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Sen. Scott Brown poses for a photo with members of the Boston University Army ROTC before the start of the Run for Our Troops road race in downtown Andover Sunday.

► WATER PLANT INVESTIGATION

Ex-town employee indicted

Officials mum on whether more indictments are possible

BY DUSTIN LUCA AND NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITERS

to her home went unreturned. Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski declined to comment on the indictments.

A former Andover water treatment plant worker has been indicted and charged with filing false claims for hours worked, working for another company while on town time and committing larceny worth over \$250.

District Attorney Spokesman Steve O'Connell declined to comment on whether there would be more indictments or whether the investigation into criminal misconduct at the town's water treatment plant is still ongoing.

Cynthia Vaughn, 48, of 1 Dole Place in West Newbury, will be arraigned within the next two weeks in Salem Superior Court, the district attorney's office confirmed Friday afternoon.

According to documents furnished by district attorney's office, Vaughn operated a business known as Chemical Consultants which involved

Vaughn could not be reached for comment, and phone calls

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1,100 run Race for Our Troops

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

More than 1,100 ran and walked a 5-kilometer race through downtown Andover Sunday to help raise money to finish building a free home for Army Sgt. Joe Smith of North Carolina, whose lower body was paralyzed while serving in Afghanistan.

Smith and his wife, Debbie, addressed the crowd immediately before the race, asking people to enjoy the day, while praising the work of the national Homes for Our Troops organization that is building the home for them. Homes for Our Troops was the beneficiary of money raised by the race and a dinner at Old Town Hall the night before.

"What they do is give life back to our heroes," said Debbie Smith.

"It gives us back our independence," said Joe Smith, before keeping the mood light by adding "I hope you are all ready to have fun, because I am."

Smith completed the course in his wheelchair.

U.S. Sen. Scott Brown also



JAN LEE SEEGER/Staff photos

Runners fill the street as they take off at the start of the Run for Our Troops road race that helped raise money to build a home for Sgt. Joe Smith of North Carolina, who was paralyzed in Afghanistan.

addressed the crowd before running the race, which he finished in a time of 23:35, good for a top 100 finish.

When Brown woke up Sunday morning, there was only a 25 percent chance that he would run the race, he told the Townsman. Like many basketball fans, he'd stayed up the night before

to watch the college basketball tournament and had "some carbohydrates," he said. He arrived in Andover around 8 a.m. wearing suit pants and a tie, but the triathlete soon decided he would run.

He borrowed a pair of running shorts from resident Mark Baldwin, who has a similar waist

size. "Am I going to see these on eBay later?" joked Brown after a quick change into the athletic attire.

For more on the race and a fundraising dinner the night before the run, see stories, photos on pages 4 and 5.

Town fills CIO, school business manager spots

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER



Paul Puzanghera

If you can't remember the name of the new person at Town Offices, you might want to try calling him Paul.

Following the election of Paul Salafia to the Board of Selectmen, the town has hired two other men named Paul to key leadership positions, a new CIO and schools business manager.

This past Monday, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski

and School Superintendent Marinel McGrath brought forward their appointment for Andover's newly-created chief information officer position: Paul Puzanghera, a Winchester resident

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AHS students bending over backward to take yoga

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

One in four Andover High School upperclassmen are taking yoga instead of a traditional physical education or health elective.

Following a successful yoga pilot course two years ago, the popularity of the course has grown, resulting in eight classes of yoga this year - four each semester. The school department is expected to support eight fully-enrolled yoga courses next year, too.

"The research shows that yoga has a lot of positive effects in school settings," said Jackie Salvesen, who teaches all the courses. "You can use it in the classroom, but it has additional benefits in psycho-social health, which will translate to children outside of the classroom."

The course follows a routine that involves

around 50 minutes of physical practices that include particular stretches and positions, and 10 to 15 minutes of skill-building for emotional and psycho-social health.

In the class, students are lined up in rows on mats. Music plays as the class moves through its routine. Some students are a little more limber and flexible than others, but every student participates.

While Brian McNally, Andover's director of Health and Physical Education, admits that some students might have signed up for yoga to dodge taking a traditional gym class, he believes students truly love the course, he said.

"We want to get them physically active, but at the same time we want to give them stress relief," said McNally. "A lot of kids have a lot of stress, and a lot of parents



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Students in one of Andover High's eight yoga classes perform the Garudasana, or "Eagle Arms," pose.

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Correction

Due to a reporter error, an article in last week's Andover Townsman titled "Historic-house move waits for Town Meeting" incorrectly reported that the owners of the

Pearson Street house featured in the story, Peter and Shirley Schwarz, had once lived in the home. The home was purchased by the Schwarz family from the town.

INDICTED

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"compensation of substantial value by performing services for the municipality of Amesbury." The responsibilities of operating her business were incompatible with her responsibilities at Andover's water treatment plant, according to the documents. Officials with Amesbury's water department did not return calls. Additionally, Vaughn is accused of stealing town property valued at more than \$250 and also making false claims for hours worked in Andover, according to the documents.

Alex Vispoli, chairman of the Board of Selectman, said the circumstances that led to the investigation are "unfortunate" and "disappointing," but he is encouraged the case is advancing.

"There was definitely frustration with the town that nothing was released," said Vispoli. "I am glad to see the process is moving forward."

ANTI-FRAUD POLICY RAISES ALARMS

Part of what might have led individuals to contact

Stapczynski about possible fraud taking place at the water treatment plant was an anti-fraud policy enacted within the town in 2009.

"It was important that we had a framework for folks to have a framework to report something they felt wasn't right, and that we had a definitive way of responding to it," said Vispoli. "It may have helped the people who initially reported the suspicious activity, and if it did, it was a good thing."

The policy is outlined in a nine-page document that emphasizes educating town and school employees on identifying and reporting fraud. According to the policy, fraud is "a deception deliberately practiced to secure unlawful gain. The term includes such acts as: bribery, deception, embezzlement, extortion, false representation, forgery, the concealment of material facts, the misappropriation of money or assets and collusion or conspiracy to commit any or all of the above acts."

Employees are expected to sign the final page of the policy, which states, "My signature signifies that I have read the Policy and that I understand

INDICTMENT DOCS, FULL POLICY ONLINE

Documents referred to in this story are available, in full, at our website, andovertownsm.com. The documents include: ■ Indictments against ex-employee Cynthia Vaughn, each filed individually; and ■ Andover's anti-fraud policy.

my responsibilities related to prevention-detection and reporting of suspected misconduct and dishonesty."

Stapczynski declined to comment on whether a copy of the policy's acknowledgement page bearing Vaughn's signature is on record, as that matter could be part of the investigation.

"The first step is having the policy in place," said Stapczynski. "The next step is a fraud risk-assessment program to look at our internal controls in more of a greater detail than what the policy currently states."

LONG INVESTIGATION CONTINUES

In June 2010, a report of alleged improprieties by at least one employee of the water treatment plant led to an investigation run by the Andover Police

Department and the district attorney.

Selectmen entered a closed-door session on June 21 "to discuss possible charges of criminal misconduct and the filing of criminal complaints," Selectman Mary Lyman said that night. In a statement two days later, Stapczynski said he initiated an internal investigation following "a report of alleged improprieties."

John Pollano, long-time superintendent of the plant, retired from his position effective June 30. Pollano, who is in his 60s, had been hired in December of 1981, according to the town's human resources department. When announcing Pollano's retirement, Stapczynski would not say whether the retirement was planned or related to the ongoing investigation.

Pollano declined to comment when reached at his home this week in Hampstead, N.C., an unincorporated community in North Carolina's Pender county.

When contacted for further information on Pollano and any possible relationship between him and the investigation, O'Connell declined to comment.

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with over 30 years of experience in the field of technology.

Today, Thursday, the School Committee is expected to vote on the appointment of Andover schools' assistant superintendent of finance and administration: Paul Szymanski, a Wilmington resident with 25 years of experience in school business management.

PUZZANGHERA, NEW CIO

The town has recently been working to consolidate four smaller information technology

departments into a single department. That consolidation process included creating a new position at the top: the chief information officer.

Selectmen will vote at their next meeting on the appointment, but they had an opportunity to meet Puzzanghera this past Monday during a regular meeting. At the meeting, Stapczynski and McGrath outlined their reasons for appointing him.

"I'm always a little biased towards someone who has served their community no matter what kind of position they're coming in for with the town," Stapczynski said, listing Winchester's Finance Committee, strategic planning committee and others as examples of Puzzanghera's volunteer service. "Many of the experiences that he had as a citizen volunteer, I think, will come into play with the kinds of experiences we'll have here and the challenges we have ahead."

Prior to creating the CIO position, the town set a goal to reduce IT costs by the cost of hiring a CIO, so that hiring a leader to the department wouldn't affect the budget, according to Alex

Vispoli, selectmen chairman.

For this year, the town didn't fill a vacant PC support specialist position at the police department, saving the town \$56,315, and consolidating is expected to yield an additional \$66,314, therefore allowing the town to allocate \$115,000 to a new CIO spot.

"We were able to reduce that overall expense, so we could hire the new CIO and not impact the budget," Vispoli said.

If he is appointed, Puzzanghera begins work on Monday, May 2 at a salary of \$109,627.

Puzzanghera aims to streamline and improve how Andover uses and depends on technology. His focus will be on efficiency, he said.

"What we need to understand is how, in the next five years, could we make greater use of (technology)," Puzzanghera said. "Where we need to start is at the top."

SZYMANSKI, NEW SCHOOL BUSINESS LEADER

While Puzzanghera is a new face to just about everyone in Andover, Paul Szymanski is

coming into town as a somewhat known commodity. He worked with McGrath as an assistant superintendent for finance and administration at Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District, where McGrath was a superintendent from 2002 to 2010.

Szymanski has served as school business administrator at Billerica Public Schools for the past year.

"He has 20 years as business manager and assistant superintendent in other districts," McGrath said. "I am delighted. We are just a really good, compatible team."

Szymanski will take the place of Peter De Roeve, interim school business manager. The position's title has been changed to be more in line with other districts, McGrath said.

If the School Committee appoints him at tonight's meeting, Szymanski will start working on July 1 at a salary of \$130,000. Currently, De Roeve works for \$650 a day, according to Andover's human resources department. That means De Roeve's salary, if he works only a 180-day school year, is \$117,000.

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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: In June 1996, this Railroad Street building housed the empty shell of the former Tyre Rubber Plant.



NOW: Whole Foods supermarket, Andover's only supermarket currently, now sits at the site.

NILP hosts Annual Legislative Forum

Northeast Independent Living Program will hold its Annual Legislative Forum on April 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Massachusetts School of Law.

Andover's state senator, representatives and local officials will have the opportunity to join their colleagues in local and federal

government and meet with constituents to discuss important issues affecting the lives of people with disabilities and their families.

The Annual Legislative Forum will be held at the Massachusetts School of Law, 500 Federal St. in Andover.

Get passport at Post Office April 9

Andover Post Office Officer-in-Charge Charles T. Nichols has announced that the Andover Post Office, 10 Stevens St., will host a special passport event on Saturday, April 9, 2011 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. to provide passport information to U.S. citizens and to accept passport applications.

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Information on the cost and how to apply for a U.S. passport is available at travel.state.gov. U.S. citizens may also obtain passport information by phone, in English and Spanish, by calling the National Passport Information Center toll-free at 1-877-487-2778.

Copper stolen in work-site break at Andover IRS

Police were called out to the IRS facility on Lowell Street last Tuesday for a possible break on the property in which a roll of copper wire is believed to have been stolen.

Officers were first called to the facility at 8:47 p.m. on March 29

after a security guard spotted two individuals in white truck who appeared to be taking items from a work site on the property, according to police.

When police arrived, the two individuals fled in a stolen truck, which they ditched across the

street before escaping on foot into the woods, police said.

A canine unit from Methuen was called out to track the two suspects, but they were not found. It is believed that they escaped via the highway, according to police.

The truck was brought back to the station to be processed for evidence. Following the incident, officers also found a hole had been cut in a fence on the back of the property, police said.

Lowell Street is also known as Route 133.

Andover Health Department focuses on sports concussions, medication disposal

The Andover Health Department is involved with National Public Health Week through tomorrow, April 8.

Public Health Week celebrated the work local health departments do on a day-to-day basis to care for the citizens they serve. The theme for 2011 is "Safety is No Accident: Live Injury Free."

A Public Health Display and Information Table is set up on

the second floor of the Andover Town Offices and at Memorial Hall Library.

The displays focus on "Safety at Play," in particular highlighting information on concussions in sports. Also available will be information on "Safety at Home," in particular safe disposal of medications. The department is supporting the Andover Police Department in its upcoming DEA Medications

Disposal Day.

Health departments in Massachusetts are tasked with a variety of responsibilities covering both community and environmental health. The staffs provide immunization services, investigate disease outbreaks, and enforce a variety of environmental laws, as well as ensure that the food supply is reasonably safe and the work places are smoke free.

Cholesterol screening clinic

The Andover Board of Health is holding a cholesterol screening clinic on Thursday, April 14 from 9 a.m. until noon. An appointment is necessary. The clinic is for Andover residents only.

The simple finger stick test costs \$5 and does not require fasting. For an appointment call the Health Department at 978-623-8295.

This program is made possible through a grant from the Andover Home for Aged People.

LWV upcoming events

Andover's Town Meeting is right around the corner. To help prepare voters, the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover offers three opportunities for residents to learn about warrant articles, including the town budget.

At Town Meeting Preview, discussion will be on warrant articles with financial implications, but not the annual budget. There will be time to answer questions. The Preview will be held on Wednesday, April 13 at 7 p.m., in the Selectmen's Conference Room, on the third floor of the Town Offices. On Thursday, April 14, the annual Budget Forum will be at Memorial Hall Library at 7 p.m. Following brief

presentations, there will be time for questions and answers.

Both are free and open to the public. They will also air live and be taped for rebroadcast and posting online. Email questions to voterServiceAndover@lwv-andovers.org.

The League is also hosting a cable program with the Andover Planning Division that will provide information about three zoning bylaw changes proposed this year. Proposals would change off-street parking requirements for downtown businesses, open space and residential design permits, and a sign bylaw. The program will run on cable and be posted online.

Art on display

The work of Juan Jose Barboza-Gubo, an art professor at Northern Essex Community College, will be on display at Northern Essex Community College's ArtSpace Gallery, located in the Bentley Library on the college's Haverhill Campus, 100 Elliott St., now through April 15. The exhibit includes painting, sculpture, drawing, and printmaking. Shown in photo is "Bajo la Memoria de la Luna", a mixed media work from the Sebastian series.

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The three Andover graduates

were part of a larger group of 67 graduates from 33 fire departments. The 12-week program covered all of the basic firefighting skills necessary for a new recruit to begin a career in the fire service and become a part of the community's fire and rescue team.

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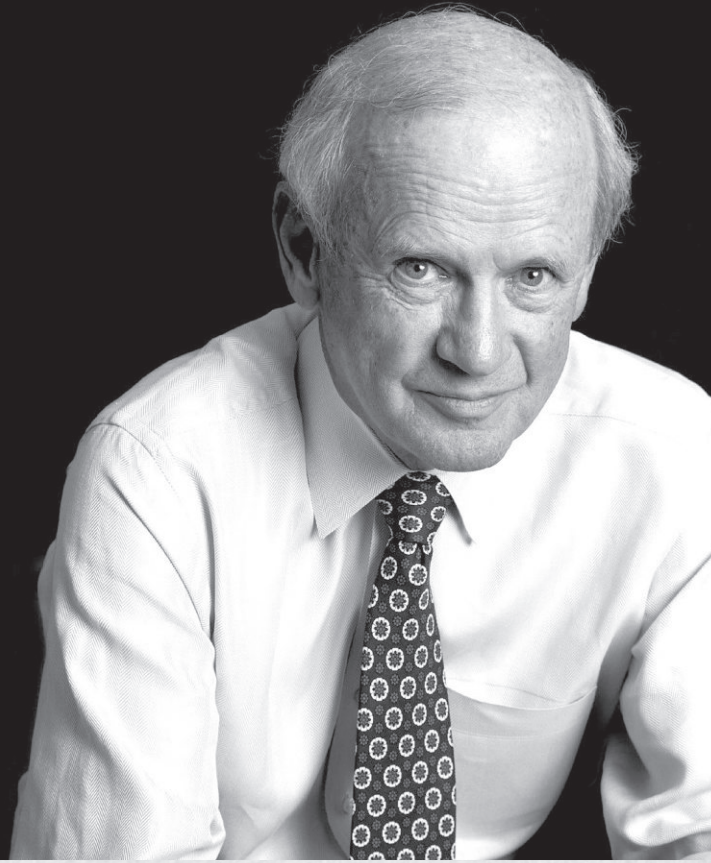
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At 1:25 p.m., Matthew Foresta, 27, of 386 Summer St., Lynn, was arrested on South Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and on a warrant for failing to register as a sex offender.

At 2:49 p.m., Arturo Reyes, 28, of 159 Union St., Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed and on a warrant for two counts of false use or misuse of a liquor identification card and one count of identity fraud.

Thursday, March 31 — At 3:05 a.m., Luis Cabrera, 40, of 320 Lawrence St., Lawrence, was arrested in the area of Interstate 93 and Route 133 and charged with speeding in violation of a special regulation, operating a motor vehicle with license suspended, subsequent offense, operating under the influence of liquor and driving with an open container of liquor in the motor vehicle.

At 10:56 a.m., John Taylor, 48, of 131 Atlantic Ave., Salisbury, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 5:23 p.m., Jonathan Cameron, 19, of 56 Pupkis Road, Tewksbury, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a warrant for operating under the influence of drugs.

At 11:20 p.m., Scott McCarthy, 52, of 41 Reids Lane, Epsom, N.H., was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with assault and battery on a household member



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A portion of Route 133, Lowell Street, had to be closed down Tuesday afternoon following a one-car rollover.

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Friday, April 1 — At 11:30 p.m., Allison Bova, 25, of 600 Bullfinch Drive, Andover, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating under the influence of drugs, second offense, and possession of a class B drug.

Saturday, April 2 — At 12:11 a.m., Laura Clark, 23, of 74 Rodgers Road, Carlisle, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

Sunday, April 3 — At 2:15 a.m., Danois Molina, 25, of 382 Aiken Ave., Dracut, was arrested on Poor Street and charged with possession of a class E drug.

At 3:42 a.m., Daniel Gill, 18, of 8 Edgewood Terrace, North Reading, was arrested on South Main Street and charged with possessing liquor while being under the age of 21, operating under the influence of liquor, a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation and driving an uninspected motor vehicle.

Monday, April 4 — At 7:48 a.m., Boyd Drew, 42, of 9 Red Spring Road, Andover, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a warrant for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

THEFTS

Tuesday, March 29 — At 3:28 p.m., a Railroad Street resident reported a case of identity theft.

At 5:09 p.m., a case of identity theft was reported from Memorial Circle.

Monday, April 4 — At 6:10 p.m., a case of identity theft was reported on High Street.

CAR CRIME

Tuesday, March 29 — At 7:32 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Chestnut Street.

Wednesday, March 30 — At 8:19 p.m., a caller on River Road reported theft from her car.

Saturday, April 2 — At 9:01 a.m., theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Washington Park Drive.

At 9:01 a.m., a Washington Park Drive resident contacted police regarding two men who allegedly set off a car alarm and ran from the scene the night before. That morning, the caller found that her car had been entered and gone through. Later that afternoon, another caller on Washington Park Drive called police regarding damage to a friend's car. The car had a smashed driver side window and damaged interior.

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At 4:14 p.m., a case of assault was reported on Shawshen Road.

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Andover High School juniors Ruby Mercure, 16, and Tiffany Lee, 17, execute opposing Svarga Dvijasana poses, also known as "Bird of Paradise," which they learned in their school yoga class.

YOGA

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simply scoff at that. But let's face the reality. ... We had 225 students that listed yoga as their top choice for a PE course, out of 900 students."

One student, 18-year-old Andy Ladd, said he enrolled in the course after "betting" on it as a third-choice elective two years ago and losing. But after taking it in his junior year, he had to come back for more.

"I lost the bet, but I loved it," said Ladd, who is now a senior and enrolled in his second yoga course. While traditional physical education classes work for athletic students, "people who

aren't as athletic can take this and still achieve."

Matilda Sabal, a 16-year-old junior, agreed.

"If you feel self-conscious and you aren't very active, you just sink along the sidelines (in normal gym courses)," said Sabal. "They should keep (yoga)."

Students aren't the only ones bending over backwards for the course. Two 10-session "Yoga Tools For Teachers" programs offered after school reached their 20-teacher capacity the same day they were offered. The course practices a number of tools teachers can use in the classroom, including breath work, meant to help people concentrate on their efforts.

"You can practice the focusing

skill on your mat, which translates to focus off the mat," said Salvesen. "There are some teachers in the district who practice breath work (with students) before MCAS."

Those who have done that have experienced better testing results, Salvesen said.

The yoga courses, at least the ones for students, are available through a Physical Education Programming grant. Once the money goes away, it is not known what will happen to the course, according to McNally. When the grant dries up, the schools will have to focus on what programs and courses are popular and effective and make adjustments as necessary if yoga is going to stay, McNally said.

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Illustration of the 1863 sacking of Lawrence, Kansas, from Harper's weekly

Lawrence, killing nearly 200 people. This time, retribution would be harsh and have the weight of the federal government.

Union Gen. Thomas Ewing issued Order No. 11 – clearing Missouri counties along the Kansas border of everyone and everything. That put 20,000 people to flight, writes historian Thomas Goodrich.

He quotes one refugee, Frances Twyman, who described "women walking with their babies in their arms, packs on their backs and four or five children following after them, some crying for bread, some crying to be taken back to their homes."

But there were no homes.

The order left a burned-over country devoid of anything but brick chimneys.

A Kansas officer bragged that his squad burned 110 houses, writes Goodrich, who described Order No. 11 as "perhaps the harshest act of the U.S. government against its own people in American history."

Twyman described a war widow, an ill infant in her arms. She sought the shade of a tree, where she rested as her baby died, while the column of refugees remained indifferent. "The crowd surged on, women and children dragging their weary limbs through the dust and heat," he said.

Violence unfolding in the West foretold one thing: What those Western generals would bring East would be severe. Historian James McPherson writes that Ewing, a brother-in-law of William Tecumseh Sherman, "had learned what Sherman was learning – this was a war between peoples, not between armies."

And the American people – from those living in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley to those in Sherman's eventual path in Georgia – would suffer mightily.

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Punchard High School: Heart of Andover



Andover Stories

By Tom Adams,
Andover Historical Society

Punchard High was always more than just another school. It was a vital town fixture for over 100 years. For students, it was at the heart of their everyday lives; for the town, it was a welcome and frequent gathering place. Its story reflects how Andover adapted to changing times and planned for the future.

The school's roots date back to the 1850 when Benjamin Hanover Punchard, a successful Andover banker and town leader, bequeathed to his trust a then princely sum of \$50,000. The Punchard Trust directed the founding of Andover's first Free School "for the purpose of teaching Reading, Righting and Ciferring." It is interesting to note that Massachusetts' public schools, established in 1647, comprised the nation's oldest, privately funded system.

The Punchard Free School opened its doors in 1856. Students studied mathematics, natural science, mental and moral philosophy, the Latin and Greek languages, rhetoric and logic. The first graduating class in 1859 recognized seven students.

The ensuing 50 years witnessed a steady growth in the number of pupils along with several key events. In 1868, a fire destroyed the original building, forcing classrooms to relocate to lower town hall until the new building opened in 1872. Changing its name to Punchard High School in 1902 and erecting an addition in 1915, the structure served Andover well through the mid-1930s.

In 1936, responding to the need for increased classroom space and a more up-to-date facility, the old structure was razed. The new complex continued to house Punchard High School while adding a new school, East Junior High, under its roof. Seated atop a hillside rising above the Town Common at Chestnut and Bartlett streets, the building's exterior and surrounding grounds looked then much as they do today. Inside and out, the new

Punchard High was an absolute showplace featuring bright and airy classrooms, state-of-the-art laboratories, Memorial Auditorium, a gymnasium and a cafeteria. More than ever before, Punchard High was Andover's crown jewel.

The post-World War II baby boom era continued to stretch Andover's population, straining its infrastructure. School construction and budgeting became front page news and the fodder for ongoing debate among town selectmen, the School Committee and at Town Meeting. Between 1952 and 1968, the town built and opened six new schools — Central and West Elementary in 1952, South Elementary in 1958, Sanborn Elementary in 1962, and Bancroft Elementary School and West Junior High in 1968. The final change, building a brand new high school, marked the end of the road for Punchard High. In 1957, the space Punchard occupied was ceded to the junior high school. Punchard High, renamed Andover High School, moved into space that today is West Middle School. It remained there until 1968 when the present Shawshen Road high school facility was

opened to students.

The expanded school system functioned smoothly through the late 1970s. By 1980, however, the demands of changing student demographics and aging facilities pushed some difficult questions to the forefront. Which schools should remain open? What schools should close? Can any of the closed schools be retrofitted and made productive? Addressing these high profile concerns took center stage with vigorous debate at public meetings and much play in the local press. In the end, an exhaustive study concluded that the Punchard High building, then occupied by East Junior High School and Doherty grade school, be overhauled and modernized.

Today, over 25 years later, the Town Offices, the school department and Doherty Middle School continue to breathe life and purpose into the halls of old Punchard High.

"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.

RELIGION

Palm Sunday concert

The Rev. Andre Patenaude, known as Fr. Pat, will present a concert "At The Foot of The Cross" on April 17, from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover. Fr. Pat has appeared on EWTN, the global Catholic television network, and on Boston Catholic Television.

Admission to the Palm Sunday concert is \$20 per person. Refreshments will be served. For tickets call Fran Clevenger at 978-851-2186.

Bereavement support

Healing from the Loss of A Spouse, an eight-week bereavement support group, will be held at St. Augustine Parish, 43 Essex St., Andover, starting April 13,

from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Registration is required. For additional information and to register, call Lu Bonanno, Beacon Hospice at 978-372-4211.

West Parish Church

The Spring Breakfast will be held Saturday, April 30, from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m. at West Parish Church, UCC, 129 Reservation Road. The suggested donation

is \$6 for adults \$6 and \$3.50 for children 12 and under.

The breakfast is sponsored by the Women's Evening Circle. May 1 is the traditional day to give May Baskets. The church will have hand-made baskets for sale with home-made fudge. These and more events can be found at westparishchurch.org. Call 978-475-3528 for more information.

Japanese native, Andover resident, organizes aid for quake victims

When Yoshiko Gray saw reports of the devastation in her Japanese homeland after the enormous earthquake and tsunami hit last month, there were no words to describe the feelings of pain, sadness and fear she felt.

"Being so far away, my heart was breaking and I wanted to help," she said. "The only thing

I could think of do was to ask my new community to help ease the suffering I saw in my birthplace."

Gray and Connie Glore, co-owner of Union Studio Yoga, responded by organizing a yoga benefit, with all proceeds going to two organizations with relief efforts for Japan, the Japanese Red Cross and the Japanese

Association of Greater Boston. "My family is fine. They live further from the main damage and lost electricity and water for awhile, but their lives can continue," Gray says. "But many are not so lucky. They have no food, water or basic supplies. They are still suffering periodic blackouts and 2-3 aftershocks a day. They've lost families, friends,

their homes and now they have no jobs, no hope. We have to share our hope."

Gray teaches two Japanese language yoga classes at Union Studio Yoga each week. Approximately 15 native Japanese students attend those classes. They and the rest of the yoga community at Union Studio Yoga invite anyone who wants to help the people of Japan to join a free yoga class and benefit on Saturday, April 9 from 4-5:30 p.m. at Union Studio Yoga, 305 North Main Street in Andover.

Participants may make a free will donation to the benefit.

Some of Gray's students will share the stories of their family and friends' experiences back in Japan with attendees. The studio will offer a yoga class suitable for all levels of yoga students, including beginners.

The evening will end with light, traditional Japanese foods, such as onigiri, a rice bowl staple that is as common in Japan as the sandwich is here. In addition, Japanese-inspired T-shirts and bags from local artist Anna Smith will be available at the studio and proceeds will be added to those gathered at the benefit.

Union Studio Yoga (USY) opened in Andover three years ago. Eighteen teachers offer more than 30 yoga classes a week for all ages and abilities.

USY is active in the community, offering free weekly community classes and Introduction to Yoga classes each month. They extend their reach in the world through donations and fundraisers to local schools, the American Red Cross Haiti Relief and Development, 350.org for Climate Solutions, Habitat for Humanity in Lawrence, Trees for the Future, the Boys and Girls Club in Lawrence and many other efforts.

The bloodiest war in American history began with a battle that ended bloodlessly, notes historian Geoffrey Ward. It almost never began at all. Fort Sumter, sitting like bait in the mouth of Charleston harbor, was one of a handful of federal properties within the newly organized Confederate States of America. Following Abraham Lincoln's election and South Carolina's secession, federal troops at nearby Fort Moultrie withdrew to the island under the command of Major Robert Anderson and awaited resupply. Lincoln's Secretary of State, William Seward, counseled Lincoln to abandon efforts to reinforce Fort Sumter, but the new president went forward nevertheless. Meanwhile, Georgian Robert Toombs, the first secretary of state for Southern President Jefferson Davis, advised Davis against attacking Fort Sumter. "The firing on that fort will inaugurate a civil war greater than any the world has yet seen," Toombs warned Davis, as recorded by historian Shelby Foote. "... You will wantonly strike a hornets' nest ... Legions now quiet will swarm out and sting us to death. ... It puts us in the wrong. It is fatal." Davis, like Lincoln, ignored his counsel. Commanding the Southern guns pointed at Fort Sumter was Louisiana native Pierre Gustave Toutant Beauregard, who had learned gunnery tactics at West Point from none other than the same Major Anderson

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Obituaries

Frederick E. Teichert, 85



Frederick E. Teichert, 85, of North Andover, died at his home Friday, April 1, 2011.

He was born in Lawrence to the late Frederick and Elsie (Schirner) Teichert. He was raised in Andover and attended Lawrence and Andover schools. Frederick was a graduate of The Holderness School and received a BA from the University of Miami. During World War II he served in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS New Mexico; one of the first ships into Tokyo Bay at the end of the war.

Prior to his retirement from the Ralph Pill Company, he was the owner of Andover Stationers and the Andover Sport Shop in Andover. Former member and president of the Lawrence Kiwanis Club and the Andover Service Club. Member of the Little Island Pond Association, The Lawrence Ski Club, University of Miami Alumni Association and Holderness School Alumni Association.

He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Jane (Broderick) Teichert; daughter, Ellen E. Lynch and her husband Kevin of Andover; sons, Frederick "Ted" Teichert and his wife Jeanne of

Andover; Eric J. Teichert and his wife Suzanne of Methuen, Robert S. Teichert and Mark Gray of Topanga, Calif., and John D. Teichert and his wife Lynne of Lowell; grandchildren, Conor, Gavin, Molly Lynch, Stephanie and husband Eric Freeman, Julianne, Allison, Valerie, Kristian and Chandler Teichert; great-grandson, Caulin Freeman. Also survived by his sister, Arlene M. Poirier of Tewksbury; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Lois and Joseph Cushing, Rhoda and Mark Weston, Lissa and Bob Archer, Michael and Jane Broderick, Peter and Maria Broderick, and Margaret Broderick; as well as many nieces and nephews, including Randall and Susan Poirier, Kenneth and Deborah Poirier.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends were invited to calling hours on Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. A funeral service was held on Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Free Christian Church, Elm Street, Andover. Burial followed at the West Parish Cemetery in Andover. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA, 01701 or to the Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843, or to the charity of one's choice. For online condolences please visit our website at www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Joseph G. Tetreault



Mr. Joseph George Tetreault of Andover, and beloved husband of Lorraine C. (Gamache) Tetreault, died at the Lawrence General Hos-

pital on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. He was 85 years old. Born in Brunswick, Maine, on March 16, 1926, he was the beloved son of the late Antoine and Adela (Duvall) Tetreault. Joseph was proud to be an Eagle Scout. He was a World War II Army veteran, enlisting in the military at Portland, Maine, on March 14, 1944 and receiving his honorable discharge from Fort DeWens on May 7, 1946. While in the service, Mr. Tetreault attained the rank of Tech 5 and worked as a Radio Operator and French Interpreter, as well as serving as a Field Lineman. He was a qualified Sharpshooter and 2nd CI-Gunner. Joseph was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, Army Occupation of Japan and the Victory

Medal, for his outstanding service. In civilian life, Mr. Tetreault worked for Raytheon for 28 years and retired from the Missile Division in Andover. He was also a communicant of St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Besides his loving wife, Lorraine, Joseph will be missed by his devoted children, Mary and her husband Bob Wallace of Plymouth, Janet Trachym of Andover, Stephen and his wife Corinne Tetreault of Keene, N.H., Dennis and his wife Francisca Tetreault of Londonderry, N.H., David Tetreault of Andover and George and his wife Laurie Tetreault of Andover; daughter-in-law; Kathleen Tetreault of Quincy; sister, Lauriette Caron of Brunswick, Maine; 13 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. He was also the father of the late Mark Tetreault.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, Monday, April 4, 2011, at 10 a.m. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Maglozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Sunday, April 3, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemaglozzi.com.

Robert S. Zollner, 87



Robert S. Zollner, 87, died on Saturday, April 2, 2011, in Exeter, N.H., of congestive heart failure, in the loving presence of his family.

Born Nov. 7, 1923, in Evanston, Ill., he was the son of Albert Louis and Marie (Catherwood) Zollner. Until recent years, he was a longtime resident of Andover. Bob attended Phillips Exeter Academy, graduating in 1942. He interrupted his college career at Harvard University (Class of 1946) to serve in the U.S. Army Air Corps as 1st Lieutenant and navigator of B-29s in the Pacific Theater. For his military service, he received the Air Medal and the Distinguished Unit Citation, each with an Oak Leaf Cluster. Graduating from Harvard Law School in 1951, Bob practiced law for 34 years at Warner and Stackpole in Boston. In 1985, he opened a private law practice in Andover, practicing law there until 2004.

During his 51 years in Andover, Robert served his community in many capacities. He was a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Finance Committee and was employed as Special Town Counsel to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board. Other civic positions that he held included Chairman of the Northeast Regional Red Cross Blood Program and trustee of the Lawrence General Hospital and of the Andover Bank and member of the Abbot Academy Association. He was also an active member of Christ Church, Andover, serving as Lay Eucharistic Minister.

Overall, Bob was known for his exceptional attributes as a civil servant and a corporate lawyer who did not place himself above others, and a kind man toward all. He was a lover of the English language—a passion that he shared with his family that deeply influenced his offspring in various careers and proclivities. He was almost always an arm's length from either the American Heritage Dictionary or the Oxford English Dictionary. He loved spending summers with his extended family on Lake Winnepesaukee, pointing out constellations in the summer sky. His love of food and cooking was legendary, especially his Indian curry. He was a stalwart member of his B-29 Bomber Group. And he enjoyed playing golf with his friends at the North Andover Country Club.

Robert is survived by his wife of 64 years, Nancy Durgin Zollner, of Riverwoods, Exeter, N.H.; his daughter, Cynthia Z. Hartnett and her husband, David, of Montpelier, Vt.; his daughter, Jennifer Zollner and her husband, Andrew Christiansen, of East Montpelier, Vt.; his son, Richard S. Zollner and his wife, Deborah, of Exeter, N.H.; and his daughter, Laura D. Smith and her husband, Frank, of Kensington, N.H.

He is also survived by his six loving grandchildren: Caitlin Hartnett of Port Hardy, BC, Canada; Rebecca Zollner of Exeter, N.H.; Zoe Christiansen of Boston; Elizabeth Zollner of Exeter, N.H.; Anders Christiansen of East Montpelier, Vt.; and Benjamin Smith of Kensington, N.H.; and his devoted Colorado relatives. Robert was predeceased by his twin brother, Richard Catherwood Zollner, and his older brother, F. Stanton Zollner.

ARRANGEMENTS: Donations in his memory may be made to Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH; Christ Church, Andover, MA; or Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence, MA. A memorial service will be held at Christ Church, Andover, on Saturday, April 9, at 11 a.m. with a reception following. Funeral arrangements are being handled by the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810.

Opinion

Hopefully, leaders will dig in to combination platter

There's been a lot of talk at all levels of government about the need to consolidate, to make the most of taxpayer money. We hope to see some action on that front soon.

In Andover during the last year, the town has combined four different Information Technology departments into one — and found just enough savings to justify in officials' minds the creating of a new position, the chief information officer. Paul Puzanghera is expected to be approved for the post, and he'll make a good name for himself if within the year he identifies some significant savings that can be found by changing the way the town has been renting, buying and otherwise using technology.

At the state level, there's plenty of need for reform within both the Probation and Parole departments here in Massachusetts — and it seems to make sense that the two departments can be combined. The former has been exposed as a haven for those with political connections, while the latter's judgment came under serious question when a man released from jail killed a Woburn police officer during a robbery attempt last December.

The discussion regarding change in both agencies ought to focus on how, going forward, these agencies can best serve the public. But instead it's turned into a turf battle pitting Gov. Deval Patrick and his public-safety experts against the judicial and legislative branches. Combining Probation and Parole is a model employed in 37 other states. Their mission — the supervision of those convicted of a crime who are granted either a reprieve or release from jail — is the same, they perform similar functions and, according to testimony by Public Safety Secretary Mary E. Heffernan, they have many clients in common.

Patrick has made good on his pledge to shake up the Parole Board, replacing five of its seven members including the chairman. The reconstituted panel is now heavily weighted with people with prosecutorial experience who will presumably cast a more wary eye on those with a history of violence seeking early release. Having been thoroughly embarrassed by evidence of widespread patronage within its Probation Department, the judiciary has also moved to replace the disgraced John O'Brien with trusted administrator Ronald Corbett.

But critical to the reform effort is ending the historical, though wholly inappropriate, inclination by powerful legislators to use the trial courts, including their probation departments, as a job bank for relatives, friends and favored constituents. Combining probation and parole in a new department within the executive branch is the best way to accomplish that goal. Judges argue that it is important they be able to trust probation officers upon whom they rely for critical information in making their sentencing decisions and making sure that defendants are properly supervised when released into the community. But the responsibility for seeing that court-imposed sentences are properly carried out and efforts made to get defendants on the right path, also falls to the corrections department, which operates within the executive branch now. A unified department to monitor both those on probation and those on parole makes sense from both a fiscal and operational point of view.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Where do you stand on the recent developments in the water treatment plant investigation?

■ Favorable: It is good to see new information coming to light.

■ Favorable: It seems individuals may be held accountable for what took place.

■ Favorable: The process is moving along; no additional information is necessary.

■ Favorable: It is a complex situation, I trust it is being handled appropriately.

■ Unfavorable: This is taking too long for something so significant to Andover's interests.

■ Unfavorable: I expected more results to come out of this process, not just one person being indicted.

■ Unfavorable: More information, specifically details about what took place, should be available for the public.

■ Unfavorable, for another reason.

■ I don't know.

■ Other (supply your own answer)

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "Should the schools cut French and Latin offerings at the sixth- and seventh-grade levels?" With 143 people responding, the answers were:

■ No: 58.74 percent, 84 votes.

■ Yes: 38.46 percent, 55 votes.

■ I don't know: 2.8 percent, 4 votes.

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APRIL SNOWSHOWERS



PHOTO BY BOB DENNIS

Old Man Winter took one last swipe at Andover on April 1, dropping a few inches of snow on the town. Wrote resident Bob Dennis, "[It's] hard to believe I took this on Main Street Friday morning. Within a few hours, the trees were bare and, within a day, the snow was a memory."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On prom-date rules, timing is everything

Editor, Townsman:

If Andover High School is going to enforce a prom policy that students didn't know existed for the last five years the administration should have told them at the beginning of the semester, not at the end of March when plans have been made and money has been spent by former students who were going to accompany their boyfriend/girlfriend to the prom. Now there are disappointed students and a lot of money down the drain.

The current policy is: let's open the door and welcome students from other schools or towns but close the door to former AHS students and send them the message that they are no longer welcome at AHS.

MARIANN VETERE
Mohawk Road

We need to fill a bucket for schools

Editor, Townsman:

A friend of mine told me about a great children's book, "Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?" Filling a bucket encourages children to be good citizens by being helpful and compassionate to others.

These ideas came to mind when I attended the School Committee Public Hearing on the proposed school budget for next year. I learned that 12 teachers will be eliminated from our schools starting in September 2011. Those losses do not include \$1 million MORE in cuts that are needed to balance the school budget for next year - that's equivalent to about 16 additional teachers.

I have been told that, even with these proposed cuts, the Andover schools are doing just fine. I have repeatedly read in local newspapers that, due to the tough economic times, we must have an "affordable" school budget. But what does an "affordable" school

budget mean?

Does affordable mean that we can accept fewer than 990 instructional hours at Andover High — a violation of state law? Does affordable mean that we can accept elementary schools that are out of compliance with the "No Child Left Behind" law? Does affordable mean that we are satisfied with the systematic dismantling of our special education program at Andover High? Does affordable mean that we can accept the exceedance of School Committee policy governing class sizes?

It seems over the past few years the Andover Public Schools have tried to fill a bucket, and the town has continued to empty it.

However, in the everyday world, there is a bucket that the town could fill to help alleviate these conditions in our schools. The town allocates revenues in three general categories: a town government budget, a public schools budget, and a fixed expenses budget—also known as the bucket. For many years, the bucket did include special education costs as mandated by federal and state law. But then, things changed a few years ago and, since then, special education costs have been covered by the school budget.

The effect of this allocation change has become quite apparent: the squeezing out of regular education costs as mandated costs continue to rise and federal and state reimbursements are reduced. This allocation plan strategy is not sustainable.

It is time for Andover to again finance its special education services as a fixed cost from the bucket. This action does not increase local taxes, but reallocates the distribution of limited funds. This action will help diminish the painful and destructive school budget cuts that have reduced the quality of our schools in the past few years.

JOHN F. ZIPETO
14 Canterbury St.

School Committee must negotiate to gain back administrative control

Editor, Townsman:

Because the current contract effectively gives the teachers union a form of control over administration of education in Andover and the running of the School Department, I urge the School Committee to take as much time as is necessary to negotiate a contract that puts the School Department back in control of school system administration. Anyone who takes the time to read the most recent contract will agree that the teachers union has excessive control over Andover school system administration.

The pressure will get intense to get a contract done just for the sake of just getting it done. But rushing into a new contract with so much at stake in the next contract will be a huge and costly mistake. All the insidious provisions in the current contract that neuter school department administrators and the Andover School Committees would get a continued lease on life.

Contrary to what the Cassandras will say, it will not be the end of the world if the School Committee takes as long as is necessary to negotiate a contract that fixes the numerous problems. Life will go on, all the kids in Andover will still have schools to go to and the good teachers will continue to do their jobs with pride while a new contract gets negotiated (and those teachers who, at some point, begin announcing that they will "only do what the expired contract explicitly requires" while the new contract gets negotiated, as they have done in the past as a means to pressure the School Committee and parents into acceding to union demands, will show their true colors).

This next contract is a watershed contract - it will either further entrench numerous bad provisions from previous contracts that abdicated control of

key elements of school system administration to the teachers union and created crippling, unsustainable financial strains on the town, or it can put control of education back into the hands of the School Department and the School Committee, where such control belongs. Taking as long as the School Committee needs to get this next contract right is the right thing to do.

BOB POKRESS
Cherrywood Circle

Removing Mercer from AHS over \$12,000 'pound foolish'

Editor, Townsman:

I attended and participated in the March 17 "Sing Sing" School Committee meeting. We witnessed touching testimonies to a dedicated teacher whose position will be winnowed down if the proposed cuts to the school budget are implemented. As a parent volunteer, I have worked with other parents to help this teacher, Mark Mercer, fill a tremendous need for more performing arts opportunities, specifically in music, in our town. Many people can attest that he is a tremendously gifted leader and teacher who has increased participation in music programs by 100 percent in a single year.

The 0.2 position, currently part of Mercer's remuneration in performing arts at the high school, is being eliminated as an efficiency. As was attested in the meeting, he teaches approximately 570 students, almost 10 percent of the entire student population of the Andover Public Schools.

How can the School Committee and the administration see this cut as efficient? Several people at the School Committee meeting testified that Mercer brought a great bang for the buck and this type of person is instrumental to the success of any organization.

This \$12,000 cut - crumbs on budget plate of \$60 million - is the epitome of penny wise, pound foolish.

ROSEMARY HALLORAN
197 Haggetts Pond Road

Teacher says he'll teach on despite 'voices of negativity'

Editor, Townsman:

"Why don't you step aside and let a younger teacher keep their job. Why don't you just retire?"

Never did I imagine I would hear such venomous words of personal attack come out of the mouth of one of our elected officials. But it occurred Saturday, March 19 in front of Old Town Hall.

As a 52-year-old educator who teaches the rights of citizens to participate in open public discourse, I expected some opposition to the flyer I was passing out, which outlined several facts about the direction of our schools. But an attack on me personally was something I never expected.

I have been teaching a course entitled Democracy & Media Literacy at Andover High for seven years. This course requires students to become informed and involved in their community, and it teaches active engagement to address societal needs. They have also learned the difference between issue-based discourse and political rhetoric designed to discredit and disarm opponents at all costs — truthful or not.

That is exactly what Selectman Alex Vispoli's attack was, an attempt to disarm me, and initially it did. I was not sure how to respond but I knew that counter-attack was not a viable option as it only magnifies negativity. So I calmly explained that I was too young to

retire. (Vispoli is the same age.)

So what prompted his assumption and attack? Perhaps it was that after a few hours on a cold Saturday morning my discomfort showed in my face. It also could have been the effects of the realization that as eight colleagues of the special education department at the high school have lost their jobs. Or maybe that my age has begun to show at knowing at the same time as plans were made to eliminate these teachers that the administration who decided this all received a 6 percent increase. Or could it be that most of my classes are now at or near capacity of 29 students. Maybe it was the guilt I was feeling as I skipped my usual Saturday routine of waking early and correcting students' papers. It also could be my concerns about affording another year of college tuition for my son. Maybe the age shows because summer planning is in full swing, and I need to finish reviewing applicants for summer jobs at Poms Pond, the summer job that I need to make ends meet, like most teachers do. WOW! I must look old and tired and worn.

Yet against all these odds and the voices of negativity coming from some news outlets, citizens, and some of our elected officials, we teach on.

Brian Parker
68 Tewksbury St.

A longer version of teacher Brian Parker's letter appears online. Selectman Alex Vispoli denies the letter writer's version of events and a letter from him appears at right.

Selectman: Conversation with teacher was not personal attack

Editor, Townsman:

I was given the opportunity to respond to a letter that was written by Brian Parker, a teacher at Andover High School.

I met Mr. Parker in front of the Old Town Hall on the morning of Saturday, March 19.

Our conversation began when Mr. Parker handed me a flier that made a case for not voting for the incumbent in the School Committee election. I asked specific questions about what was on the flier.

Our conversation was not at any point about him personally (in fact I had never met him and initially didn't know he was a teacher).

I viewed our discussion as a good one about the issues and wanted to find out more about his positions. I asked specific questions about his statements on the flier.

At no time did any part of the conversation become personal. It is unfortunate that Mr. Parker took it that way. I thought it was a lively, informative dialogue.

At the end of the day, I believe we are in agreement that our focus is to provide the best possible education for our children.

ALEX VISPOLI
7 Alison Way

TOWN TALK

Egg Hunt at new location — Rec Park

The Department of Community Services will host a traditional Egg Hunt for kids ages 2-10 this Saturday, April 9. Kids can enjoy games, prizes, pictures with what DCS calls "the Spring Bunny," and egg decorating from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Recreation Park, a new location this year. Pre-registration is required, and the activities cost \$10 a child. Contact DCS at 978-623-8274 or visit andoverma.gov/dcs to register online.

If it rains, the event will move to the Town House at 20 Main St., also known as Old Town Hall. If there is a question regarding the weather, call 978-623-8279 the morning of the activity.

Mitzvah Day

Congregation Beth Israel's Mitzvah Day, which took place on Sunday, April 3, brought together families and individuals from



David Katz of Andover and Ken Brown of Hampstead, NH, helped with the cleanup of the Keck Reservation in Andover on Sunday, April 3. The project was part of Congregation Beth Israel's Mitzvah Day, a day of community service that brought together more than 80 members of the congregation and the community.

throughout the Merrimack Valley for a day of service that included preparing 209 bag lunches for residents of the Lowell Transitional Living Center, assembling 240 crafts kits for children at

Horizons for Children in Lawrence, collecting canned goods and other non-perishables for Somebody Cares New England in Haverhill, collecting 233 gently loved stuffed animals to donate to



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Andover resident and 1/181 Infantry Regiment Pfc. David Alves, in back, gets crayons, pens and pencils ready for the next student about to enter class during a delivery of humanitarian aid in the form of clothes and school supplies, collected through Operation Outreach Afghanistan, at an elementary school in Camp Phoenix's neighboring village of Ud Khel, near Kabul, Afghanistan, on March 26. Handing a notebook to a child, is Spc. Ryan Satterfield.

ill children in Israel, and cleaning up the Peggy Keck Reservation in Andover, an AVIS property. Children in grades 5 and 6 held a raffle and raised funds to adopt four polar bears through the World Wildlife Fund. More than 80 CBI congregants and friends participated in the event.

Andover soldier distributes school supplies

An Andover resident serving in Afghanistan was recently featured in a story and photos provided by Defense Video & Imagery Distribution System, the media relations hub of the US military. Out in Kabul, Afghanistan, the Ud Khel High School reopened its doors for the new school year following the March 21 celebration of Nowruz, the new year holiday in Afghanistan and other parts of the region.

The 1/181st Infantry Regiment, along with their partners through Operation Outreach Afghanistan out of Camp Phoenix, delivered school supplies for the students

and their teachers March 26.

Among the 1/181st Infantry Regiment is Pfc. David Alves, an Andover resident.

As the students who were lined up outside by classroom filed into the hallway, teachers and soldiers alike handed out the supplies one-by-one until all the classes were filled and the soldiers returned to camp.

"A lot of the kids didn't even show up with pens," said Alves, who helped pass out writing utensils to the students. "I definitely saw some smiles."

— Spc. Michael Broughey, courtesy DVIDS.com

Anti-bullying presentation returns

John Halligan, a Vermont resident whose son was a victim of bullying leading up to his suicide in October 2003, will return to town next week to complete his tour of Andover's three middle schools, which started in January.

Since the death of his son

Ryan, Halligan has spearheaded bullying-prevention efforts and appeared on several nationally-broadcast television shows to tell his son's story. In January, Halligan visited Doherty and Wood Hill middle schools, but a presentation scheduled at West Middle School the following day was cancelled due to a snowstorm.

Halligan will speak to West Middle School students on the morning of Monday, April 11, as well as to students from the Andover School of Montessori and St. Augustine's. Later that evening, Halligan will address parents in the West Middle School auditorium at 7 p.m.

A letter announcing the presentation was recently sent home to West Middle School parents to make them aware of Halligan's return, where parents were asked, due to the sensitive nature of the topic, to talk to their children about the presentation beforehand and, should the parents choose to not have their children participate, to send a written note to the school's principal, Stephen Murray, before or on the day of the event.

— Dustin Luca

Tennis court rehab help is tax deductible

Residents looking to repair the tennis courts at Andover High School are teaming with Essex County Community Foundation (ECCF), a charitable organization that is receiving donations on the effort's behalf.

An estimated \$25,000 is needed to look at the courts and determine to what extent repairs are necessary to bring the courts to regulation standards.

A link for making tax-deductible contributions to the donor-advised Friends of Andover Tennis Fund may be found at eccf.org or friendsofandovertennis.org.

— Dustin Luca

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Maps are important in our lives. They allow us to see where we are and where we want to go. A map is a representation of a geographic area, usually a portion of the Earth's surface.

The first maps were probably lines drawn in sand or small pebbles and sticks arranged on the ground.

Explorers planned their paths on maps and opened up new territories by creating maps as they traveled.

Pirates made maps showing where they buried their treasure. They followed the maps when it was time to retrieve the bounty.

Cartography is the study of maps. A cartographer is a person who makes maps.

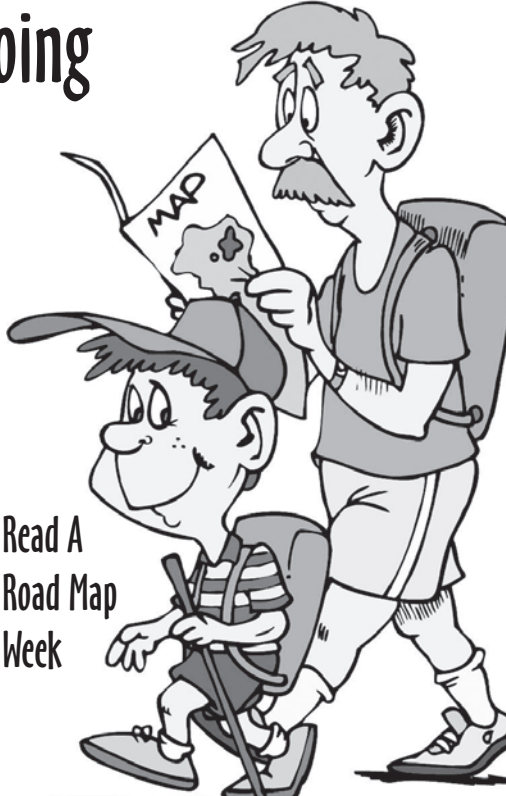
Maps can take you around your neighborhood, town, state, or world. Maps come in several styles. A map might be printed on a very large sheet of paper and be folded several times. Maps are also printed in books.

With modern technology, maps can be found on computers, global positioning systems (GPS), smart phones and even some sport watches. GPS can track where you are and tell you how to get where you are going. It allows you to watch your progression on a map as you travel.

Today cartographers use modern tools such as high-resolution satellite photography to create maps. Printed maps become outdated because the world is constantly changing. New roads, streets, and highways must be added as they are finished. As new homes are built and sub-divisions are created, maps are updated.

Are old maps useless? No. Historians study old maps to learn about the past.

Read A Road Map Week



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Find the Kid's Treasure


Can you follow directions on a map? Get a pencil and try to follow along.

1. Start at the single pine tree.
2. Go south along the west side of the lake.
3. Follow the river east to the bridge.
4. Cross the bridge. Go east to the twin pines.
5. Go east and wade across the river.
6. Travel north past the three bushes.
7. Turn left and cross the river.
8. Go west to the tree.
9. Turn right. When you come to the river, follow it to your left until you reach the bridge.
10. Cross the bridge and turn left.
11. Follow the stream past the first house.
12. Turn east and keep walking. The treasure is in the next building.


Unscramble this word to see if you are right: h r c u h c

Newspaper in Education activity

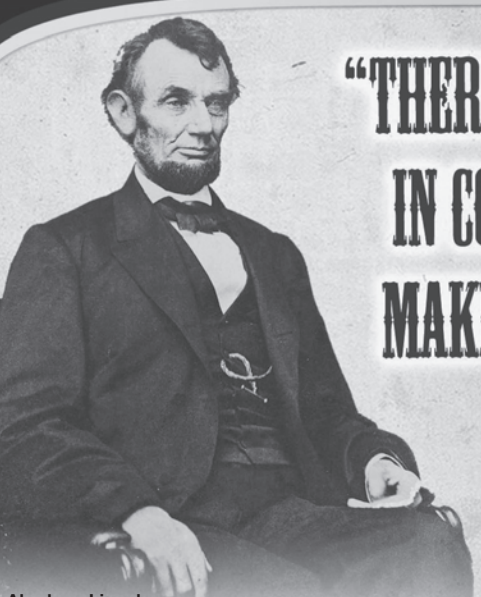
1. Search your newspaper for names of streets, roads, and highways. Circle them as you go.
2. Pretend that you are a pirate and you need to hide your treasure chest. Draw a map of your community showing where you might hide your chest.



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'ESSENCE OF ANARCHY'



Abraham Lincoln
Library of Congress

"THERE CAN BE NO MORAL RIGHT IN CONNECTION WITH ONE MAN MAKING A SLAVE OF ANOTHER."

— ABRAHAM LINCOLN

Lincoln told the nation it must answer the question of "whether the Negro is not or is a man ..."

"If he is not a man ... he who is a man may, as a matter of self-government, do just as he pleases with him," Lincoln argued in Peoria, Ill., in 1857. "... But if the Negro is a man ... why then, my ancient faith teaches me that 'all men are created equal,' and that there can be no moral right in connection with one man making a slave of another."

In February 186, following Lincoln's election, delegates from seven Southern states made good on their threats of secession. More states would follow.

Lincoln made his case in his inaugural address the following month, as war loomed: "Plainly, the central idea of secession, is the essence of anarchy."

Yet even then he referred to secessionists as "countrymen" and appealed to their shared memories and experiences, which he said stretched from every patriot grave to every living heart.

"In your hands, my dissatisfied fellow countrymen, and not in mine, is the momentous issue of civil war ... You have no conflict, without being yourselves the aggressors. You have no oath registered in heaven to destroy the government, while I shall have the most solemn one to preserve, protect and defend it."

His vow of protection would extend to an island in the mouth of Charleston, S.C., harbor, where stood a masonry fort with a name honoring one of those patriot heroes: Thomas Sumter.

QUICK FACT

SOUTH CAROLINA'S "DECLARATION OF SECESSION" CITED ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S ELECTION IN 1860 AND NOTED: "THE SLAVE HOLDING STATES WILL NO LONGER HAVE THE POWER OF SELF-GOVERNMENT, OR SELF-PROTECTION, AND THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE BECOME THEIR ENEMY."

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Lionel Sirois displays a photo from World War II, that shows him (far right in photo) at Pearl Harbor in 1942.

Third book to highlight town veterans who fought in Pacific

BY NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

The so-called Greatest Generation are known for their willingness to respond when called. So a few inches of April 1 snow wasn't going to keep them from a planned day organized by Andover Veterans Services.

Ten veterans who served during World War II made it through the snow to be interviewed on Friday for the third book by the town on veterans of World War II and Korea. Veterans Services Director Mike Burke said he thought only briefly about postponing the session.

"Someone said, 'Mike, these World War II guys are pretty tough. They might resent it if you cancel it for a little snow,' he said.

The third book of stories will focus on Andover residents who served in the Pacific Theater, such as Robert Elder, who was stranded at sea for half a day before being rescued, according to Burke. It also includes the first two female veterans to be interviewed for an Andover "Heroes Among Us" book.

Lionel Sirois, a longtime resident of River Road who is moving to Marland Place, will be in Book 3. He enlisted at age 19 shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor – and ended up being sent to Pearl Harbor



COURTESY PHOTO

First row, from left: Thomas Busta, Margaret Pustell, Tony Damelio, Lionel Sirois, Dorothy Volker and Robert Elder; second row: Vincent Davy, Frederick Nowell, John Lewis, William Downs, Charles Burns and Douglas Dunbar will be 10 of the 22 veterans in the town's next book about local "Heroes Among Us."

in early 1942, while they were still recovering bodies. As a carpenter, he built barracks there.

Like others last Friday, Sirois hung around after his interview to talk with his fellow veterans.

"Even though they didn't know each other before, they

blended in. There was no bashfulness or hesitation to meet someone. I guess they all realized they came from the same background," said Bob Domingue, who has helped coordinate all three books. "I want to show children and tell people, this is what these guys did for us."

"I was interviewing someone this morning who said, 'I don't really have a story.' He was in the Philippines when [Gen. Douglas] MacArthur returned. They're all so humble," said Burke. "He joined the Navy at age 16. I can't even get a 16-year-old to shovel my driveway."

Andover's fluoride fight

Bill Dalton



In 1961, there was a nasty fight over discontinuing fluoridation of Andover's drinking water. On the front page

of the March 2, 1961, Andover Townsman the banner headline was, "Fluoridation Issue Provides Spark For Town Elections." The article under it stated that little attention was being given to the candidates, but fluoride was the cause of "one of the strangest campaigns in recent years." The newspaper predicted that 6,000 of the town's 9,855 voters would go to the polls.

Fluoride is the 13th most common substance on earth. Fluoride in drinking water reduces tooth decay, and it was first used in America in 1946.

In 1955, with no fanfare, Andover's Town Meeting voted to support fluoridation. In 1956, the Town Meeting appropriated \$3,000 to buy fluoridation equipment. This happened without debate. By 1961, a

backlash developed, and the anti-fluoride people convinced the Great and General Court to place the issue of removing fluoride on Andover's election day ballot. Large ads appeared over discontinuing fluoridation for several days prior to election day. These ads were three to one against fluoridation. The one ad in favor of fluoridation ran in the Townsman twice. It was a simple headline, "Doctor's Urge Continued Fluoridation," and below the headline was a brief narrative and a list of 67 local doctors and dentists who supported fluoridation. It was an impressive list, including most, if not all, of Andover's medical profession, and doctors from Lawrence and North Andover.

The anti-fluoridation advertisements were a bit more complex. One said doctors and dentists knew that fluoridation is harmful, but were afraid to state their opinions for fear of ethical censure or worse from their colleagues. Another ad, perhaps more effective, said that adding fluoride to community drinking water was forced, compulsory, mass medication. It said that compulsory, mass medication is a violation of the

rights of the people who don't want the medication. Both ads were signed by the "Andover Citizen's Rights Association." A third anti-fluoridation ad was signed by a Methuen man, and it asked if the proponents of fluoridation guaranteed no harm to people, no pollution, no corrosion of plumbing, and reduction of cavities.

The Townsman allowed generous and equal space for each side of the argument to state its position. The Board of Health argued that every recognized health authority and organization in the country supported fluoridation. Fluoride is absolutely safe in the dose that is added to the drinking water. If the Board of Health had reason to doubt that, they would not allow fluoridation and would remove all food and vitamin combinations containing more than 1 part per million [the amount added to Andover's water supply]. This same argument went overboard when the Board said that they'd have to urgently request the town to find a new water supply since our water naturally contains .01 parts per million [one-tenth of 1 part per million]. Finally, the Board said it resented newspaper

advertisements by people who didn't live in Andover.

Cornelius Wood presented the anti-fluoride argument. He was the grandson of William Wood, the man who created Shawshen. Wood wrote that numerous documented studies on the dangers of fluoride existed but brevity of newspaper space didn't allow him to present evidence against this "toxic enzyme." Rather, he posed his argument on the "pro-fluoridites...shocking lack of responsibility, by forcing on us something so potentially dangerous." Wood said, "I object to being their guinea pig," and he objected on behalf of his family and friends. Wrapping up his argument, Wood said that George Washington gave and Abraham Lincoln secured for Americans the freedom of choice. Forcing fluoride on us deprives individuals of that freedom, he argued.

The voters of Andover voted 3,219 to 2,552 to discontinue fluoridation. There is more to this story, and I'll write about it next week.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His e-mail address is bill-dalton@andovertownie.com.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELIGIT

25 Years Ago April 3, 1986

The Bancroft School youngsters and the children's committee have named their proposed playground the "Dragon's Lair." The playground, set to begin construction during the weekend of Sept. 17, will also include a handicap ramp and outdoor classroom.

Downtown merchants, customers and residents all seem to agree that Andover has a "parking problem." They do not agree, however, upon just what that problem is. Downtown parking is in itself a study in variety. There are town lots: central parking lot with two- and four-hour metering, a two-hour lot next to Olde Andover Village, the Town Hall lot which allows town employees all-day sticker parking and lets visitors park for two hours. The problem seen by in-town residents is that merchants and commuters, in their quest for all-day parking, have converted their streets into narrow, hazardous parking lots.

The Third Semi-Occasional Coffee House Concert, featuring folk singer Ed Parker, will be held Saturday, April 12, at South Church, 41 Central St. Another in South Church's current Performing Arts Series, the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

50 Years Ago April 6, 1961

One youth is dead, another is seriously injured, and a third has been released from the hospital, as a result of an accident last Saturday night on Salem street. Edward "Teddy" Walton, 14, died Monday evening at Lawrence General Hospital. Remaining in the hospital were two 16-year-old boys.

Displaying more than a little concern, the Selectmen are attempting to set up a method for accepting and considering applications for a package store license that will be fair to all.

Raytheon Company has exercised its option to purchase the more than one million square-foot Hawk missile production plant here which the electronics firm has leased from Textron Inc. since 1956.

75 Years Ago April 3, 1936

No opposition was registered at the public hearing held Monday night by the selectmen on the petition of William J. Burns for a license to install four one-thousand gallon gasoline tanks at the vacant lot on the corner of Chestnut and Main streets near the post office. The lot will be sold by Mr. Burns to a party who expressed willingness to buy providing a permit to erect a filling station could be secured. The filling station as depicted in a sketch shown to the selectmen is of attractive design, evidently made of yellow brick.

100 Years Ago April 7, 1911

The management of Wonderland announce, owing to the increase in patronage, the resumption of the old schedule of hours. Hereafter, evening shows will run till 10 p.m., starting at 6:45. This change will again allow those employed on the street to get there in time to see an entire performance. The new projecting machine and the new seats have arrived and will be installed as soon as possible. Matinees for the present will remain the same, Wednesdays and Saturdays from 2 to 5 o'clock. Only the best selected pictures and newest popular songs will be given.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Jayan Marie Landry, executive director of Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimac Valley, speaks to a client as independent producer Jai Bradford films for an episode of "The Vital Ingredient."

TIP director's 'vital ingredient' featured in video series

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The director of Merrimack Valley's Trauma Intervention Program is being highlighted in a video series for her management of stress in a role defined by crisis.

As the founder and director of TIP, Jayan Marie Landry often finds herself standing "on the site of the darkest moments of someone's life," she said. At its core, the organization works to comfort individuals or families who have suffered significant loss or tragedy in a sudden manner.

She is joining Betsey Beaven, an expert menu planner and health expert, in a video series called "The Vital Ingredient."

"Every person has a vital ingredient in their lives that fuels their creative spark," said Beaven. "A vital ingredient with her life is to help people with trauma." The series is slated to produce at least five episodes that focus on wellness augmented by healthy eating choices. Beaven is a food expert, and said the show is designed to highlight the healing properties of the foods we eat.

"It is more than a cooking show. It is real people doing real things to change their lives for the better," said Beaven.

As currently planned, the first three episodes will focus on the healing power of ginger, while a fourth episode will look into foraging practices and even localize

the content with residents at the town's Ward Reservation.

The fifth, and currently final, episode brings the previous four into a conclusion by introducing Landry and following her to capture a day in her life. The episode was filmed largely on Monday, April 4, where an independent film producer filmed her at home, and then followed her to a yoga studio, a pond where she meditates and to her office in Olde Andover Village, where she worked with some of her clients.

It is literally "a day in my life, which shows how I weave in food and how I take care of myself wearing a number of hats," said Landry.

More filming is expected to take place in May to film a monthly team-building meeting at Landry's office.

"TIP is very stressful," said Landry. "The combination of eating well, exercise, meditation... These things enable me to bring the strongest person I have to give to someone in need."

Jai Bradford, the independent producer who is working with Beaven for the series, said the series will primarily be released through the web at Beaven's website, betseybeaven.com.

He and Beaven are working on marketing they hope will bring the show to television, possibly to PBS, Bradford said. As many as 10 episodes could be produced by the time the pilot is finished.

ENGAGEMENT

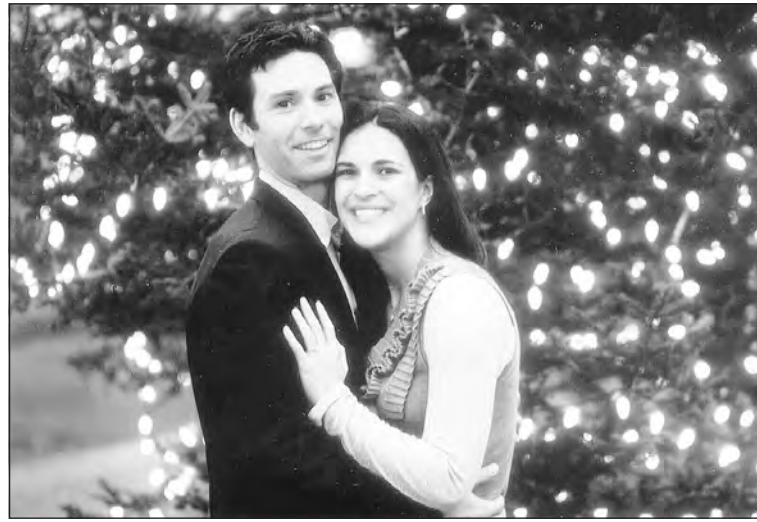
Charles Russo and Emily Guadagnoli

Ken and Jane Russo of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Charles Glen Russo, to Emily Anne Guadagnoli, daughter of Nancy Guadagnoli of Attleboro and Ed and Maureen Guadagnoli of Wayland.

Charlie is a graduate of Andover High School and the Newhouse School of Communications at Syracuse University. He is a proposal marketing writer at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin Inc. in Watertown.

Emily is a graduate of Attleboro High School and the College of Communications at Boston University. She is the manager of media relations at Commonwealth Financial Network of Waltham.

A January 2012 wedding is planned.



SENIOR CENTER NEWS

Andover Senior Center is located at 30 Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlett St. Its hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required for all events, which are open to entire community, pending space. Call for information: 978-623-8321, or visit andoverseniorcenter.org

Mark Twain's "Life on the Mississippi": A look at pre-Civil War America; Tuesdays April 12, 19, & 26; 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. \$16. Explore America's coming-of-age in literature, economics and world history. Focus on Twain's time as a riverboat pilot, the happiest time of his life. Call for information on suggested text. Ned Martin, instructor.

A New Definition of Health & Wellness: Thursday, April 7 and 14, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. \$6. Learn simple self-tests which can empower us to take our daily health care back into our own hands. Local chiropractor

for 25 years, Dr. Kish is also a former NY State trooper with a bachelor's degree in psychology.

The Crystal Ballroom At The Townhouse Spring Fling: Sunday, April 10, 6 p.m. at the Andover Town House. Instruction from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. with dancing from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Ballroom, swing, Latin and line dancing. Live band, cash bar and refreshments. This ongoing event is a partnership between the Senior Center and the Andovers Village at Home (TAVAH). \$10 single, \$18 couple for advance tickets at TAVAH (call 978-623-0070) or the Senior Center. Tickets at the door \$12 single, \$20 couple.

Men's Breakfast: Bell Time, Friday, April 15; 8:30 a.m. \$4. Bob Frishman, founder of Andover's Bell-Time Clocks, will present dozens of images of clocks from the 16th to 20th centuries. Attendees are invited to bring old clocks to

the event for verbal appraisal and identification.

TRIP: Massachusetts State House Tour. Wednesday, April 20; 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$23 includes transportation, private State House tour and a Swan Boat trip. Following our tour, lunch will be on your own at the State House cafeteria.

High Tea and History: Andover Historical Society. Wednesday, April 20; 2 p.m. Free. Join Andover Historical Society president Norma Gammon here at the Senior Center as she talks about the Historical Society's 100 years of service to the town, and describes some of the celebrations and event that will be hosted during the Society's centennial year. Bring your own stories about the Historical Society to share! Held here.

In recognition of Earth Day: "Going, going Gone! Andover Goes Green." Friday, April 22;

9 a.m. Free; This energy conservation presentation will highlight the measures taken by Andover's Plant & Facilities Department resulting in annual energy savings of over \$750,000 as well as three major energy awards, grants and rebates in excess of \$900,000. Speaker: Joe Piantedosi, Acting Director of Plant & Facilities. Senior Center outdoor groups also represented.

Brown Bag luncheon: The Women of 1775. Wednesday April 27; 12 p.m. \$2; will include your dessert and beverage. This film, covers life in a war camp and medical treatment for troops. Infused with period music, it explores women's roles in battles against the British. Dan Trembley, filmmaker. Registration is required.

Coral Reefs and the threat of Global Climate Change: Thursday, April 21; 1:30 to 3 p.m. Free; This presentation will cover the potential impact of global climate change and global warming including the dynamics of both processes on coral reefs. Findings from the Pew Report on Global Climate Change will also be touched on. Presented by Dr. Kenneth Thomas, Professor of Biology at Northern Essex Community College.

Get Organized in Four Weeks: Thursdays, April 28 to May 19, 1:30 p.m. \$20; Professional organizer, Susan Walko. Practical techniques on how to tackle the small stuff to establish a new way of staying organized.

MARCH FIRST BIRTHDAYS



Avery Nicholson
Avery Catherine Nicholson celebrated her first birthday on March 25. She is the daughter of Jonny and Natalie Nicholson of Andover. Grandparents are Frank and Cathy Greer of Madison, Wis., and Wayne and Kathy Nicholson of Dublin, Ohio. Her great-grandmother is Betty Greer of Springfield, Va. "Avery is a very happy and social little girl who loves to greet everyone with her first and favorite word, 'Hi.' She also loves playing with her big brother Wyatt and her dogs Zora and Jasmine," according to her family.



William Remis
William Michael Remis celebrated his first birthday on March 12. He is the son of Cindy and Matthew Remis of North Andover and the little brother of Abigail and Emma Remis. Proud grandparents are David and Elyayne Weener, formerly of Andover, and Judy and Shepard Remis of Swampscott. "William loves to go to swimming lessons and music class but his favorite thing to do is play with his two big sisters," according to his family.

April First Birthdays are due April 24, and can be e-mailed to townsman@andovertownsm.com



Andover's Joyce Bakski, far left, helped prepare the Boston garden show for its closeup.

Andover woman helped stage Boston flower show

The large greenhouse at the Elm Bank headquarters of the Massachusetts Horticultural Society buzzes with activity earlier this month. But it isn't flowers that were holding everyone's attention: it was a hundred large cubes and cylinders in a dazzling array of shapes. Each one had to be sanded, primed and painted a specific color.

Welcome to the staging area for the Boston Flower & Garden Show, or at least Mass Hort's large piece of it. Called 'Blooms!'

it encompassed amateur horticulture, floral design, photography and even a book store. Blooms! was a flower show within a flower show at the Boston Flower & Garden Show, an annual Boston tradition, which ran March 16-20 at The Seaport World Trade Center.

Additional staging was spruced up by volunteers under the supervision of the Division II chairwoman Joyce Bakski of Andover. Division II is the Open Class.

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Education

Deadline approaches on Andona \$2,000 scholarships

This year, The Andona Society will award five \$2,000 scholarships to graduating high school seniors whose official, permanent residence is in Andover. One of these awards

will be designated as a 766 PAC scholarship.

Seniors attending Andover High School, Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical High School or a private

school are eligible to apply for the scholarships. These scholarships are for one year only and are to be applied to the recipient's first year of post high school education.

Applications are now available at the Andover High School guidance office. Private school seniors can obtain applications on the Andona Society website, andona.org, or the Memorial

Hall Library website, mhl.org/andover. Students can also mail a request to: Andona Society, P.O. Box 256, Andover, MA 01810 Attn: Jen Pulsifer. AHS applications must be

postmarked and mailed to the above address no later than April 11, 2011

For more information on the Andona Society please visit our website: andona.org.

With liberty and a first-class ticket for all

Ken Seifert



It's a few weeks ago, and I am sitting on the patio in the mountains that overlook Tucson, Ariz. For the past 15 years, my wife Norma and I have been fortunate to be in this special place for a couple of weeks each winter.

I have the TV on and possess the clicker. She is reading one of her novels. Quickly I go through the channels. Earthquake in Japan. Oil may hit five dollars a barrel. Border guards capture illegal immigrants. Lybia may or may not fall. Wisconsin in the midst of a civil war. Arizona might secede from the union. Watch out for the Muslims, they want to overthrow the country. Republicans say Democrats have the wrong answers. Democrats say Republicans are sore losers. The rest of the voters are confused by the whole thing. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gates donate millions to wipe out malaria in Africa. Send \$10 to Red Cross for Japanese relief. The Japanese ambassador to the US says the Japanese sincerely thank American people for their generosity. Some people in Iraq and Afghanistan say, Yankees Go Home! American youth willing to give lives for freedom. Wall Street executives still making millions after poor performance. March Madness will divert our attention for a few weeks.

I turned off the TV and concluded: Some people are generous and good people. Some are savages. Some people really don't know what they are talking about. People are capable of almost any kind of behavior.

I then turned on my favorite radio station that played Golden Oldies. After a few from the past, Tony Bennett began to sing "If I Ruled the World" (1965). Some of the lyrics were: *If I ruled the world, every man would say the world was his friend. Every head would be held high, there'd be sunshine in everyone's sky. If the days ever dawned, when I ruled the world.*

I then connected the song to and an idea. Tom Friedman has recently written a best seller suggesting the earth is flat in certain respects. I like the notion, but I prefer the concept of Buckminster Fuller, an architect, when he stated, "We are all on the spaceship Earth traveling through eternity." I think this describes our home quite accurately. Norma has added to this by saying we should all be first class passengers.

History has shown me that some people understand equality and first class for all. Some do not. The Chinese have a quotation that interpreted says, "The journey of a thousand miles begins with the first step. Since man has been the dominant animal on the spacecraft, I think we have just about put our space walking shoes on. How about in the next 200 years of our journey, we take a planned first step. It is to provide food, clothing and shelter for everyone on board? Once we provide the basics, we might be surprised at the number of people who will allow others to live in peace, respect each other's religions and consider our little heavenly body a community in the most positive terms?"

It sounds so simple. There I go again with my daydreaming. If we haven't figured it out in the last 20,000 years, who am I to have a solution? Better minds than I have wrestled with the problem. Norma then interrupted my godlike idea and reminded me it was time to go to the local cafe and get a chile relleno.

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



An Andover Destination Imagination team will head to the DI "Globals" at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, May 25 to 28. Team members are, back row: Andover High junior and team coach Robert Hsu, Dario Tagliaferri and Josh Combs; middle row: Emily Wagner and Ananda Kao; and, sitting, Daniella Tagliaferri and Maria Tagliaferri. Missing from the photo is parent and coach Stephanie Maze-Hsu.

Young team to compete at global problem-solving contest

Five Andover Destination Imagination teams made state competition

An elementary-school-age Destination Imagination team coached by a high school student and his mom will head to Tennessee next month to represent Andover at the Global Finals Competition.

"One of the most incredible feelings was not watching them win, but hearing them say when they realized they were the only Andover team advancing, 'We need to represent the whole town of Andover now! And we need to win for them,'" said Andover High junior and coach Robert Hsu.

Destination Imagination is the world's largest creative problem-solving organization where teams of students work for seven months on a problem, and then present their solution in a team-generated skit at the tournaments.

Two weeks ago, 18 Andover teams, comprised of over 120 students from kindergarten through grade 11, competed in all four age groups and on all six problems at the Regional Destination Imagination Tournament at Triton Regional High School, against approximately 60 other teams from the Merrimack Valley area. This was one of the largest contingents Andover has sent to Regionals during its 20 years of competition, according to those involved.

Five of those teams placed first in their problems and headed off to the DI State Competition last week. Two of the teams placed at the state competition, and one, an elementary team, placed first and has the honor of representing the town and state at the Global Finals Competition in May.

This year, the elementary team advancing to Globals competed in the Improvisational Challenge, Mission Mythology and is comprised of five West Elementary students and one High Plain Elementary student. The team - Emily Wagner, Josh Combs, Ananda Kao, Daniella Tagliaferri, Maria Tagliaferri and Dario Tagliaferri - competed against eight other teams in their age group from across Massachusetts at the states competition held March 26 at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

Prior to the tournament, the team researched eight nations around the world and learned about their mythological creatures. At states, the team performed a skit based on their research on Iceland and presented an improvisational story about their mythological creature, Elves, using two props and one connector prop that were selected minutes before their performance. The team had 5 minutes

to come up with a story using all three items and to develop a "Master Prop." They also encountered an "unexpected problem" during their performance that they needed to integrate into their skit, along with a creative attempt to overcome this obstacle.

The team is coached by Robert Hsu, who has participated in DI for eight years, and this year competed on a senior level team that placed second at Regionals, and won a Renaissance Award for Design and Engineering, and his mom, Stephanie Maze-Hsu, who has coached DI in Andover for more than 13 years. After their victory, Maze-Hsu said in a release, "Each member contributed something very important to the performance and several of them took on roles they don't typically assume."

The team will now head to the Destination Imagination "Globals" held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, May 25-May 28. More than 17,000 competitors from all 50 states and over 30 countries around the world, will compete in five DI challenges.

Interested in DI? New teams will be forming in September. For more information, visit MADI.org.

BOOK REVIEW

Weird 'Payne' is riveting

REVIEWED BY CAROLINE LU
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

You Killed Wesley Payne is weird. This is a good thing.

The novel, by Sean Beaudoin, details the escapades of a high school private detective, Dalton Rev, as he investigates the alleged suicide of Wesley Payne. Wesley's body was covered with duct tape and hung from the goalpost of Salt River High School's football field. Dalton has transferred to Salt River, where a complex hierarchy of social cliques coexist (not peacefully). On his first day, Dalton is urged by the school secretary to choose an affiliation: "Rockers or jocks. A new fish like yourself would be smart to pick a side."

You Killed Wesley Payne (Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2011) is part crime mystery, part turf war. When Dalton arrives at Salt River, two reigning cliques, Pinker Casket (rockers) and Balls (jocks) are about to clash. In addition to solving the mystery of Wesley Payne's death, Dalton takes it upon himself to manage the inevitable clique collision, as well as locate the principal's missing \$100,000. All for a profit, of course. He must be finished by Saturday, his deadline to order body armor for his brother in Iraq.

Beaudoin describes modern high school life with a unique urban rhythm. His depiction of high school is insane but riveting, exaggerated yet truthful. Beaudoin manages to capture the swagger and slang, the struggle and strife of high school society. His satirical style is reminiscent of Kurt Vonnegut.

You Killed Wesley Payne seems to convey a message about something deeper than high school survival skills. I found myself drawing parallels between Salt River High and the real world: the constant struggle for power, the fight for wealth and the wealth of corruption, the balance between dictatorship and democracy. The novel seems to imply that maybe high school isn't a time for some kids to study and for some to screw around, for some kids to prepare for college and for some to party. Maybe high school is a time to make mistakes and learn from them, a time to realize what you want in life. Maybe high school is a time to realize what kind of person you are.

On a scale of strangeness, You Killed Wesley Payne teeters between "Perfectly Weird" and "What Just Happened?" Some elements of the plot are a little too weird. Certain satirical plot twists don't quite make sense.

It also seems like the ending is not up to par with the rest of the novel. It is difficult to piece together all the given information to understand the intricate plot. The final conclusion seems dismal.

I give You Killed Wesley Payne 8 out of 10 stars. Sean Beaudoin's literary prowess is clear. He has created an exciting, modern novel that will keep readers on their toes. Beaudoin's depiction of high school and of society is humorous yet honest, strange but true.

The writer is an Andover resident and student who reviews books for other young adults.

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Arts & Entertainment

END OF AN ERA CAPTURED ON FILM

Andover filmmaker tells stories of the last generation of Iron Curtain kids

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

MY PERESTROIKA

Robin Hessman has literally travelled a long way since her time in a local youth acting group called Jellybeans. Since leaving Andover, the filmmaker's work has brought her to the Moscow set of the Russian version of Sesame Street, and then to the 2010 Sundance Film Festival, where her Russian documentary received rave reviews.

It's been a whirlwind of praise for Hessman ever since.

The filmmaker grew up on Rolling Ridge Road in Andover, where her parents, Erika and Lawrence Hessman, still live. Her brother, Mark, lives in Wisconsin.

This Pike School and Phillips Academy graduate's feature documentary, "My Perestroika," is what the buzz is all about. The documentary is an intimate portrait of the last generation of Soviet children brought up

Who: Feature documentary by filmmaker Robin Hessman, who was raised in Andover
What: Follows five ordinary Russians, from childhood to the collapse of the Soviet Union during their teenage years, to the constantly shifting political landscape of post-Soviet Russia. Film shown in Russian with English subtitles.

Where: Coolidge Corner Theatre, 290 Harvard St., Brookline

When: Opens Friday, April 8; Special screening Sunday, April 10; Hessman will speak after the 3 p.m. show

More information: coolidge.org/content/my-perestroika/.



behind the Iron Curtain.

"Together, these five Muscovite classmates paint a complex picture of the hopes, dreams and disillusionment of those raised behind the Iron Curtain. Through candid first-person testimony, revealing verité footage, and vintage home movies, Hessman, who spent many years living in Moscow, reveals a Russia

rarely seen on film, where people speak frankly about their lives and country," is how the film is described on its website.

It opens at the Coolidge Corner Theatre in Brookline tomorrow, Friday, April 8.

"I never thought about it," is how Hessman responded when reminded of the praise. "It's been thrilling, exciting for me."

Since premiering at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival, "My Perestroika" has screened at some of the world's top documentary festivals, including Full Frame, where it won the Filmmaker Award. At the Silverdocs festival, it won the Special Jury Award, and the New Directors/New Films award.

It's obviously an impressive resume for the Andover-bred Hessman who said she was always a curious type of kid, especially about Russia and its people.

"I subscribed to 'Soviet Life' (magazine) when I was 10," she said.

"I remember being in the second grade at Pike and we played a game, U.S. vs. U.S.S.R. The U.S. was all the girls, U.S.S.R. was all the boys. It was 1979 and there was a lot of fear. I remember thinking, 'What if I was born there?'" she said.

Her curiosity about Russia got serious at Phillips Academy as

she was surrounded by faculty who were just as intellectually curious about the emerging new Russia.

"Phillips had the first high school exchange program with Siberia," she said proudly. "We had kids from there."

She was eager to see Russia for herself and eventually would.

Hessman graduated from Brown University with a dual degree in Russian and film. She earned her graduate degree in film directing from the All-Russian State Institute of Cinematography (VGIK) in Moscow (with a "red diploma" of honors).

During her eight years living in Russia, she worked for the Children's Television Workshop as the on-site producer of Ulitsa Sezam, the original Russian-language Sesame Street.

Closer to home, Hessman co-produced the documentary Tupperware!, which received the Peabody Award in 2005. She also co-produced the PBS biography

of Julia Child, Julia! America's Favorite Chef.

In 2004, she founded Red Square Productions and was named Filmmaker in Residence at Boston's PBS affiliate, WGBH, to develop "My Perestroika."

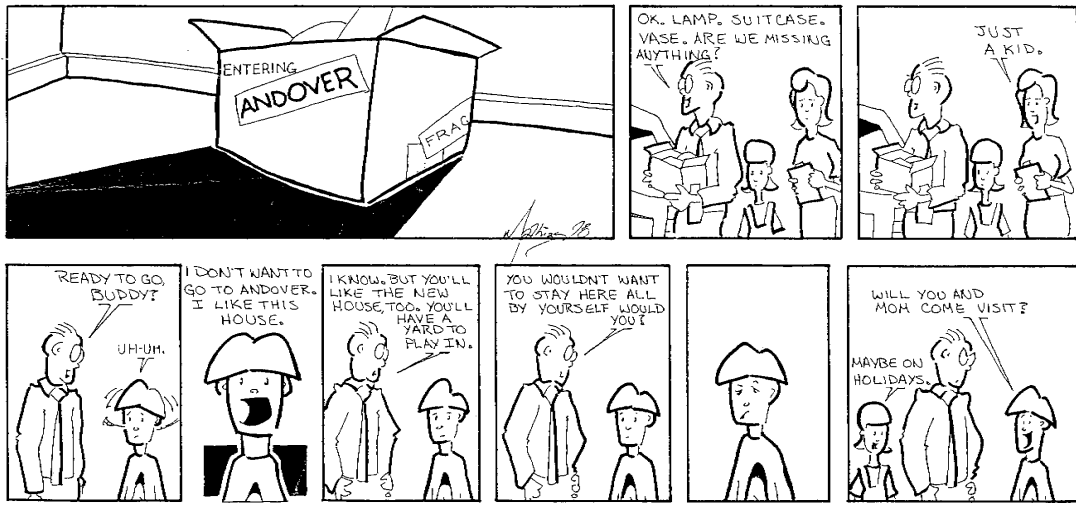
The film was a labor of love as it took six years to make.

"I saw hope and excitement among the people, even when there was no food and there were coupons for rations," she said.

That hope kept her motivated.

Now 38, she is an associate of Harvard University's Davis Center for Russia and Eurasian Studies. Since 2006, she has served as the director of documentary programming for Amfest, the American Film Festival in Moscow.

The film promises to teach the history of a place from the people who lived it, "like attending a party in an unfamiliar city and discovering the place's secrets from the guests," as one film critic wrote.



The first Entering Andover brought a new family to town. For the first few years, the comic was a joint effort by editor Neil Fater and Don Mathias, but Mathias soon took over the role of both writing and illustrating the comic.

'Entering Andover' making its exit

FROM THE ARTIST

Andover native and "Entering Andover" comic artist Don Mathias is stepping away from the Townsman comic to devote more time to other personal and professional opportunities.

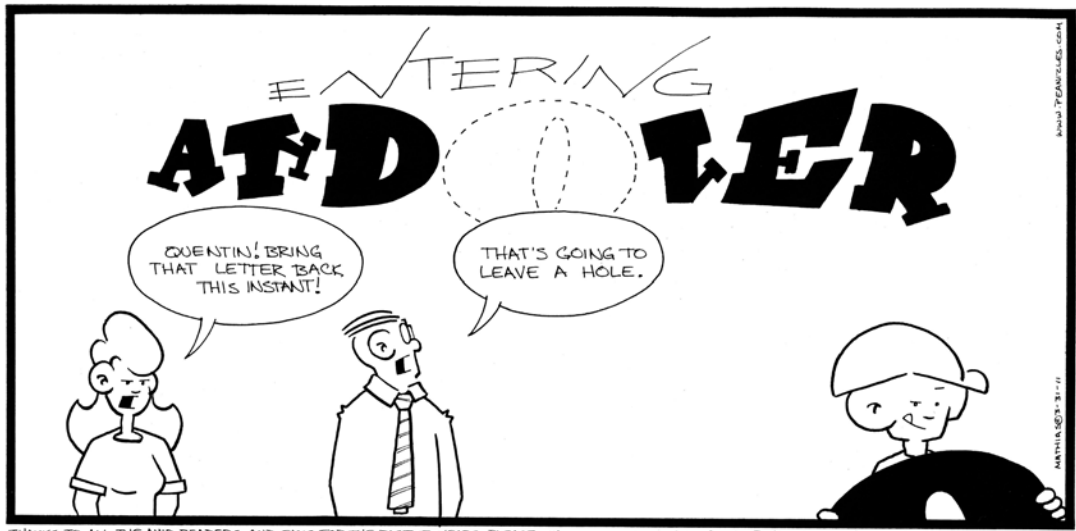
The illustrator and cartoonist grew up in Andover, and is a product of the Andover school system, having graduated from Andover High in 1989. A graduate of Montserrat College of Art, his "Entering Andover" has appeared in the Andover Townsman for 13 years. Another Mathias comic, Peanzizles can be followed online at peanzizles.com.

Mathias will have a booth at the Boston ComicCon Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1, and be married this summer.

Dear Faithful "Entering Andover" Readers,
In case you're wondering, this is the final Entering Andover comic for the Townsman. Entering Andover was my first published comic strip out of college, and as such, has always maintained a special spot in my heart. Over the years the characters have grown and developed into friends that I could always rely on being there, and it was always fun to envision what Quentin and the gang were going to do next. But, as my comic career has grown, and as I prepare for a summer wedding, and life in general, I have less time to give Entering Andover the time it deserves. I thank every one of you for reading and hope that I've been able to bring a smile and the occasional laugh into your lives when you get the newspaper, and encourage you to read some of my other comics, like Peanzizles, at peanzizles.com.
See you in the funny pages.



- Don Mathias



THANKS TO ALL THE AVID READERS AND FANS FOR THE PAST 13 YEARS. PLEASE CHECK OUT MY OTHER COMIC, PEANZIZLES.COM - D 603

Brazil's Assad Brothers go back to roots

April 8 concert at Phillips Academy



Sergio and Odair Assad will perform Friday at Phillips

On Friday, April 8, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present "De Volta as Raizes (Back to Our Roots)" with Sergio and Odair Assad, guitar, Clarice Assad, piano and vocals, Christiane Karam, vocals, and Keita Ogawa, percussion.

This concert will take place in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. There will be a \$10 admission at the door, with no tickets required. Phillips Academy community is welcome for free with ID.

"Brazilian-born brothers Sergio and Odair Assad have set the benchmark for all other guitarists by creating a new standard of guitar innovation, ingenuity

and expression," according to a release from the school. "Their exceptional artistry and uncanny ensemble playing come from both a family rich in Brazilian musical tradition and from studies with the best guitarists in South America. In addition to setting new performance standards, the Assads have played a major role in creating and introducing new music for two guitars. Their virtuosity has inspired a wide range of composers to write for them including Astor Piazzolla, Terry Riley, Radamés Gnattali, Marlos

Nobre, Nikita Koshkin, Roland Dyens, Jorge Morel, Edino Krieger and Francisco Mignone. Now Sergio Assad is adding to their repertoire by composing music for the duo and for various musical partners both with Symphony Orchestra and in recitals. They have worked extensively with such renowned artists as Yo-Yo Ma, Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg, Fernando Suarez Paz, Paquito D'Rivera, Gidon Kremer and Dawn Upshaw."

The Assads began playing the guitar together at an early age and went on to study for seven years with guitar/lutenist Monina Távora, a disciple of Andrés Segovia. Their international career began with a major prize at the 1979 Young Artists Competition in Bratislava. Odair is based in Brussels where he teaches at Ecole Supérieure des Arts. Sergio resides in San Francisco, where he is on the faculty of the SF Conservatory, and Paris.

Special ACM Season finale will pull your strings

Andover Chamber Music on Sunday will present "Adventures & Yearning," a show for all ages and its season finale on Sunday, April 10 at 4 p.m. at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover.

Andover Chamber Music's final concert of the 2010-11 season is described by the group as featuring "an entertaining, highly imaginative work by acclaimed Boston Composer, Michael Gandolfi, Pinocchio's Adventures in Funland, which is a retelling, in music and spoken word, of a few of the many adventures of Carlo Collodi's manic marionette. The ever-winsome renowned former radio host, Richard Knisely, is back by popular demand as storyteller."

Although intended as a piece for a young audience, Julie Scolnik, artistic director, believes the



Allison Eldredge Irina Muresanu Todd Palmer Heng-Jin Park

piece is "too good not to share with her adult audiences."

The program also includes a rarely-played single-movement Piano Trio by Shostakovich; Tarantella for flute, clarinet and piano by Saint Saens, as well as Brahms' romantic Clarinet Trio. About the Trio, Brahms' friend Eusebius Mandyczewski, a respected musical scholar, wrote to the composer, "It is as though the instruments were in

love with each other."

Clarinetist and Grammy award winner Todd Palmer, a favorite ACM artist, returns for this performance, as well as Boston Trio members cellist Allison Eldredge, violinist Irina Muresanu, and pianist Heng-Jin Park, who makes her ACM debut.

Tickets are \$30. Order online at AndoverChamberMusic.org, email sales@AndoverChamberMusic.org, or call 978-474-6222.

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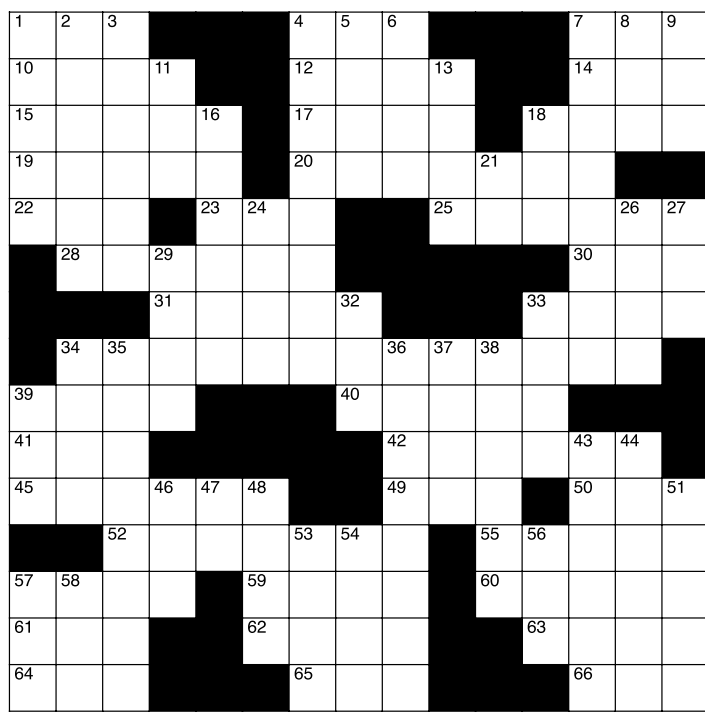
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- 1. Male sheep
- 4. Make an explosive noise
- 7. Upper left keyboard key
- 10. Freshwater duck genus
- 12. Armenian King 928-953
- 14. House member title (abbr.)
- 15. Starchy food made of dried orchid tubers
- 17. Haystack
- 18. Afrikaans
- 19. Sylvia ____, Am. poet
- 20. Takes upon oneself
- 22. Adult female hog
- 23. Irritate
- 25. Quarrels
- 28. Appropriate for young women
- 30. Chest cavity bone
- 31. Directed a weapon
- 33. Nothing more than
- 34. Keyboard partner
- 39. Meets the Danube at Belgrave
- 40. Adult male pigs
- 41. Point midway between NE and E
- 42. Least crazy
- 45. Ricochets
- 49. Coach Parseghian
- 50. __ Te Ching by Lao Tzu
- 52. Dead body of a human being
- 55. Plural of 18 across
- 57. Indication of skin damage
- 59. Oasis (Arabic)
- 60. A legally

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Coarse files
- 2. Opposite of digital
- 3. Lilongwe is the capital
- 4. Slender long-tailed parrots
- 5. Obeahs
- 6. Political action committees
- 7. Expungings
- 8. A very large body of water
- 9. Jr. to a sergeant (abbr.)
- 11. Disappear beyond the horizon
- 13. Bonxie
- 16. Metacomet of Pokanoket

- 18. Two-year-old sheep
- 21. Mister
- 24. New Zealand red pine
- 26. Irish Republic
- 27. One point E of due S
- 29. 7th avatar of Vishnu
- 32. Woman making her debut (abbr.)
- 33. A guiding spirit
- 34. Town of Jesus' 1st miracle
- 35. Surmounted
- 36. Prayer beads
- 37. Picasso's mistress
- 38. Rich in decorative detail
- 39. Unit of time
- 43. A set of steps
- 44. Toilet powder
- 46. Paddle
- 47. Doctor of Medicine
- 48. Board cutters
- 51. Port of ancient Rome
- 53. River in South Africa
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- 57. Opposite of LTM
- 58. Br. University town river

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THURSDAY, APRIL 7

BOOK TALK, "Team of Rivals," 1 to 2:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. Bring a brown bag lunch, desserts provided. Register at mhl.org (calendar of events), 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

"FAREWELL MY SUBARU" AUTHOR TALK, journalist Doug Fine talks about reducing your carbon footprint, 1:30 p.m., free, Northern Essex Community College's Haverhill Campus, Lecture Hall A, the Spurk Building, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill: karford@nec.mass.edu, 978-556-3353.

SCRAPBOOK WORKSHOP, free, with Deanna Czarniecki, an independent Stampin' Up Demonstrator from Tewksbury, on creating a scrapbook page, 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. Participants are asked to bring 3-5 photos with the same theme. They can also bring their paper cutter, if they have one. Deanna will supply scrapbook paper, paper cutters, adhesives and embellishments. Registration is required, 978-664-4942.

LIVE THEATER, Pippin, Endicott College, 7:30 p.m., the Rose Performance Hall in the Center for the Arts at Endicott College, Beverly, \$15; endicott.edu/centerforthearts, 978-998-7700, Becca Kennealy, Chair of the Endicott College Performing Arts Department, rkeneal@endicott.edu. May not be suitable for young audiences due to strong language and adult content. Shows also on April 8, 7:30 p.m., April 9, 2 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8

SPELLING BEE, Andover Fund for Education, West Middle School, 7 p.m. Fun family event featuring adult teams from schools, local businesses and community organizations. Free admission.

TALK ON IMMIGRATION CRISIS, with Pulitzer Prize-Winning author and journalist Sonia Nazario. Nazario, who has spent 20 years reporting and writing about social issues, most recently worked for the Los Angeles Times, noon, in the Technology Center on Northern

Essex Community College's Haverhill Campus, 100 Elliott St., Haverhill; Niurka Aybar, 978-738-7437, naybar@nec.mass.edu.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

EASTER EGG HUNT, apartment of Community Services hosts, for kids ages 2 to 10, games, prizes, pictures with the Spring Bunny and egg decorating, 10-11:30 a.m., Recreation Park. Pre-registration required, fee is \$10/child; 978-623-8274, andoverma.gov/dcs.

COFFEE HOUSE, young people show talents in various art forms, Andover Baptist Church, 4 to 6 p.m.; Alicia Darnell, 919-368-5764.

2011 SPRING SING, All-Town Chorus Concert, choruses from the Andover High School, the middle schools and select elementary schools present a musical celebration of voices; two shows, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; West Middle School, Shawsheen Road; free, but tickets are required as space is limited. Tickets available by contacting mmccer@apst.net or through chorus members.

LIVE BLUEGRASS MUSIC, Claire Lynch, winner of two International Bluegrass Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year awards, 8 p.m., Crossroads Coffeehouse of the North Parish UU Church, Old Center Hall, second floor, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover, \$20; crossroadscoffeehouse.org using PayPal, and at Fabulous Findz at 85 Main St., North Andover and at the door; 978-687-3960, or call 978-687-7948 on concert nights after 5:30 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC, family concert with John Korajick, who plays clarinet and saxophone and is an award-winning band and jazz ensemble teacher in the Lowell schools, 3 to 4 p.m., recommended for children ages 5 and up, instrument petting zoo follows, Flint Memorial Library, Park St., North Reading; flintmemoriallibrary.org.

SUNDAY, APRIL 10

5K ROAD RACE, hosted by ABC of Andover, starts at 34 Main St., Andover, 9:30 a.m., (rain or shine), \$20, part of the funds raised go to the tsunami relief efforts in Japan; abc5krun@

Crystal Ballroom Lindy Hops in April 10

In the 1940s, when the jitterbug, the Lindy Hop and the big bands reigned, young people from Andover would spend Saturday nights dancing and listening to the popular music of the era at the Crystal Ballroom on Haverhill Street.

Times changed, and the Crystal Ballroom closed. The space is used for other purposes. But those who danced at the ballroom say they'll never forget it.

Now, with ballroom dancing experiencing a Renaissance, fueled by such films as "Strictly Ballroom," "Shall We Dance?", and popular shows like "Dancing with the Stars" the Crystal Ballroom has made a come back.

On April 10 from 6 to 10 p.m., the Crystal Ballroom will come alive again at an event called "The Crystal Ballroom at the Town House Spring Fling," at Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., Andover.

This event is sponsored by The Andovers Village at Home and the Andover Senior Center, with financial support from Bank of New England.

The five-piece band, the Comeback Kids, will provide live music. Dance Infusion of Andover will provide instruction from 6 to 7 p.m. for those unfamiliar with ballroom dancing, or who'd like to refresh their skills.

Advance tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$18 for couples and can be purchased at the Andover Bookstore, TAVAH in Old Town Hall (978-623-0070) or at the Andover Senior Center, behind 36 Bartlet St. (978-623-8321). Tickets may also be purchased at the door at a cost of \$12 for individuals and \$20 for couples.

The Crystal Ballroom will return again in the fall on Oct. 23 with a gala Masquerade Ball.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CREATIVE LIVING INC., cordially invites the community to the 25th Annual Meeting, Sons of Italy Hall, 155 Marston St., Lawrence.

AUTHOR READING, Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah, award-winning writer Joan Leegant, of "Wherever You Go," that follows three Americans in Jerusalem, 7 to 9 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Andover; hadassahmv@gmail.com.

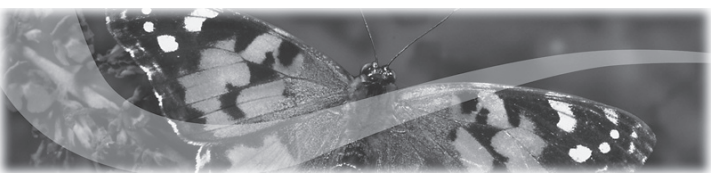
LIVE THEATER, The Edwards Twins bring their new That 70s Show to Stoneham, through April 17, 7:30 p.m., \$28-\$32, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200, stonehamtheatre.org.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15

CARD & GAME PARTY LUNCHEON, sponsored by the Shawsheen Village Woman's, 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover, \$20 admission, \$5 Raffle Fee, lunch included; (978) 475-2645.

LIVE BIG BAND, In the Mood, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 7:30 p.m., features a 13-piece big band orchestra and 6 singer/swing dancers, \$34.50 and up; ticketmaster.com.

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Sullivan had seat at Platinum Plus table

Barbara Sullivan of RE/MAX Partners in Andover was invited to the Taj Hotel in Boston to participate in the renowned Platinum Plus Breakfast Series recently. This was an exclusive event for RE/MAX Platinum Plus brokers of New England. The guest speaker was Rich Botham, Boston Celtics team president.

Sullivan has repeatedly surpassed her peers in the real estate industry. With more than 20 years of experience, she is renowned and sought after for her real estate expertise, according to a release from her company.

Sullivan lives locally with her husband Joe and raised her two children, Dana and Matthew, who are both attending schools in the Merrimack Valley.

Meetings are held the second Thursday of the month in Danvers. Guests are always welcome, and the guest fee is \$10 at the door (no fee for HBN members). No pre-registration necessary for this meeting.

Emptoris names Andover native CMO

Emptoris Inc., a provider of strategic supply management, enterprise contract management and telecom expense management solutions, has promoted Andover native Lori Webber to Chief Marketing Officer.

Webber, who will report directly to CEO Patrick Quirk, will continue to lead the company's global marketing efforts with responsibility for all aspects of marketing including product marketing, corporate communications, field and partner marketing programs, as well as new product introductions and launches.

"In her time with Emptoris, Lori Webber has become a key part of the senior management team. As Emptoris continues to grow and expand globally, the company needs a CMO of Webber's caliber to ensure that its investments in global marketing are highly effective and clearly communicate the value that Emptoris solutions deliver," Quirk said in a release.

Prior to joining Emptoris, Lori Webber served as senior vice president and CMO at SupplyScape Corporation, a provider of software and services that secure safety and value in the pharmaceutical supply chain. Prior to SupplyScape, Webber served as vice president of marketing at Dassault Systems, a provider of 3D and product lifecycle management software.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Martha Edgar, 81, who has been working as a dental hygienist since 1951, is retiring from the office of Dr. Randall Tucker in Andover.

SIX DECADES AT THE DENTIST'S CHAIR

At 81, local hygienist retires

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Kids have fewer cavities now — possibly because there is fluoride in town water. Crowns, bridges and implants are more and more popular. In general, people are taking better care of their teeth and keeping their pearly whites longer.

Those are some of the changes seen by Andover dental hygienist Martha "Marty" Edgar, who, until last week, had worked in the business since 1951 and has taken care of teeth for three generations of Andover families. Now, 81, she officially retired March 31 after 42 years in Andover at Dr. Randall Tucker's office on North Main Street, next to Whole Foods.

"It was time," she said, simply. "We have a summer place in Wolfeboro (N.H.)."

"I garden," she said. "We'll see what the fall brings."

Her retirement may have come nearly 20 years after some people might choose, but Edgar obviously enjoyed her job — a lot.

Edgar began working as a dental hygienist in 1951, after graduating from the University of Pennsylvania School of Oral Hygiene. She only took time off from 1961-1968 to be a stay-at-home mom.

"Marty brought energy and a smile to work every single day. Her clinical skills have made her a credit to her profession, but her most wonderful talent is the ability to connect and converse with the widest variety of people you can imagine," according to her boss, Dr. Randall Tucker. "It takes a great listener and a sense of humor to be able to do that and over the years she has heard it all. I will truly miss working with Marty and I know that the patients

of the office will miss her dearly."

A self-described "morning person," she was still all business on her first day of retirement.

"I got a haircut this morning," she said when asked what she was doing. She now joins her husband, Gordon Edgar, in retirement.

The couple formerly lived on Shawshen Road for 25 years, from 1959 to 1984. Their two children, Kristen and Mark, graduated from Andover High School. The Edgars, grandparents of two boys, now live in Salem, N.H.

In 1969, Marty Edgar started working for Dr. Joseph Gemmell, DMD, at 166 North Main St. in Andover. When Gemmell died in 1992, the practice was purchased by Tucker and Edgar stayed on.

"She has patients who have left the Andover area, but travel from the Cape, Maine, New Hampshire, even Europe, to have her clean their teeth," said Edgar's daughter, Kristen Haystead of Tewksbury. "People really enjoy seeing her."

Haystead quipped, "I hope I get her genes."

Tap into Emotion

Join the Homebased Businesswomen's Network Inc. on Thursday, April 14, at 7 p.m. at the Peabody Institute Library of Danvers, 15 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA, to learn how to tap the power of emotion to help clients and prospects remember your message. HBN invites members and guests to enjoy this informative evening program with networking opportunities.

Do you know what emotions to tap to make a strong and memorable impression on clients or prospects? In this workshop, "Use the Power of Emotion to Create Lasting Impressions," speaker Elizabeth Benson will explain the six universal emotions that you can invoke to help you make strong connections with clients and prospects — and create a message they'll remember about your product or service.

Outdoor dining?



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Celina Griffin of Andover pushes a stroller with her two children in it along the sidewalk in front of Brasserie 28 Restaurant and Lounge at 2 Elm Square, formerly Bin 28. The owners have proposed seasonal outdoor seating for the sidewalk in front of the restaurant, located inside the Musgrove building.

NaviSite helped Dare Family Services' foster kids

Each year, helping foster youth to have a better holiday season is an important goal of foster care agencies. Dare Family Services, a local foster care agency specializing in providing therapeutic care to kids and teens who have been severely abused or neglected, reports

it was fortunate this past year to receive assistance from NaviSite Inc., headquartered in Andover.

Each year, NaviSite hosts a giving tree at their office and chooses a non-profit organization to support. It selected Dare Family Services as its recipient

of toys and gifts purchased in the name of a foster child. For what it expects will become an annual event, NaviSite invited Dare to its company holiday party as special guests. At the event, Dare was the recipient of NaviSite's corporate raffle, which raised more than \$1,000 for the children. The money was on top of the toys and gifts donated by NaviSite employees.

Lisa Santoro, billing manager and coordinator of the Giving Tree and raffle said, "It was

our pleasure to work with Dare Family Services this holiday season. It was also wonderful to see the outpouring of generosity from our employees, who really embraced this organization and made the holidays special for so many kids."

"The holidays can be extremely tough for our foster youth," Juliet Askenase, Program Director of Dare Family Services — Northeast, said in a release. "They are away from their families; they are afraid they will be overlooked in their foster family; in some instances a lot of past trauma occurred around holidays. It could be a really stressful time for them."

The holiday party and gift drive at Dare is funded entirely by donations, and because of the support from companies such as NaviSite, each foster child and teen in the care of Dare Family Services is able to receive items from their holiday wish list.

Askenase states, "Foster youth can come in to placement at any moment, so with the raffle donations, it is so nice to have items on hand such as games, books, toys, and gift cards to be able to provide to them, it can really light up a child's face."

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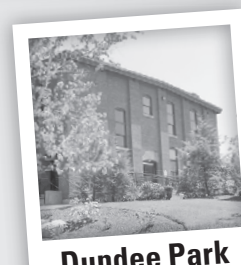
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Sports

OFF AND RUNNING

Andover's Voorhees 'the key' for Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Simon Voorhees tossed in the fact like it was nothing special.

"Late last year I performed the opera 'The Italian Girl in Algiers,'" he said. "It was in another language (Italian) but we translated it into English first."

Voorhees has performed in operas, musicals, at church and other events during his time training as a classical singer.

But the Andover High senior is better known for his accomplishments as the star distance runner for the powerhouse Golden Warriors track team, which was scheduled to open its season on Wednesday.

"Andover's been waiting for a distance runner of Simon's caliber for a long time," said Warriors coach Peter Comeau. "Simon and his 4x800 relay are keys to us winning a state championship this season."

Voorhees enters the spring season red hot after he grabbed third in the mile and ran the anchor of the 4x800 relay that was victorious at Division 1 states during the indoor track season.

But, initially, Voorhees struggled to find success on the track.

"When Simon was in the ninth grade he didn't test well (in the preseason)," said Comeau. "He's someone that has worked so hard and persevered. I remember when he was a sophomore he ran well at the freshman/sophomore meet. That's when we knew we had something."

The following indoor season, as a junior, Voorhees delivered a breakout campaign when he took third in the mile (4:25.35) and ran the anchor leg of the 4x800 relay that won at Division 1 states. That relay then took third at All-States.

Voorhees was thrilled to continue that momentum in the spring season, but he was quickly derailed.

"I woke up one morning and I was in pain," he said. "I had pulled a muscle in my gluteus minimus and I have no idea how I pulled it. They said it wouldn't be a big problem, but it wouldn't go away."

"It wasn't a severe injury, but it threw off my

training schedule. It was at the time in the season (around MVC meet) that I couldn't recover my form. I ran state relays in pain and I ran (Eastern Mass) Division 1 states in pain and didn't have much success. It wasn't until I took some time off that I started to feel right again."

Voorhees was back on track in cross country season. He won the state coaches' meet (15:55.5K) and all but one dual meet.

He was even better in indoor track. He won the mile at the MSTCA (4:21.94), took third at Division 1 states (4:23.28) and fourth at All-States (4:19.03), threatening Peter Shaw's school record (4:18.03). He also set the MVC Meet record in the two-mile (9:33.12) and excelled in the 4x800.

After the injury a season ago, Voorhees was sure to take time off between the two track seasons.

"I took a week off, and I was itching to get back on the streets and train again," he said. "Things like running from my car to the front door, I would think to myself, 'I'm running. I want to keep going.' But I have been running straight since July. I needed some rest. I had started to feel sluggish."

Voorhees now has his eyes set on success at not just his signature event — the mile — but also in the two mile and 800-meter.

"I want to be a comprehensive runner," he said. "I get to train in different styles. The 2-mile is a lot more strategy and the 800 is short."

Comeau is expecting plenty of big accomplishments as the weather grows warmer.

"For Simon to establish himself as one of the top distance runners in the state and running for us is great," said the coach. "Andover has always been called a sprinting team. But him and his (distance) teammates have made us a more balanced team."

THE VOICE

Voorhees is one of a group of Golden Warrior tracksters that is talented in music.

"I first sang in a regional choir when I was in third grade," he said. "When I got into high school it became too tough on my schedule. But I still work with a vocal coach and have a few recitals a year."



FILE PHOTO

After a stellar winter season, Simon Voorhees is primed for success this season as an individual and as a member of the 4x800 relay.

Andover's 4x800 set for success

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

For Ryan Cooney, success with his 4x800 teammates is all about the bonding.

"We run together every day and we talk about everything from school to whatever we did over the weekend," said the senior. "We spend a lot of time outside of school together bonding. We know what pushes each other's buttons, so there are rarely any feuds."

The 4x800 relay team of Cooney, Will Ossoff, Michael Maldari and anchor Simon Voorhees delivered big in the winter season, winning at Division 1 states (8:06.22) and placed third at All-States (8:01.33) in their first season as a group, tied for the best for an Andover 4x800 since The Andover Townsman began keeping records in 1988.

"We know how to push each other," said Ossoff. "We know when to lay off. We've been running together for a while now. We know each other's limits. When we train together we are very competitive. That helps us improve a lot."

As a cohesive unity, the team feels it is ready for success in the outdoor season for a school known for success in sprints.

"The winter gives us a lot of confidence," said Cooney. "We know we can run with the best and be considered one of the best 4x800 teams in the state. We know we should be at the top of the pack. We know we just have to be near the front and get it to Simon, because he has one of the best kicks I have ever seen."

And the relay's goal is simple. "We want a school record," said Maldari. "We'd love to get the school's outdoor record and compete at All-States."

Should Andover teams leave Merrimack Valley Conference?

Andover is considering a proposal to join the Dual County League and leave the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The community of Andover is invited to a public information session on Monday, April 11 at 7 p.m. in the Collins Center for Performing Arts at Andover High School. Information will be presented about the Merrimack Valley Conference and the Dual County League and the impact that these leagues have on the athletic program. Public input is welcomed at the meeting, according to organizers.



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The land with the buildings thereon, in said Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, located and shown on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Andover, Mass, owned by Michael and Josephine Staszkiwicz," dated September 15, 1975, revised January 30, 1976, made by Emmons, Fleming & Bien Venu, Inc., Engineers and Surveyors, Methuen, Mass., and recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan #7421, and said land is shown as Lot 2 on said Plan, containing 47,887 square feet, more or less.

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The description of the property that appears in the mortgage to be foreclosed shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagors' Title see deed dated 7/8/2002, and recorded in Book 6933 at Page 3 with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Andover Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding an application from National Grid to remove or prune public shade trees on April 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM. at the Andover Town Hall, 36 Bartlett Street, 3rd Floor Selectmen's Conference Room, Andover, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

The program included a tree-by-tree hazard assessment of public and private trees, along the main three-phase lines which serve the community. The work is recommended to remove hazardous trees and prune for additional clearance in order to reduce tree outage problems affecting large numbers of customers served by these main lines. National Grid's arborists have identified one hundred five (105) town-owned trees for removal along town roads, and ten (10) town-owned trees for pruning. Town trees located within the public way that are designated for removal have been posted with a notice of public hearing in the field. Trees designated for pruning have been marked with a small blue ribbon.

The roads with town trees affected by the program are listed below, together with the number of trees proposed for removal or pruning along each road: River Road - 10 removals, Bailey Rd - 18 removals, Haggetts Pond Road - 33 removals and 3 trims, Pleasant Street - 1 removal, High Plain Road - 11 removals and 3 trims, and Cross Street - 32 removals and 4 trims.

A complete list of town trees designated for removal or pruning including information about the location, size and species of the affected trees and the reason for removal or pruning, is available weekdays from the Town Hall, Library or DPW during normal business hours.

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