working that day.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, March 1 — At 1:02 p.m., a hit-and-run accident involving possible property damage was reported on Chestnut Street.

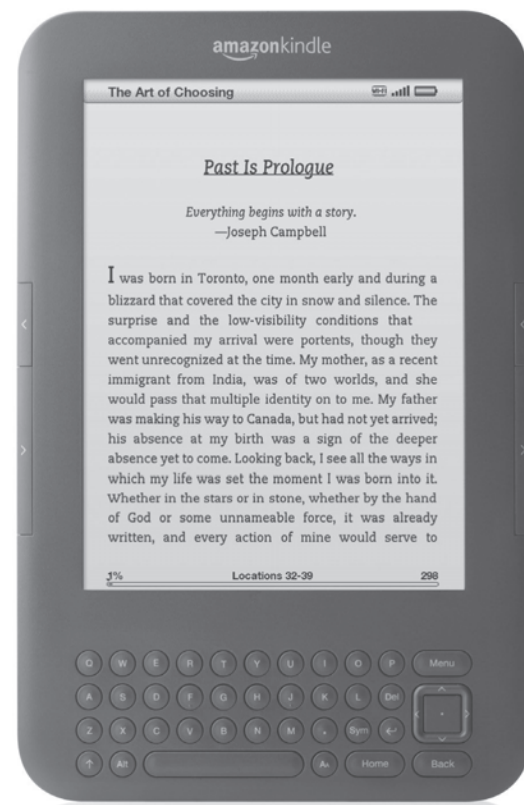
At 2:36 p.m., a three-car crash with injuries was reported on Main Street.

Wednesday, March 2 — At 8:23 a.m., police received reports of a two-car crash with injuries on River Road. One of the two vehicles was towed following the accident.

Monday, March 7 — At 8:12 p.m., police received several cars for a vehicle that had rolled over onto its roof on Stevens Street. No injuries were reported.

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Nancy Higgins



Nancy (Mac-Millan) Higgins, of Andover and Osterville, on Sunday, March 6, 2011.

Loving wife of John (Jack) G. Higgins; and beloved mother of

John and his wife Elizabeth; Mary and her husband John Lechner; James and his wife Elke; Anne and her husband Jeff; Elizabeth, Caroline, Margaret, Kathryn, Nancy and her husband Peter Dankert. Also survived by 17 grandchildren: John, Peter, and Teddy Higgins; John, Elisabeth, Julia and Duncan Lechner; Mathew, Christian, Andrew and Bridget Higgins; Sam and Henry Wakelin; Peter, Katie, Lizzie and Tommy Dankert. She is also survived by her brother, Donald, and sister-in-law, Mary Mac-Millan. Nancy passed away peacefully surrounded by her family after a lengthy illness.

Nancy lived a life of faith devoted

to her husband, Jack, and their combined efforts to care and nurture nine children. Nancy had infinite love for each of her children and grandchildren. She was a wonderful mother and wife. Nancy was a faithful participant in Catholic education; an avid reader and bridge player; and a proud gardener. Nancy was a 1953 graduate of Wellesley College.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the visiting hours Wednesday, March 9, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Dewhurst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 3rd St., North Andover. A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, March 10, at 10 a.m. at the St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Center, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284-9168. To leave online condolences or for directions to the funeral home in North Andover, please visit www.confeteralhomes.com.



JAN LEE SEEGER/Staff photo.

Jack Daniel, of Andover, looks at pieces in the traveling installation of large-scale paintings by Gay P. Cox that depict the stations of the cross. The work is on display at the Free Christian Church during the first week of Lent.

Rugged Bear closing after 12 years in town

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Just as several new downtown businesses are getting set to open, a nearby longtime downtown business is closing.

Rugged Bear, an upscale children's retailer on Park Street, is closing after 12 years in town. The company announced late last week that the Norwood-based company is shuttering all of its 29 stores.

The closure comes as downtown is getting ready for a new wine store, a new Subway sandwich shop, a new frozen yogurt shop, a Century Bank branch and next month's opening of the Bridal Destination building at the corner of Main and Central streets.

An Andover store manager at Rugged Bear referred all questions to the corporate office. Several telephone message boxes at the corporate office was full, and not accepting messages.

Town assessment records show the store was an original occupant at the mini-strip mall at 34 Park St. The location was once a bowling alley, and developed as retail space in 1998. Rugged Bear moved in when the retail

space was complete in 1999. Lillian Montalto's real estate office is now the only tenant at 34 Park St. A former hair salon space located next to Rugged Bear has been vacant for several months.

According to the company's website, a liquidation sale is ongoing. In addition to 50 percent on clothes, the stores are selling its fixtures and decorations. The sale will continue until all merchandise is sold, according to a press release from the company. All sales are final.

Founded in 1980, Rugged Bear expanded across New England, New York and New Jersey. "Our customers have shown extreme loyalty to us over the years," Michael O'Hara, chief restructuring officer at Rugged Bear, said in a statement. "We hope that they take advantage of these incredible savings and stock up on play clothes and outerwear just in time for the start of spring."

The Norwood chain filed for bankruptcy protection earlier this year. Massachusetts stores are also located in Acton, Burlington, Chestnut Hill, Hanover, Hingham, Mashpee, Medway, Norwood, Sudbury, Wellesley, and Westborough.

its Annual Purim Carnival at 1 p.m. Games, face painting and prizes. Hotdogs, chips and soda for lunch and Hamentaschen. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

Friday, March 25 at 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold its TEMTY Creative Service. TEMTY is our high school youth group. This service is Open to the Public. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

Sunday, March 27, Temple Emanuel of Andover Brotherhood will have a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Their special guest will be Bill Nowlin who has written many books and articles on the Boston Red Sox. He will speak about his childhood hero, Ted Williams. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

Sunday, March 27, Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold its always-popular Family Bingo night in the Social Hall at 5 p.m. Fun, friends, food and prizes for the whole family, the cost is \$5 per person for Sisterhood Members and \$6 per person for non-members. Please RSVP by March 25 to the Temple Office. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

RELIGION

Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold a special Debbie Friedman Tribute Shabbat. One of the most influential and popular composers of American Jewish music, Debbie Friedman, recently passed away. We will honor her memory with a service involving musicians and singers from among our congregants who have known and loved her music. This service is Open to the Public. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

Saturday, March 19, Temple Emanuel of Andover will have an Adults' Purim Celebration. Megillah Masquerade and Martinis will go from 8 to 11 p.m. If you are 21 or over, join us for light hors d'oeuvres, beverages, music and dessert, \$10 per person donation requested. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

Sunday, March 20, Temple Emanuel of Andover will have its Children's Purim Celebration at 10:30 a.m. during the Family Service with the Megillah Reading and treats for all the children. Please bring a box of macaroni and cheese as a grogger. All boxes collected will be donated to the Merrimack Valley Foodbank. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., Andover. Please visit the website at templemanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

Sunday, March 20, Temple Emanuel of Andover will have

Painting the way to paradise: Exhibit at Free Christian

The Way of Salvation Art Installation by Gay P. Cox will continue through this Sunday, March 13, at the Free Christian Church Rotunda, 31 Elm St.

A 2,500 square foot installation featuring 39 original paintings, it is said to invite "participants of all ages to contemplate – and respond joyously to – the stages of our journey to paradise."

Fourteen large-scale faces of Christ in the Stations of the Cross are set in solitary compartments with simple accompanying text. Participants may also commemorate loved ones by creating jeweled faces to add to the installation led by the artist, according to a church release.

"This riveting experience – the subject – just the faces of Jesus

– and the workshops is appropriate for all people of all faiths or no faith. Gay's work has been shown throughout the Northeast and is in collections in the US, Canada and England," the church states.

The public is invited to experience the exhibit on:

Wednesday, March 9, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 7:30 p.m.; with

an Ash Wednesday service at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 10, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; and 4 to 8 p.m., artist-led workshop

Friday, March 11, 4 to 6 p.m.

Friday, March 11, 6 to 8 p.m. for an artist reception and presentation

Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., artist-led workshop

Selectmen candidates on town's financial health

The League of Women Voters asked candidates the following question: **Since it affects the cost of debt service for the town, how would you maintain Andover's recently attained AAA bond rating?**

PAUL SALAFIA

There is no magic wand. Spending less and careful planning go a long way to keeping our AAA designation. The cost to Andover between a AAA and AA bond rating is significant; in hard numbers, the savings on a \$100 million debt would be \$2.5 million over the life of the loan. Fortunately, the Andover Fincom's recommendations and fiscal policies have resulted in strong financial management practices, and we have been consistently able to maintain our AAA rating.

I strongly recommend that all residents read the fiscal 2012 budget, available at andoverma.gov/publish/recbud/recbudintro.pdf. In order to achieve the S&P top rating, factors such as low unemployment, strong property values, low debt levels and

strong repayment records are all used to evaluate municipalities. Thoughtful planning and zoning have enhanced our industrial and commercial base and kept our real estate values strong (up 3% this year). Andover must maintain cash reserves to provide for unplanned significant expenditures like extreme weather events, and unexpected maintenance of our infrastructure and buildings. Additionally, sensible and affordable contracts and health care cost control are critical components of how Standard and Poor's evaluates Andover.

LARRY BRUCE

An interesting statement within the question. "Andover's recently attained "AAA" bond rating." It paints a magnificent image of our fiscal management, all those A's! I can't help but to think of Jean Shepherd's "A Christmas Story", Raphie imagining his A++++s.

The truth is that our bond rating goes up and down; note that it was "RECENTLY attained". A fascinating part is that when the rating goes up our Town Manager often gets a bonus (at least in part) for his ability to control the rating. Incredibility when it goes down it's always some other cause.

So, how do we maintain an

AAA bond rating? The Board of Selectman must demand a better return for our tax dollars, efficient management as in the private sector. Sadly not a single member of the Board



Larry Bruce

has made headlines by achieving better spending. In the end the residents suffer. Programs cut, streetlights off, fees, fines, taxes raised.

It's past time to elect someone who will put YOU first. I am honest and sincere in my words, the only reason I seek the office of Selectman is to demand the residents become the priority; I need your vote on March 22 to help.

DAN KOWALSKI

Many people don't realize the importance of a Aaa bond rating. The Aaa rating means that Andover has an "extremely strong capacity to meet its financial commitments." A Aaa rating means that Andover can borrow money more easily and will also receive more favorable interest rates. More favorable interest

rates on borrowing means lower bills for taxpayers on capital projects and other improvements. Andover should be proud of the fact that it has a Aaa rating – as of February 2011, only 12 Massachusetts communities have a Aaa rating.

In order to preserve Andover's Aaa bond rating, we need to be fiscally conservative and ensure we efficiently manage existing and new debt. Managing debt means that we need to ensure we do not deplete town reserves, we need to prioritize spending (taxpayers can not afford multiple significant concurrent capital projects), we need to identify discretionary spending ("nice to have versus need to have"), and we need to develop a strategy to deal with Andover's \$240M post employment benefits (OPEB) liability.

In essence, in order to maintain a Aaa rating, we need to "live within our needs" by applying conservative fiscal management policies and ensuring that we focus on debt management.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELGIGET

75 Years Ago March 6, 1936

The "Townsmen's" first venture with broadcasting election returns by radio met with considerable interest last Monday night. As far as it is known, it is the first time that a small town weekly in this part of the country has attempted to provide this service.

Roy E. Hardy was elected selectman and assessor Monday by a landslide majority in the biggest political upheaval of recent years. Dr. J.J. Daly, defeated candidate for re-election, is the third selectman in three years to fail of re-election.

50 Years Ago March 9, 1961

For the first time in the history of the School Committee, the superintendent of schools will serve as its secretary. By a majority of three, Supt. Edward I. Erickson was elected to the post Tuesday night, ending 17 years of consecutive service in that post by William A. Doherty.

Fluoridation of the municipal water supply was ended Tuesday morning following Monday's verdict by the voters. The issue, clearly drawing many persons to the polls, was resolved when 3,219 voted to discontinue the fluoridation while 2,552 favored its retention.

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25 Years Ago March 6, 1986

Selectmen unanimously voted their support for Town Manager Kenneth Mahoney Monday night by granting him a yearly raise of six and one-half percent, plus a negotiation allowance, for the next two years.

Advertisement: "Sebell On Line Software and Computer Systems Inc.—Present the Complete Business Solution for Local

Andover Businesses at our Open House Wednesday, March 12 at On Line Computer Systems 2 Elm Square, Andover"

Two Andover residents have taken an active part in this year's Easter Seal fund-raising efforts. Richard Edmonds of Bailey Road, Andover, has organized various fund-raising activities. Carol Robb of York Street Andover, an employee of the Holiday Inn of Woburn, swam a total of 250 laps in 2 ½ hours, a distance of approximately four miles.

3rd Year Remembrance



CORINNE (MORRIS) JOHNSON
September 1, 1958 - March 8, 2008

Do not stand at my grave and weep:
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush,
I am the swift uplifting rush.
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A Memorial Mass celebrating the life of **JOSEPH JAMES PENNICK** will be held at **Saint Augustine's Church 43 Essex Street, Andover Saturday, March 19, at 1 P.M.**

Mr. Pennick, a longtime Andover resident and an engineer at Western Electric/Lucent in North Andover for 31 years, passed away Jan. 23, 2011 at his home in Edenton, NC.

Following Mass, a reception will be held at **Glory Restaurant, 19 Essex St.**

In lieu of flowers or donations to honor Mr. Pennick's memory, his family requests that you follow his example and be kind to one another, be generous with your time and your heart, enjoy a good laugh every day, and have a beautiful life.

Snow, Wind, and Water: Natural Disasters that Puncture the Memory



Andover Stories

Katie Gohn

Andover Historical Society

As residents of a town in the heart of New England, Andoverites are accustomed to battling the elements. Huge snowstorms, high winds, and heavy rainfall create weather events that residents do not easily forget.

Situated near the Merrimack and the Shawsheen Rivers, it is no

surprise that spring often brings terrible flooding to Andover. In 1936, the town experienced the worst flood in its history. The combination of an early spring thaw and torrential downpours caused both the Lawrence dam and the Shawsheen River to overflow, crippling transportation, communication, lighting, and heating in the Merrimack Valley. Rescue workers and cooperating townspeople evacuated 109 homes in Andover using rowboats because no other transportation was possible.

Andover witnessed a similar flood in 1996, though not of the same magnitude as the 1936 flood. A record ten inches of rainfall caused the Shawsheen River to spill over its banks and to flood the sewers. The water damaged power lines, knocking out utilities

for over 400 Andover residents.

The Great New England Hurricane of 1938 lives in infamy. It was the first major storm to hit the region since 1869, and it came largely without warning. Weather trackers expected the eye of the storm to land on the coast in Florida; however, the unpredictable storm arrived on Long Island, New York, and rampaged up the Connecticut River to Massachusetts. By the time the storm had passed, it had killed over 500 people, 99 in Massachusetts, damaged more than 57,000 homes, and inflicted property losses estimated at \$306 million.

The 1938 hurricane was an unprecedented event in the Merrimack Valley. With winds that peaked at 150 miles per hour, the storm threw the region into

chaos and fear. Power lines were down, radios stations temporarily went off the air, and people were trapped in their homes. The town fire alarm, rung manually, called emergency workers to the scene. Within twenty-four hours, a communication system through The Eagle Tribune and the WLAW radio station allowed family members and friends to contact their loved ones in the Merrimack region. Andover lost many old trees in the storm, and workers spent days cutting apart the fallen trunks to free the streets for cars to pass.

On Feb. 4, 1898, a snowstorm that brought two feet of snow became the measuring stick for all future snowstorms that hit Andover. Intense winds pushed snow into twelve-foot drifts, leaving much of

the town buried. The storm cut off transportation and communication in and out of Andover, leaving only the horse-drawn sleds to transport workers to dig away the drifts. Even with volunteer efforts, the storm cost the town an unprecedented \$3,000.

Almost eighty later, the biggest blizzard in recent memory wreaked havoc on New England. Over thirty inches of snowfall combined with hurricane-force winds paralyzed the region and knocked out power and heating for hundreds of residents, causing Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis to declare a State of Emergency. Schools and major corporations such as Raytheon and Western Electric shut down for a week, and transportation was limited to skis,

sleds, and snow shoes. During the storm, emergency and public works crews worked tirelessly to keep Andover's roads open and to clear away the snow mounds that reached almost twenty feet high. "The Great Storm of '78" cost the town \$275,000 in damages and went down in local history as the blizzard of the century.

In spite of what storms have come in the past, or what Andover may encounter in the future, history proves that in times of crisis residents pull together and take care of each other in a true community effort that all can appreciate.

"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.

Kowalski has passion, professionalism

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing this letter to give my personal recommendation for Dan Kowalski, candidate for Andover selectman.

I have lived in Andover for 22 years. In that time I have not been that politically active, but now I feel that I need to speak up and endorse Kowalski for selectman. I have worked with Kowalski for almost 12 years. In that time, he and I have worked on many projects together and I have come to know him very well. I would like to share with you some of the characteristics that I have observed about him.

Kowalski has a great attitude about work. He seems to approach each task with an open mind and a willingness to learn. He puts a lot of emphasis on teamwork and open communication. Kowalski is the kind of guy who you turn to if you need help. He listens well. He forms his own opinions and takes a stand, and knows when and how to make the right decisions.

Kowalski and I talk a lot about the issues facing our community - the town yard project, Ballardvale Fire Station relocation, and the admirable effort of Andover Youth Services supported by Andover Youth Foundation to build a youth center. As Kowalski talks about these issues, you can hear the passion in his voice.

I have no doubt that Kowalski has the professionalism and tenacity to help lead the town of Andover as a selectman. Andover needs more people like Kowalski in office who are willing to listen with an open mind, make changes when it is necessary, and stand

behind his decisions.

BILL ALCOTT
Yardley Road

Forgue is type of leader town deserves

Editor, Townsman:

As a parent of two elementary school children it would be easy to mistake me for someone who believes the School Committee and school administration can do no wrong. After all we've seen them bring in larger school budgets year after year while shifting an increasing amount of their costs onto the town side of the budget. Unfortunately, in the 13 years we've lived in town I came to know a Committee that acted like their only role was to serve as a cheerleader for a Superintendent who for her part felt that the best way to garner support for bigger budgets was to suggest that the only alternative was draconian layoffs and the elimination of popular programs. So in 2008 when Dennis Forgue was elected to the School Committee I didn't expect much change. A prior member who attempted reform was ultimately marginalized and chose not to serve again.

I knew who Forgue was as his children and mine attended the Shawsheen School but I really got to know him on the sidelines of Andover's soccer fields. In between cheering on our daughters he has always been open to discussions about school business. He has been willing to hear and address criticism acknowledging problems where they existed as well as spending the time to better explain current school issues, needs and his vision for the future. When subsequent elections brought like-minded members to the committee

we saw a more open and honest evaluation of the superintendent and budget proposals that looked to lower costs while preserving services such as the renegotiated bus contract in 2009.

My pessimism was thawed but what really solidified my support for Forgue was when the School Committee returned over \$384,000 to the town's free cash account in 2010. I doubt that this would have occurred five years ago. When I mentioned my pleasant surprise to Forgue his refreshingly straightforward response to me was that this was the deal we made at Town Meeting.

Forgue is the type of elected official we deserve in Andover.

DAMON GUTERMAN
12 Lincoln Circle

Salafia has the experience

Editor, Townsman:

We are writing to strongly support Paul Salafia for Selectman. We are a young family with children in the school system and we believe that this is an important election for the future of our town. Salafia has volunteered his time for over 18 years as the Planning Board Chairman, Council on Aging, Town Yard Task Force, and served as Andover's Commissioner to the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission. He has lived in Andover for 35 years, in that time he has had children in our school system, coached baseball, has been a downtown businessman and he strongly supports all our youth programs. Salafia has years of experience to draw upon as our next selectman and we believe that he will make the right decisions for now into the

future. Join us in voting for Paul Salafia on Tuesday March 22.

CELESTE AND MARK STEFFENSON
1 Henderson Ave.

Teacher gives son School Committee lesson

Editor, Townsman:

The other day my 9-year-old son asked me what a School Committee does. He's been seeing post cards, posters and buttons strewn about the back seat of our car.

Trying to explain something complicated in a way that a child can understand tends to clarify your own thinking. I had to think about the answer.

Well, the School Committee's job is to make sure that the schools are giving the kids a good education. That's a complicated job. And every three years they sit down with the people who work in the schools.

"They talk about how the last three years went; what's really good about the schools and what

could be better. They look at how much money they have to spend and they decide what it should be spent on. Everyone at the table has different ideas and different things that are important to them. They decide how many kids should be in each class, how much time teachers need to prepare lessons and how much teachers will be paid. At the end of lots of talking and listening, they write down the rules for the next three years that everyone can agree on - they make a promise to each other to work within the rules."

My son asks, "So why does this card say to 'resume your seat at the negotiating table'?"

"Because they've walked away from the planning table. They want to decide all the rules by themselves because that's easier than talking and trying to agree on things. Isn't it easier when you make up a game, to make all the rules you want without having to think about what other people playing might want?"

"Yeah."

"But, what happens when other people don't like your game?" I ask.

"They go home."

It's that simple, it really is. This School Committee seems to think it knows what is best for the kids, educators, and taxpayers. They don't want to collaborate. But their last proposal indicates very clearly that good education is not their priority - cheap education is.

That's not why I came to teach in Andover, nor why many families moved to Andover. And if the residents of Andover let them, there will be a lot of people disappointed with the end result.

JENNIFER MEAGHER
Amesbury
Andover High English teacher

A longer version of this letter appears online.

Salafia is proven leader

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to express my strong support for Paul Salafia as selectman. I have known Salafia for many years. He has selflessly given thousands of hours to the town as a member and chairman

of the Planning Board, and in many other capacities.

Salafia supports the issues that are important to the continuing vitality and quality of life of the town, like reenergizing and sustaining our historic Main Street, promoting our fine public library and proactively addressing opportunities that will enhance the community as a whole. Salafia is a proven leader with a balanced and committed approach. With the help of Andover's citizens, he will put that leadership ability to work for us on the Board of Selectmen.

KAREN HERMAN
50 Sunset Rock Road

Gottfried has strong financial, communication skills

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing today to support the candidacy of Don Gottfried for School Board. For the past few years I have had the pleasure of getting to know Gottfried on several levels. As a financial planner, he leads the Andover chapter of Boston Metro Net, a professional networking group that I am a member of, and my wife and I hired him to help us with our personal financial planning needs. We have also gotten to know Gottfried and his wife Cindy as friends, and with children of similar age, we have had many discussions of our children and of our mutual goals and concerns.

Throughout these diverse settings, Gottfried has impressed me with both his intellect and his strong communication skills. He is a great listener and as a financial planner he has proven to me that he recognizes the importance of balancing both short term capabilities with long term goals. This, I believe, is exactly the type of insight we need on the school board today - someone who can digest the complexities of our present challenges, but also someone who is capable of prescribing real solutions for both our immediate and long term future.

MARK YANOWITZ
20 Wild Rose Drive

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Opinion

LIGHT ON THE HILL

Step up time for state

Binding arbitration and money grabs are part of what put Bay State cities and towns in their current financial fix, which makes the health insurance "compromise" proposed by the public employee unions Monday almost worse than no solution at all.

Tuesday mayors, town managers, selectmen and other municipal officials descended on Beacon Hill to advocate for the same flexibility the state has to design the health insurance plans offered its employees. They need relief and they need it now - before the start of the next fiscal year July 1 and without any requirement that they "share" the savings with their employees.

Andy Bagley of the Massachusetts Taxpayers Foundation told the commonwealth's mayors when they gathered in Salem last month, "the notion that there are savings to share just doesn't make any sense."

Indeed, the "plan design" authority advocated by municipal officials won't produce a giant cache of money to be spent elsewhere, it will simply slow the rate at which their health insurance costs have been growing.

The Public Employees' Municipal Health Coalition's demands for sharing in the "savings" produced by plan design, along with a 45-day negotiation period followed by third-party review if the parties can't agree on a new plan, are tantamount to the legislatively-imposed veto that has stymied cost-saving efforts to date.

"It's pretty much a repackaged framework from over the last couple of years," Geoffrey Beckwith, executive director of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, observed. "There really isn't much in terms of lasting reform and taxpayer relief."

Unlike what's been happening in some Midwestern states, the collective bargaining rights of public employees here in the Bay State remain secure. But patience is wearing thin with leadership on Beacon Hill that appears to take its marching orders from the unions.

It's time for legislators to bite the bullet and, with or without union approval, provide municipalities - and their taxpayers - with genuine relief in the next fiscal year.



The entrance of the Addison Gallery on the campus of Phillips Academy is illuminated at twilight.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dedicated Forgue gathers data, follows it

Editor, Townsman:

I first met Dennis Forgue in 2006, when we both served as members of the School Facilities Task Force, formed to study the conditions and capacities of Andover's schools. This was the group that originally submitted Bancroft Elementary School to the Massachusetts School Building Authority as the most in need of repair or replacement in Andover.

On the task force, Forgue committed himself to learning all that he could about the methodologies for predicting future school enrollment, and he became our resource for that information. He also paid particular attention to special education enrollment and its impact on school building capacities.

To the best of my recollection, Forgue never missed a meeting, he did his homework for every meeting, and was a major contributor to every conversation and decision. His work around future enrollment prediction was so impressive that he became a resource for the School Committee, and his work was instrumental in convincing the MSBA to make upward revisions to our enrollment projections.

I tell you this to present a glimpse of how Forgue works and attacks problems. He does his homework, becomes thoroughly familiar with the data, and is not afraid to take the results where they lead him. We have an essentially new School Committee now, with Forgue being the senior member (excluding Richard Collins). Forgue's work in the past year as School Committee chairman has demonstrated this same commitment and work ethic. The changes that have occurred in the past year or two are too many to mention here. I would simply like to single out for praise the new working

relationship with the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee as evidence of Forgue's influence.

The School Committee is now in negotiations with the teachers union for a new teachers contract. Forgue is serving on this negotiating committee, and is bringing this same dedication to this task. The committee is continuing with many initiatives it has begun in the past year, in cooperation with the new school administration team. Please

allow the School Committee to continue its fine work by reelecting Forgue.

TOM DESO
81 High St.

Teacher union's leadership puts own interests first

Editor, Townsman:

The Andover Education Association could have a contract tomorrow... if it agreed to the current School Committee offer.

As a parent of two teachers and the spouse of a retired teacher I appreciate the tradeoffs associated with education.

Over the past decade the total compensation for individual teachers (salary, health care, state retirement fund shortfall, etc.) has increased much faster than the compensation received by Andover citizens. Despite increases in co-pay, health-care expenses have increased even more, as family members move to their teacher spouse's plans.

Many parents have complained about the increase in class sizes. If the Andover Education Association had accepted 3 percent less compensation over this past decade, we could have 25 more teachers in the classroom. When we converted to block scheduling at the secondary school level, Andover teachers moved to teaching three blocks one semester and two blocks the other semester. In peer communities, teachers moved to three blocks for each semester. The AEA even rejected extra compensation for moving to a three block schedule for each semester.

To the best that I can determine, very few teachers leave Andover voluntarily to work in other communities and, when Andover posts job openings, an abundance of qualified teachers apply for the open positions. Both are indicators that our compensation package compares favorably to other communities.

I wish that, at some point, the Andover Education Association leadership would put the children first rather than their own interests.

BOB FRIEDENSON
109 Bellevue Road

Don't study courts, fix them

Editor, Townsman:

I no longer play tennis, but nevertheless, strongly believe the Andover High tennis courts

should be maintained in proper shape. The playing fields and other venues that our high school athletes use to entertain other schools' athletes when hosting competition all represent Andover's commitment to our youth. It is our shame that one such site has been allowed to sink to the level that is apparently the case.

That said, the town wants a "feasibility study." Having read about the courts, I had already established that the need was reasonable and required and, therefore, it was feasible to do something about it. I was then, and continue to be, ready to contribute to a problem that the town or school department should have long ago managed.

Unfortunately, it seems that \$25,000 would go a long way to remediation and need not be spent in a "study." Andover is top heavy in "studies." We have spent hundreds of thousands of dollars on "studies"; for example, Bancroft Elementary School, Ballardvale Fire Station, the town-yard location and others. That not being bad enough, we will doubtless see requests for more "study money" in future town warrants. We will continue to study a new location for the town yard yet to be established, albeit studied to death; the future of Shawsheen School will be pondered; we may be through studying Bancroft School, we'll see on that one; but Ballardvale Fire Station still has open options.

Feasible means "capable or reasonable to be brought about." Contact a tennis-court installer - there must be several of those about - get a quote, present it as a warrant article at the Annual Town Meeting and see what happens. Sounds like a "study" to me.

If the town will not fix the courts and private money is required, I will contribute, but not to another unnecessary study. I wish the "Friends of Andover Tennis" the very best and success in their mission.

CALVIN G. PERRY
25 Timothy Drive

Fellow officer praises selectmen candidate Kowalski

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing this letter to share my personal experience with a candidate for selectman in Andover, Dan Kowalski. He has been a close friend of mine for several years. I have had the opportunity to see Kowalski on many different levels. He is a dedicated family man whose family comes first. A successful employee of IBM for nearly

20 years, he stays in touch with the public sector as a part time police officer and maintains his Emergency Medical Technician license.

I have worked along side Kowalski in the police field. I have witnessed him deal with dynamic situations that required patience, communication and quick thinking. He has the great ability to consider the interests of all parties that he is dealing with and create new problem-solving ideas that did not seem to be apparent. I attribute this skill to his high level of integrity, along with his core belief of treating all people fairly.

If you do not know Kowalski, I would encourage you to reach out to him. Immediately upon meeting him, you will recognize his passion for meeting others, his excitement to learn from new people and new situations and his ability to listen and respond to what is before him. He is a true professional who carries much self confidence and the determination and dedication to continue to learn and better himself. The strong characteristics that Kowalski has displayed to me will undoubtedly magnify to the town of Andover as a member of the Board of Selectmen. I encourage you to meet a new friend, embrace new ideas and do what is best for Andover by voting for Dan Kowalski for selectman.

BENJAMIN SARGENT
Pepperell

Salafia is objective leader who listens

Editor, Townsman:

I am going to vote for Paul Salafia on March 22.

I had the privilege of serving on the Andover Planning Board for 14 years of Salafia's 17-year term. During that time, we sat shoulder to shoulder while Andover underwent significant transition; enormous growth and change in the private and public sectors, followed by the recent economic downturn and resulting belt-tightening.

Salafia has two leadership qualities I particularly admire. The first is his ability to listen. His often repeated phrase during the public hearing process was "We are here to take in information" and he did just that. Planning Board meetings are often heated and contentious. His ability to maintain order and allow all available information to be presented, and all viewpoints to be respectfully heard, was strict and professional. Listening and learning preceded every decision.

The second is his objectivity. As chairman, Salafia never used

his authority to influence the outcome of a decision. His personal opinions about any given issue never surfaced inappropriately. Although he wasn't reluctant to express his point of view, his objective was always to reach consensus when possible, and to appreciate diversity of opinion when not.

While other candidates may be writing to tell you what you should know about them, Salafia will more likely be listening to what Andover residents feel about the issues currently facing the town so that he can effectively and objectively represent his constituents. Experience really does matter.

LINN ANDERSON
93 Abbot St.

Cooperative Forgue has improved committee's credibility

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing this letter in support Dennis Forgue for re-election to the Andover School Committee. Having three children in the Andover school system, I've had a chance to be involved in many aspects of the education process. Forgue has impressed me with his willingness to listen to concerns from all levels - elementary, middle and high school.

He has taken the time to research issues thoughtfully and completely before taking a stand. What's been most important to me has been his drive to bring more transparency to the school budgeting process and his willingness to work with the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen toward resolution of outstanding financial issues, such as the FY10 budget deficit and the return of \$368,000 to free cash.

During Forgue's term as chairman of the committee, issues have been moved to resolution, meetings have been streamlined, and action items have been completed. With the committee, he participated in the hiring of a new superintendent, which in turn led to the hiring of a new interim business manager.

With Alex Vispoli, Forgue started the discussion to consolidate Andover's four technology departments.

I believe Dennis Forgue has been, and will continue to be a valuable member of the Andover School Committee. His efforts have improved the credibility of the School Committee and I look forward to the schools reaping the benefits of increased cooperation with the other boards.

MARJ ANDRESEN
85 Argilla Road

Student: Gottfried is best hope

Editor, Townsman:

The School Committee undertakes a vital segment of public decision: the division of public funds with respect to the town's collective scholarship. What it determines impacts the size of our classes, the quantity and quality of our resources, the capital allowed for extracurricular programs, the scope of curricula we can offer, that is to say, matters close to our immediate routine and futures yet dormant but pending. Assuming that the priority and want of each issue fluctuates by season and school, we naturally pursue committee members willing to work closely with those most informed of immediate pressures and most impacted by their outcome. Thus must we have a committee that will listen to teachers who are the torch-bearers of all our civilized hopes, as well as the students who tend to the flames which will bring to life a world more just and reasonable.

Don Gottfried is our best hope for the committee. I met him last year and saw how adamant he was that a man has passion for what he learns or does. When I recently asked about his positions, he responded they were still being formed, as he was researching and inquiring after the thoughts of many people, careful to make no premature judgments and to base his decisions on the people's collective wants.

A fundamental element of his campaign regards the creation of a more definite vision for the committee and Andover's education in general. I hope he does not mind my quoting him: "the sense I'm getting is that we tend to be reactive. That's not hard to understand because there are so many things that pop up before the School Committee and many need to be dealt with, for example the deer hunt discussion by High Plain - who would have thought of that? But leadership and vision is about helping us to keep our focus amidst all the distractions."

Moreover, he is extremely skilled at matters of financial planning.

As a senior at Andover High School, I encourage all those passionate about their educations, and those responsible for the education of others, to vote for Gottfried.

WENTAI XIAO
15 Kirkland Drive

A longer version of this letter appears online.

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WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Does Andover need a dog park for its residents?

- Yes.
- No.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "If the town supports the River Road Overlay District in April, what would you want to see go in?" With 218 people responding,

the answers were:

- A supermarket to support that part of town: 68 votes, 31 percent
- A strip mall with a number of small stores or restaurants: 32 votes, 15 percent
- Other restaurant: 29 votes, 13 percent
- A large-scale retail store, such as Best-Buy or Wal-Mart: 25 votes, 11 percent
- Affordable housing, or

residences of some kind: 17 votes, 8 percent

- Other answer (fill in the blank): 16 votes, 7 percent
- Convenience store/pharmacy: 10 votes, 5 percent
- Fast-food restaurant - and can we get a drive-through, too?: 9 votes, 4 percent
- Dry cleaners: 7 votes, 3 percent
- Gas station: 5 votes, 2 percent

THE "OTHER" STUFF

Just over a dozen responders were eager to provide their own answers to last week's question, and a variety of answers came through that option. Among them, the most prominent one was, quite simply, "Nothing." One post with that response raised concerns about traffic increases, and another said that stores aren't that far off. Other posts offered more specific examples of what should go in, including: Trader Joe's, an ice cream store, a health club, "anything except affordable housing," two voters asked for a farm, another an animal sanctuary, and one voter suggested that the Ballardvale Fire Station move to the proposed district.

TOWN TALK

Celebrate one for the Gipper

Andover state Reps. Paul Adams and Jim Lyons recently held a celebration to honor the memory of former U.S. President Ronald Reagan at Lyon's barn on Highvale Lane in Andover. Chairman of the Andover Republican Town Committee John Moffitt welcomed over 100 people to the event.

Moffitt was a campaign manager for Reagan during his 1980 presidential bid, which was the last time a Republican managed to carry Massachusetts in a presidential race. Event Chairman Gary Coon, State Party Chairwoman Jennifer Nassour and Selectman Brian Major were among those who attended to show their

support.

Regarding the event, Lyons said, "My wife, Bernadette, and I were very happy to host this event. We look forward to a continued revitalization of the Massachusetts Republican party, and we are particularly happy about the gains that have been made at the legislative level."

"President Reagan showed us that lower taxes and less spending are powerful tools which help grow the economy and create private-sector jobs," Adams said in a release.

So much drama

Andover High School's drama students advanced to the semi-final round of the state's drama festival held last weekend. Andover High School Drama Guild's production of "The Laramie Project" advanced to

the semi-final round of drama festival.

Alex Mellin, Sean McCall, Chelsea Frei and Conor Richardson, received acting awards while Ron Kramer and Gal Kramer received an award for lighting design.

Next stop is at Westford Academy on Saturday, March 19, at 4 p.m. AHS performs with Brookline, Ipswich, Hingham, BC High and Westford for top honors.

As they say in show business, break a leg.

— Judy Wakefield

Residents run for cancer research

Four Andover residents will be running in this year's 115th Boston Marathon to help conquer cancer as members of the Dana-Farber Marathon

Paving the way



Courtesy photo

Andover Historical Society staff and board members present one of the commemorative bricks that will be part of the Society's new Centennial Walkway. Residents and businesses across Andover are invited to buy a personalized brick to help support the Andover Historical Society's Centennial Year. From left are Executive Director Elaine Clements, PR & Development Assistant Carrie Midura, President Norma Gammon and board member Joe Ponti.

Challenge team.

Patrick Ginty, Jeffrey Griffin, Jeff Hoffman and Susan Teberio, along with Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge teammates from across the United States and around the world, will run Massachusetts' historic marathon route from Hopkinton to Boston with a goal to raise \$4.5 million for cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute.

To contribute to the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge or to support a runner, go online

to www.RunDFMC.org or contact the Dana-Farber Marathon Challenge office at 617-632-1970 or dfmc@dfci.harvard.edu.

— Dustin Luca

Mob makeup

Makeup artist/hair stylist Alex Crepeau of Salon 7 in Andover helped actors look their parts for a new indie movie, "Boys." It's a mob-gangster movie inspired by true events.

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PERFECT PERSPECTIVE

Returning from a heart attack suffered on the sideline, Kevin Lynch earned Mass. Coach of Year honors by leading two teams to 11-0 records



POINTING THE WAY: While Coach Kevin Lynch says he shares his Mass. Youth Coach of the Year Award with his fellow coaches and other supporters, brother-in-law Ted Teichert says, "He might try to dish it off on other people, but he's got to take it. It's his accomplishment."

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

If all there was to talk about was the season – the dominating, perfect season – it would be enough.

Kevin Lynch, head coach of Andover's eighth-grade travel football team, led his group of mostly 13-year-old boys to success never before seen in the Northeast Junior High Football League. Both his Blue and his Gold squads finished 11-0 and won their championships.

"It is the greatest football team in the history of football - not in Andover - in football. You show me another 22-0 team," said Gerry Callahan, who helped coach the Gold team.

On Saturday, Lynch will pick up an award at Gillette Stadium for being named the Massachusetts Youth Coach of the Year by the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Association. He'll be recognized as the guy who can coach 'em up better than anyone – and the 2010 statistics just jump off the page.

But that's just part of Lynch's story. Because the previous season, during a fourth down play in a tie game against arch-rival Derry, the head coach fell to the ground. His mouth foamed. His heart stopped. He had to be shocked repeatedly with a defibrillator.

Doctors would later tell him it was a total blockage of left anterior descending (LAD) coronary artery.

"They call it the widow-maker. Essentially, no one survives – or very few survive. It was a complete blockage, 100 percent, and I survived it," said Lynch.

Four weeks after his heart attack, Lynch, 49, stood on the exact spot in Derry where he had collapsed. He told Gavin Evans, his defensive coach of four years, "You've got to confront your demons. You can't be afraid to go back to the field. It wasn't the field's



COURTESY PHOTOS BY ELLEN LYNCH

"For Kevin, it's all about dedication and passion. To put together a brand new football team every year and then have success with kids excelling on and off the field is a testament to him," says AJFL President Ralph Dellatto.

fault."

"Deep down, I had to coach. From a selfish standpoint, I couldn't have my last game as a coach be one where I was wheeled off with a defibrillator on my chest," said Lynch.

Still, he had private doubts. While he had been recuperating in the hospital doctors had come to visit him, because he was a rarity - someone who had cheated death. His own doctors had told him to stay away from coaching the rest of the season, to not even sit in the stands to watch a game, his AJFL friends say.

"But he made it his goal to come and speak to the boys and tell them he is OK, to move along with the season, move along with their lives, because coach is OK," said Ralph Dellatto, AJFL president.

David Giribaldi Jr., the only player who would return and plan on the 2010 team, says it was an emotional meeting where each of the players shook their

coach's hand and wished him well. "When he collapsed, all the kids were right there. Talk about a learning experience. They learned what life is about," said Ted Teichert, AJFL VP and Lynch's brother-in-law.

The coaches elected to end the tie game with 3 minutes remaining, and the kids had piled onto the buses to head home. "One of our buses burst a hydraulic line and we had to wait for another bus for about 45 minutes, which is obviously a long time to sit and ponder," said Evans.

In the months before the next season, Lynch had time to ponder, and prepare, himself.

"At the beginning of the season he was 75 pounds lighter, 90 pounds lighter by the end of the season," said Evans. "We joke about him putting one of the smaller kids on his back and running around just to see what he's missing."

"[Lynch's heart attack] made me

actually think about staying in shape and not ending up a statistic or a corpse on the sidelines," said Evans. "It makes you think about your own health. Don't take for granted the things that can end in a heartbeat. I know one of the coaches, one of our guys started running the next day."

"My whole life changed dramatically. A complete 180-degree turn. Just watching what you're eating, what you're doing, losing weight, it's an entirely different lifestyle," Lynch said. "Now, I notice people a lot more. Parents, other people, opponents. I have a much better sense of what's going on besides the football - because I hope no one has to go through what I had to a year ago."

Before the season, he met with parents, coaches and players and said the focus was on the team, not the past.

"The coaches never asked about it. The kids never asked about it. It was business as usual," he said.

Well, not exactly as usual. Business was booming. The team would jump out to 28-0 leads in the first quarter and coast to victories.

The Blue team scored 437 points in its 11 games, while giving up only 96, an average score of about 40-8. The defensive front totaled 700 pounds. The Gold team, elsewhere called the junior varsity, scored 375 points while surrendering only 40. Lynch and Evans said here were many kids on the Gold team who in any other year would have been on the Blue team. Evans thinks there was a subtle change, that Lynch let the assistant coaches do a bit more, and that Lynch spent a bit more time with small groups of players.

"He sees a lot, a lot that other coaches don't see. Me and Kev don't have any blood on the team, so we coach players just as players," said

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RUN SUPPORT

When Kevin Lynch collects his Massachusetts Youth Coach of the Year award at Gillette Stadium this weekend from the Mass. High School Football Coaches Association, he'll have some blockers if he wants them. Players from his historic eighth-grade team will attend, including QB Conner McCullough, WR Zachary Walker, OL Nolan LeBlanc, DL/FB Ommel Bonilla and RB David Giribaldi.

STILL CRAZY AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Giribaldi, who was on the team last year, says his coach seemed the same when he returned from time off following a heart attack. "There wasn't any real significant change. With all the work, he didn't let up at all," said David Jr. "He's a very, very hard-working coach, but he's a very fair coach. Everyone would get their minutes. He's just a really good guy." "It didn't mellow him at all. He's as crazy as ever, as intense as ever, but I think it made him more (appreciative)," said Gerry Callahan. "We'd win 52-0 and he'd watch the film of both games. That takes a lot of time and energy. He's scouting other teams," said Callahan. "I'd never seen a guy put in this kind of time, especially one without a kid on the team." "I love what he does there. It's not about football. It's about the bigger picture... You do all those little things and I think the winning will come," said parent David Giribaldi Sr., whose son was league MVP. "The town's lucky to have him in that position - somebody who doesn't have anything but the kids' best interests at heart."

LIFE LESSONS

Since recovering from a heart attack, Lynch has spoken with health students at Andover High School who were learning CPR. He talked about riding a bike. All of them knew how to do it, even if they hadn't actually been on a bike in years. His point: once you know something, you never know when it might come in handy. When Lynch collapsed on the sideline in 2009 - as impossible as it might seem - there was a doctor, nurses and EMTs right there by change, and they kept him alive. "Sometimes that impossible may be that high school kid who just took a CPR course," he said. His defensive coach Gavin Evans hopes Lynch's story makes an impression on more than just health students. "I really hope some people see that he was 49 years of age. That it happened at a game with 100-plus kids on the sideline," said Evans. "I hope people will say, I'm not eating out so much, I'm not going to seat so much, I'm going to work my butt off - just to make sure it doesn't happen to them."

SWEATING THE SMALL STUFF

One of the in-jokes on the team is Lynch's obsession with kids tying their shoes securely. When his wife, Ellen, wrote a letter to the team, updating them on the coach's condition following the heart attack she signed it "Go Warriors. And don't forget to tie those shoes." He insists every player at least double-tie their laces. "I lose my mind when I see an athlete on the field who has to tie his shoes," said Lynch. "I tell them, noone's going to be running for a touchdown and have their shoes come off. You wouldn't believe how many people just slip their foot into a cleat like it's a loafer."

Teachers unions and our best economic interests

Bill Dalton



When my kids were in Andover's schools there was an excellent teacher who left the system to teach at Phillips Academy. I knew my children's public education experience would be lessened to some degree by the teacher leaving, but I felt both the teacher and Phillips were doing the right thing. They made decisions that maximized the benefit to the teacher as an individual and to Phillips as an institution. It's possible that if the Andover schools had been able to compete for the teacher's services by paying him more money, he might have stayed. The way he could have received more money was through a merit pay system

that rewards quality.

I believe in collective bargaining. Many of my family members have been or are union members, including one who worked for a union. As a former commissioner of labor relations in Massachusetts, I never received a complaint that I adjudicated cases unfairly. My published written decisions speak for themselves; I was fair to both management and labor. However, I hold a degree in economics and have a passion for the subject. Most mainstream economists believe that the rigid stance regarding merit pay and teachers' tenure, held for decades by teachers unions, are unsupported by economics and put teachers unions in a position that is bad for our economy and contrary to our national interests.

In my book, "A Practical Guide to State and Municipal Labor Relations" (Donohue Institute, UMass, 1997), I wrote that the primary obligation of a union official is to

protect his union members. Today, the best way to protect teachers union members is to change traditional union positions in a way that improves education and is the backbone of a healthy economy.

Although some teachers unions may be rethinking the idea of merit pay, that rethinking is not widespread and was not being done by Andover Education Association a year ago, when it effectively vetoed a federal block grant. The veto was tied to the possibility of merit pay for teachers being part of the grant.

The kind of pay increase that is endorsed by almost all teachers unions is based on longevity and the number of degrees a teacher has. Economist Charles Wheelan, who writes for the Economist, and lectures at the University of Chicago, is the author of the book, "Naked Economics." In this extensively-footnoted book, Wheelan says that longevity and the number of degrees held by a teacher

have been found to be generally unrelated to performance in the classroom, as judged by the test scores of the teacher's students.

If merit is not rewarded by a profession, that profession suffers. Many talented people decide not to be teachers or leave the profession because there is no pay for being better than average. Wheelan says, "The data are amazing... the brightest individuals [as judged by test scores] shun teaching at every juncture. The brightest students are least likely to choose a college major in teaching. Among students who do major in education those with the highest scores are less likely to become teachers. And among those who become teachers, those with the highest scores are most likely to leave the profession early." Wheelan concludes: "Any system that pays all teachers the same provides a strong incentive for the most talented to look for work elsewhere."

The economic term for this loss of good people by the teaching profession is "adverse selection," which means that talented people maximize their economic benefit by working in other jobs and self-selecting out of the teaching profession. (This doesn't mean that there aren't a lot of talented teachers; it means we could have many more.)

Tenure is the second issue universally supported by teachers unions that hurts our economy. Tenure protects below average teachers, making it almost impossible to fire them. When one of my children was being unfairly treated by a bad teacher and I knew that many other parents had the same complaint, I asked Andover's school superintendent why the teacher wasn't fired. Although recognizing that the teacher was bad, the superintendent responded that firing him would be practically impossible. Essentially, the teacher had to be

convicted of a felony to be fired. A couple of years later, the teacher was convicted of a felony and was fired. Statistically, only about 1 in every 1000 teachers is fired in the United States. Compare that to any other profession that polices itself, such as lawyers and doctors, and you'll find those numbers are closer to 1 in 100 losing their license.

The unions argue that tenure is to protect academic freedom and protect teachers from capricious supervisors. Tenure was originally a concept adopted by universities as an issue of academic freedom. In lower schools where teacher competence far outweighs other issues and a standard curriculum is the norm, academic freedom is hardly a matter of substance. There are few public school teachers (K through 12) who are doing the kinds of research and study that require the protection

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LYNCH: Coach finds more meaning after heart attack

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Evans. "The fact that everything was a bit more relaxed this year, because we had nothing to lose... the players just react better when they really know their coach."

Lynch kept to his mission: He offers tough three-hour practices, preparing the kids for the transition to the big boy competition

they'll face in high school. In the eighth-grade travel league, each town has a varsity team and a junior varsity team. But Lynch refuses to call them that. He has only a Blue and a Gold team, and all the players practice and travel together. They only split up for the 40 minutes of each game.

"Who are we to say, 'You should play more,' or 'You should play

less?'" he said. "So I made it a point that we do everything as a team. We travel together. It's not as if the blue team takes one bus and the gold takes another. We travel together, including the cheerleaders."

"On other teams, you're not practicing with them, so you don't have a connection with the 'B' team. But we all connected as one team," said David, a bruising running back who was league MVP. "The bonding of the football team, that's only going to make our [high school] team stronger. He's a great coach, he's also very into the classroom. If someone's screwing up at school, he's going to hear from coach."

"A lot of people said it was a once-in-a-lifetime group of kids, and it was. But that's only part of the story. They needed leadership," said Callahan. "These kids had never been on a bus. This was the first time they went on the road. There was blitzing... But it was not new to Lynch."

Parents credit him with seeing the bigger picture, and Lynch believes his heart attack helped him in that regard. He talks a lot about being grateful - for his wife Ellen, his kids Conor, Gavin and Molly.

"There's so much more than just the game. The game is something that takes place on a field and with a clock and referees. There are rules," said Lynch. "What are the rules when someone has a [heart] incident? I'm more aware of the surrounding than just the game itself. I'm more grateful of the league, of the cheerleaders of the cheerleaders parents and coaches, the parents, the opponents' parents...

just really being a lot more than a coach."

You might wonder why someone like Lynch would continue to coach other people's kids even after such an incident.

Those who saw him when the bus full of undefeated Blue and Gold players returned home to find a police escort and Ted Teichert flashing dance lights and playing music at the high school do not.

"If you were there, you'd know. It's fun. We were all competitors; we can't play anymore," said Callahan. "When we had the police escort through town he was like a kid. He had as much fun as anyone. No one was asking him why he did it then."

"I've always had a lot of fun. But what I found this year was how much more meaningful it was. How much more grateful I was. It was in tune and more focused this year," Lynch said. "One of the things I've noticed this year is, as important as winning is, it's not the end-all. We could have scored hundreds more points and we kind of called off the dogs."

Evans hopes Lynch's brush with death will teach people of all ages something.

"He turned his life around. He actually said, 'You know, I don't need my kids to be fatherless,'" said Evans. "He gives up so much - almost his life. Maybe it will make people think, 'I need to spend more time with my wife, more time with my kids. Maybe kids will say, 'I need to talk to my dad about what he's doing.'"

WEDDING



Amber Williams and David Baglio

Amber M. Williams, daughter of the late David Williams and Wendy Shepherd of Greensboro, N.C., was married July 9, 2010 to David J. Baglio, son of Michael and Juli Baglio of Andover.

The couple was married at New England Bible Church in Andover. The ceremony was officiated by Pastor Tyler Thompson. A reception with family and friends followed the ceremony at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Elks in Tewksbury.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Frank Williams. Maid of Honor was Sarah Williams, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Allison Phillips, Whitney Faircloth and Elizabeth Thames, friends of the bride. The flower girl was the bride's sister,

Carlie Shepherd. Best man was Michael Baglio Jr., brother of the groom. Groomsmen were Joseph Baglio, Andrew Milton and Evan Fairbanks.

Amber is a 2006 graduate of Northeast Guilford High School in McLeansville, N.C., and received her bachelor of science degree in biology in 2010 from Campbell University. She is currently employed as a high school biology teacher at Piedmont High School in Monroe, N.C.

David is a 2006 graduate of Andover High School. He is currently a pharmacy graduate student at Wingate University in Monroe, N.C.

Following a nine-night Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon, the couple reside in Monroe, N.C.

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of tenure. Besides, why should teachers enjoy protection not afforded to other public servants or private employees?

A recent CBS news broadcast said that out of 30 developed countries, U.S. high school test scores ranked 25th in math, 21st in science, and 20th in the number of high school graduates.

However, the U.S. leads the world in expenditures per student. The cost for a student - K through 12 - in our country is \$129,000. The other 29 countries average \$95,000 per student. In the documentary, "Waiting For Superman," which should be seen by anyone interested in the future of U.S. education, the point is made that if we were able to drop the bottom 6 to 10 percent of under-

performing teachers, we would become the best school system in the world. I have not seen the study that backs that up, but it sure makes sense.

Why should we care about the U.S. having below average schools rather than excellent schools? The difference is explained by an economic term "human capital." Human capital is the total of a person's skills, especially including training and education. Human capital is a nation's primary asset. The wealth of a country is based on its level of productivity. Productivity goes up when the sum of a country's human capital expands. More talented and better trained and educated people are more productive. Productivity is essential to wealth.

If we can take kids who might otherwise drop out of school and be unemployable and improve their education and graduation rates, we increase our human capital, and we become a more wealthy country. This process

has already started without teachers unions' help, through charter schools. A good example of such schools are the KIPP Schools. They attract excellent teachers with more pay than public schools, and the schools have better test scores. Schools like these are springing up all over the country. There's a KIPP School in Lynn.

We are all familiar with the same old arguments against merit pay and in favor of tenure. However, ask yourself, if arguments against merit pay and in favor of tenure are correct, why do our schools do so poorly in relation to the rest of the developed world? Teachers union leadership should stop hiding behind a guise of altruism and work to improve the teaching profession, improve students' chances for a better quality of life, and better our local and national interests.

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FREE CONCERT, with 2009 Andover High grad Molly Stolberg and Marianne Iulucci Dube (AHS Class of 2001), Old Andover Town Hall, 20 Main St., 7:30 p.m. Both young women were very active in music and theater programs at Andover High and Merrimack Valley youth groups and now belong to the University Singers at the University of Maine.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

RAISE THE ROOF TELETHON, benefit for Andover Youth Services, Collins Center, broadcast live on cable, 6-9 p.m.; 978-623-8241.

AUTHOR READING, Mira Bartok will be reading from her new memoir, THE MEMORY PALACE.

about growing up with an absent father and a schizophrenic mother, 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

ARTIST-LED WORKSHOP, with Gay. P. Cox whose "The Way of Salvation" Art Installation - a 2,500 square foot installation featuring 39 original paintings - Free Christian Church Rotunda, 31 Elm St., Andover, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m.; Kim McElfresh, Executive Minister, 978-475-0700 x14. Workshops also on Friday, March 11, 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

VERNAL PONDS TALK, 6:30-8 p.m., Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Headquarters, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, \$7; Essex-Heritage.org/membership, 978-740-0444.

OPEN HOUSE, Fitness Together, 166 N. Main St., Andover, celebrating their 6th year anniversary, 4-8 p.m., Free Chair Massages, postural assessments from Dr. Richard Tellier, raffles, Hors d'oeuvres & Beverages and introductory specials for that night only; 978.623.8181.

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Mark Zavrl as Daddy Warbucks, Amanda Muzzey as Annie, and Emily Wivell as Grace, will star in Merrimack Junior Theatre final production. "Annie" will have performances at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts on March 18 and 19, concluding with a matinee on Sunday, March 20.

MJT's final shows, of Annie, only a week away

Leapin' lizards! Annie is coming to Andover beginning next Friday, March 18.

Merrimack Junior Theatre will produce the award-winning Broadway musical about the ever-optimistic Little Orphan Annie, her mischievous pals, and the dastardly Miss Hannigan.

It will bring to a close the respected Merrimack Junior Theatre's 23-year run as a non-profit organization dedicated to providing high-quality children's theater in the Merrimack Valley. MJT Artistic Director Josie Walker, Corinne Gediman and Anne Sullivan founded MJT with the goal of teaching area children life skills through the theater arts, and over the years the organization has touched the lives of hundreds of youth in Andover and surrounding communities.

A cast of 45 local youth will perform their renditions of well-known songs such as "It's a Hard-Knock Life," "N.Y.C." and the unforgettable "Tomorrow."

Amanda Muzzey of Andover has the title role and is joined on stage by the Miss Hannigan (Elya Bottiger of Andover), imposing Daddy Warbucks (Mark Zavrl of Andover) and even a live dog



PHOTO BY KEVIN J. DOYLE

Chris Cortner as Rooster, Elya Bottinger as Miss Hannigan, and Michela Caffrey as Lily.

ANNIE

When: Friday, March 18 and Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 20 at 2 p.m.

Where: J. Everett Collins Center, Andover High School

Tickets: \$8, at Learning Express, from cast members, and at the door.

members and at the Learning Express in Andover. Tickets will also be available at the door.

(Charlie) playing the role of Sandy, the stray Annie rescues from the streets.

The enduring tale of Little Orphan Annie will be presented March 18, 19 and 20 at the J. Everett Collins Center in Andover.

Tickets for Annie are on sale now for \$8 from cast



Andrew Seifer as Mushu, left, and Hannah Garth as Mushiin Mulan Jr.

Disney or teen opera?

Local choice as both staged in Andover

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Teen classical opera or a taste of Disney? Andover's arts scene has both covered this weekend thanks to the work of young singers.

The Treble Chorus of New England presents the Mozart opera, "The Magic Flute," at Greater Lawrence Technical High School

on Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Across town, South School's Cooperative Theater's "Mulan Jr.," a popular Disney show, opens at the same time at West Middle School. The cast is made up of students from grades 3, 4 and 5 at Andover's South Elementary School.

Those involved with both

Please see **CHOICE**, Page 12

TREBLE CHORUS OF NEW ENGLAND

WHAT: "The Magic Flute," opera by Mozart

WHEN: Friday, March 11, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road, Andover

TICKETS: \$10, \$5 seniors

WHAT TO KNOW: This will be a fully staged, costumed production fully realized by TCNE choristers.

MORE INFO: 978.794.4600, tcnemanager@treblechorusne.org, treblechorusne.org

SOUTH SCHOOL'S COOPERATIVE THEATER

WHAT: Disney's Mulan Jr.

WHEN: March 11 & 12, 7 p.m.; March 13, 1 p.m.

WHERE: West Middle School, Andover

TICKETS: \$8, at Learning Express, Bella Beads

WHAT TO KNOW: Some 60 students from grades 3, 4 and 5 at Andover's South Elementary School involved.

MORE INFO: 978-623-8830



The 20 by 24-inch oil painting "A Summer Day, County Clare," by Andre' Lucero.



West Cork Village" by Jay Mulligan, acrylic, 18 x 24.

Ireland on canvas

Reception at Lorica tomorrow

"Four Green Fields" a new group show featuring paintings of Ireland by Irish and American artists opens at Lorica Artworks, 96 Main St. tomorrow, Friday, March 11, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m.

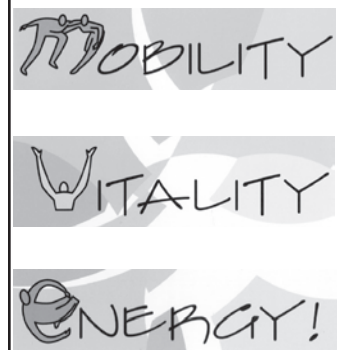
More than 20 artists navigate and explore the landscapes, sea coasts, towns and cities of the Emerald Isle's beauty.

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artists sweep the breadth of the Ireland, from Dingle to Donegal; Antrim to Cork.

The gallery's hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 10-5; Thursday from 10-7; and Sunday from 12-4. It is open on Monday by appointment. Admission is free and the gallery is handicap accessible. For information, call 978-470-1829 or view loricaartworks.com.

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Lights! Camera! Trivia tournament: ACT group hosts movie contest

ACT Andover, a community theater group, is offering a trivia tournament on Friday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall in North Andover. It hopes to make the challenge an annual event.

"There will be plenty of general trivia questions but this year's tournament theme is all about the movies. Team members are

encouraged but not required to dress in costumes based on their favorite movies or team names," according to a release. "There will be a cash bar available, so bring your own favorite snacks and munchies and get ready for lots of fun and laughter. Proceeds from this event will be used to help ACT continue to provide high quality musical

productions at affordable prices to our local communities."

There will be prizes for Best Team Costumes, Best Table Decoration and Tournament Champion.

ACT ANDOVER has been in rehearsal for the last several months for its next production, the classic musical Guys and Dolls, on Friday, April 1, at 7:30

p.m. and Saturday, April 2, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College. Online ticket prices are \$18 for seniors/students, \$21 for regular seats and \$26 for premium circle seating. To purchase tickets, visit actandover.com or call 978-276-9568. ACT Andover is a nonprot, 501(C) theater organization.

CHOICES: Two youth performances this weekend

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performances said kids of all ages look forward all winter to the spring productions.

"This young cast has been diligently rehearsing since December. Their hard work and enthusiasm radiates through every act," wrote Krista Ludvino, kindergarten teacher at South Elementary School who

is handling publicity for Mulan, Jr.

Leading the production are Beth Kennedy as artistic director/choreographer; choreographer Crystal O'Keefe; Jen Montgomery and Krista Ludvino as drama directors; and music directors Hillary Brooks and Amanda Potts.

Meanwhile, TCNE staffers are just as happy with their show.

"In keeping with its goal of educating new audiences, TCNE

presents Hands on Opera, a fully staged and costumed performance held yearly in early spring," Anna Choi, Administrative Coordinator, wrote about her group's show. "Opera is a visually powerful way to expose children to classical music, and when children see other children performing opera, the

impact is unforgettable."

This year marks the 16th year that Treble Chorus of New England has been promoting the musical legacy of Opera among young generations, Choi added.

Sarah Freedman, Caroline Kiezulas, Francesca Lionetta, Dylan Millis, Morgan Muggia and Taejasvi Narayan, all of Andover, sing in the Treble Chorus show.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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FRIDAY, MARCH 11

LIVE OPERA, Treble Chorus of New England (TCNE) Hands on Opera presents "The Magic Flute" by Mozart, 7 p.m., Greater Lawrence Technical School, 57 River Road; 978.794.4600, tcnemanager@treblechorusne.org, treblechorusne.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Valerie Taylor conducts the Lowell Philharmonic Orchestra in their annual free "Spotlight on Youth" concert, 8 p.m., Pawtucket Congregational Church, 15 Mammoth Road, Lowell

NATURE AUTHOR TALK, "Naturally Curious with Mary Holland," 7:30 p.m., presented by the Essex County Ornithological Club, free and

open to the public, Phillips Auditorium at the Peabody Essex Museum, 132 Essex St., Salem.

RAISE THE ROOF TELETHON, see March 10 listing.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

INDOOR TRIATHLON, for kids & adults, a pool swim, stationary bike ride, and a treadmill run, starts at noon, \$20-30, Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover; Sharon Johnson, 978-685-3541.

DANCE, The Social Life of Haverhill hosts, American Legion, Main Street, Rte. 121, Haverhill, 8 p.m.-midnight, DJ, \$8-10, all welcome, singles, couples; Marge, 603-642-5881.

SINGLES DANCE, ANGELICA'S, 49 South Main St., Middleton, Rte. 114, 8:30 p.m.-midnight; se-4u.com.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

LIVE FLUTE, World Winds: Willow Flute Ensemble performance, Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m., a concert of world music from Venezuela, Romania, Russia, and elsewhere; mhl.org, 978-623-8401, x 31 or 32, or text 66746 (start your message with "askmhl").

MONDAY, MARCH 14

DRUMMING FOR JOY, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gosard, Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover, 7-9 p.m., drumming happens from 7-8:30 p.m. with dessert and coffee to follow. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums will be supplied, or bring your own. The cost is \$15 with pre-registration (call 978-682-8815 or

www.rollingridge.org) or \$20 at the door.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

GENEALOGY MYTHS & LEGENDS, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m., Michael Brophy will explain and debunk some of the popular fiction about Genealogy and Family History, like "I can do all of my family research online"; mhl.org, 978-623-8401, x 31 or 32, or text 66746 (start your message with "askmhl").

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

FREE HIKE, 10-11:30 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.

MERRIMACK VALLEY TEA PARTY MEETS, 7 p.m., the VFW Hall, 32 Park St., North Andover, Guest Speakers are Jessica M. Vaughan, Director of Policy Studies at the Center for Immigration Studies and Tom Weaver who will conclude his interactive discussion on the Constitution; Mike Mosca, 978-681-1890.

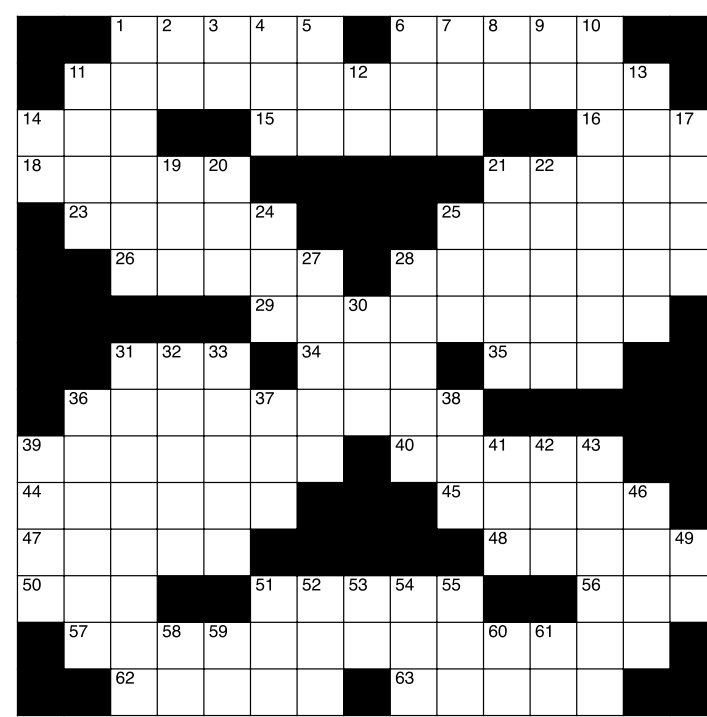
THURSDAY, MARCH 17

AUTHOR READING, Kathleen Benner Duple will be reading from PHANTOMS IN THE SNOW, a family's story about smallpox, 7 p.m., \$3, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

LIVE THEATER, Merrimack Junior Theatre presents "Annie," J. Everett Collins Center, Andover High School, 7:30 p.m., \$8, tickets available from Learning Express, cast members and at the door

Crossword puzzle



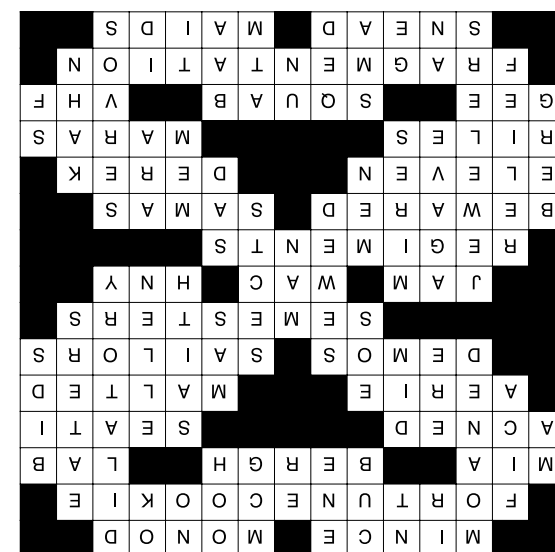
CLUES ACROSS

- Cut into small pieces
- 1965 Nobel biologist
- Chinese take out dessert
- Farrow, actress
- ASPCA founder Henry
- Scientific research workplace
- Pimpled
- S. African river
- Eagle's lofty nest
- Coverted grain in brewing
- Trial runs (abbr.)
- Navy men
- School terms
- Fruit preserve
- Female soldier in WWII
- Honey (abbr.)
- Makes systematic
- Exerted caution
- So. African Music Awards
- Football team number
- Bo ____, "10"
- Makes angry
- Hare-like rodents of the pampas
- Command right
- An unfledged pigeon
- Very high frequency
- Act of breaking into bits
- Sam ____, US golfer
- Female servants

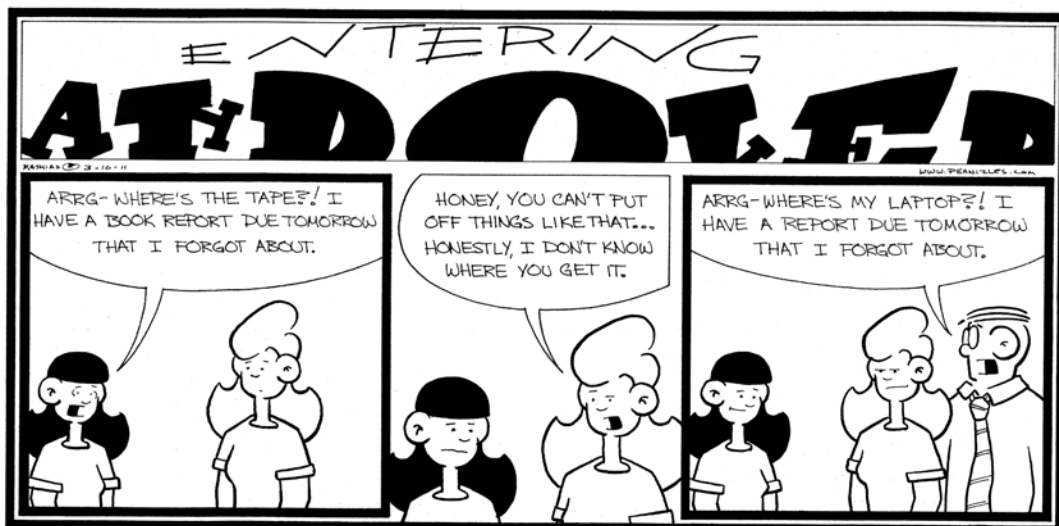
CLUES DOWN

- Atomic #77
- New Testament
- Young bear
- Point midway between NE and E
- Microgram
- Aah
- Negative response
- Exclamation, All Right!
- Wasting time
- Payroll tax
- Trauma center
- Food consumers
- One thousandth of an ampere
- Offers of a price
- Before
- Not bright
- Speaks, archaic
- Barkin: actress
- Winged goddess of the dawn
- More (Spanish)
- Stitched clothing
- Factions
- Adult male
- Tiffany and Kay
- Tequila plant
- Bogs
- Easing of a burden
- Plural of 30 down
- Feeling sorrow
- Floating ice mountain
- 13th Hebrew letter
- Macaws
- Control systems
- Hermann ____, futurist
- Left heart there
- Senior officer
- Which was to be demonstrated
- Boutros' group
- Banking machine
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When one person in a marriage wants to have counseling against the wishes of the other, coming to therapy can become an issue. Mr. MacGillivray says that the person who wants to come to counseling can feel powerless. However, he says that one person doing therapy is likely to change the dynamics of the marriage.

"Marriage is a living, breathing thing. The quality of the relationship is what each brings to it. Those pieces that haven't been resolved in each of us get played out in relationships. When we do work on inner issues, that will shift some of the behaviors in the relationship. People can make changes in what they experience and can learn to behave and respond differently to things that happen in a way that works better for them. A lot of behavior is habitual - done without awareness. The questions for awareness are 'what and how.' What are you doing that's not working for you and how are you doing that? What follows? What is the consequence (everything has a consequence - nothing's for



nothing)? And what does work and how do you do that? My job is to get you to think about yourself in ways you haven't thought before. Increased self awareness helps people make changes in problem-solving strategies," he has said.

"When I'm asked, 'Why should I be the one who has to change?' I respond, 'For

your sake - so that you have choices and feel more in charge of yourself, less dependent, and with less a sense of powerlessness.'"

Donald MacGillivray's office is located at 10 High St., Andover, and his telephone number is 978-470-1555. He sees clients on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

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Education

Two kids and a cardboard box

Ken Seifert

This past summer, my wife Norma decided Frosty, our stand up freezer, had served us well and should be sent to appliance heaven. A week later we purchased a new one. We call him Frostless. He arrived in a big cardboard box, which I put in the garage.



After a few days Norma wanted to know what great plans I had for it. It seems she was having difficulty getting the car in and out of the garage.

I gritted my teeth and told her it would be properly disassembled for Monday's trash.

The next morning, while planning to obey Andover's bundling rules for cardboard, Colby and Kathy came peddling down the driveway. They are two great kids who live across the street.

"Mr. Ken, what are you going to do with the box?"

I said, "I plan to cut it up, unless you have a better idea."

Colby stood the box upright and walked around it. "We could make it a puppet theatre, a closet, a house..." he said.

Kathy interrupted him and put the box on its side. "We could make it a tunnel." They seemed to have different ideas. Being very sensible children, they assured me they could iron out the details and find a better use for it than the trip to the dump.

I told them I had a big problem. I didn't want their mother getting mad at me for cluttering the garage. Colby told me that would be his responsibility once the box left my property.

He said he would place the problem clearly on his shoulders. He has always been a man of his word (even if he is only 8).

I quickly put the box in the wheelbarrow and in two minutes it was in the neighbor's garage. Their mother never said a word about the "Let's Make a Deal" with her kids.

As the summer passed into history, I would ask Colby about the box. He would only say "My dad and I have a project."

Katherine was busy with flowers and being a good hostess to friends who would visit her. She never mentioned the box.

About two weeks before Oct. 31, she let the cat out of the bag. She said, "Mr. Ken can you keep a secret? Colby and my Dad made a haunted house for Halloween!"

On trick or treat night, as I looked across the street, I saw a haunted house. I bet you would have to pay \$400 at Toys R' us for the same thing. Colby wanted a haunted house for his friends to see. It was one of the ideas he shared with me that day in my garage.

I was amazed the pranksters didn't knock it over or even steal it. The next morning at sunrise, it was still standing by the front door. I imagine the box finally ended up where all boxes go. Colby and Katherine had given great meaning to a piece of cardboard.

I'm sure it appreciated the thoughtfulness provided by two creative and sensitive kids.

During a recent snow storm, I walked across the street to thank the Stacks for the lovely calendar they gave us for Christmas. Colby and his father came to the door.

We chatted for a few minutes when I asked Colby if he remembered the box. He said, "Yes, you wanted to chop it to pieces!"

I looked at his father and he just smiled.

I said, "Have a good day" and went home. I forgot to thank them for the calendar.

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

Candidates cautiously optimistic on e-books

The League of Women Voters put out the following question to the two candidates for School Committee: **Please discuss your position on electronic textbooks and their role in Andover Public Schools.**

Below are the responses.

Don Gottfried

My experience with electronic reading technology has been very positive and has contributed greatly to my productivity and enjoyment. For example, when I'm waiting for my daughter at an activity, I can pop open a book or newspaper on my phone - at the same location I was reading it earlier on my Kindle - and steal

a few minutes of valuable reading time. I can imagine similar scenarios for students in their busy schedules.

However, I recognize that any use of technology needs to be guided by our educators and vetted under real-world conditions through a pilot program.

I think there is great potential from educational and cost-saving perspectives and I believe Andover can and should lead in the evaluation and, if appropriate, adoption of this technology.

This would be a step towards being the "model public school district" called out in the APS Vision Statement.

Dennis Forgue
Candidate for re-election

I do and have supported pilot projects that evaluate the use of electronic textbooks as one means of incorporating technology into the curriculum. There are great opportunities to enhance students learning, achievement, and collaboration skills, in preparation for the highly technology driven learning and work environments that our students will encounter beyond Andover High School.

There are three major issues while considering ebooks:

Strategy/innovation: It is critical that the school leadership team, together with the faculty and new

CIO, develop an overall strategy (elementary, middle and AHS) for how students and faculty access and use content and incorporate technology into the curriculum.

Devices: As devices (laptops, tablets, smart phones, smart boards, etc.) become outdated quickly, it is important that we pilot new devices so that we can be sure the technology meets the identified goals.

Professional Development: Professional development in technological advancement for faculty is critical.

Bottom line: determine a strategy, identify measurable outcomes, develop pilots, encourage innovation, and most importantly, leverage the dollars spent by both families and the school system.

TAKING CHARGE OF THE CLASSROOM

AHS students turning study periods into self-guided lessons

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Just because there isn't a course on quantum mechanics at Andover High, that doesn't mean you can't learn about it.

That is the message sent by one group of students who, eager to take their physics understanding to the next level, took it upon themselves to create an independent study on that topic. In the study, they control the course, the content and ultimately the education they receive at Andover High.

It's how education should be, some of them say.

"We picked something we want to do," 18-year-old senior Mitchell Slovin said. "We don't have to have a teacher with a sort of curriculum here. We go at our own pace, pick and choose what we learn and teach each other."

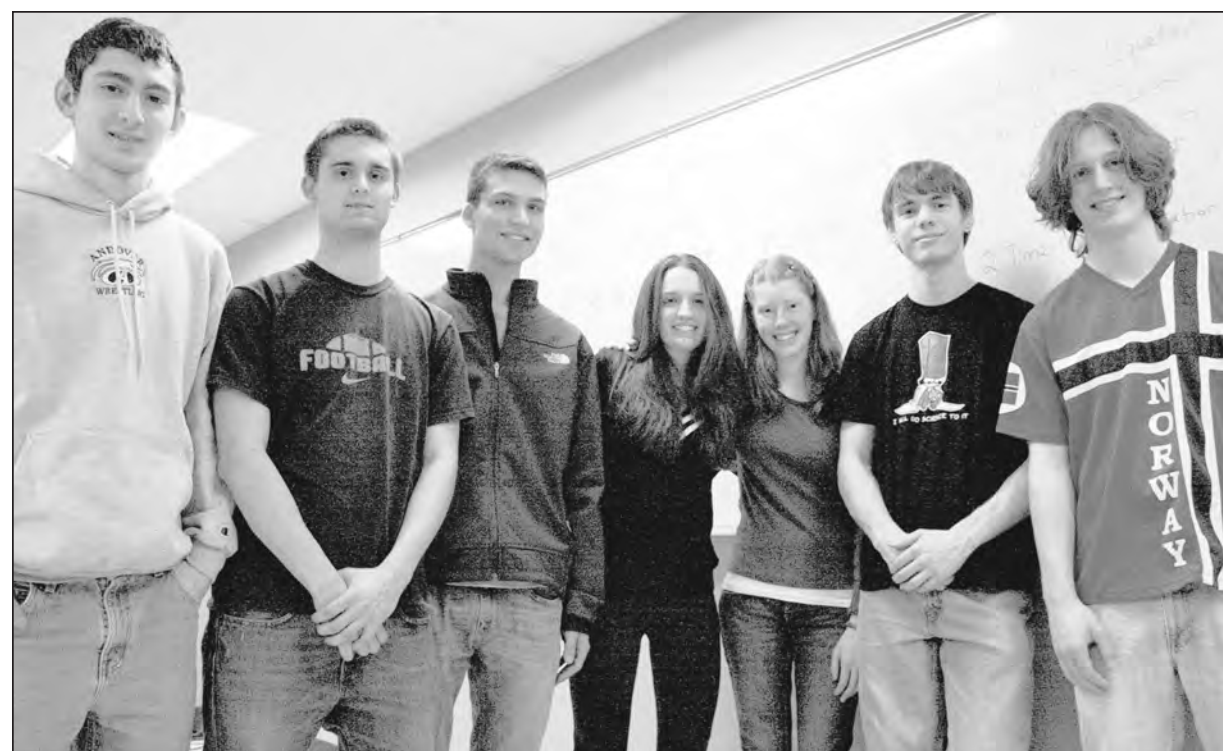
Quantum mechanics is the study of physics at the micro level. Where physics deals with the movement of objects, and with equations to define and explain why objects move the way they do, quantum mechanics takes that discussion to the subatomic level, a level not covered by Andover High.

Seven students are involved with the independent study. Physics teacher Cynthia Givens helps guide the direction of the study when necessary. That doesn't happen often, she said.

"Everybody has to take responsibility for their own education, especially in a class like physics," Givens said. "The teacher can stand up there and direct lessons, but the kids take responsibility for their own education. These are great kids for this."

For students who sit in study periods with nothing to do, the educational benefit of creating an independent study is further compounded.

"With budget cuts, they had to cut classes. The number of studies



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

When they couldn't find a high school course on quantum physics, these seven students created their own course as an independent study. From left are Andover High seniors Jon Makkinje, 18; Yanni Wallingford, 17; Mitchell Slovin, 18; Danielle Slauzis, 17; Theresa Cloutier, 17; Patrick Morrow, 17; and John Mazzuchi, 17.

"We picked something we want to do. We don't have to have a teacher with a sort of curriculum here. We go at our own pace, pick and choose what we learn and teach each other."

Senior Mitchell Slovin

kids are taking have gone up. This is a way of getting rid of a study and replacing it with something productive," 17-year-old Yanni Wallingford, a senior, said. "Instead of sitting around and doing nothing, we decided to do something beneficial."

According to Jon Makkinje, 18 and a senior, the strength of the course doesn't come from the fact that the students have set themselves on their own path of discovery. Instead,

it comes from the students in the group. Each student brings something different to the table - strong math or strong science knowledge - along with a new way of explaining and teaching the same content that goes far beyond what the white board can explain, they said.

Quantum mechanics is a complex topic, which could explain why it is not one of the courses offered. But even with topics that are offered already, students taking charge of

the classroom via the independent study could strengthen their education and understanding of an area, according to Givens.

"Any time, it is a great thing for kids to take something like this and run with it," Givens said. "It should be easier to do for something less complex."

While courses with low student interest are trimmed every year, independent studies can augment what topics are available in the future.

"Watching the interest here and seeing the interest of kids who want to be in the group is wonderful," Givens said.

"This is a class that we should offer, but I wouldn't have even thought that this could be a class we could offer."

Young students are invited to enter NECC's Peace Poetry Contest

NECC is looking for a few good peace poems.

Students in kindergarten through grade 12, as well as Northern Essex Community College students, are invited to participate in Northern Essex Community College's Third Annual Peace Poetry Contest and Reading. Participants may create and submit original poems on the subject

of peace.

Deadline is Tuesday, March 15. Some 80 poems and accompanying artwork will be selected for publication in a small book of poetry. In addition, selected entrants will be invited to take part in a poetry reading from 6 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, May 6, in the technology center on the Haverhill campus.

Last year's contest attracted over

800 entries from more than 44 schools, including a poem from a 10-year-old boy from Lahore, Pakistan, who wrote about the grim realities of the violence he faces daily as well as his hope for peace.

The contest is coordinated by NECC professor of English Paul G. Saint-Amand, a Vietnam era veteran who is committed to peace.

Entries can be submitted to peacepoetry@necc.mass.edu or NECC Peace Poetry Contest, 100 Elliott St., Spurr 317H, Haverhill, MA 01830-2399.

For more information contact Paul Saint-Amand at 978-556-3307, psaintamand@necc.mass.edu or visit necc.mass.edu/academics/enrichment/service-learning/peace-poetry/.

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ON CAMPUS

Endicott College has announced the dean's list students for fall term 2010. To qualify for the dean's list a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5, receive no grades below a "C", and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students from Andover have met those requirements:

■ **Ryan P. Burke**, the son of Robert and Susan Burke, a senior majoring in sport management.

■ **Olivia Deary Evans**, the daughter of John and Jennifer Evans, a sophomore majoring in psychology.

Located in Beverly, Massachusetts on 235 acres of oceanfront property, Endicott College offers Master and Bachelor degree programs in the professional and liberal arts.

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Jessica Mancini of Andover, a freshman with an undecided major, has been named to the dean's list at Canisius College for the fall 2010 semester

Approximately 15 percent of Canisius College undergraduate students qualified for the dean's list according to the Buffalo, N.Y. school.

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Jessica DeVito, a first year student at the College of the Holy Cross, has been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 2010-11 academic year. Jessica earned a 4.0 gpa, her major is undeclared. She is the daughter or Anthony and Annette Devito of Andover.

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Brittany Pierce of Andover has earned dean's list status for the 2010 fall semester at Lasell College. A member of the class of 2011, Pierce is majoring in fashion and retail merchandising. Lasell College offers bachelor's and master's degrees on a 50-acre campus eight miles from downtown Boston.

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Elizabeth A. LeCain of Andover and a 2010 Andover High graduate, has been named to the dean's list at Waynesbury University

for the fall term 2010. LeCain is pursuing a bachelor of science degree in forensic science. The dean's list is published at Waynesburg University in February and June. The honor recognizes students for outstanding academic achievement during the previous semester. Honorees must be classified as undergraduate students, be enrolled full-time with a load of 12 hours or more in graded courses, and must achieve a semester grade-point average of at least 3.50 on a four-point scale.

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Tommy Fuerst of Andover, a freshman in the Engineering Honors Program at the University of Colorado, Boulder, has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester.

Fuerst is majoring in chemical engineering in the College of Engineering and Applied Science. He is the son of Tom and Inga Fuerst of Andover and is a 2010 graduate of Andover High School.

Several University of Massachusetts Lowell students from Andover were named to the dean's list for the fall 2010 semester. To qualify for the dean's list, students must have completed at least 12 graded credits for the semester and have at least a grade-point average of 3.25 with no grade lower than a C.

The students are:
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DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo
 A wall of "thank you" cards greet residents who exit the elevator on the second floor of the town's school administration building. Several dozen cards made by Bancroft Elementary School children thank voters for supporting a new Bancroft Elementary School by a ballot vote in January are on display in the administration building and throughout the Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Georgia Pell, a senior and four year honor roll student at Phillips Academy, had the lead role in the Phillips Department of Theatre, Dance and Music Production, "APPALACHIAN SPRING" The production was

held this winter at the TANG Theatre attended by students and Andover residents.

The performance describes in dance and music, the ritualistic celebration of youth and union, where a young girl played by

Georgia leaves her friends and family to begin a new phase of life. She was featured on the program cover. She has had other major roles in several other Phillips dance productions throughout her four years at Phillips

and has plans to attend an Ivy League school next year. She is the granddaughter of Virginia and Alfred Pelletier of Andover and the daughter of Heidi Norbeck and Stephen Pelletier of Marin County in California.

12,000 images submitted in the various media categories created by over 6,000 students.

The Gold Key and Silver Key exhibit at the State Transportation Building will hang through Thursday, April 7.

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Dianna Bill '11 of Andover, was named a MacMorran Scholar at Tilton School for the second semester, 2010-11. To be a MacMorran Scholar, students must achieve high and scholarly effort honor roll status and show excellence in citizenship, according to the school.

MacMorran Scholars are named in honor of John F. MacMorran, who was head of school from 1971-198.

Tilton says it developed the program to recognize the excellent scholarship and effort of Tilton students who achieve at the highest level at the school. Tilton School is an independent, coeducational, boarding and day school in Tilton, N.H., serving students in grades 9 through 12 and post-graduates.

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 Newton Country Day School of the Sacred Heart honored Andover resident **Joanna Coombs** for outstanding first semester academic achievement. Coombs, a junior, was awarded Silver Distinction for achieving a B+ average with no grade below a B-.

Founded in 1880, Newton Country Day is an independent girls' school, grades 5-12, in the Roman Catholic tradition. Newton Country Day is part of the Sacred Heart Network of 21 schools in the United States and 45 countries around the world.

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 Covenant Christian Academy 10th-grader **Danielle Britt**, of Andover, received a Gold Key for her charcoal on paper submission, "Confused Cowgirl" as part of a Boston newspaper's Scholastic Art & Writing Awards administered by the Alliance for Young Artists and Writers Inc. This is the 61st year for the art awards program. All Massachusetts teachers teaching in one of the art mediums or writing categories may submit individual art or writing works by students in grades 7 to 12.

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Sports

The unsung heroine

Fazio does it all for powerhouse Andover girls basketball team

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Long before the crowds have arrived and the game is set to tip off, Andover junior guard Ally Fazio won't be found listening to her iPod or finding time for last-minute socializing.

Instead, Fazio is already on the court, shooting the basketball with her father, Golden Warriors boys basketball coach David Fazio.

"My father and I have a routine that we shoot for a half an hour before the team meets," said Ally. "He helps me with things I need to work on, and it gets me ready for the game. I love working with him."

After all, there are few things in life more important to Fazio than family — and basketball.

"She is a pride and joy for us," said David. "We love watching her play basketball. She has such a great demeanor and she can stay calm and relaxed in the big games. That is an amazing trait to have."

In her third season as a starter, Fazio has become a stalwart for the Andover girls basketball team, which at deadline was set to face archrival Central Catholic in the Division 1 North semifinals, with a trip to the TD Garden on the line.

"Ally is a great team leader who understands her role very

well," said Andover girls coach Jim Tildsley. "She knows her role on this team and does it. She is always looking out for what's best for the team."

It isn't easy to find headlines for Fazio, sharing the backcourt with a pair of school legends in dynamic point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez and sharp-shooting Nicole Boudreau, both All-Scholastics with Division 1 college basketball scholarships locked up.

But that is OK with Ally, a tri-captain, who has become a standout distributor.

"I'm the one that helps make everyone better," said Fazio. "If it's between me and Nicole taking a shot, I want to have Nicole take the shot, or let Natalie create. I have so much confidence in them. I try to set them up and I am always encouraging everyone."

But Fazio certainly can score on her own. The 5-foot-7 guard is averaging 9.3 points a game, including a 24-point outburst against Billerica and a 23-point night against Methuen. She hit five 3-pointers in Andover's Division 1 North quarterfinal win on Saturday.

Fazio first earned a spot in

SEE IT YOURSELF

For a video interview with Andover's Ally Fazio, along with Golden Warriors coach Jim Tildsley and highlights from Fazio's stellar postseason, visit rallynorth.net or andovertownsmen.com.

the starting lineup as a freshman, and last season was at her best in the postseason while helping lead the Golden Warriors to the

Division 1 state title, with crucial late 3-pointers in the North final and state semifinal.

"I have gained a lot of confidence," said Fazio, who was an MVC All-Star in lacrosse last spring. "As a freshman I was just the girl that passed to the great players. Natalie and Nicole have encouraged me to shoot a lot. I try not to think too much. I try to not have any stress and do what I have to do."

Fazio's ability to do anything asked of her has been a major factor in Andover's success.

"Ally does everything," said Tildsley. "We need her to score a bit and play good defense, and she does that. She has become a very good free throw shooter and a much better defender. Her ball-handling has gotten much better and she has one of the best left-to-right crossovers around."

Family matters

During games, there is always one voice that rings out above the often raucous crowds.

"I can always hear my father,"

she said. "He's the voice I always look for. I look at him for advice during games."

Her idol on the court is her brother D.J., a two-year starting point guard for the Andover boys team who now plays at Emmanuel College. She is also very close with her mother, Colleen, and her sister Alivia, a freshman on the Golden Warriors cheerleading squad.

"D.J.'s an inspiration for me," said Ally. "I see a great player in him, and I want to play like him. He has given me so much support."

"My mother is the controller. She calms us down. She says, 'Go out and have fun on the court.' My sister loves dance and is a big part of the family."

Father David believes that well-rounded quality is a key to her success in sports.

"She is such a thoughtful, wonderful kid," said David. "When we (the boys team) lost to Acton-Boxboro she had tears in her eyes. She loves her family and her teammates. She has a short memory (in sports) and takes everything in perspective. That, I believe, is why she plays her best in the big games."

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File photos

Andover's Ally Fazio looks to make a move with the ball against Central Catholic earlier this season. Her skills have been keys to the Golden Warriors' success. Below, she gets a hug from her father and inspiration, Andover boys basketball coach Dave Fazio, after Andover won the Division 1 state title last spring.



Roundup: Andover girls dominate early tourney

NOTE: The Andover girls basketball matchup with Central Catholic occurred after Townsman deadline.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Andover set up a fourth meeting with archrival Central Catholic, jumping out to an 18-point advantage after a quarter and blasting Cambridge 77-52 in the Division 1 North quarterfinals on Saturday.

"We knew we had to come in strong," said point guard Natalie Gomez-Martinez. "We played them (12 days earlier when Andover won 80-67) and it was closer. We knew what they had, but this was a playoff game. It was a big game, and it was my last home game as a senior. So, we knew we had to come out strong, and I think we did real well doing that."

Nicole Boudreau paced the winners with 23 points, while Ally Fazio (five 3-pointers) and Gomez-Martinez each added 15 points. Olivia Biles had 11 points and Devon Caveney had nine points.

"We knew we had Central waiting for us, but we couldn't take this team too lightly," said Boudreau. "They're a great team, so we needed to come out with some intensity. I think we started out pretty well and that gave us momentum for the rest of the game."

No. 2 Andover wasted no time taking charge, running out to a 23-point first quarter lead, and cruising to a 81-48 victory over

Lawrence in the Division 1 North first round last Thursday.

"We came out hard and set the tone in the first quarter," said senior tri-captain Natalie Gomez-Martinez. "We let teams play our game. We don't play their game. I think our execution and the way we were running plays was very smooth. We are very focused."

Nicole Boudreau led the Golden Warriors with 22 points, while Gomez-Martinez and Devon Caveney each added 16 points and Ally Fazio chipped in with 12 for the winners. All four sat out much of the second half because of the lopsided score.

"We came out with good intensity and it was a very good start to the tourney," said Boudreau. "If we keep teams under 50 points, it's going to be hard to stop us."

TRACK

Salley finishes strong

Andover's Jess Salley continued her stellar postseason, taking third in the high jump with a 5-5 at the New England Track championship Friday.

"This is the first New England that I competed for indoor," said Salley, who finished seventh in the state pentathlon. "I went into the season with an open mind hoping I would do well as a senior and it was great to be on the podium. It was awesome. It's one of those things I will remember for a long time."

Eve Bishop added fifth in the 300 (41.03) and Pat Farnham added a

sixth in the 300 (35.74).

BOYS BASKETBALL

Rally falls short

Andover cut a 17-point lead to just five in the final quarter, but could get no closer and the No. 11 Golden Warriors fell to No. 6 Acton-Boxboro in the first round of the Division 1 North tourney last Tuesday.

Joe Bramanti stood out in his final high school game, scoring 26 points and triggering the fourth-quarter comeback. Brian Salvesen added 10 points for the Golden Warriors, who finished the season 14-6.

BOYS HOCKEY

Burns, Warriors bow out

Andover's Jim Burns cut the lead in half with a goal at 9:53 of the second period, but the Golden Warriors fell to Burlington 3-1 in the first round of the Division 1 North tournament last Wednesday.

"We had our opportunities," said Andover interim head coach Scott Manty. "We had a couple break-aways late, but we just couldn't put them home. Their goalie played excellent tonight."

Burns scored the Golden Warriors' goal, with assists going to MVC/DCL Division 1 Player of the Year Matt Swett and David Beluche. Goalie Kyle Berthiaume made 28 saves.

"The kids overcame a lot of adversity and did a heck of a job getting here," said Manty. "Our captains Matt Swett and Kyle Berthiaume did a great job to lead us through some tough times."



Courtesy Photo

The ANA Synchroners, representing the Andover-North Andover YMCA, won the gold medal in the East Zone Championship. The ANA Synchroners bested 22 other swimming squads at the Haverhill YMCA's East Zone Junior Championship. ANA's Gillian Brassil of Andover was also awarded a gold medal in figures, and she out-placed the second place award winner by a full five points. Brassil was also named to the East Zone 13-15 All Star Team. Candace Ju also received a silver medal in figures and Laina Gray took home the fourth.

ANA Synchroners capture East zone gold medal

Facing 22 of the best teams in the eastern zone at the recently held East Zone Junior Championship, the ANA Synchroners put on a near flawless performance and were awarded a gold medal with a five point advantage over the second place competition.

Gillian Brassil of Andover was also awarded a gold medal in figures and she too out-placed

the second place award winner by a full five points. Bassil was named to the East Zone 13-15 All Star Team.

The Andover/North Andover YMCA's ANA Synchroners is the largest synchronized swim team in the country. Team members receiving a gold medal for their team routine include Gillian

Brassil, Marian Crockett and Candice Ju of Andover, and Laina Gray, Caitlyn MacGregor and Alison Ziel of North Andover and Jennifer Flanagan of Boylston.

Andover's Candice Ju also received a silver medal in figures and Laina Gray took home the fourth place award.



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The mighty Mites



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The Andover Mite 3s beat Arlington, 5-3, to take first place and win the Needham Youth Hockey Tournament of Champions on Sunday, Feb. 27. Pictured are, front row: goalie Mikey Dutton; second row, from left: Trevor Ring, Ryan Rigazio, Ryan Allard, Tommy Tavenner, Conan Keefe, Timmy Kobelski; third row: Jake Brezner, Brady Quin, Lauren Fraser, Sara Carleo, Aidan Lareau; and fourth row: Coaches Jim Rigazio, Paul Fraser and Glenn Allard.

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SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Softball clinic

Andover High School Girls Softball Coach Steve Tisbert has been hosting a softball clinic for kindergarten through high school aged players on Sunday afternoons at the AHS field house. Over 130 players have participated in this nine-week program, designed at focusing on the fundamentals of pitching, throwing, hitting, fielding and base running.

Softball registration

Speaking of softball, there is still time to register girls for the Spring 2011 season for Andover Girls Softball. "Andover girls Junior division (grades 3,4, and 5) registration has been filling up fast, so if your daughter has interest in playing this spring please try and sign up before the registration is closed. Andover girls senior division (grades 6,7, and 8) still has a number of opening slots. Both leagues are designed to focus on player development," according to a release from the league. Games for both leagues are typically held on weekday evenings at 6 p.m. and Sunday afternoons. The season runs from mid-April until mid-June, culminating with a family friendly

round-robin tournament for each league.

AGSL also enters two travel teams in the highly competitive NE AAU league, for girls 12 and under and 14 and under. To register, follow the link sportsmanager.us/Andover-GirlsSoftball.htm

Cairns helps Hamilton

Becky Cairns scored two goals to lead Hamilton College to a 4-0 victory against Wesleyan University in a New England Small College Athletic Conference game at Hamilton's Russell Sage Rink on Feb. 19. Both goals came in the third period and were her sixth and seventh of the season.

Nick Price to play in 2011 Lacrosse Classic

Nick Price, son of Robert and Daryl Price, a Junior and Varsity Mid-Fielder at Andover High School, has been named as a 2011 High School Underclassmen All-American and has been selected to represent the New England Team in the 2011 National Lacrosse Classic to be held in Germantown, Maryland July 5-8, 2011. The National Lacrosse Classic brings the top 500 high school

underclassmen lacrosse players in the country to one venue, where 20 regional teams will compete to become the 2011 USA Champion and earn the chance to compete for an International Championship against Canada. A First Team All-Conference Selection and Boston Globe All-Star in 2010 for Andover High School, Nick Price plays for the New England Select Lacrosse League, NESLL, U-19 Black team. He also attended the Jake Reed Nike Blue Chip Fall Tournament in Charlotte, NC featuring the Top 100 High School Lacrosse recruits in the US. Price has a verbal commitment to play at the University of Vermont for Head Coach Ryan Curtis and the Catamounts in Burlington, Vermont enrolling in the Fall of 2012.

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First Run

LOST DOG mini long haired Dachshund on March 2, 2011, downtown Danvers area, answers to Luna. REWARD. Please call 978-204-4763.

LOST CAT Tuxedo Cat (black and white) on Jackson Street in Methuen, MA. Missing since 10/12/10. If found, please call 978-837-8519.

LOST HEARING AIDE silver color, between Shows, CVS & Wallgreens in Beverly Feb. 26. Call (978) 777-0017

First Run

LOST - remote control for Widex hearing aids in the vicinity of downtown Amesbury. Approx 1 x 2 x 3 in leather case. (978) 270-1457

FOUND CAT gray, Haverhill area. Call to identify your lost cat. (978) 685-4259

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FOUND CAT - small to medium. Smoke gray with slightly darker stripes. Tiny bit of white. Haverhill area. Call to identify (978) 685-4259.

FOUND Engraved heart locket and chain at Graf Rink, Newburyport during Larry Farmer Tourney Sat 3/5. Call 978-521-2498 to claim.

FOUND, NINTENDO DS lite, of St. Joseph's in Haverhill. 978-273-3594

FOUND Something of value, Saturday, after midnight at Capones, Call (781) 598-4202

THANK YOU for returning my Red Scarf.

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Real Estate For Sale

27MA Commercial Property MA

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27NH Commercial Property NH

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29NH Investment Property NH

Huge side by side, Greenland, Bank Owned, call for info! 5 Family Units.....\$249,000 7 units, 8k feet.....\$624,000 8 units.....\$424,000

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METHUEN-Beautiful Young Colonial loaded with amenities on cul-de-sac, Marsh school district 4 bedrooms, 24x28 family room, sunroom, central air, & more! \$439,900

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Peabody-Good location, set back from street, 8 room, 4 bedroom colonial. Hardwood floors and nice size rooms. Needs some updating but will be worth the effort. \$199,900 TACHE RE (978) 745-2004

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May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be adored, glorified, loved, and preserved throughout the world now and forever. Sacred Heart of Jesus, pray for us. St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us. St. Jude, helper of the hopeless, pray for us. Say this prayer 9 times a day, by the 8th day your prayer will be answered. Publication must be promised. AME

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Present holder of said mortgage
By its Attorneys,
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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Adriana Agudelo and Nestor J. Agudelo to Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC, dated October 30, 2006 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10462, Page 31, of which mortgage Salem Five Mortgage Company LLC is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00 p.m. on April 6, 2011, on the mortgaged premises located at 3 Powder Mill Square Unit 202C, Powder Mill Square Condominium, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, TO WIT:

Building No. C, Unit 202C, Parking Space No. 86, Percentage Interest: .945309%; Area: 1267 sq. ft.; Unit Post Office Address: Three Powder Mill Square, Unit 202C, Andover, MA 01810, Consideration: \$174,000.00.

Grantor, owner of the Unit described above in Powder Mill Square, (the "Condominium") a condominium created by Master Deed dated September 29, 2005 and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds (the "Registry") at Book 9814, Page 213, as amended by First Amendment to Master Deed dated November 3, 2005 and recorded with the Registry at Book 9880, Page 238 and Second Amendment to Master Deed dated April 28, 2006 and recorded with the Registry at Book 10161, Page, 199 (the "Master Deed"), in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws (Chapter 183A, (the "Act") grants the Unit to Grantee with Quitclaim Covenants for the consideration stated above.

The Unit contains the area listed above and is laid out as shown on a unit plan recorded herewith, which is a copy of a portion of the plans filed with the Master Deed and to which is affixed a verified statement in the form provided for in Section 9 of the Act.

The Unit is conveyed together with (a) the above listed percentage interest (i) in the common areas and facilities ("Common Areas and Facilities") of the Condominium as described in the Master Deed, and (ii) in the Powder Mill Square Condominium Trust dated September 29, 2005 and recorded with the Registry at Book 9814, Page 245 (the "Condominium Trust"); and (b) the exclusive right and easement as appurtenant to the Unit to use the above designated outdoor Parking Space(s).

The Unit is to be used only for residential purposes by not more than one (1) family unit or by not more than three (3) unrelated persons and subject to such further restrictions contained in paragraph 10 of the Master Deed, which are incorporated herein.

The Grantee acquires the Unit, including its appurtenant rights and easements and the undivided interest in said Common Areas and Facilities, with the benefit of, and subject to (i) the provisions of the Act as it may be amended from time to time; (ii) the Master Deed, the Condominium Trust and the By-Laws contained therein and, any administrative rules and regulations from time to time adopted thereunder, all as may be amended from time to time in accordance with their terms; (iii) the provisions hereof and all the rights, restrictions, easements, agreements and other matters referred to or set forth in the Master Deed (including, without limitation, in Exhibit A thereof), as completely as if each were fully set forth herein; and (iv) real estate taxes attributable to the Unit for the current fiscal year which are, not yet due and payable.

This Unit Deed is subject to the Deed Rider (the "Deed Rider") recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10462, Page 14 which is incorporated herein.

The Grantee acknowledges that Grantee has read, examined and understands the Deed Rider and Master Deed establishing the Condominium and the Condominium Trust and attached By-Laws and Rules and Regulations of Powder Mill Square, and agrees by the acceptance and recording of this Unit Deed to comply with, perform and/or pay as the case may be, all conditions, restrictions, easements, agreements and obligations contained therein and

herein. Grantee further acknowledges and agrees that Powder Mill Square is a so called phasing condominium and Grantor has reserved the right to construct and add future phases of the Condominium pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 18 of the Master Deed and upon addition of future phases the Percentage of Interest of the Unit will decrease, by accepting and recording this Unit Deed Grantee consents thereto.

This Unit is subject to the provisions of the Local Initiative Program, an Affordable Housing Program as referenced in the Deed Rider (the "Deed Rider") recorded with Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10462, Page 14.

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Present holder of said mortgage
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150 California Street
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