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In your schools

Ball chairs said to provide more well rounded health education



Health classes throughout Andover's three middle schools have replaced their desk chairs with stability balls, which educators say improve posture, strengthen the core of the students' developing bodies and keeps them awake and attentive in class.

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

Rubber stability balls are used for exercise and physical therapy across the country. In Andover they're serving another purpose: student chairs.

The school department purchased you sit." when they're not in use. Logan Bravo, a 12-year-old studescribed the chairs as "different, but I like that." "Normally, kids lean back in their go back to normal chairs." chairs and it doesn't help them with their posture. This focuses on how and Physical Education at Andover

41t's not like a chair. It's like a rock, but comfortable. Normally, kids lean back in their chairs and it doesn't help them with their posture. This focuses on how you sit." Student Logan Bravo, 12

around 90 stability ball chairs for It focuses on posture so much, other districts using the chairs and use in middle school health class- that students even find it difficult was eager to see how they worked. rooms. The chairs look exactly like crossing their legs when seated. Key to his interest is that the chairs stability balls, except they also have They have to maintain two feet on force the students to balance them small legs to keep them in place the ground at all times, according selves while seated, which strengthto health teacher Stacey Consiglio. ens the core abdominal muscles "All three of us health teach- and encourages healthy sitting and dent at Wood Hill Middle School, ers say you can pulse - you can't exercising habits. bounce," said Consiglio, very lightly bouncing herself up and down by no or you will fall," said McNally. "You "It's not like a chair. It's like a more than an inch to demonstrate. have to learn how to use it fast." rock, but comfortable," said Logan. "I absolutely love it. I never want to

Public Schools, said he heard about

Ballardvale fire station project takes heat Resident group organizes, proposes alternatives

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

disagrees.

over at a task force meet- of life, our children, maining last Thursday that was taining the character of our attended by around 60 neighborhoods. people including town offias "community reaction" to the proposed fire station

relocation.

'We stand shoulder to shoulder with the task force A small group of South and selectmen and others as Elementary-area residents it relates to building a betbelieve they have better ter fire station," said Joel alternatives to building a Mittelman, a Winterberry new Ballardvale Fire Sta- Lane resident. "We're trytion on school property, and ing to help that process. But are frustrated a task force there are other things that are important to us, includ-Their frustration boiled ing the schools, the quality

"We fully appreciate the cials. Seven residents spoke effort of other folks in town on behalf of 13 who live in who have been put on this the South School area and task," continued Mittelman. have organized. Their pre- "We appreciate it, but we sentation was referred to respectfully and strongly

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Brian McNally, director of Health

'You have to balance on the ball,

"It definitely takes getting used to," said Consiglio. But getting

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ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Parents, including, from left, Amy Smith, Danielle Matton, with son Noah, 4, and Sue Meaney, with son Dylan, 3, are trying to stop the Ballardvale Preschool from closing.

Parents fight to save local preschool

By JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

school that has served the hard for us right now.' community for 40 years and expects to close.

vale Preschool and eight of the Ballardvale Preschool. them will move on to kindergarten in September.

"We need more kids," said

Lina Gruca, director of the preschool, which is housed at Ballardvale Church on A group of parents wants Clark Road. "We've been to save a small Andover pre- here for 40 years and it's very

As this preschool director has watched Andover's Licensed for 39 preschool- birth rate decline dramatiers, there are just 15 children cally, she's sadly watched her now attending the Ballard- enrollment dip just as fast at

> "I belong to a local preschool collaborative," Grupa See PRESCHOOL, Page 8

Boudreau scores 2,000th point, eyes record

By DAVID WILLIS STAFF WRITER

Nicole Boudreau, the guard with the golden jump shot, didn't believe the awkward layup was going to fall when she released it.

"I didn't think it was going in," said Boudreau with a laugh. "It seemed like there was a lid over the hoop for a while. I got 10 points quick, but that 11th point just didn't want to drop. I threw up the shot and it hit the rim then it just kind of creeped in."

Like so many shots in Boudreau's career, the outcome was perfect.

With that bucket late in the second quarter Friday night, Boudreau became the first female athlete in Andover High history to score 2,000 points for her career, and only the second overall in school history. "It's just kind of unreal that it

actually happened," she said. "It has taken a lot of hard work from me and my team, and it's a pretty awesome accomplishment."

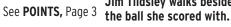
Through Monday, Boudreau has now scored a stunning 2,060 points for her amazing career, just short of All-Scholastic boys star Chris Vetrano's all-time school record (2,090).

"I was so relieved when it happened," she said. "Devon (Caveney) was right there and gave me a big hug and I saw the whole team rushing towards me."

The game Friday, against arch



Andover's senior co-captain Nicole Boudreau acknowledges the fans after scoring her 2,000th point. Head coach Jim Tildsley walks beside her holding





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State Reps. Adams, Lyons to hold office hours Feb. 27

Andover state Reps. Paul an appointment. Adams and Jim Lyons will Center, 36 Bartlet St.

The representatives would like to extend an invitation scheduling an appointment to citizens who wish to meet with his legislative aide, with them to discuss issues Joseph Sheehan, at Joseph. of concern.

The offices of both rep- 617-722-2800, ext. 8661. resentatives are located in Citizens requiring special Room 39 at the State House in accommodations to meet Boston. Any citizen wishing with the representatives are to meet with the representa- asked to advise the staff when tives may do so by scheduling making an appointment.

Lyons may be reached by hold joint open office hours appointment with his legislaon Monday, Feb. 27 from 9 to tive aide, Paul Gangi, at Paul. 10 a.m. at the Andover Senior Gangi@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2800, ext. 8671.

Adams may be reached by Sheehan@mahouse.gov or

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



In Brief

student captains of the Andover High School Dance Team that won a Boston dance competition this month. The team does not have an adult coach or faculty advisor. Story, page 20.

It's less of, 'Yay! We won some-

Just like the U.S. Supreme Court. You get a majority opinion and if it isn't unanimous, you also get a minority opinion...[T]his will provide more information to the voters in town who ultimately have to make the final decision on each one of these articles.

- Resident Bob Pokress, who would like to hear before Town Meeting from officials on each side of Town Meeting issues. Story, page 8.

Past & Present



Photo copied from the Andover Townsman, February 28, 1957 THEN: City Cleaners had moved to 8 Park St. during February 1957. Prices for dry cleaned and pressed included: dresses 89 cents; trousers 45 cents; shirts laundered and refinished 21 cents; and sheets 12 cents.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo NOW: Dellaria Salons at 6-8 Park St., occupies what was the location of the City Cleaners in 1957.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Democrats to elect delegates to state convention at caucus

Democrats in Andover will be holding a caucus at Memo- the Voter" will feature Dr. for a closing statement. rial Hall Library on Saturday, Harry Wessel, Chair of the Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. sharp to Political Science Depart- in attending are asked to and identify "high risk" for elect 17 delegates and three ment at Merrimack College contact club President breast cancer, understand alternates to the 2012 Massa- and a specialist in the role Gary Morelli at gmorelli@ breast cancer screening chusetts Democratic Conven- of mass media in politics. tion, where Democrats from across Massachusetts will some famous past political February health select candidates to compete ads, Wessel will explore the for the Democratic nomina- role of advertising in the tion for U.S. Senate.

on Saturday, June 2, 2012 at political advertising. the Mass Mutual Center in Springfield.

registered democrats in taped for rebroadcast on Andover. Delegates will be local access television. divided equally between men and women, and all ballots contact Stefani Traina at 978-623-8295. will be written and secret. steftraina@verizon.net

youth, minorities, and people rrsundberg23@gmail.com. with disabilities who are not elected as delegates or alter- Service Club

rial Hall Library.

With the help of videos of political system and the

This event is free and open to the public. It will

For more information, In the spirit of inclusion, or Maureen Sundberg at Heart Association

and their supporters on there will be a question- 28, 6 to 7 p.m. in Merrimack Wednesday, Feb. 29 at 7 and answer period, with Valley Hospital's first floor p.m. at the Andover Memo- questions posed by those in auditorium. attendance. Each candidate

"Political Advertising and will also be given one minute ees understand the inci-

mvymca.org.

clinics

The convention will be held parameters of permissible ment will offer a mini clinic lic, with light refreshments. on Monday, Feb. 27 from 1 to Registration is required. 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

The caucus is open to all broadcast live and also be clinics on Wednesdays, Feb. Macdougall-Tattan at 978-22 and 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. No 420-1168 or email jean.macappointment is necessary.

CPR/AED certification classes

Hughes will help attenddence of breast cancer, Residents interested identify risk factors, define for normal and high risk patients, and identify and understand risk-reducing strategies. One free contact hour for nursing. The event The Andover health depart- is free and open to the pub-For more information or It will offer senior center to register, contact Jean dougall-tattan@steward.org. For more information, call Merrimack Valley Hospital is located at 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill.

Free memory screening event

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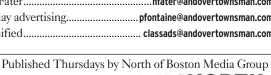


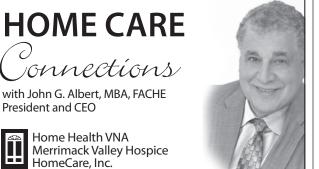
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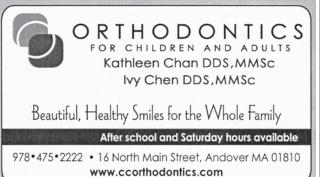
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tact Patricia Commane at 978 474-6047.

LWV addresses and the Voter'

Andover will sponsor an a free breakfast at 7 a.m., advertising and the prac- Each candidate will have

Forum at The Links Res- community. 'Political Advertising taurant, on the lower level of the Andover Country ule through March are: Club, during the morn-Voters of Andover/North The Service Club will have tive Offices in Lawrence. the regulation of political forum, from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m. Andover YMCA. tical implications of false one minute for an openadvertising by candidates ing statement, and then



YMCA now offers Ameri- Thursday, Feb. 23 from 10:30 The Service Club of can Heart Association CPR/ a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the North Andover will host the 2012 AED certification classes Andover Senior Center, 120R Town Election Candidates to its members and the Main Street.

The League of Women ing of Friday, March 9. noon at YMCA Administra- age) who would like to have

■ March 14 from 6:30 to important discussion on followed by the candidates 9:30 p.m. at Andover/North and the results of the screen-

■ March 31 from 9 a.m. with you. to noon at Andover/North Andover YMCA.

Valley YMCA members, \$90 basis. Screening takes 20 for the community.

For more information, contact Bobbi Williams at register, contact the North bwilliams@mvymca.org or Andover Senior Center at 978-685-3541.

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A free memory screen The Merrimack Valley ing event will be held today,

The screening is being ■ Trainings on the sched- conducted by Elder Services of Merrimack Valley and is ■ Feb. 23 from 9 a.m. to open to anyone (regardless of their memory screened.

The event is confidential ing are immediately shared

Limited space available and appointments are assigned Cost is \$60 for Merrimack on a first come- first served minutes to complete.

For more information or to 978-688-9560.

Rotary seeks nominations for A free medical Meet the Citizens Who Care

The Rotary Club of geon Kathryn Hughes, MD Andover is now accepting is offered on Tuesday, Feb. nominations for the annual Citizens Who Care Awards, to be held Thursday, May 10 at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.

The nominee must have an Andover connection: residence, workplace or place of community efforts. For example, a recipient may live in Andover but perform his/her community service in Lawrence.

The volunteer work that is done must be beyond the nominee's job description. For example, a paid worker for Andover Youth Services is still eligible for consideration if the work he/she undertakes is far outside the scope of what his/her job entails.

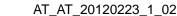
Past recipients are not eligible. Current members of the Rotary Club of Andover are not eligible.

You may nominate more than one person.

The deadline for submission is March 15.

For more information or to nominate worthy recipients, fill out the form found at RotaryAndover.org.

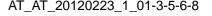
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POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA dluca@andovertownsman.com

Due to space constraints, arrests, though due to a reporter's error, two arrests were omitted. This week's log includes those arrests.

ARRESTS

8:03 a.m., Lori Cote, 44, of cle with a suspended license, 6 Fleming Ave., Andover, driving with a revoked regis- THEFTS was arrested on Route 125 tration, driving an uninsured and charged with having no motor vehicle or trailer, and 1:39 p.m., a fraud by bad registration in possession, on a warrant for driving an check was reported on driving with no inspection uninsured and unregistered Chestnut Street. sticker, operating a motor motor vehicle. vehicle with a suspended Sunday, Feb. 19 — At was reported on School driving with a revoked regis- respectively, police made a suspended license.

a warrant for shoplifting and Campbell, 48, of 24 Maple larceny over \$250.

21, of 34 Woodland St., Law- a household member. rence, was arrested in Law- Monday, Feb. 20 — At 1:36 breaking and entering into was arrested on Suthersession of liquor.

p.m., Eddie Anderson, 54, vehicle without authority. who said he was homelevel two sex offender.

At 4:14 p.m., Brad Thibodeau, 37, of 1 Washington BREAKS St., Haverhill, was arrested

license, subsequent offense, 12:08 p.m. and 12:34 p.m. Street. tration, driving an uninsured two arrests on North Main 3:16 p.m., a theft of cash was motor vehicle or trailer and Street. Judit Vajda, 31, of reported at a business on on a warrant for driving with 311 Lowell St., Andover, North Main Street. and James Alex, 45, of 112 At 4:13 p.m., Colleen Abbott St., Andover, were reported on Salem Street. Dortona, 28, of 2 2nd St., both charged with violating Woburn, was arrested on an abuse prevention order. check was reported on Cen-River Road and charged on At 6:51 p.m., Richard ter Street.

Ave., Andover, was arrested 8:16 p.m., a possible theft was Tuesday, Feb. 14 — At at his home and charged reported on River Road. 12:04 p.m., Justin Martin, with assault and battery on

rence and charged on two a.m., David Martinez, 21, tity theft was reported on warrants for trespassing, of 13 Shepley St., Andover, Dartmouth Road. a building at night time with land Street and charged was reported on Elm Street. intent to commit a felony, with being a fugitive from resisting arrest, disorderly justice on a court warrant, reported on Haverhill conduct and being a person and on three warrants for Street. under the age of 21 in pos- disorderly conduct, driving a motor vehicle while unli- p.m., identity fraud was Friday, Feb. 17 — At 12:32 censed and using a motor reported on Delphi Circle.

At 9:55 a.m., Stephen less and out of Lowell, was Breau, 43, of 2 Punchard Ave., arrested on Haverhill Street Andover, was arrested on last week's log featured only and charged on a warrant Bartlet Street and charged for failing to register as a on a warrant with possession of a class B drug.

Friday, Feb. 17 — At 5:12 on Main Street and charged p.m., a house break was Tuesday, Feb. 7 — At with operating a motor vehi- reported on Stevens Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 8 – At

At 3:18 p.m., identity theft

Saturday, Feb. 11 — At

At 4:16 p.m., a theft was

At 4:53 p.m., fraud by bad Thursday, Feb. 16 — At

At 2:27 p.m., a theft was reported on Main Street.

At 4:07 p.m., a case of iden-

At 5:49 p.m., identity theft At 8:09 p.m., a theft was

Friday, Feb. 17 — At 1:34

STATION: Project taking some heat

trouble."

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fire-station options.

overall education environ- put a fire station on a school again. ment?" said Lidya Cardin, ground.' a Glenwood Road resident. risks, uncertainties and any incidents of that nature Cashman. sacrifices."

MANITOU WEIGHS IN

The hearing was attended [Fire Chief Mike Mansfield]

neighbors."

"I have seven cases right "We've come to these disagree with some of the here of children that have meetings, we've voiced our analysis and we strongly dis- been killed by fire equipment concerns, we've raised many agree with the [task force]." responding to emergency other alternatives. Nobody The group opposes the calls with schools right next seems to listen," said Maritask force's recommenda- to the fire stations," said anne Cashman, later in the tion to put the station on a Cashman. "We put our chil- meeting. "We put a lot of playing field at South Ele- dren in danger every single work into this presentation. mentary and believes the day just walking down the We're smart people. We have recommendation does not street, or walking out of the a lot of good ideas. And the follow the Manitou Inc. study school, being abducted, all first thing that happens is the town paid for to look into sorts of different things. If these guys get back up on you want to add to that dan- the stage and just start ram-"How will this benefit our ger every single day, then ming it down our throats

"If we're going to talk Task force Chairman Dan about respect, I think we "There is no upside to allow- Casper asked for a copy of should go back to the drawing a fire station next to this the seven cases before say- ing board and consider what school. There are too many ing that he wasn't aware of everybody's thinking," said

POINTS: Boudreau hits 2,000 mark

■ Continued from Page 1

rival Central Catholic, was stopped for a ceremony and the basketball that she shot for No. 2,000 is sitting in her house with the one from point No. 1,000.

"It was really special for me to walk out and give her the flowers," said her sister and fellow Andover guard Danielle Boudreau. "I wanted to make sure I had that little task. I got that little hug and it made my day. I'm sure it made her day, too."

Noting all of her accomplishments, including the points and a pair of state titles, Andover coach Jim Tildsley did not hold back his praise for the player he called the best in program history.

"Charlotte Muller is a close second but what (Boudreau) has done over her four years here is incredible," said Tildsley. "We're 89-9 and we've won two state championships. She thinks about winning. And to get 2,000 points is really incredible because some games she only plays half the game because we're up by so much."

Even days later, Boudreau struggled to comprehend the accomplishment. "Early in my career I

never really dreamed it would happen," she said. "As a freshman, Ally (Fazio) we were just hoping to do everything we could. It was about winning titles, not

BOUDREAU AND THE BEST

Here is how Nicole Boudreau ranks in the top all-time scorers in Andover High history:

NAME	YEAR OF GRADUATION	FINAL POINTS
Chris Vetrano	2004	2,090
Nicole Boudreau	2012	2,060*
Charlotte Muller	1998	1,616
Tommy McLaughlin	2001	1,564
Jenny Muller	2003	1,496
Natalie Gomez-Martinez	2011	1,412
Tim Perry	1986	1,401
Jack Barrett	2004	1,178
Meghan Thomann	2008	1,173
Ashley McLaughlin	2004	1,150
*- Through Monday		

According to banner in Andover's Dunn Gym

ing herself with the final

number that will fill the



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Senior co-captain Nicole Boudreau watches along with hundreds of fans as the ball slowly drops through the basket after an off-balance layup for her 2,000th point. She made it with a minute left in the first half of last Friday's game.

fall, Boudreau isn't distract- (state title) three-peat," she said. "If we can win the state championship and I empty spot next to her name can break the record, that on the banner for 1,000-point would be a pretty good final season."



and I made the team and

counting points."

scorers that hangs in the Now, with the legendary Dunn Gym. 'We're looking for a Vetrano's record ready to

by Charles Jennings, a prin- has sent out communications cipal official with Manitou to fire chiefs throughout the Inc.

recommendation is to only there were any problems." move one.

that both stations... be Protection Association moved," said Jennings. "It doesn't have information on was not our indication that this because "it happens so they need to be done simul- few times, if at all, that they taneously, nor was it our don't even track that type of indication that you couldn't data." move one without having to move the other."

ing the station to South next to fire stations. School land. The residents group presented charts SIDES CLASH OVER they believe show that sev- **RECOMMENDATION** eral other changes could be made to provide quick fireresponse time to more of the task force's responsibil-Andover geographically.

just at covering the map," tion" and where it should go said Jennings. "We're look- if one was needed. ing at the ability to serve closer to there.'

near South Elementary as the best site.' School, the task force has said.

STUDENT SAFETY

state as to whether there's One complaint is this any problems," said Casper. study refers to moving two "He got some responses that stations - both Ballardvale there were no problems, and Fire Station and West Fire he didn't — to my knowledge Station — but the task force — get any responses that

taking place in the state.

"We've located schools

that are near fire houses.

Mansfield spoke as well, "Indeed, we recommended saying the National Fire

School Superintendent Marinel McGrath relayed Another topic at the meet- that she is in contact with ing was the coverage that the superintendents and school town's three stations provide principals throughout the to Andover homes, and how state to learn whether probthat would change by mov- lems exist at schools placed

Additionally, Casper said ity was "to make a recom-"When we're looking at mendation as to whether or coverage, we're looking not not we need a new fire sta-

"You wanted us ... to make actual calls of service. Where a recommendation that was there is a concentrated in the best interest of fire demand for service, you protection and rescue prowant to have your resources tection services in our town. That's what we tried to do,' That methodology is what said Casper. "Whether peoled the task force to recom- ple agree or disagree with mend putting the station us, we come back to this site

On multiple occasions, members of the public spoke over and interrupted town officials, prompting But Ballardvale Road resi- Selectmen Chairman Brian dent Neil Cashman said put- Major, who ran the meetting the station next to the ing, to plead, "Folks, please, school is "just looking for let's be respectful. We're all

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Nieves Rios-Moya, Methuen

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After 244 years, Andover women entered town politics



Andover Stories Joan Patrakis. Andover Historical Society

ness of local and national Andover and as early as tion, a few women finally to address that issue. entered Andover's political scene.

women to hold political residents.

was a recently-launched women's group.

Throughout the centuries the wives of Phillips Acad- decorated with "Votes for first of her gender to reprea woman's place was in the emy instructors and local Women" banners. Before sent Andover in the State home. But by the end of the businessmen. The women a large "Anti" turnout a House as state representa-1800s some Andover women were unusual in that most male speaker stated women tive. In 1999 she became the had ventured out of the home of them were college gradu- couldn't differ on important first Andover woman elected and into the community as ates. The group promoted an topics "without getting angry to the state senate. To date teachers, activists and busi- interest in literature, the arts at each other and staying so she is the only Andover ness owners. Involvement in and sciences and later added for the rest of their lives." church charitable societies drama and history depart- Men on both sides expressed positions. and women's educational ments. They supported concern that women would groups raised their aware- the Suffrage movement in vote for prohibition. issues and inspired some to 1892 invited Julia Ward ment finally passed in 1920. Democratic nomination for seek public office. Two hun- Howe, Boston suffragist and Andover women cast their governor in 1998. Patricia dred and forty-four years author of "The Battle Hymn first vote for the Republi- McGovern hoped to become after the town's incorpora- of the Republic," to Andover can ticket of Harding and the first woman to hold that

Movement drew Andover dum allowing the sale of beer before moving to Andover in In 1890 Lizzie Wilson women into politics and and wine. and former schoolteachers placed them in the local Susanna Jackson and Mary limelight, their participa- before a woman was elected took 31 percent of the vote. Cutler were the first Andover tion was not welcomed by all to the Board of Selectman.

Massachusetts School Suf- the idea that women would board are still referred to frage Law of 1879 permitted seek it. "Antis" claimed as selectmen, as in current them to serve on and vote women's lack of experience member Selectman Mary only for the office of School and excess of emotion would Lyman.] Committee. Unfortunately, hamper their ability to make this law was repealed in political decisions. The suf- broke the glass ceiling when 1895. Instrumental in the frage amendment was she became the first woman women's victory in 1890 repeatedly tabled in town. to serve as town clerk. She

in 1919 drew supporters than 20 years. The November Club was from both sides to rallies organized in 1889 by 15 in Elm Square. Suffragists Tucker achieved three milewomen, most of whom were spoke from an automobile stones. In 1983 she was the

Coolidge and voted unani- position. She had represented

Janet Lake's election in 1974 weekly column about interoffice. The trio was elected to Equally as organized as created a stir for politically- esting local people and the Andover School Commit- the suffragists were the anti- correct residents who were events, started to celebrate tee for terms of three years. suffragists represented by unsure whether to call her the Andover Historical Soci-Although women did not women who did not want the a selectwoman or selectper- ety's 100 anniversary in have the vote until 1920, the vote and men who scoffed at son. [Female members of the 2011.

In 1990 Randy Hanson A renewed campaign held that position for more

> On the state level Susan woman who has held both

Another Andover resident made headlines in state When the suffrage amend- politics when she sought the Although the Suffrage mously against the referen- Lawrence in the state senate 1997. Although she did not It was another 54 years receive the nomination, she

"Andover Stories" is a

for Gov. Council

Council, Fifth District.

A lawyer for 27 years, Bumiller's campaign said Bumiller is the past presi- it will emphasize the need Bar Association and the siderations and focus on the American Bar Association. talents of each candidate.

Superior and District Courts, Boxford Public Schools.

the Courts of Essex, Middle- for March 1 at 6 p.m. at The Donald Bumiller, a trial sex and Suffolk Counties. He Polish Club in Danvers attorney, has declared his has been admitted to praccandidacy for the Governor's tice before the United States N. Andover Cultural Supreme Court. awards 16 grants

member of the Middlesex must disregard political con- councils in 2012.

Bumiller a candidate has tried hundreds of cases His campaign kick-off massculturalcouncil.org. and appeared regularly in event has been scheduled Applications are due Oct.15. This year's grants from the

North Andover CC include: North Andover Council on Aging, N. Andover School's Enrichment Council, Greater Lawrence Educational Col The North Andover Cul- laborative, Merrimack Val dent of the Essex County Bar for qualified judicial appoint-tural Council awarded 16 ley Philharmonic Society Association, a member of the ments and the important grants totaling \$4,400 for Treble Chorus of New Eng Massachusetts Bar Associa- constitutional function for cultural programs in North land, New England Classical tion House of Delegates, a which this Council is respon- Andover. Statewide, more Singers, Stevens Memorial Life Member of the Massa- sible. Bumiller also stressed than \$2.34 million will be Library, Rolling Ridge Con chusetts Bar Foundation, a his strong belief the Council distributed by local cultural ference Center, Thomas **Elementary School, Rogers** The North Andover Cul- Center For the Performing tural Council will seek Arts at Merrimack College He has served as a con- Bumiller, 56, is the father applications again in the Essex Chamber Musical ciliator for civil cases in the of two boys who attend the fall. Information and forms Players Karen Kline and are available online at Susan Lenoe, Joseph Hey man Youth Center, Andover Choral Society and Northeast Massachusetts Youth

Stephen K. Gallant, 58

formerly of Andover, died un- Gallant, both of Weare, NH expectedly on February 17, and Thomas Indeglia of Mil-2012.

Born in Lawrence, MA on September 2,1953, he was the son of the late Roland and Claire S. (Porter) Gallant. He was raised and attended school in Andover. Stephen worked over thirty years for Raytheon in Andover and Waltham as a

Final Inspector. joyed working with children 5th Floor, Boston, MA 02210. and he liked tattoos.

WEARE, NH — Stephen K. Family members include his Gallant, 58, of Weare, NH and loving sons, Justin and Derek ford, NH; his brothers, John



Gallant of Tewksbury, Tim Gallant of North Reading, Kevin and Dennis Gallant of Andover and the late Mickey Gallant; three grandchildren, Alicia Gallant, Calvin and Mason Indeglia.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral ser-

vices will be held at the Croswell He was a member of the Elks Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, in Lawrence and has been a North Reading on Thursday, Febresident of Weare, NH for the ruary 23 at 10:30 AM. Calling hours past eight years. Stephen was will be held on Wednesday from 6 a kind and warm-loving father to 8 PM. In lieu of flowers memoand grandfather. He loved rial donations may be made in his watching the Red Sox, Patri- memory to: American Diabetes ots, Celtics and Bruins. He en- Association, 330 Congress Street,

Jean F. (Kyle) Igoe

ANDOVER — Jean F. (Kyle) Igoe, a resident of Andover since 1954 and beloved wife of the late William J. Igoe, died at the Salem Hospital in Salem, Massachusetts, on Thursday, February 2, 2012.

Jean was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, the beloved daughter of the late James F. and Frances (Garaway) Kyle. She grew up in Waltham and attended St. Mary's High School where she graduated with Honors. She also graduated with Honors from Boston University, earning her B.A. in Biology. Jean worked as a Technologist in the labs at Children's Hospital in Boston, Andover, Frank D. Igoe of Walfor many years. She also pole, Daniel G. Igoe of Andover worked as a Tax Examiner for and Ellen (Igoe) McAvoy of the Internal Revenue Service Bedford, New Hampshire, sisin Andover in 1967 and had ter; Mary Elizabeth Kyle of worked her way up to Project Dover, New Hampshire, twen-Coordinator for Building Main- ty grandchildren and 5 greattenance when she retired in grandchildren. She was also 1993. Mrs. Igoe was a longtime the loving mother of the late communicant of St. Augustine Jean (Igoe) Sunderland. many years and was a gifted tine Church, 43 Essex Street, Anmusician and artist and kept dover, Tuesday, February 7, 2012, her life. Above all, Mrs. Igoe the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, ing family.

Anne (Igoe) Devine of An- www.burkemagliozzi.com. dover, William J. Igoe, Jr. of



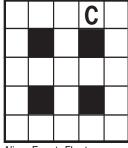
Church in Andover. She proc- ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral tored the College Boards for mass was celebrated in St. Augusup her painting for the rest of **at 10 AM. Calling hours were held in** was a very devoted and loving 390 North Main Street, Andover, wife, mother and grandmoth- Monday, February 6, 2012, from 4 er. Her most precious times to 8 PM. Burial held in Spring Grove were those spent wither lov- Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Jean's memory may be made to Jean will be very sorely the American Diabetes Associamissed by her loving children; tion, 1701 North Beauregard Street, John K. Igoe of Bellingham, Alexandria, VA 22311. For addi-James W. Igoe of Mattapoisett, tional information, please visit

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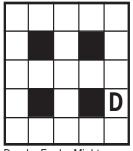


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Place the six words in the crossword grid



Alive, Event, Fleet, Olive, Peace, Proof



Deeds, Eagle, Might, Timid, Treat, Totes

History in your pocket

Have you looked at a one dollar bill recently? There's a whole history lesson on that little piece of paper.

The bill's art includes many symbols. Why were those symbols chosen?

Let's take a tour.

The Great Seal of the United States is included on the green side of the bill.

On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress appointed a committee to develop a seal for the United States. The committee consisted of Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, and Thomas Jefferson. These men were three of the five men who had

drafted the Declaration of Independence. Two more committees worked on the project. Charles Thomson, the Secretary of Congress, delivered the final draft to Congress in 1782.

Thomson's design included an American bald eagle in the center. There was a shield with 13 vertical stripes on the eagle's breast. In the eagle's right talon was an olive branch with 13 leaves and 13 olives. In its left was a tight bundle of 13 arrows. Thomson said it represented "the power of peace and war."

In the eagle's beak was a scroll with the motto "E Pluribus Unum." That slogan came from the first committee. It translates as "Out of Many, One."

The crest over the eagle's head was a constellation of 13 stars. This was suggested by the second committee.

The first one dollar note was issued in 1862. It featured a portrait of Secretary of the Treasury Salmon P. Chase. A portrait of President George Washington replaced Chase in 1869.

The motto "In God We Trust" was added to the bill in 1957.

The Kid was surprised that so much history could be contained in a space six inches wide and about two and a half inches tall.

The Kid will continue the tour of the one dollar bill next week.

Newspaper in Education activity

Search your newspaper

for words that might be

used to describe the eagle

on the one dollar bill. Dis-

cuss with your class why

you picked those words.



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MV Jewish Federation to honor Braverman at annual Seder

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation will honor Bobbi Braverman at its 12th annual Miriam's Seder on Sunday March 11 from 3:30 to 8 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond, Andover.

Miriam's Seder is an annual intergenerational event that celebrates women in Jewish History. Mothers, aunts, grand-

mothers and girls over 8 are all welcome to attend. The event will begin with Kasbah style shopping and appetizers from 3:30 to 5:15 p.m., followed by the Seder and dinner.

The Miriam's Leadership Award is presented to a Jewish woman who has made a contribution and difference in the Merrimack Valley.

Braverman was chosen as this year's recipient for her volunteerism and philanthropy.

Braverman has always been involved in the community with active roles on the boards of Merrimack Valley Hadassah, and The Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian-Muslim Relations at Merrimack College.

A long-time volunteer for Bread and Roses and Project Home Again, both in Lawrence, she also sponsors the annual Braverman Interfaith Lecture at Temple Emanuel. A former member of the Federation board, she served on the committee of the first Miriam's Seder.

Tickets for Miriam's Seder are \$40 per person, \$30 children ages 8 through 12 and seniors over age 70.

For more information, visit www.mvjf.org or call 978-688-0466.

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Wednesday, Febru-

Dorothy C. Leitch, 89

ary 8, 2012. Mrs. Leitch was born July 4, 1922 in Andover, Mass., the daughter of James P. and Thelma (Wanamaker) Christie. She was raised in Andover and attended

port, Rhode Island. eral Hospital.

band of 68 years, John B. ant Street, Laconia, N.H. is assist-Leitch, of Laconia; four sons, ing the family with the arrange-Douglas C. Leitch of Spruce ments. For more information and Head, Maine, John A. Leitch of to view an online memorial go to Scotch Plains, N.J., Peter W. www.wilkinsonbeane.com. Leitch of Londonderry, N.H.

Mary Delores McQuade, 89

ANDOVER - Mrs. Mary dren, teaching, serving in the Dolores (Rogers) McQuade, a PTA and leading many scoutresident of Andover since 1956 ing troops. and beloved wife of the late

the Lawrence General Hospital on Tuesday, February 14, 2012.

She was 89 years old. She was born in Cambridge, New York, on August 24, 1922, the beloved daughter of the late

system in Greenwich, New nalee, Erin and Breann. York, and graduated from the 1944.

gree from Salem State College wood Avenue, Boston, MA 02115. in 1969 and did graduate work Arrangements were entrusted to at Boston University. Mary the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home dedicated her life to children of Andover. through raising her own chil-

LACONIA, N.H. - Dorothy and David S. Leitch, of Little-C. Leitch, 89, of 227 Ledges ton, Mass.; seven grandchil-Drive, Taylor Community, and dren, three great granddaughformerly of 195 Lynnewood ters; one brother, James P. Road died at her home on Christie, Jr. and several neph-

ews and nieces.

ARRANGEMENTS: There will be no calling hours. A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 11:00am at St. James Episcopal Church, 876 North Main Street, Laconia, N.H. Rev. Tobi-

Simmons College in Boston. as Nyatsambo, Rector, will offici-She and John were married in ate. Spring Burial will in the family 1943 in Trinity Church, New- lot in Pine Grove Cemetery, Gilford, N.H. For those who wish, the Mrs. Leitch was a member family suggests that memorial doof St. James Episcopal Church nations be made to St. James Episand was a member of the copal Church, 876 North Main Church's choir. She was an Street, Laconia, NH 03246 or to active member of the Opechee the Central New Hampshire VNA & Garden Club and was a volun- Hospice, 780 N. Main Street, Lacoteer at the Lakes Region Gen- nia, NH 03246. Wilkinson-Beane-Simoneau-Paquette Funeral Home Survivors include her hus- & Cremation Services, 164 Pleas-



Merrimack College. She will be sorely missed by her loving children; Thomas,

Michael and Alice (Mulligan) Mary Alice, Timothy, John and Rogers. Mary was a graduate Christopher and five grandof the Greenwich Public School children; Maura, Conor, Shau-

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral ser-College of New Rochelle in vices were privately held. Donations in her name may be made to She also received a CdM de- Children"s Hospital, 300 Long-

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Education **Teachers rally calls for union solidarity** Contract talks exceed 77 weeks since last agreement ended

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

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Thursday with a message: tion, the statewide teachers "we shall not be moved."

outside Old Town Hall last chusetts Teachers Associa- dents of Andover. union.

An Andover Education "You are not alone," said 77 weeks too long without a Meagher said the teachers help. We need your resolve. Association rally on Feb. 16, Sullivan. "The 110,000 mem- contract," said Sullivan. "But need to hold together. "If one Stay strong. This is the time. attended in light rain by as bers of the [MTA] stand with I tell you, it's not long enough level falls, the rest will fol- Andover needs to hear from Nearly 18 months since many as 100 Andover teach- you with your struggle to to give up the fight. You keep low," said Meagher. their last contract expired, ers, featured Tim Sullivan, maintain quality education going, and you keep going, Andover teachers gathered vice president of the Massa- for the students and resi- and you keep going."

"We're counting on you

That message was also bargaining team needs you," that mediation between the "You are now in week 77 conveyed at the rally by Jen said Meagher. "Your action without a contract, and that's Meagher, AEA vice president. team is acting. We need your

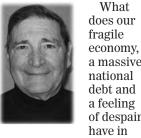
teachers.'

The rally was held only to continue this effort. Your a week after news broke

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Time to address the slacker factor

Ken Seifert



a massive national debt and a feeling of despair have in common? There at least a dozen rea-

What

sons that might qualify. The one that is rarely discussed in public, yet is quite significant, is the slacker factor.

The number of slackers is small yet critical in our daily lives. The British and Irish are not bashful when we are more politically correct and dare not discuss the topic in campaigns, talk shows or national policy.

What is a slacker? One who practices "slackery"! They can be identified by the following characteristics:

People who always try to beat the system. They are experts in finding loopholes.

rights but feel no obligation money went. Most lawyers for responsibilities.

■ People who take more than they give. They look for the free lunch and expect someone else to pay for it.

■ People who literally

Probably the biggest flaw in any government is the practice of citizens doing something that is basically wrong yet within the law. It is the thought that anything goes, that "we are a nation of laws" (not morals).

them and their families.

I am no psychiatrist, but I do sense a growing sense of despair among productive, hard working and conscientious citizens. They may feel they have become victims of the slacker factor.

There are many people who truly need food stamps, unemployment benefits, disability pensions, welfare and a handout to get over some tough they talk about slackers but times. It is the slackers who do not.

There are those who invest their hard earned bucks for their children's education, the evening of life, and a little nest egg for a few nice things. They invest in capitalism only to find out it is wiped out in a moment because some slackers devised a scheme within the law and they are too big to be put in jail and People who know their nobody knows where the and corporate executives are decent and honest people. It is the slackers who are not.

I am not in favor of more government. But I would like to see a department of Slacker Reduction in



DUSTIN LUCA/ Staff photo

Connor Richardson, playing the role of Benny, and Emily Byrne, playing the role of Louise, rehearse a scene of the Andover High one-act play on Tuesday.

Free one-act production: 40 minutes, 'Epic Proportions'

Residents can see a play in Andover performance of "Epic Proportions" School, 80 Shawsheen Road. next Wednesday night, with plenty by Larry Coen and David Crane. It is This free performance serves as of time left over to do something else shown with premission of Dramatist a dress rehearsal for Andover High as well. The Andover High School Play Service Inc. of New York. The play School's entry into the 2012 Massachu-Drama Guild will present a free show- will be staged at the Collins Center for setts Educational Theatre Guild Festiing Feb. 29 at 7:30 p.m. of its 40-minute the Performing Arts, Andover High val, a competition of one-act plays.

ON CAMPUS

master and bachelor degree Endicott announces been named to the dean's list arts and sciences major. programs in the profesfor the first semester of the She was also nominated to dean's list students sional and liberal arts. 2011-12 academic year. The University of Delaware Beverly, MA Endicott She is the daughter chapter of The National Soci-Bedford graduates from of John and Michele ety of Collegiate Scholars dean's list for 2011 fall term. Fitchburg State O'Donnell of Andover. an honor society for high achieving first- and second-Tyler Bedford graduated Two locals make year college students.

sleep on the job, phone a friend five times a day, take America (SRA). It would be two hours for lunch, and create new ways to avoid work. This is done while receiving a fair day's wage for what should br a fair day's work.

■ People who know the law and yet practice moral fraud within the law.

You can without a doubt add to the list.

Such people can be found in every social class, occupation, race and religion. They are usually of average and above average intelligence.

We, as Americans, are compassionate, generous and, above all, believe in fair play. In a democracy there is a basic assumption citizens are honest, hard working and accept personal responsibilities. We provide education, welfare programs, rehabilitation programs, a goal of health care for all, liberal laws of capitalism, social security and more.

However in such a government with more freedom it is easier for capable people to not to pay their dues, to demand only rights *resident of Andover and* and to allow others to provide goods and services for the Andover schools.

based on a merit program. The department would receive 3 percent of all the profit made and the reduction of slackery. No one would be spared. It would start in Congress and the largest corporations.

For every social program we would eliminate the slacker factor and publish the names of all the slackers in the country. They would be placed at the bottom of the employment list and would not qualify for government social benefits. The president could then say to all America, "Ask not what your government can do for you, ask what you can do to eliminate slackery."

OK, I know the department idea has problems. I still think the slacker factor is an issue that needs a national conversation, followed by action. We better take action, or we will be bled to death by our compassion, generosity and sense of fair play.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year former superintendent of

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

The following Andover students have met these requirements:

Joshua Bruno, the son of Ferdinando Bruno of Andover and Jeri Bayer of Andover, a senior majoring in international studies.

Olivia Deary Evans, the daughter of John and Jennifer Evans of Andover, a junior majoring in psychology.

Located in Beverly, Mass. on 235 acres of oceanfront property, Endicott College offers doctorates, and

from Fitchburg State Univer- Delaware dean's list sity on Jan. 27, 2012, with a bachelor of science degree in communications media.

Andover dean's list students at Holy Cross

Holy Cross, in Worcester has from spending her winter 2011-12 academic year.

She is the daughter of Susan and Mark Giroux of nomics and accounting.

Caroline O'Donnell, a first-year

Michael and Beth Massey must be enrolled full-time of Andover, was named to and earn a GPA of 3.33 or the University of Delaware above on a 4.0 scale, for the dean's list for the fall semes- semester. ter. Massey is a public pol-Nicole Giroux, a second-year icy major with a leadership Marketing standout student at the College of minor, and just returned at Canisius College been named to the dean's list semester in Vietnam and for the first semester of the Laos with a group from her more marketing major, was Leadership Program.

Fred and Linda Stern of 2011 semester. Andover. She majors in eco- Andover, also was named to

student at the College of the the Honors Program at the dean's list. Holv Cross, in Worcester has university, is a freshman

To meet eligibility requirements for the University of Laura Massey, daughter of Delawardean's list, a student

Jessica Mancini, a sophonamed to the Canisius Col-Rachel Stern, daughter of lege dean's list for the fall

Approximately 15 percent the university's dean's list. of undergraduate students Stern, who is enrolled in qualified for the school's

Judges, volunteers wanted for annual West Middle Science Fair

West Middle School is presenting their projects. from 8 to 11 a.m.

More than 150 seventh at the Massachusetts State after the fair. grade students will be Science & Engineering Fair For more information or 8151.

looking for volunteers to Judges are needed to sachusetts Lowell in May. judge, contact Sheila Harhelp judge its upcoming sci- determine the prizes and Volunteers are also needed rington at SHarrington@ ence fair on Friday, April 13 which projects should rep- for project setup, serving aps1.net or Teresa Kelley at resent West Middle School refreshments and cleanup Teresa@effectivestudent-

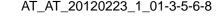
at the Universit of Mas- to serve as a volunteer or marketing.com or 978-618-

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SEATS: Stability balls help health students work on posture all through class

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"The first day, we are talking class. As the students filed in, "makes the student focus." about what the curriculum is. they competed over having adjusted."

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tional health benefits that elsewhere in the room, some health classrooms have the stem from using stability students opted to carry their balls instead of normal chairs, ball chairs in the classroom. special chairs instead of sit- every student is exposed to Students who are diagnosed ting on ones near where they the chairs for one nine-week with attention deficit disorder were going. are given an outlet for their trademark fidgeting when student comments, Consiglio plans to expand their use into using the balls, and those reads what some of the stu- other subject areas like math who become tired in class dents have said. "They are or social studies, but Wood are more likely to stay alert, a nice choice and make me Hill Middle School Princias maintaining balance keeps sit up straight," one student pal Patrick Bucco supports them more active, according wrote. Some call the chairs increasing their presence. to Consiglio.

Kids seemed excited about while others highlight that chairs. When they broke into to McNally. She believes there are addi- groups and needed to move

relaxing and comfortable,

used to it only takes one day. coming to a recent health using a stability ball chair Stability ball chairs cost That's their time to sit, get particular sizes or colors of around \$22 each, according

> Because all middle school quarter during the school Flipping through a file of year. Currently, there are no

"I think it is great," said

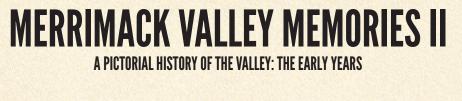


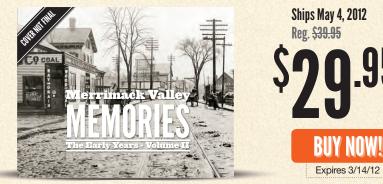
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For feedback or ques-

Students complete class work in a health class while sitting on stability balls. Pictured from left are Wood Hill Middle School seventh-graders J.T. Lowe, Sydney Tassinari, Matt Szarek, Michaela Verrette and Brendan Maye.

Announcing the highly-anticipated second volume from The Eagle-Tribune





About the second volume: Due to the overwhelming response to our first volume, The Eagle-Tribune is pleased to present the second volume of the early history of the Merrimack Valley. This beautiful, hardcover, coffee-table book includes more than 250 stunning images from Eagle-Tribune archives, as well as archives from participating organizations throughout the Valley and images from you, our readers. Books are expected to ship May 4, 2012 and make the perfect Mother's Day gift. Buy now to save \$10.00 off the \$39.95 retail price. Fill out the form below or order online at http://buy.merrimack.pictorialbook.com.



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Bucco. "It would be great if Why wouldn't we, if we saw



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Andover educators join in the singing of "We Shall Not Be Moved." Pictured from left are Mary Kierstead, Andover High School math teacher; Brian Stevens, Doherty Middle School art teacher, and Toni Kirby, Andover High School social worker.

CONTRACT: Negotiations stalled

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Andover teachers union and their last agreement. School Committee failed to scheduled for some time.



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Neighborhood Toy Store

At the end of the rally, yield an acceptable contract Sullivan led the members of ally in Brockton, ... having agreement, and that the pro- the union in a rendition of to take the ultimate step in cess is moving to fact finding, "We Shall Not Be Moved," terms of a strike. And that's where the state uses what can an American folk song com- something you don't wish for be a lengthy process to arrive monly associated with labor anybody to have to make, at its own recommendation and civil rights movements. said Sullivan. "To get back for a teachers contract. The Once the rally ended, many to the song, We Shall Not rally wasn't a response to the teachers moved to a social Be Moved, the teachers stay news, however, as it had been event on the second-floor of together. And that's what this Dylan's Bar & Grill on nearby association is doing. They're Park Street.

van said Andover's teachers school."

Andover teachers continue are in "a difficult situation," to work under the terms of but one with which he is familiar.

"I went through it personstaying together -- elemen-Outside of the rally, Sulli- tary, middle school and high

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Victoria Wu, an eighth the stock and one that could grade student at Doherty decrease the price.

Middle School, is a Massa- She selected Apple and chusetts first place winner wrote, "after the death of of the SIFMA Foundation's Steve Jobs, many people were InvestWrite student essay concerned for the company's competition, sponsored by future, but Apple continues the SIFMA Foundation and to develop and put out new cutting edge products.'

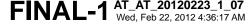
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Wu was awarded her state In her essay, Wu was asked InvestWrite prizes during a



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Sheriff should be law man, not politician

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Several decades ago an Essex County sheriff would reward political supporters by appointing them as honorary deputies. The title did not come with any police powers, but did provide the holder with an officiallooking badge that some found useful in talking their way out of speeding tickets and for other purposes. So numerous were these deputies that a colleague once observed it might have been easier for the sheriff to swear them in over the radio than have them all gather at a local function hall to take the "oath" of office. Of course, that would have negated the purpose of these events which was to collect money for the sheriff's next election campaign.

The practice of handing out those shiny badges ended with Frank Cousins' appointment as sheriff by Gov. William Weld in 1996. Unfortunately, the need to raise money to run for reelection did not; nor did the practice of seeking donations from those employed by the sheriff's department.

Which is how Cousins found himself the object of a WBZ-TV I-Team investigation last week featuring unverified allegations by anonymous sources of employees being pressured to donate or suffer the boss' wrath.

While issuing a blanket denial that he had done anything improper (he did pay a \$10,000 fine to the state Office of Campaign and Political Finance last year for various accounting errors and accepting illegal cash contributions), Cousins now says he will no longer accept donations from non-managerial employees. Wise move.

But the archaic practice of electing our sheriffs whose primary responsibility is the administration of regional correctional facilities - ought to be abolished. The framers of the Massachusetts Constitution got it right when they called for sheriffs to be appointed by the governor with the consent of the Governor's Council. In the modern era this is a job where professional qualifications should count more than political popularity.

More information, more direction at Town Meeting

Resident Bob Pokress has asked town officials to list by priority Town Meeting articles each year. He wants to hear from both those who support and oppose projects when there is disagreement on town boards. He wants more information about how Town Meeting proposals will affect people's tax bills and the long-term town debt.

These are common sense requests made by a town resident. We support each of them. In particular before each Town Meeting, we'd like to see a clear ranking in importance of proposed projects by those charged to run Andover.

Opinion

SPRING FEVER



Shawn Khetarpal, 11, of Andover works on his cricket game as he follows through with a swing on a bowl from his dad, Aneesh.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Minister: Three Strikes bill tough on taxpayers, inhumane to others

Editor, Townsman:

the Habitual Offenders - or Association being allowed to colleagues? "Three Strikes" - bill cur- speak at a School Committee rently in conference com- meeting. mittee at the Massachusetts State House. This bill is ing clearly denotes that ill-conceived and goes too the 15-minute time limit far. While the bill aims to announced by the chairbe "tough on crime," it is person had expired, but by Help! Artists Guild instead tough on taxpayers, less than a minute. Jennifer and it constitutes cruel and Meagher had indicated she unusual punishment in the would be brief and wanted to Editor, Townsman: case of many offenders.

At this present moment, denied that opportunity. there is only one crime (first degree murder) that in the future, all members of law, 22 different crimes will input. If speakers identify than 40 years. the force the judge to hand themselves by raising a down a sentence of life in hand or on a sign up sheet, out the arts? It is less than it – at Memorial Hall Library prison without parole. The the chairperson can then can be for sure. judge would have to hand advise each speaker about As we go about our lives upgrade, all with state cash prison without any room for would also allow a speaker what needs to get done each ment fit the crime." and bankrupting the state. completion. My fear, along with many other members of the clergy and people of faith across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, is that a "Three S&P evaluation Strikes" law here would turn indicates money our prisons into expensive nursing homes as criminals for teachers contract who committed their third Editor, Townsman: crime many years in the past grow old and sick and the School Committee has borrowed space. The North of which is for schools, but die in prison. This is exorbi- argued and continues to Parish Church gave us a also included is \$7 million tantly expensive, as well as argue that the schedule cur- space for many years and earmarked for public librarinhumane. At present, it costs \$47,000 High School is not "sustain- We now occupy the art space netted about \$5.9 million in per year for each person able." The use of ecology- in the Furbur Mills on High total local aid in FY2011 or imprisoned in Massachu- movement rhetoric to justify Street, North Andover, also about 3.7 percent of the tax setts. Medical costs can add a the dismantling of the crown greatly appreciated by the dollars paid by town resigreat deal to this figure (per- jewel of the Andover Public association. haps \$100,000 per inmate). In School system is stunning in the meantime, many of the its audacity and frightening bringing in new members fine institution and I'm sure Commonwealth's cities and in its deception. towns struggle to get state funding for schools, infra- Poors most recent evaluation nent home. Many other art fused about who is paving police. ian Universalist ministers in "AAA" bond rating, reflect- our work, provide art shows, give me \$100 and I will return Strikes" bill last week, joining economic base...very strong the Andovers it would be to a growing chorus of religious household income levels... have such culture and creleaders across traditions. It extremely strong and diverse ativity at our fingertips. is my hope that our leaders property tax base...good will stop this injustice before financial position...and low positive thinking, creative it is too late.

The tape of the meetclarify a point only. She was

speakers was just that. I am to fully fund the schools in ideas and would like to share very familiar with the Open town? Or Standard & Poors them with us we would love Meeting Law and the conduct evaluation which seems to to talk. We are always lookof publicly elected boards. support the claim that a fair ing for new members to join That, in no way, should be contract for the teaching pro- our group as artists or art construed to mean that I fessionals is, in fact, readily lovers. Visit andoversartistdo not support members in the hands of Annie Gilbert sguild.com I write to speak out against of the Andover Education and her School Committee

> 8 Dale St. Andover High Class of 1983

THOMAS POWERS

looking for home

home," as Dorothy Gayle put but the page 1, paragraph 1 It is my sincere hope that it so long ago.... That is the statement that "Memorial sentiment of the Andovers Hall Library is undergomandates a life sentence the AEA who wish to speak Artists Guild that has had a ing an extensive cosmetic without parole. But if the are recognized within a rea- presence in the Merrimack upgrade, and so far it hasn't "Three Stikes" bill becomes sonable time limit for citizen Valley and beyond for more cost Andover taxpayers a

BETTY POGOR North Andover Artist Member **AAG Board of Directors**

Spanish teacher, Look at the books: Andover High School Library expense hits Andover wallets

Editor, Townsman:

I don't usually take the time to respond to misguided 'There's no place like items that end up in print, dime" is just too wrong to What is a community with- ignore ("Curl up by the fire

Andover officials do provide some of the information sought by Pokress, but they can do more. They should do more. If you want Town Meeting to survive as a vibrant body, it needs the lifeblood of information.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

ball chairs in classrooms?

■ Yeah! Students will stay ture will improve.

thing new tried.

■ No! The idea will deflate and the chairs not be worth for each person substantially the effort or expense in the if needed: 18 votes, 18.56 end.

■ No! Wrong expense during a tight time.

■ Need to wait and see. I'm votes, 15.46 percent still kind of bouncing around the idea.

■ Yes for another reason.

- No for another reason.
- Sigh. Only in Andover.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was percent "Should Andover committees let all interested resi- 1 vote, 1.03 percent dents and employees speak at meetings?" With 97 people son: no votes responding, more than half answered, "Yes." Specifically, opinion: no votes the answers were:

Yes. People have a First Amendment right to speak Do you support using stability in public: 27 votes, 27.84 percent

■ No. Board or committee awake in class, and their pos- chairs have the power to recognize speakers to protect ■ Yeah! Glad to see some- the meetings' integrity: 22 votes, 22.68 percent

■ Yes, and limit the time percent

■ No, there need to be some reasonable limits: 15

■ Yes. They may have ideas that the governing body must hear: 6 votes, 6.19 percent

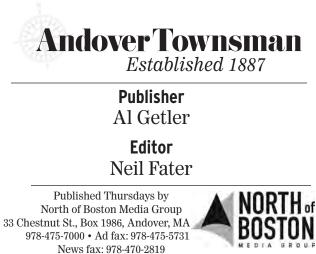
■ No. Letting everyone speak if they want would slow down town business: 5 votes, 5.15 percent

■ Other: 3 votes, 3.09

■ Yes, for another reason:

■ No, but for another rea-

■ I don't know, or I have no



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Union head: Let all speak within reasonable limit Editor, Townsman:

clear that my remarks about the close of fiscal 2010." understanding the author-

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KERRY A. COSTELLO Andover Education Association neighborhoods.

overall debt burden."

REV. M. LARA HOKE Furthermore, unemploy- for art, that there is someone Unitarian Universalist ment, according to their reading this - an individual, **Congregation** report, "was just 5.7% as of company or philanthropist 6 Locke St. September 2011."

economic numbers, the The mills in Lawrence and report states unequivocably the surrounding areas are that the town of Andover has a perfect spot. Could it be a a "\$951,000.00 general fund vacant school or perhaps an surplus, bringing the unre- empty apartment building? I am writing to correct the served general fund balance We are open to suggestions! context of a statement attrib- to \$3.25 million. The town's A donation of that magniuted to me in the Feb. 16 arti- stabilization fund, which is tude is surely a fantastic tax cle on the current state of the available for any purpose deduction and would make contract negotiations ("Con- with a two-thirds vote at the donator a hero in our tract mediation up in smoke," town meeting, increased community. page 1). I want to be crystal \$261,000.00 to \$4.8 million for

down a sentence of life in an individual time limit. That as a community, and do so far," Feb. 16 Townsman). discretion - without having a to shorten remarks and yield and every day, we tend to sachusetts state budget for chance to "make the punish- remaining time if needed, forget that art, music and FY2011, about \$17 billion As I was the last identified the creative spirit is also came directly from citizens California has a "Three speaker, I would certainly a basic human need. We in the form of income tax, Strikes" law that has contrib- have done that had I known have all seen the art pro- sales tax and gas taxes with uted to overfilling its prisons the time limit was nearing grams decline in our schools the balance being corpothroughout our community rate taxes and various fees. and country; the AAG is Andover's share of that is President keeping it alive in our own just under 1 percent, accord-

> display art work and offer state coffers. monthly demonstrations of prominent artists for sends some of that budget many years, but always in back to towns in the form of For the past 18 months a church basement or a local aid, the vast majority rently in place at Andover the AAG is forever grateful. ies across the state. Andover

As we grow and progress, and new ideas, we will need the renovation will be won-According to Standard & a building to call our perma- derful, but let's not get constructure, firefighters and available at andoverma.gov/ associations throughout New for it. If the article's author aaabondreport.pdf, the town England already have what thinks it hasn't cost Andover I was one of 100 Unitar- of Andover has received a we need, a gallery to show taxpayers a dime, I suggest he Massachusetts who signed a ing their opinion that the and give classes and demon- to him \$3.70 which won't cost petition against the "Three town has, "strong and stable strations. What an asset to him a dime either!

> We know, as a group of adults who have a passion that knows how to help. Do In terms of more explicit you have a space to donate?

Bringing the arts to the Andovers will bring new So, whom to believe? business, activity, excitement ity of the chairperson of the The School Committee that and a positive atmosphere to School Committee to limit claims there is no money our community. If you have

MHL undergoing extensive

Of the \$20.5 billion Masing to Mass DOR data, so The guild has been meet- about \$160 million goes from ing monthly to share ideas, Andover residents to the

> Now, it is true that the state dents to the state.

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PETER MORRIS 112 Pine St.

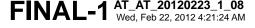
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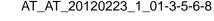
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Man: Share more information with Town Meeting voters

DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

Town Meeting spending arti- presented. cles, and voters should know Bob Pokress.

Officials should prioritize ing warrant articles are Committee leading up to the

selectmen, School Commit- who wants to defeat the people abstaining will each opinion and if it isn't unani- Board of Selectmen and tee and Finance Committee articles. Currently, materi- say only that "[the board] mous, you also get a minor- School Committee at every to change how Town Meet- als circulated by the Finance recommends approval."

Central to his sugges- sentence explanation out- to offer their opinion, along vide more information to Pokress asked that financial how individual board mem- tions at recent meeting is lining whether the boards with a committee member the voters in town who ulti- information be circulated bers voted on articles, says the idea that votes taken by as groups voted in support who speaks to the majority mately have to make the final detailing current tax infor-Cherrywood Circle resident boards that are not unani- or opposition. That means opinion of the board. mous should identify who a positive 5-0 vote, a 3-2 Pokress has asked the recommends approval and vote and a 2-1 vote with two Court. You get a majority

"Just like the U.S. Supreme articles."

Pokress also asked that "We'd like the same thing the warrant articles and meetings only offer a one- those in the minority be able done, because this will pro- publish that list. Similarly, decision on each one of these mation and the extent taxpay-

Pokress would like the articles are approved.

ity opinion," said Pokress. Town Meeting to prioritize ers' wallets will be affected if

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PRESCHOOL: Parents fight to keep school open

■ Continued from Page 1

said. "We have researched this. We've gone from 1,250 births in Andover to 250 in 2008.3

Sitting by and accepting closure is out of the question for parents with preschoolers now attending the school. Fortieth anniversary party plans are now themed "Save Our Preschool" events, starting with a pancake breakfast tentatively planned for next month. Mothers are working hard to get the word out about the preschool's predicament as well as its long history in town.

Some of the parents attended Ballardvale Preschool and have great memories, like Susan (Sharpe) ratio," Gruca said. Meaney. She attended Bal-Dylan, 4.

"It was very important to tion in his life," Meaney said important." in an email. "I knew, without school was the right place for was turned off by a larger him.'

student-to-teacher ratio is environment works better England in the 1970s. 5-to-1, so youngsters get lots for Noah, she said. of attention. "That's half of



Sue Meaney and her son Dylan, 3, sit with their class photos from Ballardvale Preschool.

lardvale Preschool in 1975 preschool, a selling point the preschool offers a "Back here." and now sends her son, for many parents of 3- and to Basics" environment they 4-vear-olds.

"Not everyone wants their my husband and me that child learning Spanish in Ballardvale Preschool as sible demise, Grupa said. our son feel just as much at preschool," mom Danielle we wanted our son to be in A preschool tuition is not a 'home' during a big transi- Matton joked. "Play time is a 'play-centered' environ- must-have in a struggling

a doubt, that Ballardvale Pre- Ballardvale Preschool. She Her son, Ieuan, 4, attends. preschool housed at a big reminds Smith of the cozy decade, and it equals trouble Gruca said the preschool's daycare facility. The smaller preschool she attended in for preschool enrollments.

said.

appreciate.

"It felt corporate to me. be finishing preschool in parents hope their fight will the state-mandated 10-to-1 And he used to cry," Matton June, I feel that Ballardvale save it.

SAVE OUR PRESCHOOL

A pancake breakfast fundraiser is tentatively set for Saturday, March 10 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Ballardvale Church, 23 Clark Road. On Wednesday, March 28, a

portion of the sales at DISH! in Andover, will be donated to the Ballardvale Preschool.

Preschool is worth trying to save as it exactly the kind of learning environment in which children flourish," Smith said.

Moms praised the teachers, including those who have been there 25 years or more.

"We don't have turnover," Play time rules at this Moms interviewed agreed Grupa said. "Teachers stay

The economy, the recession and lost jobs have played a "My husband and I chose role in her preschool's posment," Amy Smith wrote in family's monthly budget. Her son, Noah, 4, attends an email about the preschool. Add that to the shrinking number of births in Andover Ballardvale Preschool toward the end of the last

But, Matton said their pre-"Even though our son will school matters to them and



Vispoli aiming for state senate run

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

planning a bid for the state Beacon Hill." Senate, which would put him against current state Rep. state GOP primary will face Paul Adams in September's incumbent Sen. Barry Finestate primary election.

ing weeks," said Vispoli. "The Vispoli's bid for Beacon Hill. first step was pull the papers, a formal announcement."

Vispoli.

since 2007.

Vispoli said his aim is to take "my experience, my energy and my focus – my Selectman Alex Vispoli is municipal experience — to

The winner of the Sept. 6 gold (D-Andover) in the Nov. "I'll be making a formal 6 presidential election. Fineannouncement in the upcom- gold declined to comment on

If he were to become a state and get signatures, and make senator, Vispoli would need to resign from the Board of Candidates need to collect Selectmen. That would leave 300 signatures to run for the the board with a vacant posisenate position, according to tion to fill until a few months later, when Vispoli's seat He has been a selectman would be up for re-election in March 2013.

5 percent have new polling station for presidential primary

will be held on Tuesday, Voters in Precinct 7 will find March 6 with polls open from there are two voter lists for 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. - and some Precinct 7, designated 7 & 7A. residents will need to go to a In Precinct 9 there will also different voting location than be two lists, 9 & 9A. they are used to

sheen Road. Precincts 1, 7 districts, can be found on the

The Presidential Primary which split these Precincts.

The new precinct map, Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 9 including the new state reprewill vote at the Andover High sentative and senatorial dis-School Field House on Shaw- tricts, and U.S. Congressional

in the "What's New" section

Voters can also search for

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Super-Couponing Tips

Jill Cataldo saves hundreds on groceries by making the most of the common coupon. You can too. Here's how:



Last week, I answered some frequently asked questions about multiple coupons. In this week's column, another beginner has a question about coupon overage - when the value of a coupon exceeds the cost of the item you're trying to purchase

Back to Basics: Overage



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\$500 discount for complete room remodel or addition

Dear Jill,

If retailers get reimbursed for the face value of a coupon, why do some reduce the coupon's value when it exceeds the cost of the item you're purchasing? This seems like coupon fraud. The store profits by cheating the shopper out of the full value and pocketing the difference. One nationwide retailer gives the full coupon value to the customer, no matter what the sale price of the item may be, and it's spelled out in their coupon policy. This is something that really bothers me, and I am hoping you will have the answer. - Mindy C.

Dear Mindy,

Coupon overage can be a tricky topic. If I have a \$4 coupon for a product that is on sale for \$2.99, I'll take it home for free. But what happens to that extra \$1.01? Do I get that back, or does the store get to keep it?

Both answers are correct. The store may opt to keep the overage, or it may pass the overage to the customer.

If a store keeps the overage, the value of the coupon typically will be adjusted to match the selling price of the item. But, as you noted, the manufacturer will reimburse the store for the entire value of that coupon, so the store makes an additional profit on your purchase.

While this may not seem fair, it's the store's right to determine how to handle overage. Keeping it may help a store offset losses from shoplifting, for example, Supermarkets operate on very small profit margins, so overage money helps the bottom line.

Of course, your store may opt to give coupon overage back, to the delight of shoppers! This typically happens one of two ways. The store might return the overage in cash. Or the store might automatically subtract the value of the coupon and let you immediately apply it to other items you're buying in the same transaction. Let's say that I buy a \$2.99 item with a \$4 coupon, and I also buy a second item that costs \$2. My total at the register after the coupon is 99 cents. The register automatically applies the \$1.01 overage to the second item.

In my experience, the cash back policy is not typical, although one major supermarket chain uses it. To determine how your store handles overages, ask at the service desk or look online.

Even if it is your store's policy to give cash back for an overage, note that some coupons may carry the statement, "If the value of the coupon exceeds purchase price, cash should not be given back to the consumer." The manufacturer is entitled to specify limits and restrictions on its own coupons. And in this case, the manufacturer clearly communicates that it will not reimburse the store for more than the actual sale price of the item.

No matter how your store handles overage, don't get too caught up worrying where the additional money goes. Whether the store keeps it or you do, you're still getting an item for free - and that's always the best price!

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and 8 will vote at the Andover town web site at andoverma Senior Center on Whittier gov. The map can be found Court.

But new precinct boundary of the home page by chooslines went into effect on Jan. 1. ing "New Andover Voting This is the first election since Precincts.' the precinct lines have been redrawn. Following the 2010 their precinct by address by Federal Census, Andover, like going to the town clerk's web other Massachusetts cities page. Under "Main Menu" on and towns, was required to the town web site home page; redraw its precinct boundary choose "Department Direclines, to provide, as nearly as tory," then "Town Clerk," is practical, that all precincts then "Precinct Search." This are evenly populated. This will bring you to the Secretary results in some voters being of the Commonwealth's web moved from one precinct to site where you can search for another. Voting precincts are your precinct by address. determined by the address of The last time to apply for the voter. Most of Andover's an absentee ballot is noon voters will vote in the same Monday, March 5. Absentee precinct, but a small num- ballots are now available at ber, approximately 5 percent the town clerk's office. of all voters, will find themselves voting in a different for what is known "Presidenprecinct.

Another change is the mittee Man. State Committee creation of sub-precincts in Woman and Town Commit-Precincts 7 & 9. This is the tee" for each of three political result of the creation of new parties; Democratic, Repub-

U.S. Congressional districts lican and Green-Rainbow.

Voters will cast their votes

tial Preference, State Com-

Troop **79** food drive

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In the Military: Whiting awarded **Bronze Star**

has been awarded a Bronze High School, Captain Whit-Afghanistan.

Afghanistan under Opera- Methuen. Former Andover resident tion Enduring Freedom and United States Army from June 2010 to June 2011. Andover man helps Officer Bradford Whiting A 2004 graduate of Andover lead MV YMCA

2d Stryker Cavalry Regiment Norwich University with a Directors. Among those Merrimack Valley area.

based out of Vilseck, Ger- bachelor's degree in crimi- elected to a two-year term, many, completed a 12-month nal justice. He is the son of beginning in 2012, is new deployment to Kandahar, David and Carol Whiting of Treasurer Kevin Smithson of

Star Medal for service in ing was commissioned into The Merrimack Valley financial support to the orgathe United States Army in YMCA has announced its nization as it works to pro-Whiting, who was recently May 2008 after graduat- newly elected board lead- vide programs and services promoted to captain with the ing magna cum laude from ership to the Y's Board of to youth and families of the

Andover, partner at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Boston.

The role of YMCA policy volunteers is to provide leadership, guidance and

Michelle Walsh samples the butter she made by shaking cream as part of a school-vacation week program.

LITTLE HOUSE, AND A LITTLE HISTORY

The opportunity to learn what it would have been like to really live on the "Little House on the Prairie" drew young girls to the Andover Historical Society Tuesday, Feb. 21.

Children learned about the Ingalls family and what it might have been like to travel West, and pack trunk for a covered wagon journey. The kids learned about churning butter, training oxen, and making punched tin lanterns. Girls were able to sample the butter they made.





Meet your selectmen candidates Five vie for two seats

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

This year's selectmen PTO head.

three years.

LARRY BRUCE

254 Chandler Road

stranger to Bruce.

in the past year with efforts Kowalski. to replant trees that were cut in last year's election.

Describing himself as "an quately funded." advocate for the residents," Bruce said he entered the BRIAN MAJOR election because "the tremendous waste in Andover 11 Odyssey Way spending compels me to run for office.

seat last year. But don't let that give the impression he's a veteran.

"I have only lived in town race features a leader of the for five years, but I feel like a League of Women Voters, a lifelong resident," said Kow-retired DEA agent, a town alski. "I am passionate for watchdog, the board's cur- my community. Ever since rent chairman and a school moving into the town, I have been involved. I have been on Five residents are vying for the board of the South School two open seats on the Board PTO for three years, including of Selectmen in the town's co-president for the last two March 27 election. The posi- years. I was a board member tions, currently occupied by of the Andover Youth Foun-Selectmen Brian Major and dation, and recently a mem-Ted Teichert, are both for ber of the Andover Finance Committee.

"People move to Andover for many reasons; the school system, the feeling of community, the downtown atmo-Many people around town sphere, strong real estate know Larry Bruce by name. values and much more. We Having run for the Board of need a selectman that has Selectmen in recent years, shown a passion for the comthe election process is no munity. Someone who has proven diverse community He has lived in town since involvement; but still offers 1989, and has been associated a fresh perspective," said

If elected, he said he will down along Interstate 93 and work with selectmen and calling for an investigation town manager to "identify into the use of town youth priorities in our community services vans to transport such as education, public Andover teenagers who cam- safety, elder care, etc. and paigned for Selectman Paul work within the constraints Salafia, who defeated Bruce of our budget to make sure that these priorities are ade-

Current selectmen Chairman Brian Major has been "Every department needs on the board for more than a top-down review and right-15 years. First elected in 1997 sizing to our needs," said and running for the board for Bruce. "This is something the his sixth time, Major said, "I selectmen promise but never still have strong passion and love for the job. In office, Bruce says he "It's a role that continuaims to "make public all of ously changes because the the financial detail which issues that we're dealing Every check written should said Major. "Our passion be available for public view- remains extremely strong for ing. I think we need to look being able to serve the citi-

Charlie Gualtieri smiles as she starts to hear butter shaking around in a container that just prior held only cream.

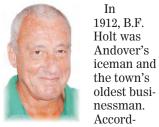


MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos Lolly Ferraro (left) pounds a nail into a pattern to make a metal lantern.

Leah O'Neill places a toy in a chest as youngsters learn how to pack a wagon at the The Little House on the Prairie program at the Andover Historical Society on Main Street.

B.F. Holt kept Andover iceboxes packed

Bill Dalton



ing to an Andover Townsman story that year, Holt opened "B.F. Holt Ice" 51 years earlier, in 1861, to supply ice to Andover homes and businesses. Two small ponds next to his house in the old Holt District, in the southeast corner of Andover, served as the source of his ice inventory. Subsequently, when he moved his house — the Townsman didn't sav when — this energetic and enterprising man dug a ice suppliers, but their three-acre pond at the new

as Pomps Pond, to provide ice service to an increasing customer base.

In 1873, Holt and his brother, Lewis T. Holt, bought an ice business in iceman and Lawrence and formed the Lawrence Ice Company, which became a major regional ice supplier, taking its inventory from several sources, including the Merrimack River. B.F. Holt became president of Lawrence Ice Co. and his brother became treasurer. Although B.F. was competing with himself to some extent, B.F. Holt Ice was small, selling 5,000 tons of ice to Andover customers, while the much bigger Lawrence Ice Company sold 55,000 tons of ice to businesses far and wide.

There were other retail ice business was a side

location and used it, as well operation to their primary delivery items such as coal and milk. For example, my grandmother, owner

of Metropolitan Bakery in 1912, had a daily-recurring expense of \$2 paid to Thomas Rhodes, a wellknown Andover gentleman, who was primarily in the ice cream business, but he sold ice to her, as well. There were few ice companies that handled the ice from harvesting to delivery, and they sold wholesale ice to retailers delivering ice as side operations.

As an aside, at the same time the Holt Brothers were running local ice operations, "T.A. Holt Grocery" was a robust Andover business. I don't know the blood line between B.F. and T.A. but surely they were relatives.

The 1912 Townsman story about B.F. explained

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that, in the 51 years he had been in the ice business, the industry had grown substantially, because ice, once considered a luxury, became so common that "only the very poorest of families get along without it." The writer stated that the increased demand for ice was due to the growing popularity of ice cream. People wanted to make ice cream at home, and ice cream required ice to make it. However, the writer's explanation for the ice industry's growth is incomplete. The industrial revolution expanded the country's economy, and that produced more income for more people, making ice and iceboxes relatively more affordable. This, coupled with population growth, created a higher demand for

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deliver.

now is hidden from view. with continuously change, at staffing levels in town and zens of Andover, and serve readjust to meet our needs."

ANN COBLEIGH

21 Magnolia Ave.

who recently resigned as year. treasurer of the League of run to become a selectman.

"I'm as committed as ever cerns and issues to deal with. vale Fire Station." Since Ted Teichert isn't going body needs to step up."

Cobleigh is involved with said Major. the Andover Choral Society, the Andover Affordable PAUL L.D. RUSSELL JR. Housing Partnership Committee and has worked with 2 Pine Cone Lane several other groups and organizations in the past.

ects on Andover's horizon his family name proudly. impact town departments nificant cuts over the years.

possibly reached that point of he said. Russell's children – to provide these services," and Pauline. said Cobleigh.

the town officials.

DAN KOWALSKI

24 Enfield Drive

frequent visitor to different believe in giving back to the board and committee meet- community." ings during the last couple years, and finished second in the selectmen race for one

them well." If he is voted onto the board for a sixth term, Major said a large focus for him would be on building a new Watching democracy in Bancroft Elementary School action and helping people get and the Cormier Youth Ceninvolved has been a calling ter, two construction projects for resident Ann Cobleigh, approved by town voters last

"I'd like to see those have Women Voters of Andover/ construction under way and North Andover so she could completed in the next threeyear block," said Major. "Additionally, we need to to support democracy, voting, identify and move forward and encouraging people to with practical solutions for stay with it," said Cobleigh. both the municipal mainte-"I see an exciting future, and nance services faciliy [Town I see that we still have con- Yard] as well as the Ballard-

But "most important to run for re-election, some- is being able to maintain Andover's AAA bond rating,'

At 67 and having just retired after decades of ser-In office, Cobleigh said she vice in the public safety field, would watch how large proj- Paul L.D. Russell Jr. carries

His great grandfather, that have already faced sig- George Stevens, was a North Carolina slave who fought in "I'm suspicious that we've the Civil War from Beverly. diminishing returns, where 18-year-old twins who grad-[passing large projects] could uated from Andover High have a detrimental effect on School last year — are both these departments' abilities named after his parents, Paul

After years of service as an She said she also would agent in the Drug Enforcefocus on "a communica- ment Agency, from which he tion disconnect between the retired in May 2011, Russell downtown merchants and said he brings law-enforcement experience to the table of the selectmen race.

"Prior to becoming a DEA agent, I was a customs inspector and, prior to that, I was a Dan Kowalski has been a firefighter," said Russell. "I

In office, Russell said he'll

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Aging Parents: Navigating the Journey on March 8

Hall Library.

ated by Janet Simpson Ben- ing descriptions: venuti, author of Don't Give ported her own parents.

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100 Years Ago

Feb. 23, 1912

considerable replumbing.

BOOMERVENTURE

KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR

ACTING PROGRAM

COORDINATOR

'We've designed afternoon

mind. It is great that local

late afternoon courses," said

Kathy Urquhart, Andover

its programs for spring.

A panel discussion, "Aging to the role adult children Home Administrator. Bisbee Patterson's experience faculty of the National Alli- be a lively and informative

Up on Me!, a memoir that cap- elder law and estate plan- NAELA. tures the lessons she learned ning attorney who, prior to

during the decade she sup- entering the legal profession, MSW, LICSW, CMC, is an Managers. spent more than 20 years in elder care consultant and a Tobe Gerard, CLTC, CSA, their expertise and address or contact Richard Soo Hoo An engaging speaker who healthcare both as a Regis- pioneer in the field of geri- is a long-term care insurance specific questions from the at richsoohoo@aol.com or brings humor and insight tered Nurse and a Nursing atric care management. specialist who serves on the audience in what is sure to 978-470-2293.

■ Meredith Patterson, Professional Geriatric Care to a greater degree.

Parents: Navigating the Jour- play in their parents' lives, practices law in both Mas- includes appointments to ance, teaching insurance discussion. ney," will be held on Thurs- Benvenuti will be joined by sachusetts and New Hamp- Boston's Beth Israel Hospi- brokers nationwide about day, March 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. three panelists with decades shire and is a board member tal Neurology Department, long-term care. As a mem- by the Harvard Club of in the Andover Memorial of experience working with of both the Massachusetts as Chief of Social Service ber of the Massachusetts Andover Memofamilies, according to orga- Guardianship Association for Harvard Community Association of Health Under- rial Hall Library. The panel will be moder- nizers who offer the follow- and the Massachusetts Chap- Health Plan, and as a Fellow writers, Gerard has lobbied ter of the leading organiza- and Chair of the Standards energetically for long-term public and will be telecast on • Karol Bisbee, P.C. is an tion of elder law attorneys, and Ethics Committee of care insurance legislation Andover's local community the National Association of that will protect consumers channel.

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This event is co-sponsored

The program is free to the

For more information, vis-The panelists will share itharvardclubofandover.com

a well-constructed icehouse

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

75 Years Ago Feb. 19, 1937

Five persons were hurt, none of them critically, Wednesday night near Extensive alterations and McManns' ice cream stand repairs are being made on when the car in which four the property on Punchard of them were riding crashed a venue which is to be used into a car parked by the side E. Duff, explained a state- proposals — for the institufor the Home for the Aged. of the road for tire-changing The ell of the house [a wing purposes. of a building at right angles

to the main structure] is in the annual warrant, one at a meeting Monday night in change that would increase being raised, the carpen- asking for up to \$2500 for the town hall. He told the Select- the number of units permitted ter work being done by purchase of land for a West men, Finance Committee, per acre in multi-unit building W.J. Doherty. Buchan & Center playground and the and Dump Study Committee, projects - had come under McNally are installing a other asking an unspecified that he did not actually sup- heavy fire at a recent public heating plant and doing sum for the building of a port the FinComs's negative hearing from residents who

school, were approved by the Andover Parent Teacher Association at the meeting Wednesday night.

50 Years Ago Feb. 21, 1962

ment of a week ago, concern- tion of a Multi-Family Zone at ing the purchase of a new the edge of the Central Busi-Two articles that appear \$28,000 'dozer for the dump, ness District, and for a bylaw

Feb. 26, 1987

Tuesday night, the Planning Board reluctantly withdrew a pair of preliminary warrant articles dealing with the creation of multiple fam-Town Manager Thomas ily housing units. The two

25 Years Ago

DALTON: Ice was big business ■ Continued from Page 9

> ice. Higher demand enticed entrepreneurs, such as the Holt brothers, to buy and expand existing businesses such as the Lawrence Ice Company or to start up new companies. These companies added to the supply of ice, and there were as many as seven ice companies in the area before the turn of the 20th Century. The competition for customers, coupled with increased supply of ice, kept prices low.

> Ice harvesting methods changed little from 1861 to 1912. At B.F. Holt Ice, the only change was steam power replaced horse power as the energy source that pulled ice blocks up the chute from Pomps Pond to the ice house on the shore. There are several internet videos showing ice being harvested. Basically, grooves cut in the ice allowed saws to complete the cuts, and the ice blocks were floated to the chute leading to the ice house. B.F. Holt Ice put 25 men to work between January and early March, depending on the weather. Some of these men also delivered ice, essentially working two jobs during winter.

Icehouses of all sizes were familiar sights along river banks, ponds and lakes. Some still exist as cottages or part of public beach facilities. They had in common that they were white to reflect the suns rays and were tightly constructed to keep out moisture and heat. Well-packed ice -- meaning solid and tight and stored in *andovertownie.com*.

- could last up to three years, although the amount of melt would increase with time. Ideally, all ice was sold before the next ice season and normal melt was in the 10- to 25-percent range for ice almost a year old. Ice from New England, sometimes 15 inches thick, was shipped as far as India, packed tightly and covered in sawdust, so that English officers could have their gin and tonics served cold in

officers' clubs. There is a wonderful short story by Clarence Day about a missed delivery of ice titled, "Father Wakes Up the Village," which became part of his book, "Life with Father" (1936). You can read the story online for free, and you will like it, I promise.

By 1912, three ice companies had become so big and efficient that they were the only ice suppliers left. In addition to the Holt brothers' companies was People's Ice, which became the primary supplier of ice in Andover and surrounding areas by the 1930s. However, the icebox age was almost at a close and iceboxes were replaced by refrigerators in most Andover homes by 1950. Still, many people used the word "icebox" for many more years when referring to their modern-era refrigerator, as in, "Honey, will you grab a beer from the icebox for me, please?"

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is billdalton@

Senior Center Director. Mondays, Feb. 27 to May 14, Caribbean music and Latin BoomerVenture is planning

programs with teachers and center.org or call program cise experience required. self-employed workers in organizers at 978-623-8321.

baby boomers with a little start the end of February and 3:30 p.m.; 12 classes for \$65. meant to sooth and refresh flexibility in their schedules and registration began last Cardio fitness with a Latin mind, body and spirit. are taking advantage of these Monday, Feb. 13. Courses include:

our other day-time classes without going to the gym by

flair by instructor Katie ENERGIZE WITH EXERCISE: tory teacher. Dance to Afro- floor.

"There is often room for at 3:30 p.m.; 11 classes for beats, with flamenco, belly

MINDFUL MEDITATION: Tues-Dahlgren and Ralph Galen, **BOOMER ZUMBA:** Thurs- meditation practitioners.

All events located at 30

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aim to "give the community the best I can.'

"I believe Andover is really a won- STATION derful, great community. That's why we came here initially," said Russell. "I

and events."

the community in many of \$60. Great aerobic workout dance, rock and hip hop.

instructor Denise Boucher. days, Feb. 28 to May 15, Residents can look at the Weight training and stretch- 7:30 to 8 a.m.; 11 classes for website www.andoversenior- ing included. No prior exer- \$22, facilitated by Joanne

BoomerVenture programs days, March 1 to May 17, The practice of meditation is

options to choose from: building the

station on or near South Elementary

School property, building it elsewhere

in town or not building a new station at

all. All five said that a new station must

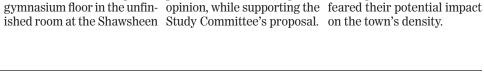
Pina, Andover High His- Whittier Court, ground

CANDIDATES: Five in running for two seats The candidates were given three

that it's at right now." Russell has lived in town since 1990.

TAKING A STAND: NEW FIRE

As part of this story, the candidates be built, but they wanted to review just want to build on that, and to add to were asked for their thoughts on plans more information before committing that, to keep it at the level of excellence to build a new Ballardvale Fire Station. to where they think it should be built.





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TOWN TALK



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THE TOWNSMAN Thursday, February 23, 2012 11

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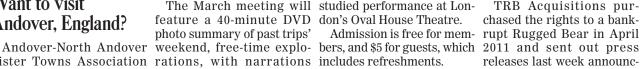
monthly meeting will take by enthusiastic members. meeting offers interested during a brief business meettravelers the opportunity to ing. For more information, planned May 15-22 excur- 1966 or via email at donaldsion to Andover, Hampshire, robb6@yahoo.com. England.

planning a series of fun-filled informative tours, and if the past is any indication, best yet," says the group in a program, "A Visit with Isa the upcoming trip is filling up beautiful areas.'

The March meeting will studied performance at Lon- TRB Acquisitions purfeature a 40-minute DVD don's Oval House Theatre. photo summary of past trips' Sister Towns Association rations, with narrations includes refreshments. place at Atria Marland Place The public is welcome and contact Anne Feeney at brand. The Rugged Bear on March 10 at 2 p.m. The refreshments will be served pianopasta@comcast.net or will be available July 2012 learn details of the group's contact Don Robb at 978-475- Rugged Bear

"Our host families are Gardner to visit

this, our third, looks like the membership meeting and ing a makeover.



978-475-7119.

re-launch

retail site on Park Street is closed in March 2011. Salvabeing made over into a res- tore's Restaurant plans to taurant, the former children's open in that space by the end Andover Garden Club clothes store is also undergo- of the year.

chased the rights to a bank-Admission is free for mem- rupt Rugged Bear in April releases last week announc-For more information, ing their re-launch of the at department and specialty stores nationwide.

The Rugged Bear was in Andover for 12 years, at 34 Park St. and was an original As the former Rugged Bear occupant at the mini-mall. It

– Judy Wakefield



Melissa Lee, an Andover High junior, won a gold medal in the Figure Skating Senior Ladies division of the 27th Bay State Winter Games held Feb. 10-12 in Williamstown. She qualified to attend the National Championship of the 2013 State Games of America in Hershey, Pa. Andover's Pippa Johnson also skated at the **Bay State Winter** Games.





The town has captured the stories of dozens of Andover World War II veterans in its "Heroes Among Us" book series, including Warren J. Kearn, who stands while being honored at a 2010 ceremony.

Know a World War II vet? Let town capture history

If you know a living World it.

has documented the sto- to contact the Andover Veterries of veterans that served ans Office at 978-623-8218. mostly overseas.

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Keeping up with AYS

Andover Youth Services

Tony Lombardi **Program Coordinator**

The Andover Youth Services next session of afterschool programming, classes screen and move outside of and activities is available their comfort zone - even if now in schools, at the AYS only for a couple of hours. office and on our website. This six-week session, begins Pong Club and Mechanic Monday, March 5 and runs School both had fun getthrough Friday, April 13, and ting to know each other and will include some returning learning from their respecfavorites, such as Cooking tive programs. with Tony and Fashion; the return of some instant classics, such as Indoor Karting Cosmetology School.

Ultimate Frisbee.

programs, so don't hesitate. songs on the bus. If you have any questions about these programs or how **VOLLEYBALL** to get involved, email ays@ andoverma.gov or call 978-623-8241.

PEARSON STREET

classes. These groups of gov future chefs have been creating amazing dishes and even WRESTLING been kind enough to share with others. Cooking with is quickly coming to a close Tony will culminate with an and it has been amazing to invitation-only four-course see the success of the promeal, prepped, prepared and gram. With great showings served by program partici- at both the Big East Tournapants. Aside from wonderful ment and the Youth Wresaromas, the sweet melodies tling State Tournament-the of Guitar and the thumping program is starting to build sounds of Jamming with itself into a true contender Jack filled the air at Pearson at every weight class and Street on a weekly basis.

programs spent six weeks moving around the area and trying new activities to challenge themselves and the group. Whether they were rock-climbing, boxing, snow tubing or doing yoga, the participants were asked to put down their cell phones, step away from the computer

The newly formed Ping

NIGHT RIDERS

This ever popular program and Airsoft; as well as some saw its greatest success brand new offerings, includ- this season with more than ing AYS Boxing Club and 50 middle school students participating each Friday. Check outandoveryouth- Despite the lack of snow from services.com for information Mother Nature, each week about these programs and Pat's Peak provided us with others like Street Hockey, something to ski and ride and Media Minds, Girls: Get Up the group themselves had a & Go!, Rock Climbing and great time regardless of the conditions. We will miss our Spaces are limited in these lift rides, chicken fingers and

Over the last month or so, youth services hase been offering a free open gym volleyball session at the Wood Hill gym. The program is Over the last six weeks, the designed to offer new vol-AYS office on Pearson Street leyball players the opportuhas been teeming with activ- nity to give this sport a try ity. Each week, visitors could and give experienced playbe treated to the wonderful ers a chance to stay in shape aromas and rich flavors of between seasons. To learn the Cooking with Tony and more about AYS volleyball, Laurel's Bakeshop culinary email gwilson@andoverma.

The youth wrestling season will hopefully continue to Things were also happen- be a great foundation for the

By JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER **STAR WARS SYMPOSIUM** It's been nearly seven years since

Mike Horvath of Andover threw

out the first pitch during a Red Sox

game dressed as Chewbacca from

Museum of Science in Boston. He

threw that pitch in October 2005,

as a promo for the museum's then-

That exhibit is still touring, Hor-

vath said, as die hard fans of all ages

still come to see it. They are numer-

"It's a whole new demographic,"

Some of those Star Wars lovers

Memorial Hall Library this week.

Library, 2 North Main St., will wel-

Horvath said. "A younger gen-

eration is joining a strong core of

their fathers and grandfathers.

fans."

event.

showing Star Wars exhibit.

Horvath still works for the

the Star Wars movies.

Darth Vader (Hayden Christensen) in Star Wars: Episode III Revenge of the Sith.

When: Sunday, Feb. 26, 2 p.m. Where: Memorial Hall Library What: Dress as a favorite character, compete in costume and trivia contests, learn about the history of Star Wars, more. Who: For ages 6 and up, families welcome

The Force to be felt at MHL

Register: mhl.org/eventcalendar, 978-623-8401 Ext. 39

test. This event is for all ages, 6 and miered in 1977. up, and families are welcome. Star ies are being released.

in Andover may enjoy an event at On Sunday, Feb. 26, Memorial Hall Episode I" has been playing in ing in Santa Ana, Calif., there are some local theaters. Episode I of two more stops, in Wichita, Kan. come purists and this new generathe drama/scifi/fantasy, directed and Orlando, Fla., before the tour tion of Star War fans to a special by George Lucas, is pre-Darth is scheduled to finally end in March Vader and all about his earlier life 2013.

as a hopeful 9-year-old boy named Anakin Skywalker. Anakin pursues his dreams and confronts his deepest fears in the midst of this galaxy in turmoil.

Obi-Wan Kenobi is just a brash young Jedi Knight in this first episode.

But Star War purists are a bit peeved as Lucas has tweaked some scenes in the movies since they first were created.Dave Waller of Andover is one of those purists.

"There's an alien shooting scene in 3D that (director) Lucas The Children's Room hosts a has tweaked and it makes purists ous and, now, young fans joining Star War Symposium starting at cringe," said Waller, who has seen 2 p.m. that day. A costume contest all six Star War episodes "multiple is planned along with a trivia con- times" since the movie series pre-

> Hardcore fans of Star Wars can Wars is back at the forefront of pop be found worldwide, which is why culture as 3D versions of the mov- the former Museum of Science exhibit has gone from Alaska to The 3D version of "Star Wars: Australia, Horvath said. Now show-

Annual 'A Cappella Night' at Merrimack College

the Arts at Merrimack Col- cia, and Guy Chiapponi. lege presents its annual A Cappella Night on Saturday, offers a continuously fresh March 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Boston Jazz Voices and last five decades. "Mackapella" will perform at the event.

Merrimack College's own arrangements of the Ameri-Mackapella," comprised of can songbook. Their perfor-18 students of all year levels. mances have taken them to The group arranges original medieval churches in Paris, music of all genres, reach- to white colonial churches ing new heights with unique in New England, to schools harmonies and beats. Shore A Cappella has enter- region, and to local radio and offers a unique combination tained listeners throughout television. They've sung the of those old sounds and conthe Boston area with songs national anthem at Fenway temporary vocal jazz idiom. from the 40s right up through Park in Boston, celebrated today. The voices belong to Christmas at Old Sturbridge \$20 at the door. For info or Tommy Duarte, Paul Lopes, Village and have rung in the tickets, call 978-837-5355.

The Rogers Center for Jimmy Martin, Vinny Strac-

The award-winning group repertoire of hundreds of North Shore A Cappella, popular hits that cover the

Over the years, Boston Jazz Voices' repertoire has The concert will open with expanded to include jazz





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37 Pearson St. Each Monday High School. Good luck to and Thursday, the AYS Floor those wrestlers headed to the Hockey League stormed the New England Tournament. Wood Hill Middle gym for two hours of some of the most **YOUTH CENTER** competitive floor hockey ever played, highlighted by the at Special Town Meeting on first ever Half-Day Tourna- Dec. 5. the Andover Youth ment & Pizza Party.

Both the Boys: Expeditions and Girls: Venture Out

ing outside the confines of wrestling team at Andover

Following the epic victory Foundation presented a

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and libraries and assisted New Year at First Night in For the last 30 years, North living facilities all over the Boston. Boston Jazz Voices Advance tickets are \$15,

The Rogers Center also soon will celebrate a late St. Patrick's Day in style with an appearance on Friday, March 2 by the Makem and Spain Brothers (pictured above).



The Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras perform during the group's winter 2011 concert.

Free youth concert a proving ground for honors players

The Northeast Massachu- of the Symphony Orches- director and the organizer Elm St., Andover.

setts Youth Orchestras will tra students into chamber of this program. present its annual Chamber ensembles which rehearse Music Concert on Sunday, for the months of January cert is a free family event ensembles will travel to March 4 at 3 p.m., at the and February. All of the that showcases the instru- perform at senior residen-Free Christian Church, 31 groups work with outstand- ments of the orchestra as tial homes, senior centers, ing professional musicians they are heard in small and a rehabilitation cen-NMYO provides the oppor- from the Greater Bos- ensembles. The top groups ter as a musical service to tunity of performing in small ton area as they prepare from this concert will be the community. For more

groups to the group's Sym-phony Orchestra members. the chamber repertoire," ors performance at another "Each year we divide all said Trudy Larson, string venue this spring. venue this spring. venue this spring.

In the weeks following the Chamber Music The Chamber Music Con- Concert, NMYO chamber

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 23

ditional Andover samplers made by girls studioyoga.com, Connie 978 376-1100. as voung as 7 and textile treasures from sampler like young girls did in the past, Bookstore, 10 a.m.; 978-475-0143. 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., \$10 per child, or sign up reservations required, 978-475-2236.

War" and learn more about 19th century advance, \$30, door, \$35; 978-837-5000. quilting, stitching squares for doll-size quilts, viewing quilts and Civil War artifacts in the museum's collection, Buttonwoods Museum, Haverhill, for students in grades 1 through 6, snack and all craft against each other in a fun competition, \$7 for member; space is limited. Register Mall at Rockingham Park, Salem, N.H.; by emailing programs@haverhillhistory. 603-894-4411. org, 978-374-4626.

FRIDAY, FEB. 24

FREE INTRO TO YOGA, UnionStudio Yoga, 305 North Main St. (rt. 28/Tactician Building), Andover, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.,

teaches principles of correct alignment, guidelines for breathing and basic poses SCHOOL GIRL SAMPLER, explore tra- for strength, flexibility and balance; union-

CHILDREN'S AUTHOR READING, David our collection. Learn to sew a cross stitch Elliott will read from "In the Sea," Andover

LEGENDARY LADIES OF SONG, this for three school vacation events for \$24; concert will pay tribute to three of the most famous "girl singers" from the big KIDS QUILTING, join Haverhill Histori- band era, Doris Day, Rosemary Clooney cal Society getting ready for their sum- and Peggy Lee, The Rogers Center for the mer exhibit "Haverhill's Women in the Civil Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover,

SATURDAY, FEB. 25

DIAPER DERBY. new crawlers race materials included, \$10 for non-members, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., free, Center Court, The

PROM EXPO, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, noon to 6 p.m., 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, 978-454-2299, lowellauditorium.com.

EMPTY NESTERS MOVIE, Empty

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Crossword puzzle

NE Classical Singers drawn by 'Eternal Light'

tion" on Saturday, March 3 at Motets for the Season of englandclassical.org. 7 p.m. at St. Michael Parish, Lent, and Lauridsen's Lux

There are 11 Andover Susan DeSelms. orchestra and soloists.

residents in the 30-person Tickets are \$20 adults and the direction of David Messiah at the Rogers Cenauditioned choral group that \$18 for seniors; group rates Hodgkins. performs a variety of music, are available. Children and

New England Classical concert of sacred choral chorus members, and at the program, the Lawrence High Singers will present "Eter- music featuring Palestrina's door. For more information School Girls Ensemble joins nal Light: A Musical Medita- Missa Lauda Sion, Poulenc's call 978-474-6090 or visit new- the group's chorus. That

196 Main St., North Andover. Aeterna with guest organist Singers rehearse at South New England Classical Sing-

from light classical and students with ID are free. will be held on Sunday, April attended, and the group has gospel to major works with Tickets for this upcoming 29 at Corpus Christi Parish at plans to make this a yearly concert are available at the Holy Rosary Church in Law- holiday event, according to The March 3 event is a Andover Bookstore, from rence. As part of its outreach member Ann O'Connell.

concert is free to the public. New England Classical During the last two years, Church in Andover under ers has performed Handel's ter for the Arts. These con-Its last concert of the season certs were extremely well

Upcoming campus concerts at Phillips Academy

lowing concerts:

Chamber Orchestras of Phil- Star Wars: Episode II and Choirs and Chamber Orches- John Lockwood, bass; and lips Academy will present Otto Nicolai's Merry Wives of tra will present a concert on Bob Gullotti, drums. a concert on Friday, Feb. 24 Windsor Overture under the Friday, March 2 at 7:30 p.m. in at 7:30 p.m. in the Cochran direction of James Orent. Chapel.

String Orchestra, under the 6:30 p.m. in the Timken Room direction of Elizabeth Aure- at Graves Hall. den and Holly Barnes.

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Approaching events at Phil-93, Pietro Mascagni's Inter- Kronke, Milhaud, Mozart, Artist Jeff Galindo and the cana, John William's Across and Villa Lobos. ■ The Symphony and the Stars, Love Theme from

■ The Phillips Academy The program will include Music Department will pres- works by Mozart, Rudolf various composers including Paul White's Sinfronietta ent the Phillips Academy Tobias, Arvo Pärt, Cole Por- Thad Jones, Buck Clayton, for String Orchestra, Op. 8 Chamber Music Society, ter and others under the Louie Bellson, Lee Morgan directed by Christina Landolt; comprised of faculty and stu- direction of Christopher and Bobby Timmons. Holst's Brook Green Suite for dents, on Saturday, Feb. 25 at Walter.

AYS: \$400,000 received for new youth center

check for \$400,000 on Feb. 6 in the coming weeks. With ning construction in June community fundraisers and,

to the Board of Selectmen for these developments, the pro- 2013. In the meantime, the if you are interested in mak-

EVENTS CALENDAR

lips Academy include the fol- mezzo from Cavalleria Rusti- Schubert, Schumann, Quantz Galindo/Phaneuf Quartet

the Cochran Chapel.

• On Sunday, March 4 at open to the public. 3 p.m., the Phillips Academy The program will include Music Department will pres- at 180 Main St. Also featured on the pro- movements of chamber music ent the Academy Jazz Band phony No. 8 in F Major, Op. din, Brahms, Dvořák, Glinka, the 2011-2012 Chapin Guest or call 978-749-4260.

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with Jeff Galindo, trombone; ■ The Phillips Academy Marc Phaneuf, saxophone;

The program, which takes place in the Cochran Chapel, The program will include will include the works of

All concerts are free and Phillips Academy is located

For more information.

gram are Beethoven's Sym- by Arensky, Beethoven, Boro- and ensembles, along with email music@andover.edu

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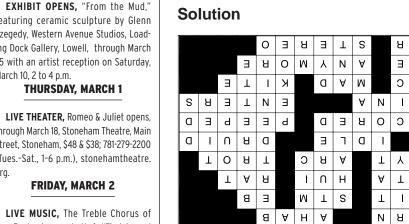
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Andover, 6 p.m., watch the movie "Luther" info@faith-andover.org, 978-475-4059.

children (ages 4 to 12) to the YMCA while ivychord@uureading.org, 781-944-0494. you enjoy dinner out. We will serve them a snack, make a craft project, play games in the mat room, swim and have fun. The next The Andover/North Andover YMCA is at 165 6 and up, families welcome; register at Haverhill St., Andover; 978-685-3541.

FirstChurchBoxford.org.

LIVE MUSIC, Aoife Clancy & Robbie special music on the harpsichord. Nesters are invited to gather at Faith O'Connell, The IVY CHORD Coffee House, YMCA, 65 Haverhill St., Andover. Bring before the concert, concert start at 8 p.m.; free; frsuu.org. 978-465-0602 ext. 401.

SUNDAY, FEB. 26

STAR WARS SYMPOSIUM, 2 p.m., YMCA members; \$20 for the community. test, learn about the history of Star Wars, the DVD after watching it; mhl.org, 978-Please pre-register at the Welcome Center. join in a trivia contest and more. For ages 623-8401, ext. 31 or 32. mhl.org/eventcalendar. 978-623-8401 x39.

faculty at Phillips Academy, will perform

LIVE MUSIC, Duo Andacht will perform Lutheran Church, South Main Street, Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, works by Ludwig van Beethoven, Sergei featuring ceramic sculpture by Glenn 239 Woburn St., Reading, doors open at Prokofieff, Max Bruch and Manuel de Falla, Szegedy, Western Avenue Studios, Loadand enjoy sub sandwiches and fellowship; 7:15 p.m., \$17 seniors, students, \$20 gen- 4 p.m., Unitarian Church, 26 Pleasant St., ing Dock Gallery, Lowell, through March eral admission, open seating with home- Newburyport, suggested donations are 25 with an artist reception on Saturday, PARENTS NIGHT OUT, 5 to 8 p.m., made scones and hot beverages for sale \$15, \$10 for seniors, children and students March 10, 2 to 4 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 27

FREE MOVIE FOR ADULTS. "The Tem- Street. Stoneham. \$48 & \$38: 781-279-2200 Parents' Night Out will be held on March Memorial Hall Library. Come dressed as pest," 7 p.m. Memorial Hall Library, 2 North (Tues.-Sat., 1-6 p.m.), stonehamtheatre. 10, 24, April 14, 28. Cost per child is \$10 for a favorite character for the costume con-Main. Attend the movie, and enter to win org.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28

LIVE GOSPEL MUSIC, sixth Annual LIVE CHORAL EVENSONG, the Par- FISH ON!, Local Trout Fishing-Still Spring Gala!," with Silent Auction, Buffet Black History Month Celebration, First ish Choir of Christ Church, 33 Central St., Waters and Streams, 7 p.m. Capt. Al Mon- Dinner, Cash Bar and Guest appearance

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 29

the architectural work and cess is picking up steam and Andover Youth Foundation is ing a donation to the building

design of the new building. our hope is to have a design fundraising to ensure the big-fund, visit and overyouth foun-The youth center building finalized by June, after which gest and best possible youth dation.org.

foods will be welcomed at the door; Carolyn Skelton, retired from the music Hall Library; mhl.org.

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7 p.m., with Confirmation Gospel Singers, Evening Prayer in the Anglican tradition), fishing at our local trout fisheries and England, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Long Meadow Golf free but contributions to First Church's 5 p.m., free. The choir will sing anthems share the best approach for fishing trout Club, 165 Havilah St., Lowell, \$35; Bernafood pantry in the form of canned by Orlando Gibbons and Henry Purcell; waters under any conditions; Memorial dette Lionetta, blionetta9@verizon.net,

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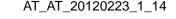


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Business

Leaner Andover government produced — thanks to workout challenge

during a five-week workout contest.

pal Team Biggest Loser Con- ing last year's inaugural test involved more than 60 competition.

Teams of Andover gov- teams from most Andover had two teams in the com- very best," said Harkins said means that everyone on the team from the Andover Fire ernment workers dropped a schools as well as the town petition. The winning team, in a release from Matrix team had to stay focused on Department. It featured the total of more than 500 pounds police and fire departments. led by captain Tim Harkins, Strength & Fitness, the Wild- their nutrition and workouts individual weight loss leader

lost in just over five weeks with a total of 8 percent the contest. The second annual Munici- exceeded the mark set dur- weight lost.

municipal employees and Just like last year, the win- at both working out and eat- mott, Matrix owner and con- winning team. Everyone was and I felt an incredible differwrapped up on Valentine's ning team came from West ing healthy. As a team, we test organizer. "Losing 8 really motivated." Day. The contest included Elementary School, which pushed each other to do our percent of starting weight Second place went to the endurance," said Retelle.

"This contest is really have cost them the victory. ing the contest. etting competitive," said It didn't hurt that there was "We had a house fire three "I am very proud of my getting competitive," said It didn't hurt that there was team. We worked really hard Andover resident Art McDer- over \$1,800 at stake for the weeks into the boot camp,

The more than 500 pounds dominated again this year wood Road facility that offers the entire time. If even one in Firefighter Terry Retelle, member slacked off, it could who dropped 30 pounds dur-

ence in strength and aerobic



Phillips Academy graduate Ai-jen Poo, Class of 1992, initiated a nationwide labor movement of nannies, home health aides and housekeepers demanding basic labor protections.

'Nannies' Norma Rae' returns to PA for speech

Ai-jen Poo organizes for domestic, home care workers' rights

Ai-jen Poo, a social justic advo- organizer" and Barbara Ehrenreich in 11 cities and 17 states, with bills cate who started a labor movement dubbed her the "Nannies' Norma gaining significant traction in four of nannies and other home workers, Rae" for her ability to organize a states, according to a release from will speak on the Phillips Academy dispersive workforce of mostly Phillips Academy. California is campus tonight, Thursday, Feb. 23 immigrant women into a united, at the forefront of the legislation at 6:30 p.m.

This event in Kemper Auditorium is free and open to the public.

Academy in 1992 and is the founder nation's first state-level Domestic launched last July in Washington and lead organizer of the National Workers' Bill of Rights. After sign- D.C., with an inaugural congress Domestic Workers Alliance and ing DWU's bill into law on Aug. 31, of 700 delegates. The campaign

worker-led movement.

In 2000 she founded the New Yorkbased Domestic Workers United co-director of the Caring Across Poo graduated from Phillips (DWU) that pushed through the Generations campaign, which she

debate.

Poo is also the founder and

Navidea Biopharm opens Andover office

Navidea Biopharmaceuti- according to a release for precision diagnostic radiop- expected mid-year. harmaceuticals, has opened "We are pleased to

pany's major pipeline drug a release.

cals Inc., a specialty pharma- the company. Navidea is also ceutical company that bills awaiting FDA review results itself as being focused on for Lymphoseek, which are

a business and commer- announce this expansion cial development office in into the Boston area, a major Andover, at 10 New England hub of the biopharmaceutical Business Center, Suite 112. industry, which will enhance The new office will house our access to industry partthe company's commercial- ners, key business and techization team handling in nical leaders, and major part the activities surround- academic medical centers," ing the anticipated launch Dr. Mark Pykett, Navidea later this year of the com- president and CEO, said in

Lymphoseek, a cancer diag- Navidea's corporate headnostic. The European Medi- quarters, with clinical, mancines Agency just accepted ufacturing, regulatory and Lymphoseek for a Market- administration functions, ing Approval Application, remains in Dublin, Ohio.



Michael Mancuso and Carl Berger have been named the new chairman and vice chairman of the Merrimack Valley YMCA **Board of Trustees.**

the Caring Across Generations 2010, then-governor David Patter- calls for the federal government to Campaign

Poo is the leading force behind "injustice undone." a nationwide labor movement of nannies, home health aides and worker organizations from across aging baby boomers. The workforce housekeepers demanding basic the country and forged the National is currently excluded from the Fair labor protections from their munic- Domestic Workers Alliance. The Labor Standards Act, which guaripal and state governments. Gloria organization oversees campaigns antees federal minimum wage and Steinham has called her a "genius for domestic worker labor rights overtime protection.

son called the enactment a historic provide labor protections to home health workers, a sector facing In 2007, Poo unified 33 domestic exponential growth in the era of

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Protecting IP, trade secrets seminar

"Hacking, Whacking, and Tracking: Protecting IP and register, visit nstc.org. Trade Secrets" will be held during the North Shore Technology Council breakfast on Online home-Wednesday, Feb. 29 from 7 business course to 9 a.m. at the Danversport Yacht Club, 161 Elliott St., offered at NECC Danvers.

keep your eyes on.

Registration fee is \$25 for NSTC members, \$50 for non- an experienced instrucmembers.

"Making Money in Your Michael Sullivan, former Online Home Business," a significant money in these. United States attorney and new, one-night, noncredit director of the Bureau of Alco- class now offered by North- day, Feb. 27 at NECC's River- funders that grant in Masare already involved.

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Cost is \$39 per person. necc.mass.edu/noncredit.

Publishing Grants Resource Center opens at ECCF

Essex County Community (dates TBA).

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State Consulting Group, the GRC is a research datathe class will explore who base for nonprofits seeking makes money in these busi- new funding sources through nesses, how to best evaluate regional, national and interthe opportunities, how they national granting foundawork, what you need to know tions. The center provides and do to be successful, and access, free of charge, to how you can make or lose two databases: AGM's Grant Makers Directory that con-The class will meet Mon-sists of in-depth data on 400 walk campus, 360 Merrimack sachusetts and New Hampshire, and the Foundation Center's Foundation Direc-For more information, visit tory Online that includes over 100,000 foundations, To register, call 978-556- corporate donors, and grant-

making public charities. The center is available by appointment only Monday through Friday (except holidays) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning in March, extended hours will be avail-The EBSCO Publish- able one day per week until ing Grants Resource Cen- 7 p.m. and one Saturday per ter is now open at the month from 9 a.m. to noon

New trustees, new donation at Y

Two men with Andover ties release.

have joined the Merrimack Valley YMCA Board of Trust- YMCA is an extraordinary ees, and the local organiza- organization, and we appretion has received a sizable ciate the positive impact they donation.

tion of \$15,000 to support its raise are supporting imporannual "Reach Out for Youth tant programs and initiatime partner, Merrimack Val- Matthews, Merrimack Valwill provide needed financial president/CEO. assistance to families to participate in the YMCA's pro- Trustee chairman, vice gramming including after chairman named school child care, sports teams, camping programs ness activities.

nership with the Merrimack of Trustees. Elected to a Valley Federal Credit Union. two year term, beginning in Thanks to their support 2012, are Michael Mancuso, we are able to be there for vice president/general manchildren and families when ager at Philips Healthcare in they need us most. Our staff Andover and Carl W. Berger, team truly appreciates the an Andover attorney, of effort put in by Credit Union Reading. employees to raise these dollars on our behalf and teers is to provide leadership, we look forward to putting guidance and financial supthese funds to work to deliver port to the organization as it much needed programs and works to provide programs services," Stephen C. Ives, and services to youth and Merrimack Valley YMCA families of the Merrimack president/CEO, said in a Valley area.

"The Merrimack Valley have on our community and The Merrimack Valley in turn our members. We YMCA has received a dona- know that the dollars we and Families" campaign. The tives and most importantly, support comes from a long people in need," said Peter ley Federal Credit Union, and ley Federal Credit Union

The Merrimack Valley and other health and well- YMCA also has announced its newly elected board "We are proud of our part- leadership to the Y's Board

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Mullins wins Division 1 title

GIRLS TRACK

Maggie Mullins continued to dominate, winning the 2-mile **Belanger stars** in 10:59.56 at the Division 1 placed seventh as a team.

enth in the 55 hurdles.

BOYS HOCKEY

Campbell's hat trick nets stunning victory over Central Catholic

on Saturday.

last time, but to go out and the winners. beat them this time was just the best.'

for the shutout.

Ryan Oteri and Liam Centrella each scored a goal as Andover played Reading to a 3-pointers on her way to 31 2-2 tie on Monday, hindering points as Andover rolled a team's Super 8 chances for over Billerica 64-42 last the second straight game.

Scott Campbell scored a 3-pointers for the winners. goal, but Andover fell to Acton-Boxboro 2-1 last Wednesday.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Manning, Warriors take second in state meet

BOYS SWIMMING

John Belanger took second meet on Sunday. Andover in the 100 freestyle (46.57), was fourth in the 50 freestyle Also for the Golden War- (21.65) and swam on the 200 riors, the team of Terra medley relay and 400 free-Organisciak, Sydney Gilis, Alex style relay that each placed Puccia and Michaela Soucy were fourth as Andover took fifth second in the 4x200, Puccia as a team at the Division 1 teamed with sister Lily Puccia, state swim meet. David Hunter Abbie Pustis and Courtney Gry- was sixth in the 500 freegiel to take fifth in the 4x400 style and 200 freestyle and and Courtney Comeau was sev- swam with Belanger on both relays.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Boudreau second to none in Sunday contest

Nicole Boudreau poured Scott Campbell scored the in 39 points, including first hat trick of his varsity five 3-pointers, grabbed career as Andover shocked 15 rebounds, made seven Central Catholic, the No. 5 steals, had seven assists team in Eastern Mass., 3-0 and blocked three shots in 30 minutes as Andover beat "Words can't describe how Westford Academy 76-67 in happy I am," said Campbell. the Westford Tourney on "I'm speechless. We had this Sunday. Devon Caveney added game marked on our calen- 14 points while Ally Fazio dar all year. They beat us chipped in with 11 points for

Nicole Boudreau entered Liam Centrella added a pair the record books with her of assists, including passing 2,000th career point and up on an open shot in the Ally Fazio chipped in with 22 closing seconds to let Camp- points as Andover blew out bell shoot for his hat trick. archrival Central Catholic Colby Gilbert made 24 saves 73-47 on Friday. Boudreau finished the night with 32 points.

Nicole Boudreau drilled six Tuesday. Devon Caveney added 12 points, including three

BOYS SKIING

Suglia, Risman lead way

Tom Suglia placed third and Adam Risman was fifth for Andover, which placed third overall at the state

Sports Man in the middle Bigman Dowden at the heart of boys hoops success

BY DAVID WILLIS STAFF WRITER

For Sam Dowden, like any Andover basketball player, nothing means more than facing archrival Central Catholic.

So, for the junior, being stuck on the bench for last Thursday's loss to the Raiders with a sprained ankle was nothing short of torture.

"That was terrible," said Dowden. "We look forward to that game all year long. That's the reason you work so hard in the offseason. It was really upsetting."

But that absence was a rare speed bump in a stellar season for Dowden, who over the last three seasons has grown into the heart of the Andover High basketball team.

"In my 23 years Sam is one of the hardest workers I have ever had," said Golden Warriors coach David Fazio. "If we are going to do any damage in the state tournament, he is a key factor to our success.'

Dowden wasted no time making an impression on Fazio and the Andover basketball program. As a freshman in 2009-10, he earned the starting center position, averaging 5.0 points per game.

That season, he also drew the unenviable task of defending the likes of then-Central Catholic All-Scholastic Carson Desrosiers, now the starting center for Division 1 Wake Forest.

"That was pretty awful," said Dowden with a chuckle. "Playing against a 7-footer (Desrosiers), I'm glad there aren't any in the league right now. I just did any-Now I get to watch him on TV and say, 'I played against that guy.'



File photo Sam Dowden, here knocking down a layup against North Andover, has been at the heart of Andover basketball's success both on the court as their leading scorer and off as a co-captain this season.

DOWDEN TELLS HIS STORY

To see a video interview with Sam Dowden, plus highlights from his career, visit andovertownsman. com or rallynorth.net.

Andover. The 6-foot-5 standout feels those early experiences, both good and bad, have had return on Wednesday. thing I could to contain him. a great deal to do with making him the player he is now. Dowden will do anything

A skilled player under the basket, he has also shown impressive touch with 18 3-pointers in 17 games.

His season did hit a snag two week ago when he suffered a severely sprained ankle against Lowell. He attempted to play against Lawrence, but left the game early and did not play against Central or Lincoln-Sudbury. He was hoping to

Fazio has no doubt

in the postseason.

person."

possible to be ready to play

game, every practice and

is also a great leader and

Dowden's leadership

earned him the role of

co-captain, an honor

he received following

the Greater Lawrence

every drill," said Fazio. "He

"He tries so hard in every

Christmas Tourney. With a young roster, which includes three freshman playing key minutes, Dowden's experience has proven valuable as a leader.

"The freshmen are going through the same things I experienced," said Dowden. who plans to play college basketball. "By my third season, I have a good feel for the practice and game plans.

allel bars (9.2) and pommel a 14th-place finish. horse (8.5), was second in the all-around and vault place finish in the MIAA last Thursday. state meet last Wednesday. It was the Golden Warriors' best finish since 1995 (also second).

"The kids were thrilled of this team."

in the all-around and Jason added a pair of 3-pointers. **Ho** was sixth in the pommel horse. Manning was name Gymnast of the Year.

GIRLS SKIING

Ganley, Andover dominate on slopes

Julia Ganley placed third and Jess Kearns was fourth overall Faigel was sixth and Nicole the Golden Warriors. Ericson was 10th.

Andover's Kerry Christopher (41.89) and Jess Kearns (42.42) Keefe keeps scoring took the top two placed overall in the 11th-12th grade goal and assisted on another division of the Bove Meet as Andover beat Boston last Thursday. Sophie Sherman, Latin 3-0 last Wednesday. also of Andover, placed first Weezie Gross and Mikayla overall (43.71) in the middle school competition.

Interscholastic Meet last Brian Manning won the par- Tuesday. Sameer Sangal added

Adam Risman took third and took third in the high in the 11th and 12th-grade bar, rings and floor exercise division with a 42.49 for to lead Andover to a second- Andover at the Bove Race

BOYS BASKETBALL

Costello keys win

James Costello was money beyond belief," said Golden from the line, knocking Warriors coach Steve Sirois, down 10 free throws to lead who was named Coach of Andover to a 45-39 victory the Year. "I am very proud over Lincoln-Sudbury in the Warrior Classic first round Cody Flaherty added fourth- on Monday. The Golden place finishes in the parallel Warriors hit 22 free throws bars and rings and was fifth as a team, and Chris Dunn

Chris Dunn scored a gamehigh 20 points, including three 3-pointers, and freshman Max Silveira chipped in with 15 points, but Andover lost to archrival Central Catholic 72-54 last Thursday.

Despite 20 points for James as Andover rolled to victory Costello, Andover fell to Lawat the state Interscholastic rence 54-45 last Tuesday. Meet last Tuesday. Also for Chris Dunn and Max Silveira the Golden Warriors, Sara each added eight points for

GIRLS HOCKEY

Meagan Keefe scored one

See **ROUNDUP**, Page 16

Dowden continued to improve last season, earning dent player this season. I'm All-MVC honors after averaging 9.9 points per game, good for second on the team behind All-Scholastic Joe Bramanti, including 15 points in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney title game against North

SPORTS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Golden Eagles ready for state games

The Andover Golden amazing families, coaches, Eagles Special Olympic Uni- athletes and volunteers who fied Basketball Program are committed to making this versity recognized Andover's teams competed on Sunday, program a huge success." Feb. 12 at Milton Academy in the qualifier rounds for the state games fast approaching in Worcester on March 11 and 12.

The unified competitive freshman team, ages 15-21, competed against the Nashoba and North Andover teams and won both games.

The unified competitive blue team, ages 8-15, competed against the Nashoba and Haverhill teams, and won the first game, and lost the second; the second team played was a higher level team.

"I feel like my game has improved so much," he said.

"I am a much more confimuch more comfortable in the post, and I like to go outside every now and then."

Dowden has been at his best this season. Through Monday, he is averaging a team-high 14.6 points and nine rebounds per game.

to founder Audrey DeSisto Day sendoff who acknowledged "all of the

Meghan Thomann as one of

all participants," according **Thomann gets Senior** five players on its women's basketball team who are in their final season of eligibil-

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Before the Senior Day ity. Combined, the quintet has game on Feb. 18, Bentley Uni- played in nearly 500 games

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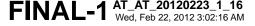
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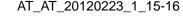
I enjoy being a leader.

With the postseason now on the horizon, Dowden hopes to lead his Golden Warriors on an exciting run.

"That's the whole point of the season," he said. "We are 11-8 (through Monday). That is pretty much the same as Lawrence in the regular season last season (12-8) and they made it to the (Division 1) North final at the Garden. I think coach Faz deserves a playoff run."

"The program goal is to bring together Special Olympic athletes and team partners in order to build friendship, character, and inspire greatness and development for







Courtesy photo Leah Gens, (center) second from right in the second skating line, skates a Blues Brothers program with her team.

Gens heads to team-skating Nationals

ships next week.

This is Leah's second time free. competing in the Nationals.

medal.

five gold medals including a team sport. its 24th title as the sectional from the Blues Brothers.

1 and March 3.

their competitive programs support."

Leah Gens, an eighth at an exhibition on Sunday, grader at West Middle School, Feb. 26 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at will compete in the US Syn- Hayden Ice Rink, 24 Lincoln chronized Skating Champion- St, Lexington. The public is welcome and admission is

Supporters say synchro-Leah skates on the team nized skating is the fastest Ice Mates, novice division of growing part of competitive Hayden Synchronized Skat- figure skating, with more ing Teams based in Lexing- than 500 teams and more ton. Last year, her team, Mini than 5,000 skaters in the Mates, in the juvenile divi- country. The sport of synsion of HSST, won a bronze chronized skating attracts fans due to its speed, artistry Ice Mates is having a suc- and the excitement of 16 cessful year, and has collected skaters on-ice competing in

"All skaters in the teams champion at the Eastern need to work on their skat-Sectional held last month in ing skills outside of team Hershey, Pa. Ice Mates is the practices," Chie Gens, Leah's defending national champion, mother, said in an email. eying its third consecutive "Leah would like to thank her gold medal at this event. This skating coach Erika Hammar, year Ice Mates skate to music a North Andover resident; Phillips Academy Ice Rink The Nationals will be and staff; Northeast Ice Skathosted by the Skating Club ing Club, and Valley Forum of Boston at the DCU Center Skating Rink for making her in Worcester between March individual practices possible. She would also like to thank Before the Nationals, all West Middle School and

HSST teams will perform teachers for their continuing

SPORTS FROM COMMUNITY

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for the Falcons.

sixth in Bentley history in all-around with a 32.425. career three-pointers (156) before suffering a knee Belanger takes two

Madison Quill of Andover was 11th on bars (8.2), 10th Thomann had moved to on floor (8.8) and 17th in the



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457413 **ORDER OF NOTICE**

TO Brenda Bickham

and to all persons entitled to the penefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App. § 501 et seq.

seq.: MetLife Home Loans, a division of MetLife Bank, N.A., claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in 7 Random Lane, Andover, given by Brenda L. Bick-man to Mortgage Electronic Regis-tration Systems, Inc., dated October 10, 2008, recorded with the Essex County (Mortherr District) Begistry County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 11343, Page 194, and now held by plaintiff by assign-ment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of De-fendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.

If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pem-berton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before March 19, 2012 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act.

Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER Chief Justice of this Court on January 31, 2012

Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

AT - 2/23/12

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 13, 2012, beginning at 8:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlet Street, the Planning Board will convene public hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws on the followp proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII: 1. Amend Section 2.1 Establishment by adding "ID2" – Industrial D2" at

- Amend Appendix A Table 2 Section 4.1.2 Table of Dimensional

The full text of the proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday

> THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Joan Duff, Chairman

Property: Trinity Court (f/k/a Vraj Circle) Subdivision located off Greenwood Road (formerly 173 Greenwood Road), Andover, Essex County, Mas-

injury last month.

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Spring session classes, on the former record. including those at the Feb. 27 through April 28.

the Andover/North Andover in place since 2008. YMCA at 978-685-3541.

Youth gymnastics

place team trophy at the record 3:12.09. Let's Make a Deal Meet in Sterling, Mass.

ing second on bars (8.75) and time of 4:22.21. third in the all-around with a score of 33.95.

level 7 competed at the Val- Intercollegiate Swimming entine Masquerade Ball in and Diving Association Hampstead, N.H. on Feb. 11. Championships.

ROUNDUP

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Panneton each added a goal **Relay impresses** and MacKenzie Dutton made 12 saves for the shutout.

Catholic 3-0 on Saturday.

silvers at NE Championships

Bentley University sophcontinuing registration for omore Peter Belanger of the upcoming spring sea- Andover helped the Bentley son for its youth and adult men's swim and dive team programs. No experience is win the New England Internecessary, and introductory collegiate Swimming and sessions are available for Diving Association Champithose interested in trying onships. He was part of three silver-medal relays and, in For more information, visit the process, helped set three

The Andover High graduate combined in the 200 medley relay with junior George Go (Manila, Philippines). freshman Connor Mulvey-Registration for the Hudson (Ardmore, Pa.) and Merrimack Valley YMCA's senior Joe Frantel (Cananearly spring program has daigua, N.Y) for a school begun. Member registra- record time of 1:35.23, an tion also is underway. Early improvement of 1.32 seconds

In the 200 free relay, Andover/North Andover Y Belanger teamed with Franon Haverhill Street, run from tel and fellow sophomores Phillip Chan (Wilmette, Ill.) Program Guides are avail- and Steve Sylvia (Westable online atmvymca.org erly, R.I.) to place second in or at the YMCA building. 1:25.92. That knocked 0.70 For further information call seconds off a Bentley record

The third silver came in the meet-ending 400 free relay, where he combined Young gymnasts from A2 with Sylvia, junior Michael Gym and Cheer of Pelham, Simoneau (Wheaton, Ill.) N.H. in level 3 earned a third and Frantel for a school

Belanger just missed on another, individual medal, Shayla Quill of Andover finishing fourth in the 400 helped her team by finish- individual medley, with a

Bentley edged out Keene State College for the men's The vouth in A2 Gymnasts swimming crown in the NE



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A public hearing will be held at CONFERENCE ROOM A, 3RD FLOOR, TOWN OFFICES, 36 BART-LET ST., ANDOVER, MA on THURS-DAY, MARCH 1, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Linda Lecomte, 121 Ballardvale Rd., Andover, MA for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.3.5 &/or for a variance from Article VIII, §4.1.2 to construct additions/alterations that will not meet the minimum front yard depth requirement.

Premises affected are located at 121 Ballardvale Road, Andover, MA in an SRB District as shown on Assessor's Map 119 as Lot 112

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS

2/16 2/23/12

File Number: 12A-4

THE NUMBER 12A-4 THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NOTICE OF HEARING Upon the request of Christopher Clemente, the Building Inspector of the Town of Andover, Massachusetts pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40 Section 54A, the Massachusetts Department of Transpor-tion chell conduct a bacrima to determine unbether building normite chell tation shall conduct a hearing to determine whether building permits shall be issued to Andover Greenwood, LLC, its successors and/or assigns for construction of dwelling houses at the Trinity Court (f/k/a Vraj Circle) Sub-division located off Greenwood Road (formerly 173 Greenwood Road), An-dover, Essex County, Massachusetts which subdivision is more particularly described on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Site Layout Plan "Vraj described on a plan entitled "Definitive Subdivision Site Layout Plan "Vraj Circle" Andover, Massachusetts" dated January 10, 2006 and recorded with the Essex North District Registry of Deeds (the "**Registry**") as Plan No. 16213 (the "**Plan**"). The parcel includes part of the properties formerly of the Boston & Maine Railroad, Inc. a portion of which is described in a Deed dated May 24, 1962 of said Boston & Maine Railroad, Inc. recorded at the Registry in Book 1240, Page 188 affecting "Lot 1" and "Lot 2" referenced on the Plan.

The hearing will take place on March 19, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Department of Transportation, Ten Park Plaza, Suite #4160 Boston, MA 02116. All interested parties should attend. Inquires regarding this hearing and Transit Division at (617) 973-8092. AT - 2/23/12

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BOYS TRACK

The team of Ryan Cooney, Mike Maldari, Will Klein and Pat O'Sullivan placed third in the 4x800 for Andover, which Andover fell to Arlington tied for 18th at the MIAA Division 1 meet on Sunday. Cooney added a seventh in the 1,000 and Cam Farnham

> paced a 4x200 team that was seventh for the Warriors.



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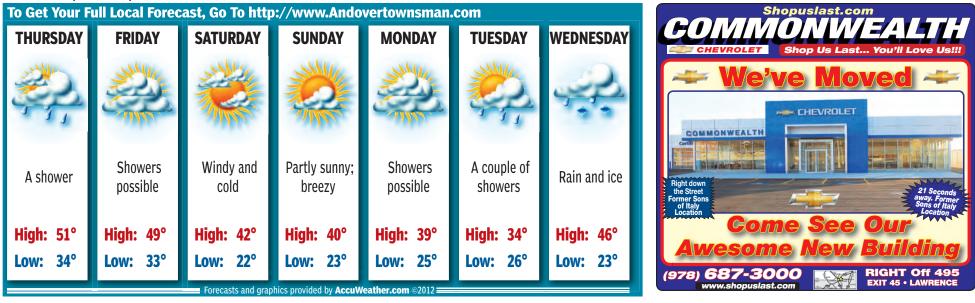
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No coach, no problem

Student-led AHS dance team wins Boston contest

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

contest open to dance teams son, look on the team," said throughout the state, and Dasha Agoulnik, another the new champs say the big- captain. "It matters how you gest factor in their win is the look with the team. You need status of their coach. They to be able to conform yourdon't have one.

The Andover High School Dance Team, an ensemble four captains — Agoulnik, of 19 students from Andover Dowell. Gundrum and Anthia High, took top honors last Mo. All four are Andover weekend at the Emmanuel High seniors, and all four College Dance Competition. joined the team as freshmen The team faced 25 other four years ago. Masachusetts high schooland college-level teams, all said Gundrum. "[There are] who have experienced, adult four strong opinions, and coaches.

What allowed them to all. stand out is not just how they student captains, including to it.' Dowell, who are members of the team themselves.

We won something!,' and through fundraising, they more of us feeling proud of handled their own transpor- different, and just the fact being recognized for what tation, with members driv- that we were so much difwe've been doing all season, ing each other to Boston for ferent than the other teams. something we're not really the competition. Because That's how we won.' recognized for by the school the 25 other teams were led itself," said Morgan Gun- by adult coaches, Gundrum are handing the dance drum, also a captain.

The path the team takes felt like the odd one out. yearly is a time-tested ritual.

the greater whole of the performance.

"It doesn't matter neces-They just won a Boston sarily how you, as a perself to the big picture."

This year, the team had

"We're all very different," none of us are passive at

"The team wouldn't have perform, but how they are come out to what it was if assembled, according to cap- any one of us was missing," tain Molly Dowell. Lacking said Gundrum. "We each a coach, the team is led by brought our own little piece

With no coach or adult advisors, and no money "It's less of, like, 'Yay! other than what comes in said Andover High's team team's reins to a group of

"They had all of these team next year. At the end of every year, the intense coaches that were team elects its captains to like, 'Now, girls, do your been [this] dance team at serve as leaders. Beginning warm-ups," said Gundrum. the high school, and there's in November, the team runs "We looked very unofficial never been a coach," said tryouts, where it views the next to them, so to beat Dowell. "There's always just talents of individual perform- them with only our work been captains. It's kind of



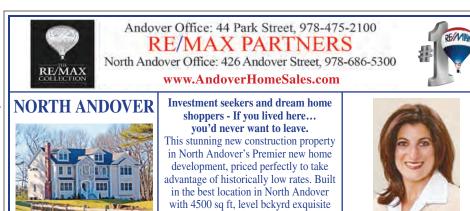
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From left, first row are the four captains of the Andover High School Dance Team Dasha Agoulnik, Anthia Mo, Molly Dowell and Morgan Gundrum. Team members are, second row: Julia Pisc, Laura McNaughton, Paige Biederwolf, Sammy Ruthazer, Vivian Liu, Haley Gugger; third row: Sam Sullivan, Mei Houser, Sammy Shepphard, Rachel Donovan, Lisa Salley, Julia Savely and Kaegan Casev.

Now, this year's captains juniors who will lead the

"For a lot of years, there's like a tradition that just went "We highlighted specific down the line."



ers and determines if they was really amazing." are a good fit for the team.

skill of the performer in this like a specific jump, or a

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But they don't weigh the people with specific talents, decision. What they look specific trick," said Dowell. *about this story, please* for is what the person could "We scored a lot of points on email dluca@andoverbring to the entire team, originality, our music was so townsman.com.

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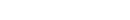
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