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BOYS GYMNASTICS PUMMELED



Brian Manning competes in the rings during competition at the Massachusetts Coaches Invitational at Andover High School last February. This year might be the last that boys team members can participate in such events.

MIAA decision means this is final season for boys varsity

JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

The top male gymnast at Andover High School is mulling over college acceptance letters from Ohio State and Penn State universities.

AHS senior Brian Manning, one of the top gymnasts in New England, will continue gymnastics in college, said his coach Steve Sirois.

But Manning's high school, where he mastered his skills, is being forced to eliminate its boys gymnastics team. That's because the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Board of Directors just voted to eliminate boys gymnastics as an MIAA sport. This winter will be the final season in which boys gymnastics will be an MIAA-sponsored sport. Male

"To not recognize us, to break ties... it's just crazy."

Steve Sirois, AHS boys gymnastics coach for 32 years

gymnasts across the state will have to compete on girls teams at their high schools or join a private gymnastics club.

Seven high schools with all-boys gymnastic teams are affected, including Andover. The other high schools are Attleboro, Braintree, Burlington, Lowell, Newton North and Newton South.

"To not recognize us, to break ties... it's just crazy," said Sirois, who has been the AHS boys gymnastics coach for 32 years.

He said the sport is actually growing

and he points to Methuen where two boys are currently on the girls gymnastics team and officials there want to start a gymnastics team for boys.

Sirois said the elimination vote occurred when the representative for the seven high schools was in the hospital and could not attend the meeting. The MIAA Board of Directors voted anyway leaving Sirois and his team shattered.

Sirois said the reason for the elimination vote comes down to a rule book. The National Federation of State High School Associations announced in April that it would no longer be writing national rules for boys gymnastics and the MIAA vote was cast as a result, Sirois said.

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"We have terrific overcrowding in the classes."

Andover High School Principal Chris Lord

Town eyes more school expansion

High School, Shawsheen targeted in \$225,000 study

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

Annual Town Meeting asking residents to appropriate the money.

The school department hopes that \$225,000 in studies will give it the insight it needs to address high school overcrowding and create a townwide preschool.

Superintendent Marinel McGrath has filed a warrant article for this spring's

The request is three-fold, she said. First, the department would conduct a space study and create a conceptual design for Andover High School that would "delineate short- and long-term space

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"I'm 81 years old, and I know that will be brought out. I think it's time to turn it over to somebody younger."

School Committee member Dick Collins, who announced he will not seek re-election



Collins elects to step down from School Committee

Five days remain for interested candidates to run for office

BY DUSTIN LUCA STAFF WRITER

With less than a week left for all voting-age residents to run for one of five town-govern

ment posts that will be on the March ballot, School Committee member Collins 54 years, is in his final weeks as a member of the School Committee.

Collins has announced he will not

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Winter X Games skier from town

JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

From atop a mountain in Park City, Utah, Winter X Games halfpipe skier Annalisa Drew of Andover, talked about coolness – and she wasn't talking about the weather. "I probably started thinking about the X Games in middle school...so, this is pretty cool," Drew said of her sixth place finish at the Winter X Games, which ended this past Sunday, Jan. 27 in Aspen, Colo.

Drew, 19, wowed the crowd "throwing a never before seen in competition 1260 on each of three runs to finish sixth in her X Games debut," reported the X Games website.

"Yeah, it was so cool and I'm happy about

it, but I have to go because I am on top of a mountain," Drew said from her cell phone before skiing down yet another mountain.

"Hi to my family in Andover." Her mother, Lisa Drew of Warwick Circle, said Annalisa is on the US Freeski Ski Rookie half pipe team and is now on the World Cup Tour for Super pipe and Slope Style (wfpworldtour.com). She has a World Cup Super pipe event in Park City, Utah, this weekend.

On Feb. 9, Annalisa said she is headed to Sochi, Russia, for a slope and pipe world cup event, which is also the team's trial run for the 2014 Olympics.

It's a "go big or go home" philosophy for

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Challenging themselves



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Matt Harris of Andover competes in the "pull-ups" during the first annual townwide Troop Challenge to benefit and raise awareness of the Run for Troops 5k road race, and Homes for Troops. The event was held at Yang's Fitness Center in Dundee Park. See story on page 11.

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COLLINS: Will not seek 6th term on committee

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Collins' announcement comes near the end of his fifth three-year School Committee term.

seek re-election. His announcement comes near the end of his fifth three-year School Committee term. Collins first taught history at the high school and coached the school's track and football teams 54 years ago.

"I'm 81 years old, and I know that will be brought out," he said, laughing. "I think it's time to turn it over to somebody younger." Collins won two Super Bowls as coach of the Golden Warriors in the 1970s, and made it to another, was named National Track and Field Coach of the Year and is a member of both the Massachusetts Football Hall of Fame and Basketball Hall of Fame. The field house at Andover High School, where most voters cast their ballots, is named after him.

Collins "provided the School Committee with some institutional memory, which is very important to any body," committee Chairwoman Paula Colby-Clements said. "He deserves a break from public service now."

Even with Collins not throwing his name in the ring for this election, there are still two candidates for two School Committee seats so far. Joining Colby-Clements in her quest for a second term is Sal Tabit, a Brooks Street resident and two-time candidate for state Senate.

"I've been interested in various aspects of public service, and School Committee is not something I initially would have thought about running for," he said.

For the first time in years, the School Committee has an opportunity to dig into curriculum development, Tabit said. This is because other pressing issues over the last few years — teachers contract talks, developing and then defending the Bancroft Elementary School project, and finding new schoolhouse leaders at every level of the district

2 watchdogs eye selectmen race

Larry Bruce, Mary Carbone consider challenging incumbents

By Dustin Luca Staff Writer

Four people familiar with Andover politics are eying two seats for the Board of Selectmen in this year's annual elections.

There are still a few days left for residents who hope to run for the open seats to pull nomination papers and gather signatures.

So far, two residents had guaranteed themselves spots in this year's contest after filing their paperwork and having all signatures certified. They're also both incumbents: Paul Salafia, elected the board for two years in 2011, and Alex Vispoli, elected to a third term on the board in 2010.

A third resident has filed papers to run, but hadn't yet gone through certification as of Tuesday. Larry Bruce, of Chandler Road, filed his papers to run with 63 signatures to be certified. 50 are necessary to run.

As of Tuesday, Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone also pulled nomination papers. She said she hadn't yet decided on officially running for office, but pulled papers so she could keep her options open.

Bruce said he is running because "there aren't any candidates running that have the residents' interests at heart."

If Bruce were to be elected, he said his top priority would be updating the town's charter so it reflects "a better form of government."

"If you notice, the attendance of Town Meeting on the second night can often be as low as 200 when critical articles are voted upon," Bruce said. "There's such a small sampling of residents, that it's very easy for a special interest group to stuff the meeting and cast upon the residents votes which aren't in the general public's interest."

When asked to respond, both Salafia and Vispoli said the current system is the right one for Andover, and under alternatives, a similar number of people would participate.

"People want to have the voice. The opportunity is there," Vispoli said. "I think Town Meeting certainly is accessible to everybody. It proceeds to provide

information on the issues so people can make a choice, and I think it allows the citizens to have direct input."

Salafia said holding board positions in town for 20 years has given him the chance to work with other towns and see how they operate.

"Andover is run extremely well, and I think the form of government is appropriate," he said.

Carbone, who made an unsuccessful bid for the Board of Selectmen in 2007, said "it took about five or six guys to keep me out of there. It was an experience."

"I don't think things are going too well right now in the town, from a financial standpoint," she said. "There are too many big ticket items and the residents deserve a break."

Carbone is a frequent audience member at town board meetings, especially in the case of the Board of Selectmen.

"I want to think it out," she said. "I want to think, if I'm doing better on the other side (as a member of the audience) or if I'd be better off on the Board of Selectmen."

Vispoli said he is returning to the ballot because "there's a lot of work that we started that I want to work on." His focus would be on what has for the last several years: "to find ways to streamline and reduce the cost of delivering services," he said.

During his time on the board, selectmen have worked with Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski to reorganize the town's IT department. They've also charged Stapeczynski through his contract's goal system to outsource town functions to the private sector in order to save money.

Next, Vispoli hopes the town tackles merging the town's Plant and Facilities Department with the Department of Public Works.

Salafia, a long-time Planning Board member elected to fill a two-year selectmen seat in 2011, said his plan for his first three-year term would be to focus on what he couldn't do with a shorter term.

"I originally ran with 17 years experience on Planning Board to help the Board of Selectmen with zoning, and all my expertise in planning certainly does help with the Town Yard, the (Ballardvale) Fire Station, the Bancroft school," he said.

While those projects need solutions, some of which are already in the works, "I would love to be part of the final solution on the Route 93 interchange," he said.

The towns of Tewksbury, Wilmington and Andover have been involved in planning for a new Interstate 93 exit in an as-yet undeveloped space where the three towns meet.

Now, "we're nearly shovel ready," Salafia said. "The three towns have agreed, in principal. It really stands in both the state and federal governments' courts at this point."

During Vispoli's last election in 2010, he took first place to Jerry Stabile Jr., whose departure later that year led to Salafia being elected to serve the two years remaining of his term. Bruce took third in the race with just over half as many votes as Vispoli.

While that campaign ran without issue, Bruce ran again in 2011 against Salafia and current Selectmen Dan Kowalski for the remainder of Stabile's time on the board. That election ended with a state investigation into a violation of campaign law from Andover Youth Services.

Bruce brought the state's attention to the race after Andover youth were transported in town vehicles to the polling place on election day to campaign for Salafia. After their investigation, the Office of Campaign and Political Finance said town resources were being used inappropriately to influence an election.

"The issue was the illegal busing and transporting of

StoneOne Marble & Granite advertisement with winter sale details and contact information.

CAMP EVERGREEN advertisement for summer day camp with discount details.

CORRECTIONS

Two errors occurred in last week's Townsman:
Andover Community Trust's future home, planned for Woburn Street (mentioned in the story "ACT puts affordable home on Andover Street," Jan. 24, page 3), will not be located directly across the street from South Elementary School, as reported. It is on the other side of the street, but more than 10 house lots south of the school. The lot sits between Charlotte Drive and Island Way.
Speakers involved with the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration ("Crowd gathers to celebrate 'Living the Dream'," Jan. 24, page 8) are members and a friend of Andover Baptist Church.

REIKI Healing Energy advertisement offering an introductory offer.

Andover Central Private & Livery Services advertisement.

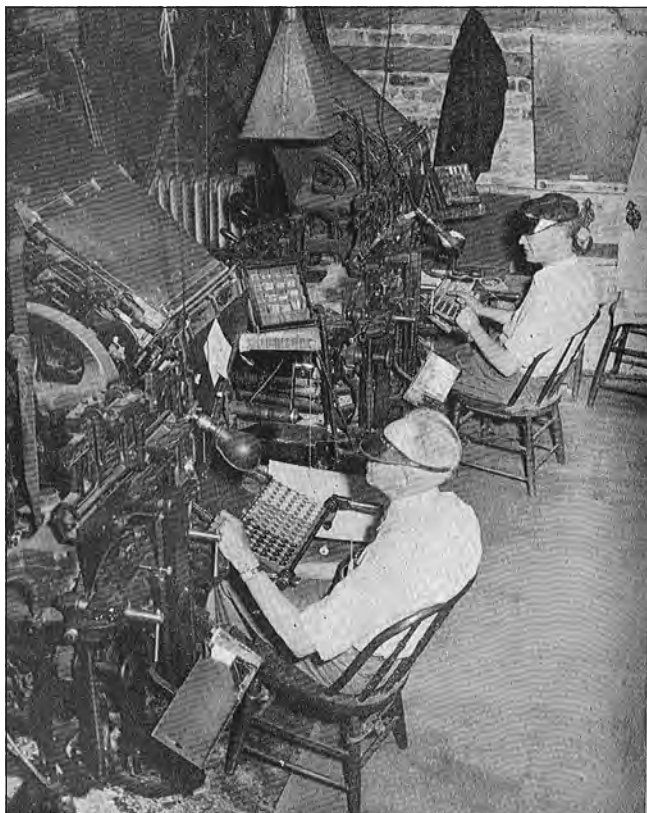
Climate Design Systems advertisement for winter gas heating.

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In Brief

THE WAY IT WAS



In 1946, the Andover Townsman and many other local publications and print products were printed in town.

Information session will dig into Bancroft project prior to Special Town Meeting vote

The Andover Council on Aging will sponsor an information session on the upcoming Special Town Meeting, on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 10 a.m. at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court, behind 36 Bartlet St.

This information session is open to the public, and is free of charge. Members of the School Building Committee will present a brief explanation of the \$5.7 million article which will be presented at the Special Town Meeting to be held Monday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at the high school.

The warrant article seeks additional funding for the new Bancroft Elementary School project, already under construction. Committee members will report on progress to date, and discuss why the extra money is being sought, how it will be funded, and what will happen if the funding is not appropriated. They will also entertain questions about the project from the audience.

Though the Council on Aging fulfills a state mandate to analyze and advocate for the needs of seniors in the community, citizens of all ages are welcome to attend this information session.

Town election nomination papers available

Nomination papers for the March 26, 2013, town of Andover annual town election are available at the town clerk's office.

The ballot for the 2013 Annual Town Election will include the following: Moderator - one for one year; Selectman - two for three years; School Committee - two for three years; Housing Authority - one for five years; and Trustee of the Punchard Free School - one for one year.

For more information, contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



[It's] a Chinese banquet fit for an emperor. The Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays and is a special time to bring family together for feasting and celebration.

ACCE President Richard "Dick" Soo Hoo, about the Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange's two upcoming New Year celebrations. Story, page 9.



It's cool standing next to each other during the National Anthem at the start of every game. The team always stands there in (numerical) order so I picked 13 so I could stand next to him. He's a senior so I thought it would be cool to do it for his last year.

Mark Campbell, who plays with his older brother Scott on the Andover High boys ice hockey team. Story, page 10.

Special agent to speak on homeland security

Christopher Martinez, assistant special agent in charge with Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Homeland Security Investigations, will present a White Fund lecture titled "Homeland Security in 2013: An Overview" in partnership with Northern Essex Community College on Friday, Feb. 8, at 8:45 a.m. at Lawrence High School, 70-72 North Parish Road.

This event is free and open to the public.

Originally from Worcester, Martinez is a first generation college graduate, who has enjoyed a career of more than 25 years with Immigration and Customs Enforcement and one of its predecessor agencies, U.S. Customs Service, since 1987.

He will bring the agency to life through stories his personal stories, speaking about his experiences as a special agent.

Currently stationed in Newark, NJ, Martinez currently oversees a financial investigations division, an undercover operation, and a Resident Agent in Charge office.

The White Fund's purpose is to have a free series of interactive presentations for Lawrence area adults, youth, and children. The audience is encouraged to seek wisdom, cultural enrichment, and intellectual enhancement by attending and participating. For additional information or to receive a calendar of upcoming events in the White Fund Enlightenment Series, call 978-738-7403 or visit the website necc.mass.edu/whitefund.

Eco film series

Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust and the Lowell Film Collaborative kicked off its six-month Eco Film Series "Land, Air & Water" on Jan. 29.

The series will feature an environmentally-themed film on the last Tuesday of each month through June.

In addition to Lowell National Historical Park, screenings will be held at Lowell's historic Spalding House, the city's third oldest house, which celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2010.

The series is supported in part by a grant from the Lowell Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

For more information, visit connectedthefilm.com or lowellandtrust.org or lowellfilmcollaborative.org.

Basics on preparing for Special Town Meeting Feb. 11

A Special Town Meeting will be held in Andover on Feb. 11, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts, the auditorium for Andover High School on Shawsheen Road. The meeting will start at 7 p.m.

The only issue on the warrant will be whether to approve additional money to build the new Bancroft Elementary School.

Upon request, sign language interpreters, material on tape, and other auxiliary aides and services will be provided to ensure effective communications as specified in the American with Disabilities Act. Arrangements must be made by contacting Candace Hall, the town's ADA Coordinator,

at the Town Offices at 978-623-8530 as soon as possible, according to a release from the town clerk's office.

All registered voters who attend Town Meeting will need to be checked into the meeting in the lobby of Collins Center, which is on the right side of Andover High. Registered voters can visit the town website at andoverma.gov to conduct a precinct search under "Town Meeting and Election Calendar" on the home page, then "Precinct Search" and then entering their address.

The town clerk's office recommends that voters check their precinct number before going to the meeting to avoid delays at the check-in area.

Questions may be directed to the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

Annual winter discovery hike

The Middleton Stream Team will hold its annual winter discovery hike, "The Ice Hike," on Sunday, Feb. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The hike takes place in the remote frozen wilds of northern Middleton, southeast Boxford and southeast North Andover - lands familiar to a diverse array of wildlife but mostly unknown to humans.

Meeting time for the hike is 12:50 p.m. on the unpaved section of North Liberty Street, about a mile north of where it crosses Boston Brook at Prichard's Pond; or about 2.8 miles north (total) from Maple Street (Route 62). From Maple Street, take Liberty Street (which becomes North Liberty Street). From Sharpener's Pond Road go south about 0.6 mile and look

for a group of parked cars. The hike will end at the start point before 4 p.m. Wear warm clothing, hat and warm non-slip foot gear. Anticipate some rough spots and ice. Visit www.middletonstream.org or email StreamTeam@comcast.net or call 978-777-4584.

Town mini clinics, senior center clinics

The town of Andover Health Department hosts mini clinics and Andover Senior Center clinics each month. In February, mini clinics will be held on Monday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and Monday, Feb. 20 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

Clinics at the Andover Senior Center, now being called the Center at Punchedard, are planned for Wednesdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27, from 2 to 3 p.m. each day. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, email dpaul@andoverma.gov or call 978-623-8295.

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Education

Phillips Academy names town students to fall honor roll

Phillips Academy has announced the names of the students on the honor roll for the fall term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

Students from the town of Andover who made the honor roll are listed below, along with their expected year of graduation.

Phillips Academy, also known as Andover, is a coeducational, non-profit, independent high school of 1,100 students that was founded in 1778.

HONOR ROLL

Thayer L. Anderson, 2015
Rachel E. Andresen, 2013
Alexandra S. Barr, 2015
David C. Belluche, 2014
Ross R. Bendetson, 2013
David N. Benedict, 2015
Sahil A. Bhaiwala, 2013
Adam R. Brody, 2014
Devon R. Burger, 2013
Emily R. Carrolo, 2014
Rosalyn B. Chen, 2013
Rebecca H. Cheng, 2014
Caitlin E. Clancy, 2013
Sarah E. Cronin, 2015
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Amelia B. Galvin, 2013
James L.W. Garth, 2013
Viviane G. Garth, 2015
Frank D. Geng, 2015

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Catherine E. Haut, 2014
David B. He, 2014
William H. Hubschman, 2015
James P. Hunter, 2013
Julia H. Jackson, 2015
Claire L. Jacobson, 2015
Thomas A. Johst, 2015
Poonam R. Kamdar, 2014
Hemang Kaul, 2013
Samuel Khalandovsky, 2013
Julia K. H. Kichorowsky, 2013
Samuel H. Landay, 2014
Sophia L. Landay, 2014
Josiah C. Legaspi, 2014
Danielle L. Liu, 2014
Victor S. Liu, 2013
Vivian Y. Liu, 2015
Caroline D. Lu, 2015
Scott B. MacDonald, 2015
Liana Margolese, 2015
John D. McGovern, 2015
Kristin F. McIntire, 2014
Vincent P. Mocco, 2015
Miki C. Nagahara, 2013
Jason S. Nawrocki, 2013
Demetrios Papageorgiou, 2013
Nicole M. Pelletier, 2013
Stephanie D. Petrella, 2013
Juliette M. Randazza, 2013
Elizabeth M. Rao, 2014
Jacob S. Rauh, 2014
Erich S. Rothmann, 2013
Rebecca G. Savord, 2015
Gina M. Sawaya, 2013
Alexander G. Scolnik-Brower, 2013
Nathan Y. Sheng, 2014
Leah T. Shrestinian, 2014
Kailash S. Sundaram, 2015
Meghan Tao, 2015
Andrea M. Vargas, 2013
Justine A. Wang, 2015
Derek J. Yau, 2015
Christine Zhang, 2015
Allen Zhou, 2015

ON CAMPUS

The following students were named to the University of New Hampshire dean's list for the fall semester of the 2012-13 academic year: Tracey Alexander, high honors; Anna Barron, honors; Adam Carrington, highest honors; Amanda Crowley, honors; Rebecca Daniels, honors; Kelly Fox, high honors; Marielle Gallant, honors; Jaelyn Hodas, highest honors; Victoria Kulungian, honors; Kyle Rillahan, honors; Nicole Saia, highest honors; Jessica Salley, highest honors; Anna Scapicchio, high honors; and John Shea, honors. Highest honors are awarded to students who earn a semester grade point average of 3.85 or better out of a possible 4.0. Students with a 3.65 to 3.84 average are awarded high honors and students whose grade point average is 3.5 through 3.64 are awarded honors.

The following students were named to the Saint Michael's College dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: Brianna Conlon, daughter of Hugh and Nora Conlon, junior biology major, Andover High School graduate; Alexander Lennon, son of J. Matthew and Mary Ann Lennon, senior history major, Andover High School graduate; and Steven Zelubowski, son of Steven Zelubowski, senior classics major, Portsmouth High School graduate. Students who complete a minimum of 12 credits and achieve a grade point average of at least 3.4 at the end of a semester are recognized for their scholarship by inclusion on the dean's list.

Alexander Mellin and Sarah Tully were named to the Sacred Heart University dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. To receive this honor, a student must achieve a 3.6 grade point average.

Alexander Kafantis, a junior majoring in management engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, recently completed an intense, hands-on research project in Nantucket. The project was titled Evaluating Energy Efficiency in Affordable Housing. At WPI, all undergraduates are required to complete a research-driven, professional-level project that addresses an important societal need or issue.

David Chen and Devon Follert were named to the Fitchburg State University dean's list for the fall 2012 semester. A student is placed on the dean's list for the semester if an average grade of 3.20 or better is attained, and the student is attending the college full time.

The following students were named to the Roger Williams University dean's list for the fall 2012 semester: Derek Franzese, engineering major; Andrew Gray, undecided/education major; and Taylor Guenard, undecided/liberal arts major. Full-time students who complete 12 or more credits per semester and earn a grade point average of 3.4 or higher are placed on the dean's list that semester.

Two Andover Robotics Club teams excel

Some of the state's best science students will soon get a taste of Awesome Sauce.

Awesome Sauce is the name of one of two Andover Robotics Club teams that competed in a FIRST Tech Challenge qualifying event at Middlesex Community College.

Both teams performed well, with Awesome Sauce advancing to the to the state championship on March 16 at Bridgewater University.

FIRST stands for Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology. The town can see the high school's teams in action this Saturday, Feb. 2, as well, as the Andover Robotics Club hosts a qualifying event at Andover High School. Opening ceremonies are at 10 a.m.

"Team Awesome Sauce won the competition (in a field of 16 teams) with not only a well built robot, but also strategic driving and coordination. [It was] truly a team effort, which the judges acknowledged by also presenting them with the Inspire award," according to Minda Reidy, the team's advisor and a teacher at Andover High School.

"The Inspire Award is the [most] prestigious FTC award - given to the team that truly embodied the 'challenge' of the FTC program. The team is considered a role model FIRST Tech Challenge Team."

The Andover Robotics Club's second team, Pixilated Tesseract, also won an award, the Think Award, "recognizing the Engineering Notebook which best reflects the 'journey' the team experienced throughout the process, from design to build."

"This team has outstanding entries detailing all their steps: brainstorming, redesigns, successes and 'interesting moments' when



The key ingredients for team Awesome Sauce are, from left, back row: Andrew Reimer, Xinni Chen, Evan Doyle, Max Li, Eric Lee and Chris Primes; and front row: Taha Vasowalla, Victor Zhang, Anna Quartararo and Leah Holt.



Members of the Pixilated Tesseract team are Ben Inero, Noah Appleby, Jeffery Gilkie, Matt Gasperoni, Julian Amirault, Mohib Azam, Kevin Dong, Jim Piehl and Daniel Combs.

things did not go exactly as planned," said Reidy in a great job, and as their how proud I am of them."

Andover artists receive Scholastic awards

More than two dozen Andover High students are following in the footsteps of such well known artists and writers as Andy Warhol, Joyce Carol Oates and Ken Burns.

AHS students were recognized with 31 awards for their artwork by the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards. Four students received more than one award.

A even dozen of the awards were gold and silver level, meaning the young artists of these works will have them exhibited in Boston from Monday, Feb. 11 through Friday, April 19 at the State Transportation Building.

The seven gold award winners have the opportunity to compete at the national level.

Panelists selecting student work look for the awards' core values: originality, technical skill, and the emergence of personal voice or vision.

Andover High teachers were calling the awards a great honor given that Scholastic alumni include not only Warhol, but Philip Pearlstein, Cy Twombly, Sylvia Plath, Truman Capote, Richard Avedon, Frances Farmer, Robert Redford, Alan Arkin, John Lithgow, Stan Brakhage and Ned Vizzini.

ANDOVER'S SCHOLASTIC AWARD WINNERS

Gisele Aoun, Honorable Mention, Drawing
Robbie Crockett, Honorable Mention, Drawing
Kristen Gasperoni, Honorable Mention, Drawing
Jack Gillette, Honorable Mention, Painting
Max Jodoin, Honorable Mention, Painting
Brian Manning, Brian Honorable Mention Drawing
Janet Paik Janet Honorable Mention Drawing
Camden Oneil Camden Silver Key Painting
Ceara Donovan, Honorable Mention Ceramics & Glass
Abrams Andrew, Silver Key
Grace Dever, Silver Key, Drawing
Jesse Greaves, Honorable Mention, Photography
Forest Hallee, Honorable Mention, Digital Art
Marissa Howell, Honorable Mention, Photography
Ashley Richmond, Honorable

Mention, Photography
Greg Segal, Gold Key, Photography
Kelsey Stevens, Gold Portfolio, Photography
Kelsey Stevens, Honorable Mention, Photography
Kelsey Stevens, Honorable Mention, Photography
Joshua Allen, Gold Key, Painting
Joshua Allen, Honorable Mention, Painting
Sarah Blasi, Gold Key, Photography
Sarah Blasi, Honorable Mention, Drawing
Christopher Cortner, Gold Key, Painting
Caroline DeCruccio, Honorable Mention, Painting
Caroline DeCruccio, Silver Key, Drawing
Caroline DeCruccio, Silver Key, Drawing
Rachel Huntley, Gold Portfolio, Drawing
Jessica Farzan, Honorable Mention, Digital Art
Tara MacKenzie, Gold Key, Design
Sara Nickpour, Honorable Mention, Design

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Alex Claman, grade 8, was named to the high honor roll for the first trimester at Shore Country Day School.

Mia Edelson, a freshman, was named to the high honor roll at the Loomis Chaffee School.

Michael Miller, a junior, was named to the honor roll.

Kate Froburg and Colleen Martin were named to the Academy of Notre Dame Tyngsboro first quarter honor roll. Froburg, grade 12, received first

honors, which is awarded to students with a 3.7 grade point average with no grade lower than 83.

Martin, grade 11, received second honors, which is awarded to students with a 3.4 grade point average with no grade lower than 80.

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Obituaries

Karen Kalman, 71

DANBURY, CONN. — Karen Kalman, 71, of Danbury, Conn., passed away on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 in Danbury. She was born on August 25, 1941 in Stamford, Conn., daughter of the late Raymond and Anna May (Kramer) Warnke. She was the wife of the late Bruce Kalman.

Karen moved to Danbury from Haverhill, three years ago to live with her daughter. Prior to moving to Danbury, Karen lived in northern Massachusetts and worked in Andover for the IRS, retiring in 2005 after 18 years of doing what she called "the best job she ever had besides raising her children".

She is survived by her children, Elizabeth Kalman and her husband, David Arnold of Danbury, Victoria Kalman and her husband, Kerry Maxwell

of Belmont, Cynthia Kalman of Belmont, and Bruce Kalman of Stamford, Conn.; as well as, three grandchildren and three step-granddaughters. She is predeceased by and reunited with her son, Michael Kalman who passed away 25 years ago at the young age of 27 from skin cancer. Karen is also survived by her sisters, Cynthia Wilkins of New Haven, Conn. and Hope Brissette of Bellows Falls, Vt. and a brother, Paul Warnke of Brookfield, Conn. She is predeceased by her sisters, Judith Major and Linda Northrop and a brother, John Warnke.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours or services and burial will be private. For those wishing to honor her memory, she would be pleased by any charitable contributions to the food bank or animal shelter of your choice.

Josephine A. Stevens, 93

August 28, 1919 — January 24, 2013

ANDOVER — Josephine A. (Woitowicz) Stevens - 93, of Andover and formerly of Westford, died Thursday, January 24, 2013, at Wingate of Haverhill.

Born in Westford, on August 28, 1919, she was the daughter of the late, Florian and Sophie (Maselbas) Woitowicz. She was raised and attended school in Westford. She has been a resident of Andover for the past 52 years and a member of St. Theresa's Church in North Reading.

Josephine worked for the U.S. Postal Service in Westford as an Assistant Postmaster, Abbott Worsted in Westford and as a Noon Supervisor at the Bancroft School in Andover. She was a homemaker and a loving wife and mother. She enjoyed ballroom dancing, rug braiding, and traveling

on many cruises, especially to Bermuda. She also volunteered for many various charities.

Family members include her loving husband of 52 years, Warren Stevens of Andover; her son, Mark Stevens and his wife, Jacky of Wenham; her sister, Sophie Brule of Westford and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours will be held at the **Croswell Funeral Home, 19 Bow Street, North Reading** were on Monday, January 28, from 9 to 10 a.m., followed by a 10:30 a.m. funeral Mass at **St. Theresa's Church, 63 Winter Street (Rt. 62), North Reading.** Burial will be in **Wenham Cemetery in Wenham**

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in her memory to, **Monastery of St. Clare, 445 River Road, Andover, MA 01810.**

Edward N. Sabbagh, 94

June 28, 1918 — January 24, 2013



WILMINGTON — Edward N. Sabbagh, 94, formerly of Stoneham, Ma, died January 24, 2013 at the Woodbriar in Wilmington, Ma.

Edward was born June 28, 1918 in Lawrence, Ma to the late Najeeb and Naify (Maloof) Sabbagh.

Edward was predeceased by his wife Linda (Saliba) Sabbagh.

He was a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Class of 1940. In his early career he was a professor at the Lowell Technological Institute and later he pursued a career in atmospheric sciences in Greater Boston. He served during WW II with

the USAAF (1942-1946) as a Weather Officer in the Pacific area. He leaves three children, Marilyn S. Black, Lynne Shook and Edward M. Sabbagh, six grandchildren and relatives locally and beyond.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call at the **Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, Ma on Saturday from 11:30 to 12:30 . A funeral service will be held at Christ Church in Andover at 1 p.m. on Saturday**



Franklin Gifford Pelletier, 51

STOCKTON, CALIF. — Franklin Gifford Pelletier passed away unexpectedly in Stockton, Calif. on January 24, 2013. Frank grew up in Andover, attending Andover public schools through the 9th grade. He graduated from Phillips Andover Academy in 1980 and earned his BA in Sociology from Boston University in 1984.

At the time of his death, Frank was employed as Director Of Aerospace Products for Jorgensen Forge Company of Seattle, Wash. (500 employees). His office was in Stockton, Calif. and in his work assignments, he frequently travelled throughout the West Coast, Texas and Louisiana.

Frank was a dedicated athlete, starring in team sports in junior high school and earning varsity letters in Baseball (3) and in Football (2) while at Phillips. He had remained an avid Boston sports fan even after moving to California in 1991 and played softball for many years with various company-sponsored teams.

Frank's keen intelligence and quick wit were recognized and admired by all persons with whom he came in contact, including family members and friends, as well as his business contacts and associates.

He leaves his loving and adoring wife of 20 plus years, Jodie (Steere) Pelletier (via Greene Iowa). Jodie is a graduate of Drake University in



Franklin Gifford Pelletier

Iowa, with a degree in journalism. They had been deeply involved in their community, rescuing abused and feral cats for treatment and adoption.

He will be sorely missed by his parents, Virginia (Gifford) and Alfred Pelletier of Andover, and by his three surviving siblings and their spouses, Stephen Pelletier of San Francisco, Karen Pelletier of Wyoming, and Jonathan Pelletier of Andover. He leaves behind several nieces and nephews living in Andover, Iowa, California, Washington D.C., and Mongolia.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral arrangements for his cremation will be in **Stockton, Calif. and will be private. Please omit flowers, but contributions in his memory can be made to the Stockton, Calif. Animal Rescue League.**

Mr. Michael Andrew Troy, 42 Years

September 14, 1970 — January 20, 2013

METHUEN — Mr. Michael Andrew Troy, a resident of Methuen and formerly of Andover, died suddenly at the Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence on January 20, 2013. He was 42 years old.

Born in Morristown, New Jersey, on September 14, 1970, he was the son of Arthur J. and Donna D. Troy of Andover. Mr. Troy was a Service Representative for Verizon for many years. He was a graduate of the University of South Florida. Michael loved baseball and football. He also enjoyed fishing and playing golf.

Besides his parents, he will be sorely missed by his two sisters and brothers-in-law; Shannon M. and her husband Colin B. Finn of Blackstone and Nancy L. and her husband

Jeffrey A. Andrews of Chelmsford, three nieces; Maeve Finn and Eloise and Georgia Andrews and many relatives and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral service will be celebrated in the **Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, Friday, January 25, 2013, at 8 PM. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Calling hours will be held on Friday, prior to the service, from 6 to 8 PM. Interment will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2013, at 11 AM at Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge. Donations in Michael's memory may be made to **Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 26 Broadway, 14th Floor New York, NY 10004. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.****

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Attendees will understand the importance of nutrition in health, identify misconceptions in nutrition and

health and learn what is a medical myth and truth about herbal medicine.

The seminar is free and open to the public. Registration is required. Light refreshments will be served.

One contact hour in nursing awarded at the end of the presentation. For more information or to register, please call Jean at 978-420-1168 or email jean.macdougall-tattan@steward.org.

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■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items were recorded in Andover police logs from Tuesday, Jan. 22 to Monday, Jan. 28:

ARRESTS

Saturday, Jan. 26 — At 2:56 a.m., Jason Lenas, 17, of 22 Avery Lane in Andover, was arrested on Belle Haven Drive and charged with possessing a burglarious instrument and attempting to commit a crime.

At 10:09 p.m., Michael Joaquin, 49, of 266 Middlesex St. in North Andover, was arrested on Union Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

Sunday, Jan. 27 — At 2:50 a.m., Marcos Cardenas, 46, of 67 Milton St. in Lawrence, was arrested on North Main Street and charged with a marked lanes violation, operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed and operating under the influence of liquor.

Monday, Jan. 28 — At 10:48 p.m., Sarah Nickerson, 32, of 24 Pomeroy Road in Andover, was arrested on Glenwood Road and charged with disorderly conduct.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 7:51 p.m., a caller at a school on Shawsheen Road reported that someone had broken into his vehicle and stolen his GPS. There was also ignition damage to the vehicle, and tools were left at the scene.

Thursday, Jan. 24 — At 2:50 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Bailey Road.

Friday, Jan. 25 — At 10:38 p.m., police were called to North Street on a report of a canister on top of a utility pole "glowing." Police notified National Grid of the incident.

Sunday, Jan. 27 — At 3:35 p.m., illegal dumping was reported on Bartlet Street.

At 3:57 p.m., a disturbed person was reported on North Main Street.

At 8:15 p.m., a disturbed person was reported on Red Spring Road.

Monday, Jan. 28 — At 7:30 a.m., illegal dumping was reported on Corbett Street.

At 10:59 a.m., a disturbed person was reported on

PEDESTRIAN HURT IN CRASH

Police are investigating a crash that sent a woman to the hospital after she was hit by a car on Andover Street last Thursday.

The crash remains under investigation, but Andover Police Lt. William Ouellette says speed and alcohol weren't contributing factors.

The victim is an Andover resident in her 60s, but police aren't releasing her name, according to

Ouellette.

The woman was taken to the hospital with injuries to her head and torso, but they "did not appear to be life-threatening," Ouellette said.

The accident took place at a crosswalk near the Andover Deli, located at 22 Andover St. People at the scene offered conflicting statements as to whether the woman was walking in the crosswalk or not at the time of the crash, Ouellette said.

incident was reported on South Main Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 23 — At 9:24 a.m., a case of vandalism was reported at a school on High Plain Road.

At 4:15 p.m., a domestic incident was reported on North Street.

At 8:18 p.m., a domestic incident was reported on North Main Street.

Thursday, Jan. 24 — At 10:32 a.m., police made a traffic stop on River Road that ended with a towed vehicle and a criminal complaint against the driver for driving a vehicle with a revoked registration, driving while uninsured and receiving stolen property under \$250.

The stop was triggered by the vehicle carrying license plates that were reported as stolen from Lawrence.

At 12:01 p.m., police were called to North Street to conduct a building check after a garage door at a vacant home was found open. A responding officer reported that he found "the new owner who purchased the house" inside.

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Andover Street.

At 11 a.m., vandalism to a motor vehicle was reported on Memorial Circle.

At 9:16 p.m., a domestic incident was reported on Pomeroy Road.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 2:27 a.m., an accident involving a single car into a utility pole was reported on Chandler Road. The car was towed from the scene and injuries were reported. The driver of the car in the crash was issued a criminal complaint for leaving the scene of a crash with property damage and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Thursday, Jan. 24 — At 7:14 a.m., a crash requiring a tow was reported on Lowell Street. No injuries were reported.

At 12:57 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on South Main Street.

At 4:11 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Burton Farm Drive.

At 5:57 p.m., a two-car crash was reported on Haverhill Street. One of the cars involved, a car with California license plates, was towed from the scene.

Monday, Jan. 28 — At 5:24 p.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on River Road. No tows were required.

At 5:28 p.m., a crash involving a single car into a tree was reported on Haggetts Pond Road. No injuries were reported, but the car was towed from the scene.

At 11:03 p.m., a crash involving a single car into a utility pole was reported on Andover Street. The car was towed from the scene, but no injuries were reported.



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Opinion

No dismount wanted for boys gymnastics

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association has decided to end recognized competition among high schools that have boys gymnastics teams. The decision will force the boys varsity teams to be only club teams next year, or for boys to join girls varsity teams, according to those involved. It's a decision that seems to have nothing to do with the kids who participate, and everything to do with eliminating a bit of paperwork for state-level officials. It's a decision that should be reversed.

Andover is one of the seven Massachusetts towns that offers a boys varsity gymnastics team. In fact, our program dates back to the Big Band Era. Steve Sirois, the Andover High boys varsity gym coach for three decades, could tell countless stories about what the team has meant to athletes over the years.

For a standout like Andover High's Brian Manning, the program has allowed him to be recruited by big name schools such as Penn State and Ohio State. For most members, of course, the program is a place where they can learn focus, and enjoy the company of friends. Like any after-school activity, gymnastics can be the thing that makes high school special for certain teenagers. It can be the reason a struggling student keeps coming to school, or the way a transplant to town meets a solid close-knit group of friends. It can teach kids a lot about themselves while they think they are learning about something like how to dismount the rings.

It would be one thing -- not the right reason, but a practical one -- if the team had to be eliminated because of financial issues. We'd all love to offer kids every opportunity possible, but sometimes budgets are tight. Tough decisions have to be made, and programs with limited followings get cut. That doesn't seem to be the case here. Several Massachusetts communities with long-standing boys gymnastics programs, including Andover, want to see the sport continue as is. Their school systems and taxpayers are offering full support for the teams.

The MIAA cites limited participation and the fact that the National Federation of State High School Associations will no longer write rules for boys gymnastics as the reason it will no longer recognize boys gymnastics. The MIAA doesn't want the state level to have to write the rules. But why does someone even need to rewrite the rules each year? What really needs to change? Nothing, as far as we can see.

Let the meets continue. Let the boys have their long-time team. Not everyone excels at basketball, or drama or robotics. For some, gymnastics is the perfect extra-curricular activity.

There's no reason to take it away.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The MIAA, governing school athletics, is eliminating boys gymnastics from Massachusetts schools. What are your thoughts?

■ Pleased: I do not think this should be a recognized sport in public school systems.

■ Understanding: The decision is reasonable, because the sport is not as popular as many others.

■ Neutral: It's unfortunate for those involved, but I understand the reason for the decision.

■ Frustrated: If boys want to be gymnasts, their schools should allow it. The programs should stay.

■ Angry: I'm upset this decision has been made, and school districts willing to support gymnasts will be hurt by it.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion.

■ Other (supply your own answer).

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked, "With the warrant closed and the issues known, will you be attending Annual Town Meeting?" The answers were multiple choice, meaning one visitor could register multiple responses. The answers were:

■ Attending: I will be voting on the budget: eight votes, 12.12 percent.

■ Attending: I will be voting on the Cormier Youth Center, assuming it's added: eight votes, 12.12 percent.

■ Attending: I will be voting on the downtown transit zoning district for the current Town Yard land: eight votes, 12.12 percent.

■ Attending: I will be voting on the ID2 zoning districts: seven votes, 10.61 percent.

■ Attending: I will be voting on the land purchases: seven votes, 10.61 percent.

■ I do not plan on attending Annual Town Meeting: seven votes, 10.61 percent.

■ Attending: I will be voting on the elderly housing zoning district: six votes, 9.09 percent.

■ Attending: No particular reason except to fulfill my civic duty: six votes, 9.09 percent.

■ Attending: I will be voting on the Ballardvale Fire Station proposal: five votes, 7.58 percent.

■ I haven't yet decided whether I will attend: four votes, 6 percent.

■ I am not old enough to participate in Annual Town Meeting: zero votes.

MILESTONE MOMENT



Carol Moroney/NASportStars

Andover fans celebrate Devon Caveney reaching the 1,000-point milestone in a win over North Andover earlier this month.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Turn on all streetlights to keep people, pets safe

Editor, Townsman:

It is traumatic enough to be involved in an automobile accident where you hit some object or someone hits you, but nothing describes the feeling of hitting a living being.

In my case, it was a beloved pet.

Bailey is a beautiful 10-year-old Golden Retriever who somehow strayed from his yard onto Route 28 also known as South Main Street. How he got there is a mystery.

His owners did everything correctly. He is properly licensed, tagged, collared and confined.

I tried not to hit him, but I just couldn't see him. It's dark on South Main Street. The town of Andover keeps most of the street lights off to save money.

Bailey is not dead but his injuries required veterinary specialists, lots of time and money.

This incident could have involved a family walking uptown for a pizza, or a Phillips Academy student jogging, or elementary students walking home after their school activities.

I urge the Andover town manager and selectmen to take a serious re-look at this practice. It is not so much about crime as it is safety — safety for our families, our neighbors, our students, our seniors and our beloved pets.

Get well, Bailey.

PAMELA FINNERTY
176 North Main St.

Serious about gun-control? Start with Attorney General

Editor, Townsman:

Mr. President:

If you are truly serious about prosecuting those responsible for the illegal trafficking of arms, then let's start with Eric Holder for his role in *Fast and Furious*.

STEVE LEET
Crescent Drive

All should support Bancroft construction money

Editor, Townsman:

As I gaze out my kitchen window I see the regal steel of the new Bancroft Elementary School swinging into position (beginning at 7 in the morning). As the building assembles, it's like the pulling together of all the ideas and dreams any thoughtful community might have as they add to the richness of their town. The new school represents the high quality standards the town of Andover embraces as it cherishes the crown jewel of our reputation: a top quality school system.

The new Bancroft is expensive—the biggest capital outlay we've had in years — and the increased costs we are now facing as a result of the construction delays are very unfortunate. I acknowledge that none of us want to see a more expensive project (although the tax impact of these increased costs apparently is minimal). As we climb out of this economic recession we need the wind at our back in all respects. Yet our commitment to

excellence in the school system—for our children and grandchildren—and even for those of us whose children have moved on in life, is unshakable. The reputation of Andover and its schools resonates around the region; it's like looking out onto a forest sanctuary or a beautiful park in which we may never tread, but in which we have consummate pride. So, though wringing our hands with frustration about the added costs, it's something we simply must support. All of us.

I also serve as the chairman of Andover's Economic Development Council. This volunteer group of citizens and neighbors concerns itself with the overall well-being of Andover from an economic perspective. We try to enhance the town's reputation within the greater business community in order to attract companies here, add to the tax base, create jobs, and enrich our shopping experience. We believe that a business firm or a young family takes a holistic view of our community—and certainly the school system and its attendant facilities—before committing themselves to join us here in Andover.

So, speaking also on behalf of the EDC, I urge you to attend the Special Town Meeting on Monday, Feb. 11, and participate in this important discussion. Andover has the opportunity to be the best place to work and live in America, and supporting this funding for the new Bancroft Elementary School is a very important step in that direction.

TIM VAILL
9 Bancroft Road

Pregnancy-support services make life-altering difference

Editor, Townsman:

On Jan. 22, 1973, the two most destructive and divisive decisions of the United States Supreme Court were imposed on our nation: *Roe vs. Wade* and *Doe vs. Bolton*. These decisions legalized abortion throughout pregnancy.

In the following 40 years more than 50 million babies have been brutally killed and many Americans prefer not to speak out in their defense. This is a situation that is difficult to understand when most Americans believe it is an illegal act to end the life of a defenseless person and a heinous act if the defenseless person is an infant or small child. I understand that not everyone shares this view.

Unfortunately the abortion debate has focused on arguing about the exact time when a growing fetus becomes a human being — an endless debate. I believe we can agree that an abortion ends the development process that results in an human being.

It is time to refocus our energy to providing support to expectant mothers that help them and their babies have lives together or separate lives through the generous gift of adoption. We are fortunate to have several groups in the Merrimack valley that provide pregnancy support services. They will appreciate your time and/or financial support. Together we can make a difference that will truly last a lifetime.

BILL CASEY
14 Stoneybrook Circle

Is it OK for my young child to lift weights?

On Fitness

Question: Is it safe for preadolescents and adolescents to lift heavy weights? Why or why not? What is safe?

Expert: Cara Green

Member Advancement Director Andover/ North Andover YMCA
Answer: Lifting weights, or strength training, helps muscles grow stronger and become more efficient. It also promotes good health and positive body image.

However, extreme heavy lifting, especially in adolescents, is unnecessary and can cause injury.

It can also promote the closing of growth plates before they are developed and put too much strain on young ligaments and tendons.

However, I feel that if a child is old enough to participate in organized sports, they are ready to strength train with an experienced trainer who can teach proper

technique and safety guidelines. Children, under proper supervision, should start a strength routine using their body weight. Once proper form and technique is learned, it's OK to start adding resistance.

Expert: Tony Ferrao

Manager of Get in Shape for Women
Former director of Andover/ North Andover Y

Answer: Preadolescents don't have the circulating hormones that allow for anabolism to occur above and beyond genetic childhood development. The focus for this age group should be practicing skills and movements that challenge the nervous system with balance and coordination.

Weight lifting is warranted with supervision and coaching. What should determine when the preadolescent starts training is cognitive age; the ability to follow instructions and take coaching points. Focus on the

form, execution and techniques involved in various sports and lifting moves, but lighter weights that allow for practicing form should be used.

Expert: Jamey Lachiana
Yang's Fitness Center
ACSM certified, local exercise physiologist since 1996

Answer: Whether pre-adolescent and adolescent kids should be lifting weights or not is a somewhat complex issue and a question I am often asked. Studies can often be misleading. The most recent study conducted used athletes such as gymnasts and dancers, who tend to be short. Kind of defeats the purpose of the study if the kids used are likely pre-kids to be shorter than most to begin with, wouldn't you say?

My personal view is that for children and adolescents lifting weights is very important for strength, bone density, coordination and self confidence.

I feel less than 10 repetitions is unnecessary and counterproductive since the majority of (kids) that are lifting are for a sport that involves massive amounts of repetition to properly learn the movement, just like weight training.

If the weight is too heavy to reach 10 repetitions, then less weight should be used to aim for 10 to 15 repetitions.

Proper form should be stressed more than weight amount when dealing with children as well. The better their form becomes, the stronger their core muscles grow, and the more weight they will be able to lift as they grow older.

It takes 3,000 to 5,000 proper repetitions of a movement for it to be ingrained into muscle memory.

Starting with a slightly higher repetition max as a kid only puts people ahead of the game for when they are working out as a teen or adult.

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Town Meeting rescheduled due to... Kerry nomination?

Selectmen asked Town Clerk Larry Murphy to reschedule this year's Annual Town Meeting after the town learned a special statewide primary election would be held on one of the previously scheduled nights.

With the nomination of Sen. John Kerry as Secretary of State, Massachusetts must hold a special election to elect his successor, according to Murphy.

It's expected a special primary election would be held on April 30, the previously scheduled second night of Annual Town Meeting. Elections are usually held in the Andover High School's field house, as are the first two nights of Annual Town Meeting in most cases.

The general election to fill the U.S. Senate seat will likely be held on June 25, Murphy said.

The board said it supported moving Town Meeting to May 6, 7 and 8, a week later.

Because of change, residents hoping to vote at Annual Town Meeting must be registered by Tuesday, April 16, Murphy said.

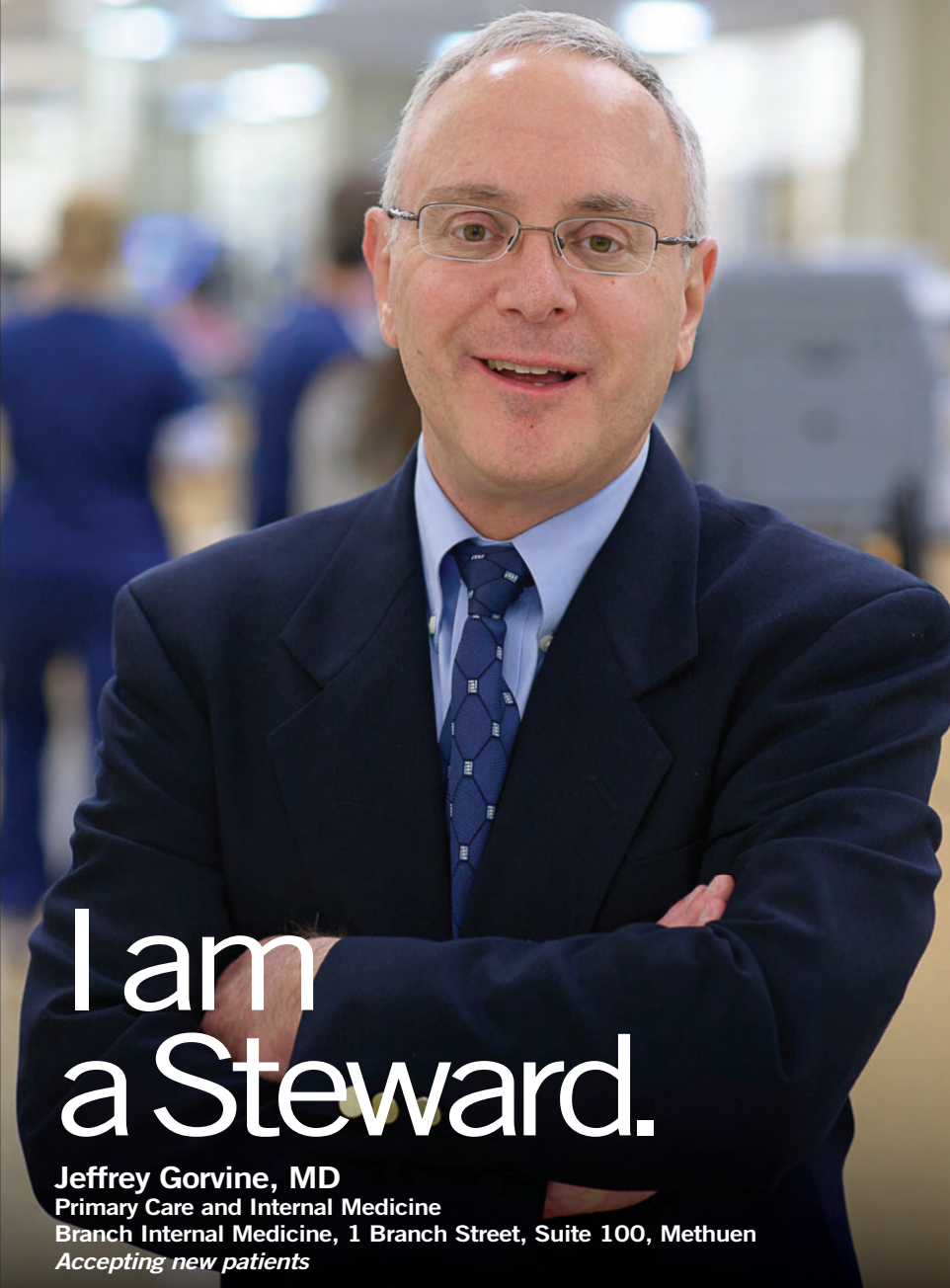
- Dustin Luca



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Race winner Scott McGrath of Andover exhales as he strides along Kilrea Road during the 18th annual Boston Prep 16-mile race in Derry.

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Andover college student in running for Miss Boston

Andover resident Cara Lemire Stern has been selected to be a contestant in the Miss Boston and Miss Cambridge Pageant on Feb. 10 at the Park Plaza Hotel in Boston. She will be one of 16 young women competing for more than \$8,000 in scholarships and prizes. The competition is an official preliminary to the Miss Massachusetts and Miss America pageants.

Contestants will take part in five phases of competition: talent, interview, physical fitness, evening gown and on-stage interview. Each contestant will also discuss her chosen platform, a social or community issue of concern to herself and society at large. Lemire's platform issue will be as an "Advocate for Art Therapy," according to a release about the pageant. Green is described as "a zealous yogi, which had allowed her to continue her gymnast skills." She will perform an acrobatic dance as part of the pageant.

A resident of town, Lemire is currently a senior at Brown University working towards her bachelor's degree in literary arts. She plans to pursue a graduate

degree in psychology and "hopes to aid her academic work through additional work with art and canine therapy," according to a release.

McGrath takes on cold, 16 miles

Runners braved cold temperatures and wind to participate in the 18th annual Boston Prep 16-mile race in Derry. It was certainly worth it for Scott McGrath, of Andover, who won the race for the second straight year.

The race is one of New England's most popular and is considered a perfect Boston Marathon training event.

Embrace the season at Ward Winter Fun Day

You aren't likely to hear grumbling about the winter weather next Sunday at the Ward Reservation. People will be celebrating the annual Ward Winter Fun Day.

The Trustees of Reservations and Ward Reservation Property Committee, in partnership with the Andover Trails Committee, and Friends of North Andover Trails will host the free event on Sunday, Feb. 10 from noon

to 3 p.m., at Ward Reservation in Andover. Ward Winter Fun Day will take place with or without snow on the ground.

Short to medium length guided hikes to different destinations on the reservation will leave periodically throughout the afternoon. Cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, sledding, refreshments and a warming fire will be available, too.

People can park at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, in Andover, and follow signs to the activities.

For more information, call Adam Rollfs with the Trustees of Reservations at 978-886-5297 or email arollfs@ttor.org.

Terry talks

"Francona: The Red Sox years" is the new book co-authored by former Sox manager Terry Francona and Boston Globe sports columnist Dan Shaughnessy. Andover readers apparently want the book. It came out last Tuesday, Jan. 22, and Andover Bookstore quickly sold out. The eagerly awaited second shipment arrived this Tuesday, Jan. 29.

Miss Boston candidate Cara Lemire



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Arts & Entertainment

Love triangle at core of Feb. 10 Valentine's concert

Continuing its Portraits of Genius season, Andover Chamber Music will use its Valentine concert to present what it calls "passionate works by the late Romantic masters, Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms, two composers whose deep friendship and shared affection for Clara Schumann has been called the greatest love triangle of all time."

The concert will be at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, near the intersection of Route 133 and Reservation Road, on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3 p.m.

"When the young Johannes

Brahms entered the lives of Clara and Robert Schumann in 1853, something extraordinary took place -- a union of kindred spirits, musical genius, mutual admiration, and more," according to the organization. "An aging Schumann saw a successor to Beethoven in the 20-year-old Brahms, and Clara found in Brahms a noble heart and musical soulmate sent from God and transfigured by his own music. In Robert Schumann, young Brahms saw a hero and mentor on the brink of insanity and self destruction, and in Clara a divine love which he described as 'the

most beautiful experience of my life."

The Schumann works will be Adagio & Allegro for cello & piano; "Rose, Meer und Sonne" for mezzo & piano; and From 12 Vierhändige Clavier-stücke, Op. 85, for four hands.

The Brahms pieces will be Two songs for contralto, piano & viola, Opus 91; Clarinet Sonata No. 2 in E flat, Op. 120 (flute trans.); and Piano Quartet in C minor.

Performers are Aurélien Pontier on piano, Roger Tapping on viola, Julie Scolnik on flute, Natasha Brofsky on cello, Yura

Lee on violin, Krista River, mezzo soprano, and Sophie Scolnik-Brower on piano.

The West Parish concert will be the last for Andover Chamber Music until the DeBussy and Ravel season finale on Sunday, April 7.

ACM uses a secure online ticketing system provided by Vendini. Individual tickets are \$30 each, and there is a senior rate of \$25.

For additional information, group discounts, special requests, or if you would like to order by phone, contact Sales@AndoverChamberMusic.org or call 978-474-6222.



COURTESY PHOTO

Captain Ray Stachelek will kick off this year's "Fish On!" program by telling people how they can become better at catching tuna, which some fishermen consider to be the ultimate adrenaline rush, according to Memorial Hall Library.

Fish On! among library programs meant to hook audience

After 14 years, the fish — and the fishing public interested in learning more — are still biting.

Memorial Hall Library and the Friends of the Library kick off their 14th annual month-long series of fishing programs and exhibits, "FISH ON! ANDOVER 2013." Each week features fishing movies from 6 to 7 p.m., with door prizes, and speakers at 7 p.m.

This year's lineup includes the following, with the descriptions provided by Memorial Hall Library.

Feb. 5, "Tuna Helper: Recipe for Success by Capt. Ray Stachelek." Have you ever had your fly reel drag cooked by a screaming albie? Nothing compares to the mind boggling experience of man vs. tuna on light tackle. See why fishermen call this, "The ultimate adrenaline rush." Capt. Ray Stachelek will help you learn how to greatly improve your odds.

Feb. 12, "Kayak Fishing Cape Ann and Beyond" by Matt St. Pierre — From ice out pickerel on shallow freshwater ponds to targeting large mid-summer nighttime stripers along the North Shore, Matt St. Pierre will share top-notch fishing opportunities by kayak. Learn the basics of safety in this up and coming sport, and learn how to capitalize on our ever changing seasonal fishery during the three main seasons of kayak fishing.

Feb. 19, "Cape Ann Surf Fishing" by Steve Papows — Steve Papows will chronicle the "Fall Run" at Cape Ann, emphasizing how to target trophy sized stripers from shore using various top water plugs. Steve, considered a preeminent surfcaster, has been featured in On The Water magazine and on the front cover of The Fisherman.

Feb. 26, "Alaskan Silver Salmon at the Tsiu River Lodge" by Al & Skip Montello - Al & Skip Montello will chronicle two consecutive late summer adventures fishing for the incredible Alaskan Silver Salmon at the Tsiu River Lodge. They will detail their two trips using a variety of fly and spin fishing techniques catching these fantastically user friendly salmon set in the jaw dropping Alaskan wilderness.

ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

The New England Winds will perform woodwind masterworks by Strauss, Francaix, Debussy, and Fernandez as well as folk and patriotic music on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. The members are professional military musicians, part of the United States Air Force Band of Liberty.

"The New England Winds has been recognized by audiences throughout the Northeastern United States for their passionate and refined performances. The New England Winds' versatility and ability to interact with listeners on an intimate level has left audiences with memories of compelling and expressive music-making. Every member of the quartet is a dedicated chamber player with years of study on his or her instrument," according to a release from the library.

Creative Café, offered Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. is a chance for residents to grab

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Members of Yang's Martial Arts in Andover practice for their Chinese New Year performance at China Blossom Restaurant in North Andover. Andover residents Tara MacKenzie, 18 (right), will control the head of one lion and Theresa Yeo, 17, the head of the other with help from Ethan Donahue and Alex Gamble, both 16, during the dance they will perform.

'Buffet fit for emperor' Chinese New Year's party offers culture, food

JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Sold out six days before the event last year, a local Chinese New Year celebration is again expected to be as hot as some Sichuan dishes.

As a result of last year's standing room only crowd of 350 people, the Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange is hosting two New Year celebrations at China Blossom restaurant in North Andover on Sunday, Feb. 10 (see sidebar for details).

"They come from Boston and all over," said ACCE President Richard "Dick" Soo Hoo of Andover. "It's our way to introduce Chinese culture -- and, it's a great event for that."

It's the Year of the Snake or "Gong Xi Fa Tsai" in Chinese culture. There will be Chinese music, dance and other cultural performances to celebrate.

"And a Chinese banquet fit for an emperor," Soo Hoo said. "The Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays and is a special time to bring family together for feasting and celebration."

ACCE has been hosting cultural events to get more people to learn about Chinese culture, Soo Hoo said. The group has been around for 35 years and is based in Andover.

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Members of Yang's Martial Arts in Andover practice for their Chinese New Year performance at China Blossom Restaurant in North Andover. From left are Stefanie Sartschev, 13; Sarah MacGregor, 13; and Natalie Kushner, 14, all of Andover.

CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY

WHO: Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange hosts

WHEN: Sunday, Feb. 10, at 4 AND 6 p.m.

WHERE: China Blossom restaurant, 946 Osgood St., North Andover

COST: \$30 per adult, seniors \$25, children \$20. Proceeds benefit ACCE

Seating is limited. Register at yearofthesnake.eventbrite.com/# or contact Richard Soo Hoo, richsoohoo@aol.com.

WHAT TO EXPECT: Calligraphy with the Chinese American Fine Arts Society of Boston, Lion Dance from Yang's Martial Arts, Chinese Folk Dance Group, Gong Fu (Kung Fu) from Yang's Martial Arts, Solo Dance Performances, Gu-Zheng (Zither) Performance from Shin-Yi Yang, Chinese New Year Sing-Along, Buffet dinner featuring traditional dim sum

Two Andover eateries vie for best dessert trophy

Two Andover establishments that aim to please dessert lovers will be part of the annual Evening of Sweet Indulgence on Feb. 2.

Billy Costa, from Kiss 108FM and the TV Diner, will be coming to the Merrimack Valley again to promote the region's restaurants, caterers and bakeries. This year there are vendors from nine local communities competing for the coveted "Best Dessert in the Merrimack Valley"

Trophy. Those attending the event vote for their favorite sweet treat.

Representing Andover will be Andover's newest bakery, Pink Tree Sweets, and the On the Bone restaurant from the Wyndham Hotel. Joining them, representing North Andover, will be Cakes by Design.

The event will take place at the University of Massachusetts Lowell Inn & Conference Center on

Saturday, Feb. 2 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. The cost for general admission is \$35 per person in advance or \$40 at the door. Reserved seats are \$40 in advance. For tickets, email sweetindulgencesinfo@comcast.net, or call 978-494-0769.

The event is sponsored by Congregation Beth Israel of the Merrimack Valley, which is located at 501 South Main St. in Andover.

The night will include a disc

jockey, silent and live auction items and a cash bar. Organizers say the live auction will be headlined by a David Yurman bracelet from Andover's Royal Jewelers, an autographed Tom Brady football, home wine tastings with appetizers donated by Shawsheen Village Liquors and Samuels at the Andover Inn, and a chance to be Diner for a Day on the TV Diner show with Billy Costa.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

JOB SEARCH TALK, The Boomer's Top Ten Daily Checklist, a program about the job search process as it relates to Baby Boomers, will be presented, 7 p.m., the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Andover. Presenters Kevin Walsh, Steve Buell and Tom Procopio know it's hard to get up in the morning when you have the hardest job in the world: Getting a Job. They will share what they have learned from their own experiences, free and open to the public; 978-664-4942.

LIVE STRING QUARTET, Brooklyn Rider, Rogers Center, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m., \$25;

978-837-5355, merrimack.edu/rogers.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

LIVE THEATER, Aladdin opens, at the Andover West Middle School Auditorium on Shawsheen Road, \$10 available at the door one hour before show time. It is recommended to get there early as these shows often sellout. Also staging on Feb. 2.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

STRANGE TYPOGRAPHIC TALES, 10 a.m., The Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover. Discover strange stories, legends and tales of type. Dedicated to preserving

the history of the graphic arts, graphic design, printing equipment, handicap accessible but the lecture space on the 2nd floor is accessible via stairs only. Reservations required, Essex Heritage & Museum of Printing Members \$10; Non-Members \$15; essexheritage.org/membership/events, 978-740-0444.

WINE TASTING, The Wine Connection, 117 Main St., North Andover, noon to 5 p.m., complimentary tasting of its best Super Bowl-friendly wines, sample a diverse range of wines and munch classic game time snacks such as buffalo chicken wings and taco chip dishes, while getting in the zone before game day; (toll-free) 877-469-5025.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

MEETING, The Shawsheen Village Woman's Club, 1 p.m., Tactician Corp., 305 No. Main St., Andover for "Women in History: Catherine the Great", presented by Muriel Dyas; (978) 475-4481.

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

ANDOVER GARDEN CLUB MEETING, Andover Garden Club Luncheon and "Greening Our Campuses" Program, 10 a.m., Salvatore's (Sal's Pizza and Italian Restaurant), 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence, \$15 (includes refreshments and lunch). Reservations must be made by Jan. 24; Anne Feeney, 978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net.

Show your kids what library offers

Andover librarians are hoping to turn on more youth to what the town library can offer.

Memorial Hall Library's Children's Room is celebrating Take Your Child to the Library Day with activities for families on Saturday, Feb. 2. A schedule can be downloaded from the library's website, mhl.org/kids/programs.

The Memorial Hall Library will be open from 9 to 5 on Feb. 2 and families are encouraged to stop in anytime during the day even if they can't make the scheduled activities between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., according to a release from Beth A. Kerrigan, coordinator of Children's Services. People can register online for the programs at mhl.org/eventcalendar.

Townspeople

Campbell brothers play off each other

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Campbell scores thanks to a perfect pass from Campbell. That's a goal for Campbell, an assist for Campbell.

Some spectators might think an announcer making that kind of comment made a mistake, reading the same name twice at an Andover High School hockey game.

But, hockey insiders know that there are two Campbells, and the Andover brothers are warming up winter this high school hockey season as they score and assist frequently for their hockey team.

Scott (affectionately called Scottie) is 18 and a senior. Younger brother Mark (affectionately called - you guessed it - Markie) is 16 and a sophomore. They both play first line on the Andover High hockey team and agree that years of playing street hockey in their Johnson Road neighborhood is a key reason why they got those coveted first-line slots.

"Our neighbor, Will Sauerbrunn, is on first line, too," said Scottie, who is a captain on this year's team.

The recent 8-1 loss to rival Central Catholic was tough. But, Andover's lone goal was scored by Scottie Campbell and assisted by - guess who



Mark Campbell brings the puck up ice against Central Catholic during a boys hockey game at the Valley Forum in Lawrence.

- his brother, Markie.

Scottie recently scored a hat trick against North Andover and Markie assisted him on two of those goals. AHS won that game, 6-3.

"It's all about hockey for us," said Scottie as Markie nodded in agreement. "We think alike in hockey so Markie knows what I'm going to do. He sets me up."

These brothers not only think alike when it comes to hockey, they also look

very much alike. Even their hockey shirt numbers are close. Scottie wears number 12 and Markie wears number 13.

"It's cool standing next to each other during the National Anthem at the start of every game," Markie said.

"The team always stands there in (numerical) order so I picked 13 so I could stand next to him. He's a senior so I thought it would be cool to do it for his last year."

These sons of Dana and Kent Campbell, who also have a sister, Courtney who is an AHS freshman, may be extremely tight during hockey season. But off season they are typical teenagers and hang out with friends who are their own age.

Like most AHS seniors, Scottie is in the midst of a college search. Markie is happy to wait his turn for now. His search will happen soon enough.



Scott Campbell (12) is congratulated by teammate Danny Keenan (24) after scoring a goal during their 6-3 win over North Andover.

Besides, these hockey games, because "Campbell scores" and "Campbell assists" is expected to happen again on this team.

Inhospitable: 17th century innkeepers' dispute

Bill Dalton



In 1680 the General Court allowed Andover to have two public houses (inns) and that opened the door, so to

speaking, for some trouble.

By 1689, John Osgood had been an innholder for some time and didn't like the competition he was receiving from the elderly William Chandler, who had become an innkeeper in 1687, so Osgood complained to the county court that Chandler didn't have a license to sell cider and strong drink. Each of these men were among the original settlers of the town, and the feud was likely watched carefully by the town's small population.

In order to establish his continuing right to be an innholder, Chandler was put to the work of finding the proper documentation and then adding an affidavit from five men who stated Chandler's inn was necessary. They lived on the roads from Andover to Ipswich and Billerica, and stated in the affidavit that prior to Chandler's "Horse-shoe," as it was called, they often heard strangers complain there was no public house of entertainment on those roads and the strangers had to travel a mile and a half out of their way for a bed and refreshment or, even worse, intrude upon private houses. That intrusion, said the five men, was burdensome to the neighborhood; therefore, William Chandler's house was located in a convenient location for innkeeping.

A year after Osgood's original complaint, 35 Andover men filed a lengthy petition critical of Chandler. For the benefit of my readers, I have abbreviated that bloviated petition; where there are words in quotation marks, they come from the petition itself, as copied in historian Sarah Loring

Bailey's 1880 book, "Historical Sketches of Andover."

The petitioners stated they spoke for "many more, if not most of the town," and said Chandler's behavior had become an "epidemicall evil that over spreads and is like to corrupt the greater part of our towne if not speedily prevented." The petitioners continued, "...in his first setting up he seemed to have had tenderness upon his conscience not to admit of excess or disorder in his house... but the earnest desire for money hath proved an evil root to him... for through his over forwardness to promote his own gaine he hath been apt to animate and entice persons to spend their own money & time to ye great wrong of themselves and family they belong to."

Further, the men stated, servants and children were allowed by Chandler in his house at all hours "...sometimes until the break of day ...till they know not their way to their habitations.... [A]nd gaming is freely allowed in this house by which the looser must call for drink." The petitioners noted they could state many more "perticklers," but, in sum, Chandler was corrupting the younger generation, "...and what comfort will that be to parents to see such a posterity coming on upon the stage after them?"

But Chandler, having learned of the negative petition before it was filed, asked the Andover selectmen for support. They gave it to him by filing a short petition with the court stating that Chandler had kept a house for public entertainment for some considerable time and had kept good order in it, and the selectmen indicated that he was an infirm man and not capable of hard labor. The selectmen were comprised of eminences including a Chandler, a Holt, a Ballard, an Abbot, and Duncan Bradstreet, whose father had recently been governor

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Peter Ohan Loosigian: A Remembrance

Lisa Loosigian



This 2005 Townsman photo shows Peter Loosigian in early July marking rows for corn that he was getting ready to plant at Strawberry Hill Farm.

Another piece of old Andover has been lost with the passing this fall of Peter Loosigian. A fixture at Strawberry Hill Farm on Lowell Street for most of his 91 years, Pete had come to be known as the old farmer who could always be spotted either driving a tractor, working his way through the brambles of the raspberry patch, or kneeling amid rows of strawberries or vegetables ripe for harvesting. Growing things was his love and true calling on the scant 10 rocky acres that had been his family's home for nearly 100 years.

Peter made his first appearance in the front bedroom of the 1830 farmhouse on a cold day in February 1921, the youngest child and only son of Armenian immigrant parents. A good student, he was the proud winner of the Barnard Essay Contest during his Pynchard High School years. Soon after, he joined the Army Air Corps during World War II, serving in the Pacific. His military training led him to a post-war job at Watson Park, a chemical company in Ballardvale.

Around that time he got lucky, meeting and winning the hand of Alice Arozian, an attractive and vivacious art school graduate from Watertown. She would have to make a huge adjustment to farm life when Peter decided to turn his folks' subsistence farm into a viable business. And that he did, with her

help and that of other family members who regularly pitched in, including their daughter Lisa, sons Jon and Peter, his sister Bertha, and nephew John Durgarian.

And so, for more than 60 years Strawberry Hill would be synonymous with the man himself. The farm was his main source of pride and the true love of his life. He knew every inch of it like the back of his hand and worked it tirelessly seven days a week spring, summer, and fall.

Winters were spent ordering seeds from catalogs and planning what and how much to plant in which field. What little spare time there was would include reading, baseball, and a love of the music of Louis Armstrong and Frank Sinatra. The few winters he was able to spend in Florida, upon arrival he would begin planting tomato and basil plants in his and his neighbors' yards. It gave him tremendous satisfaction to see the fruit of his labor

thriving in the warm Florida sunshine. But he was always anxious to return in March to get on with the plowing and planting as the new growing season began in Andover. It was a routine that never got old for him. That cycle of the seasons was for him life itself.

Several components went into the success of Strawberry Hill Farm. Weather was certainly one, but not the most vital. Lots of sunshine surely helped growing plants, but a lack of rain could be compensated for, by irrigation. Fertilizer also played a big part. Maintenance of tractors and other equipment was an ongoing affair.

But the most vital factor was WORK - long hours of often strenuous, sometimes tedious, work, work, work. Peter thrived on it and measured himself and everyone else by how much they produced in a day, whether in baskets, bushels or pounds.

Of course, it was not just about quantity. Quality was equally important. No white-tipped strawberries, mushy raspberries (indicated by telltale stained fingers), or undersized corn husks were tolerated. Despite age and fading eyesight, those standards never changed over the years.

Peter always expected the end would come for him one sweltering hot day in one of the fields. But it was only fitting, and far more practical, that it would hold off until the season had ended, with the stand closed and everything tucked away for winter. No doubt he'll rest easier knowing that he left no unfinished business behind.

As to the future of the farm, for now it will go on, albeit without the presence of that crusty old farmer either sitting high at the helm of a tractor or crouched intently over his lovingly tended crops.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Jan. 31, 1913

A few of the local Boy Scouts under charge of the patrol leader, Norman McLeish, and Corporal Robert Black, were of some assistance to two Phillips Academy students last Saturday. The students, who

had fallen through the ice at Poms Pond, were taken up to the Scouts' camp and warmed and then were taken home. The boys were handsomely rewarded by one of the students with a sum of money to go towards the benefit of Troop 1.

The progressiveness of Andover is general and of Valpey Bros. market in particular was emphasized this week by the shipment from the market of some "good"

corned beef to a summer visitor in Andover whose winter home is in Washington, D.C., and who cannot there find the equal of Andover's corned beef.

Commencing Monday, Feb. 3, Mr. Barton, with his usual liberality, has arranged to provide a continuous performance at Wonderland from 6.45 to 10 p.m., no picture being shown twice during the evening.

Mrs. Lewis, matron of the

Home for the Aged, is suffering from a fractured and dislocated shoulder, the result of a fall on Main Street this week.

75 Years Ago Jan. 28, 1938

Selectman J. Everett Collins has been selected by the Associated Glee Clubs of America Inc., to serve on

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Mary Gold of Andover competes in the jump roping segment.



Stephen Surette of Andover runs on a treadmill carrying a 45-pound backpack during the first townwide Troop Challenge to benefit and raise awareness of the Run for Troops 5k road race, and Homes for Troops. The event was held at Yang's Fitness Center in Dundee Park.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

They accepted the Challenge

Andover residents donned some camouflage and tackled military-style exercises as part of a new event called the Troop Challenge last Friday.

A tie-in with the annual Run for the Troops in Andover, the event sought to raise money and awareness for the national Homes for Our Troops organization, which builds free homes for service members who were severely injured fighting the War on Terror in Iraq or Afghanistan, according to organizers.

The Troop Challenge was held for two hours at Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover.

People competed to see who could do the most push-ups, pull-ups or dead-arm hangs, or last the longest at timed wall sits, jump roping and carrying 45-pound backpacks while jogging on an inclined treadmill. Prizes were awarded to the top female and male in each event. This was the first year for the event.

Next up is the Run for the Troops 5K road race being held on Sunday, April 7 in downtown Andover this year. This will be the fourth year that Andover has hosted the race. Last year, Andover raised \$30,000 for the national home-building organizer, according to race organizer Bill Pennington of Andover.



Toni Hadad of Andover competes in the "In and Outs" segment of the Troop Challenge.



Minda Reidy of Andover competes in the pull-ups segment of the challenge.

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a committee of three eminent conductors of member clubs to select a "Common Repertoire List" which will be distributed to every male chorus in the United States and Canada in an endeavor to raise the musical standards of the male choruses.

Lionel Buckley of Tewksbury received a bump on his head Tuesday afternoon at 4 when the bakery truck he was driving was hit on Central Street by the beach wagon that delivers papers for the Andover News company.

If it hadn't been for the Shawsheen Village fire of last May, the year 1937 in Andover would have been able to report an unusually low fire loss, Chief Emerson stated last night in

commenting on his report to the selectmen. The report shows a property loss of \$41,220, but of this \$33,854.15 was American Woolen loss from the May fire.

Andover's assessment for the operation of the Essex County tuberculosis hospital will increase this year about \$250, it was announced by the county commissioners this week. Last year's assessment was \$6,687.51, this year's \$6,933.04.

50 Years Ago Jan. 31, 1963

Finance Committee Chairman Philip B. Marsden Jr. refused to answer inquiries Tuesday, concerning the cost and income figures being used by that committee in its study of Urban Renewal. He was asked by the Townsman

whether the FinCom is using the set of figures agreed upon at a meeting Jan. 17, or whether there is additional material available to the FinCom. "We have nothing to say at all," Mr. Marsden stated crisply. "When the time comes we'll make known our decision."

School population is growing faster than predicted here, on the basis of new figures released by the School Committee. Predictions in 1960 were for 3,708 to 3,987 in 1963. But now it looks like there will be at least 4,115 in all grades.

From an advertisement for Andover Value Days: Andover Co-Op Fresh native

chicken, 33 cents/lb.; Andover Gift House, Buenilum Chafing Dish, \$12.95; John H. Grecoe Lunt, sterling silver 25% off; Michael Jay's, Olga Girdles, \$6.90; Elander & Swanton, boys' nylon ski mittens, \$2.39; Dantos' Andover Spa, fresh candy cupboard chocolates, \$1.00 per lb.

Kenneth P. Thompson, 45, 6 Howell Drive, is seeking election as selectman at the March 4 balloting.

25 Years Ago Jan. 28, 1988

In an attempt to solve the over-crowding problem in the elementary schools, the

School Committee has voted unanimously to institute the 5-3-4 plan of grade organization next September. The new system will put children in kindergarten through fifth grade in elementary schools, children in grades six through eight in middle schools, and the high school will consist of grades nine through twelve.

Dating in the '80s has taken on a life of its own. The sock hops of the '50s, the rock and love-ins of the '60s and the disco and nightclub rage of the '70s have been replaced by the increasing popularity of dating services. Don Blanchette and David Coppola of North Andover

saw this as an opportunity to embark on a business venture. "We noticed the market was wide open," Blanchette said. So he and Coppola established a new dating service called Peer Balance Introductions last October.

Eric and Katie Grunner, 66 Bailey Road, Andover, each won first prize in the Crayola National Coloring Contest. Each child received a five-foot plastic Crayola crayon in recognition of the achievement. Thousands of entries representing every state were submitted and judged on creativity, according to Dean Rodenbough, spokesperson for Binney & Smith, maker of Crayola products.

DALTON

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of Massachusetts, and the selectmen's words were dispositive of the matter.

So, that ends the story of Osgood versus Chandler, with Mr. Chandler pretty much winning out except for restrictions placed on his license against gambling and the like, and except for the fact that he died soon after.

As a side note, when Chandler's license was renewed, he posted a bond for 50 pounds, and the bondsman was Andrew Peters of Ipswich. When Chandler died, Peters took over Chandler's business and moved to Andover because his Ipswich distillery business had recently been burned by Indians. Peters became a distiller and innkeeper in Andover,

and the Andover selectmen welcomed this man of high reputation, allowing him to sell liquor by the quart "out of doors," which meant he could sell to people not staying at the inn. He became Andover's first and perhaps only ever distiller/retailer/innkeeper and eventually became a selectman as well. Coincidentally, Peters was an ancestor of Andover historian and Phillips Academy headmaster Claude Fuess, even though Fuess' family was not from Andover, and he didn't move here until early in the 20th Century.

Except for the last paragraph, the above information is mostly derived from Sarah Loring Bailey's book.

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

Celebrations

To place your celebration, please visit: www.andovertownsmen.com/celebrations

Wedding

Ritter - Murphy

~ Saturday, October 6, 2012 ~

Ethan Murphy of Westerly RI and Jennifer Ritter of Rye NH were wed at the Ritter homestead in Rye on October 6, 2012. Ethan is the son of Mary and Gerald Murphy of Andover, Jennifer is the daughter of Patricia and Wayne Ritter of Rye.

Ethan's brother Joshua of Johannesburg was the best man and friends Caitlin Reardon of Rye and Clariza Simo of Brooklyn attended Jen.

Ethan with a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Colorado State University and with undergraduate and graduate degrees from Worcester Polytechnic Institute is involved in research at Applied Mathematics Inc. of Connecticut. Jen with a BA in Environmental Studies from Eckerd College is an environmental educator at the Westerly public schools and with the Westerly Land Trust.



Valentine's flower sale by Spade and Trowel

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club of Andover will hold its annual Valentine's Day flower sale.

"After two successful years, the club has decided to make the flower sale an annual event," said Suzanne Soo Hoo,

the publicity chairwoman for the club.

For sale will be dish gardens, roses and arrangements in various price ranges, according to the group.

The flower sale will raise money to support ongoing civic projects the club is involved in, including maintenance of two traffic islands, the Welcome to Andover sign at the northern end of Route 28 and the wildflower garden at Castle Park adjacent to Marland Place.

The sale will be held all day at The Mall at Rockingham Park in Salem, N.H., on Wednesday, Feb. 13 and Thursday, Feb. 14, in the main concourse.

Garden Club looks at 'Greening Our Campuses'

The Andover Garden Club will host a luncheon and a "Greening Our Campuses" program next Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 10 a.m. in Salvatore's Restaurant, 354 Merrimack St. in Lawrence. The meeting begins with refreshments, then speaker Marc Fournier will discuss implementing sustainable operations to achieve the goals of the American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment. Lunch follows the presentation.

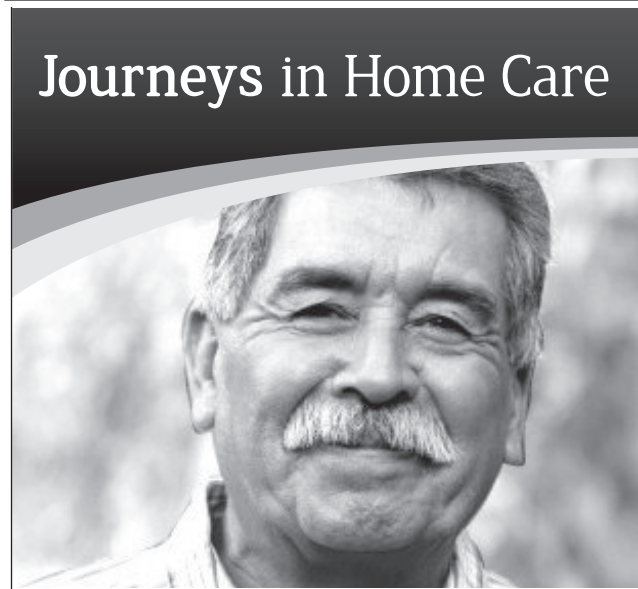
Fournier has 30 years' experience in recycling and waste management and is a LEED accredited professional. A former environmental

analyst with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection, Fournier also served as director of public works in Hull, senior environmental specialist with Haley & Aldrich Inc., and executive director of WasteCap of Massachusetts. Admission costs \$15, which includes refreshments and lunch. For more information contact Anne Feeney at 978-475-7119, or pianopasta@comcast.net.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the

beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources.

A member of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., and National Garden Clubs Inc., the club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational and environmental organizations throughout the region. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chairwomen Yvonne Glendon (978-247-8960, yglendon@comcast.net) and Dana MacKay (978-475-4451, dmm51@yahoo.com).



Al is a typical patient receiving end-of-life care with Merrimack Valley Hospice.

At age 80, Al was a proud and independent man with a firm handshake and a quick sense of humor. He loved to tell stories about his youth, debate politics and lament the latest Patriot's game. Although congestive heart failure (CHF) was affecting his ability to take care of himself, his mind was sharp and his memory clear. During 2010 and 2011 he was hospitalized 6 times and his health began to decline. In the fall of 2012, Al was hospitalized again and then sent to a local skilled nursing facility for rehabilitation. He was home only 1 week before being re-hospitalized for an acute CHF episode then sent to another rehabilitation facility. Before being discharged home, the facility case manager came to talk to Al about his disease and asked how he wanted to live out the remainder of his life. She told him that his CHF was getting worse and that "comfort care" would be his best option to reduce his anxiety, and for a better quality of life.

Al thought long and hard about this option. "I'll talk with my son" he said. "I don't want these trips to the hospital. I just want to be in my own home and comfortable."

Later that day, Al's son arrived to take him home. "I've made a decision" he said. "This disease has gotten the best of me. It's not going to get better and I just want to make the most of my time. We're going home with hospice - Merrimack Valley Hospice."

For more information on hospice care, please visit our blog at www.MerrimackValleyHospice.org



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NEW YEAR: Celebration honors Chinese culture

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ACCE is involved with lots of educational and cultural programs, including student exchange and translator programs. An ACCE translator program helps patients at Lawrence General Hospital.

With so many companies doing business with China

these days, the group is a great resource for those business travelers, said Soo Hoo. Currently, ACCE is working with California Paints of Andover.

"They have a group heading to China," he said. "We meet them, tell them what to expect in Hong Kong or Shanghai."

Guests at the Feb. 10 event

will enjoy gong fu (kung fu) and lion dance demonstrations by Yang Martial Arts of Andover, traditional Chinese dances and live cultural music that includes an ancient Chinese instrument (zither) performance by Shin-Ti Yang. Yang is the founder of the Boston Guzheng Ensemble and

the two-time winner of the Traditional Arts Apprenticeship given by the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Folk Arts and Heritage Program.

"We are bringing in top entertainment that people really like," Soo Hoo said. "It's a well-known event in the Chinese community."

LIBRARY: Many events planned for February

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their supplies and meet other crafters for a fun, monthly craft night. The event is open to adults who knit, crochet, scrapbook, and create other portable crafts.

"2013 IRS Tax Update: The Fiscal Cliff" will be offered Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7

p.m. Are you confused by the new changes in the tax law? The library says this event is a chance to learn how these changes might impact your business or family. It is sponsored by the Harvard Club of Andover.

The Memorial Hall Library writers' group will

meet Thursday, Feb. 14 at 7 p.m. open to writers of adult fiction, nonfiction, and memoirs. This group provides constructive advice and feedback on each other's works in progress.

Career Networking Group is a free group that allows residents to share their network of business contacts, share ideas, and learn about effective job-search strategies. Meetings are facilitated by certified career coach Arleen Bradley. The next meeting is Thursday, Feb. 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and the topic is using social media. The group will also meet Thursday, Feb. 28 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. to talk about library resources for job seekers.

Ruth Harcovitz will perform "A Celebration of Rodgers and Hammerstein" on Sunday, Feb. 24 at 2 p.m. Known by some as Boston's Julie Andrews, she sings selections from Sound of

Music, Oklahoma, South Pacific, and The King and I.

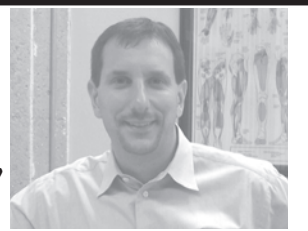
The library's next free, monthly Monday Movie will be shown Feb. 25 at 6:30 p.m. People attending the movie can enter to win the DVD. For more details and for this month's selection, visit mhl.org/mondaymovies.

"From Slave Spirituals to Hip Hop: Social and Political History of Music" will be presented Wednesday, Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. by Kevin Comtois, adjunct professor of Global Studies at Northern Essex Community College. The night is billed as a chance to "trace the evolution and social and political context of American popular music through four centuries ranging from slave spirituals, minstrelsy, blues, jazz, and rock and roll."

All events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library.

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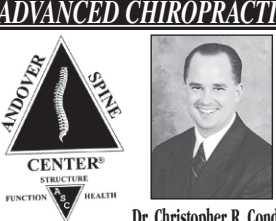
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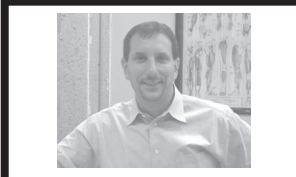
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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

New board for ABCA

The Andover Business Center Association has both changed its name, and welcomed a new board for 2013.

The group is now known as the Andover Business Community Association. This allows the group to keep its acronym of ABCA and its logo while opening the association to any Andover business that wishes to join it.

The ABCA's new board for 2013 are:

President Peter Caruso, of Caruso and Caruso LLP;

Vice President Taner Gulbas, of TD Bank;

Treasurer Anna Giuffrida, of Enterprise Bank;

Secretary Holly Nahabedian, of Century Bank; and

Membership chairwoman Phyllis O'Grady, of Samel Insurance.

Schwartz Hannum PC news

Schwartz Hannum PC has named Jessica Herbster managing partner and she will now oversee the management of day-to-day operations.

Lori Rittman Clark has joined the firm of counsel.

Clark received her juris doctor degree, cum laude, from Western New England College School of Law in Springfield, where she was a note editor of the Western New England Law Review. She received her bachelor of arts degree in economics and political science from the University of Connecticut. After receiving her law degree, Clark clerked for the Honorable Alfred V. Covello, then Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut.

Prior to joining the firm, Clark was a partner in the Labor & Employment Group at Hinckley, Allen & Snyder, LLP, in their Hartford, Connecticut office, where she represented management in employment-related claims in federal and state courts, before federal and state administrative agencies, and in alternative dispute resolution.

Clark has significant experience counseling employers on a wide range of employment and labor issues, including, but not limited to, wage and hour, leave, anti-discrimination, general personnel issues

and issues arising under collective bargaining.

During her years of practice, she has represented businesses in non-compete litigation, created and updated employee handbooks, and conducted employee training sessions on topics ranging from sexual harassment awareness and prevention to managing leaves of absence.

Clark has also negotiated labor contracts and represented management in grievance and contract arbitrations. She has over 13 years of management-side employment and labor experience in several areas of employment and labor law.

Clark is AV Rated by Martindale Hubbell, is listed in Chambers USA America's Leading Lawyers in the category of Labor and Employment Law, is recognized as a New England Super Lawyer in the field of Labor and Employment Law, was selected as a Top Lawyer by Hartford Magazine in Labor and Employment Law, and named as a Women in the Law High Achiever by the Connecticut Law Tribune.

She is admitted to practice in the State of Connecticut, as well as the United States District Court for the District of Connecticut. Her Massachusetts Bar admission is pending.

Clark is a member of the American Bar Association, the Connecticut Bar Association, and the Hartford County Bar Association.

NSTC networking event Feb. 13

The NSTC will host a professional networking event on Wednesday, Feb. 13 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Hotel Hawthorne, 18 Washington St., Salem.

This event is geared towards executives, business professionals, business owners and business development people who are interested in expanding their network and making profitable new business connections.

Light fare with a cash bar.

Free for NSTC members, \$25 nonmembers.

For more information or to register, visit www.nstc.org and go to "program calendar."



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photos

Chris Aliano, 23, of Somerville, receives the "Sport Clips Experience" from Sport Clips stylist Kim Zappala at the chain's newest location in Shawsheen Plaza. The men's hair salon opened last Friday.



Sport Clips, a new men's salon in Shawsheen Plaza, has brought the "MVP" haircut experience to Andover. Boasting a sports-heavy atmosphere, the salon targets boys and men of all ages.

New sports-themed hair cutter opens in Shawsheen Plaza

A new men's haircutter has opened featuring televisions showing sports programming at every station. It normally will cost \$23, but through Feb. 22 the cost is \$12.

Sport Clips Haircuts, providing hair care for men and boys in a sports-themed environment opened Jan. 25, at Shawsheen Plaza, 209 North Main St. in Andover. Sports Clips is a franchise with more than 1,000 locations, but this is the first location in Massachusetts.

One of the choices for those who come in for a hair cut is something called "The MVP Experience - precision haircut, massaging shampoo, hot steamed

towel treatment, and neck and shoulder massage." It normally will cost \$23, but through Feb. 22 the cost is \$12.

Sports clips is described as having large, flat-screen televisions playing sports programming at each haircut station and in the lobby, along with sports reading materials; and special lighting and massaging chairs in the shampoo area to promote relaxation.

The Shawsheen Plaza business is owned by Andover resident Steve Jones.

Prior to owning a Sport Clips, Jones was executive

vice president of retail banking for RiverBank, now People's United Bank. Having been through a number of mergers and acquisitions in the banking industry, he decided to go the entrepreneurial route to have more control over his future, according to a release.

"I found that Sport Clips offered everything I wanted in a business," said Jones. "I could utilize my experience in management and marketing, and it's essentially recession-proof." Jones said he plans to open additional locations in Essex and Middlesex counties.

"When it's time for a haircut, what's better than being in a relaxing environment, where sports are on TV everywhere you look, with well-trained stylists and no need for an appointment?" said Jones in a release.

Sport Clips' hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, visit haircutmenandover.com

Sport Clips Haircuts is headquartered in Georgetown, Texas and was established in 1993.

Businesses, ABC team to support program

Andover A Better Chance says it is "celebrating all things local" with its second annual Valentine's Day online auction.

Andover ABC provides motivated students, from under-performing urban schools, the opportunity to live in town and to prepare for college by attending Andover High School, one of Massachusetts' top performing schools.

The "Bid for A Better Chance" auction, hosted by the philanthropic website BiddingForGood.com, will feature an eclectic mix of items and services from over 28 local businesses including Royal Jewelers, dresscode, Shawsheen Liquors, Quiet Pleasures Jewelry, Savor Faire Home, The Ivory Corset, Verizon Wireless, J. Christopher Haircutters and Lyn



Students benefitting from the Andover A Better Chance program this year are, from left, Jazzzare Mays, Fatouma Kone, Xonatia Lee, Felicitas Reyes, Deanna Starr, Ariel Leachman and Abigail Awodele.

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Local artists, writers, house painters and financial managers have joined forces with ABC to offer art and unusual services to bidders as well. According to Pam Rosenberg, ABC board member and

auction manager, favorites like vacation homes, sports tickets and unusual experiences fill out the roster of over 60 items.

"We really wanted to give local businesses a platform to reach Andover residents and at the same time

to support our program," reported Rosenberg. "We have an impressive mix of retailers in Andover."

The auction can be previewed at biddingforgood.com/andoverabc.

Bidding closes on Feb. 9. Andover ABC plans to deliver all items to winning bidders before Valentine's Day.

Last year's Bid for A Better Chance auction grossed approximately \$10,000 for the educational non-profit.

"We definitely think (the online auction) is an efficient and fun way to raise funds for our program," said Mary Pritchard, ABC board president. "We also love the theme of 'Give Where You Live'. Participating in this year's auction, gives Andoverites a chance to support local businesses and a local non-profit with one click."

Indoor Winter Carnival



PHOTO BY LINDSEY WARREN

Five-year-old Vihar Kottakota of Andover had his face painted by Kim Plourde at The Mall at Rockingham Park's Kidgits Winter Carnival. The mall said it hosted 130 area children and parents for an afternoon of winter-themed festivities on Jan. 26.

Local schools launch new job-training program

In response to a recent jobs report that projects the manufacturing sector will seek to fill 100,000 jobs over the next decade, Northern Essex Community College, with the Greater Lawrence Technical School in Andover, has developed a Machine Tool Training Program to educate and train area workers for those jobs.

The pilot program will be launched this month, and will train 10 unemployed or underemployed individuals.

Developed with input from local employers, the program will train individuals to operate computer numeric controlled machines, which are

used to produce metal parts with high precision, according to NECC.

Graduates of the program can expect to compete for jobs paying on average \$22 an hour, according to George Moriarty, director of NECC's Workforce Development and Corporate Relations.

MTTP will provide an introduction to the programming, setup, and tooling for CNCs. Topics will include system parts, fundamental coding, basis for numeric, parts programming, and operation of CNC turning and milling centers. In addition, the course will provide instruction in mathematics

and applied geometry, as needed in CNC tooling.

Northern Essex will provide classroom instruction in the foundation studies and in theory and applications at NECC Riverwalk, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, while Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road in Andover will provide hands-on machining experience. Participants will learn to program and operate machines, perform basic assembly, and inspect finished products.

Also partnering on this initiative are the Merrimack Valley Workforce Investment Board, which will

help organize employer involvement and assist in identifying job placement opportunities, and the ValleyWorks One-Stop Career Center, which will recruit, assess, screen, and refer candidates for the program. ValleyWorks will also assist with case management, job placement, and follow-up. Local employers will participate in candidate selection, provide internships and financial support, and will have the first opportunity to hire those who complete the program.

Those who complete the training will receive a certificate from NECC.

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Sports

LORD OF THE RINGS

Dominant Manning being wooed by Division 1 powers

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

It didn't matter that the meet was still more than 30 minutes from starting, and he was simply going through his warm-up routine for a few cameras. Brian Manning was going to nail his dismount following a near miss.

With players and coaches surrounding the rings, Manning launched himself into the air and suck the landing after completing a "full twist, double back flip."

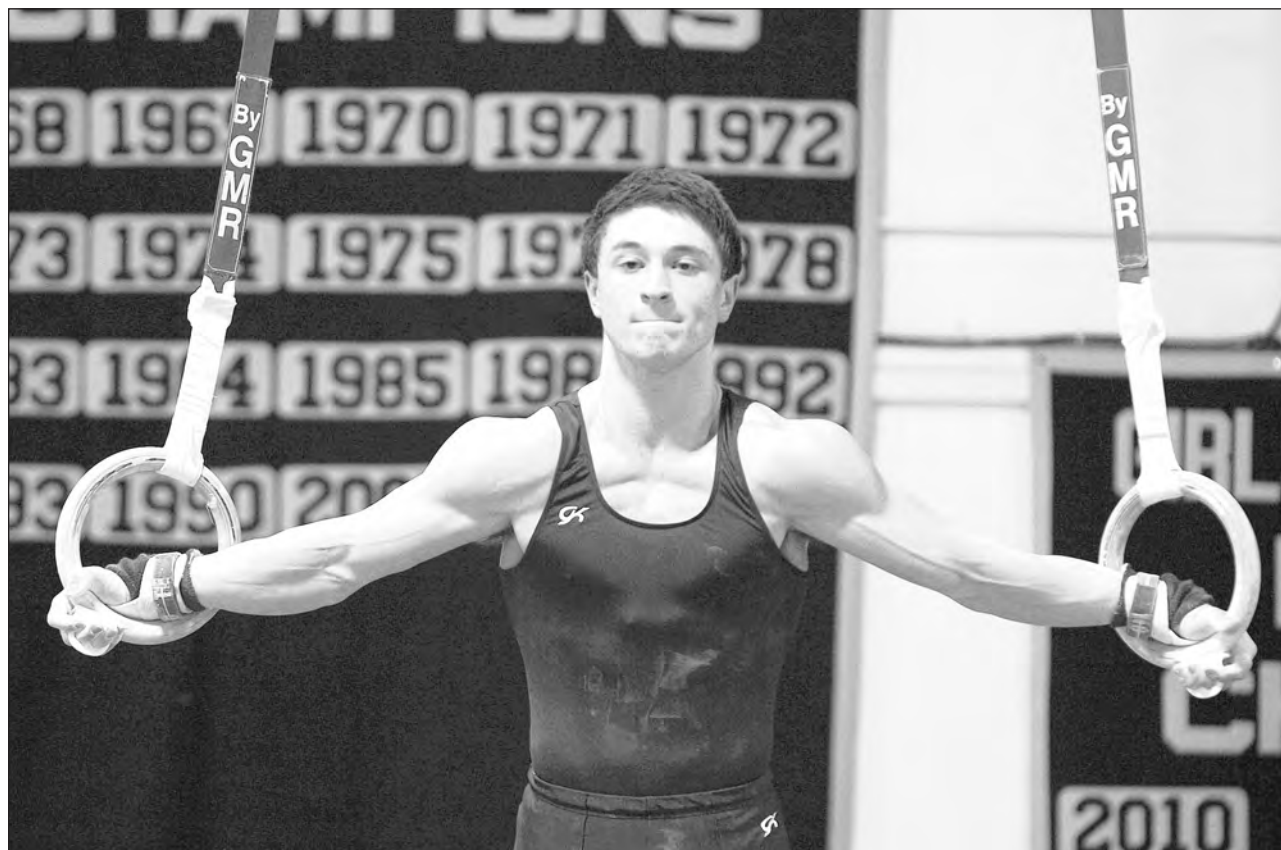
The meet may not have started, but everyone in attendance went wild.

"I love the feeling when you stick a landing," said Manning. "You have that adrenaline pumping, and then it dissipates and you have that amazing feeling of doing well. I feel like I can accomplish something I have never done before. I just love getting up into the air and just twisting. I love performing for a crowd."

Manning has wowed more than a few observers during his brilliant career at Andover High, winning All-Scholastic Gymnast of the Year last winter, along with his tremendous accomplishments away from school in the Junior Olympics, for which he trains an average of six hours a day, six days a week.

Now in the midst of the college decision process — being recruited by Penn State, the No. 1 ranked team in the country, and No. 5-ranked Ohio State — Manning is taking joy in finishing his Golden Warriors career with a bang.

"You wake up every morning in pain, but you push through it because you love the sport," said



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Brian Manning's excellence in the rings has made him a dominant presence for Andover High, and he is being recruited by Penn State and Ohio State, two of the top-five-ranked colleges in the country.

Manning. You want to have the feeling of trying something new and accomplishing it. I can't wait to see what I can do in my future."

Manning actually found the sport by accident, thanks to being a hyperactive child.

"I was always trying to do handstands and was a real daredevil around the house," he said. "So my mom and dad sent me to the YMCA. But after a few months they said, 'He really doesn't belong here. The moves he is doing are too dangerous. He should really be doing gymnastics.'"

"I didn't win too much until I reached about Level 5. Then there was one meet

I took first, and that's when I really started to realize I could take the sport somewhere."

But just two seasons ago, Manning feared his career could be over.

"During my sophomore year I was hurt really badly and missed the season," said Manning. "It was the first floor routine of the first meet of the year. I landed short and shattered my tibia right above the ankle. I thought I was done."

"But once I was cleared I started to get back into the gym and it started to come back. It was like starting all over again and I loved it. It was like learning the skills for the first time and

it ignited a new fire and inspiration."

Manning was certainly back in fine form last winter. In addition to All-Scholastic MVP honors, he finished second in the all-around at States, grabbing championships in the parallel bars, and pommel horse.

He then turned to his club team, training out of Interstate Gymnastics in Methuen, advancing all the way to the Junior Olympic Championship in Cincinnati.

"That was huge," he said. "Making it there was definitely one of my greatest achievements."

All of those accomplishments have led major college programs to take great

interest, with Ohio State and Penn State the two finalists.

"Penn State called me recently and said they would love to have me on their team," he said. "I am leaning towards Ohio State because I've visited there and really liked it. But I am going to visit Penn State first before I make any decisions. It makes me feel like all of my hard work is paying off."

"I am also waiting to see if I am accepted to the Naval Academy. I have always wanted to serve my country, and if I am accepted I would probably go there. But that is very tough."

Wherever he decides to compete, he expects to make

his biggest impact in his event of choice, the rings.

"I just love the rings," he said. "I like the idea you can just keep getting stronger and achieve things that other people can't do. I love the iron cross (arms extended horizontally). It's kind of funny because everyone thinks that's one of the hardest skills, but it's really one of the easiest. But people love it."

As Manning continues to dominate at the high school level, winning five events and the all-around in a dual meet on Monday, he has certainly left an impression on those around the program.

"He is No. 1 in the state and maybe the best gymnast ever to come out of Andover," said Golden Warriors coach Steve Sirois.

"And that goes back to the 1940s. He works out at his private gym in the afternoon and with us at night. He works out on the weekends. He can't get enough."

Future uncertain

With the MIAA dropping boys gymnastics as an official varsity sport following this season (See story, Page 1), forcing it to become club, the Golden Warriors would like to make a statement in 2013.

"I think we could accomplish anything including winning states," said senior Austin Teal. "This is a really good team."

They also hope the MIAA could change their minds.

"I was very disappointed when I heard about it," said junior co-captain Brian McDonough. "It will continue in some form, but I hope they change their minds. But this is a very focused team so we feel like it will be a good year."

Concussion expert to speak on head injuries

Ann McKee, one of the leading authorities in the nation in the area of head injuries and concussions, will speak at Merrimack College on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Sakowich Campus Center in the Murray Lounge on the second floor, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

The public is welcome to this free lecture.

An internationally known and respected medical doctor, McKee is director of neuropathology at New England Veterans Health Care System, and professor of neurology and pathology at Boston University School of Medicine. She is also director of Brain Banks and co-director of the Center for the Study of Traumatic Encephalopathy.

The lecture, sponsored by the Department of Health Sciences, School of Science and Engineering at Merrimack College, should be of interest to athletic directors, coaches, high school athletes, parents, doctors and others interested in the subject, according to the school.

For more information, contact Marie DeMarco at demarcom@merrimack.edu or 978-837-5190.



Photo by Reba M Saldanha

Devon Caveney battled foul trouble to lead Andover past archrival Central Catholic.

Caveney sparks Warriors past pair of rivals

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Visiting Central Catholic fought back from a deficit as large as 13 points to tie the game with 6:03 left to play. But then Devon Caveney, who had battled foul trouble, came back into the game and Andover went into lockdown mode, scoring the final 12 points of the night to take an emotional 49-37 victory on Friday.

"We've never lost to Central Catholic on this court," said Caveney, who finished with 16 points and six rebounds. "We came out with heart and energy to get it done. I'm so proud of us."

"I was so mad that I got four fouls. But once I got back on the court, I didn't want to lose."

So all she did was hit on a couple of free throws and a pair of pressure-packed 3's to boost the lead to eight while pulling down four rebounds and getting a clutch steal during the run.

Angelice Gonzalez was a fearless force in Andover's quick start, scoring 14 of her 18 points in the opening 16 minutes to get the Warriors (now 11-2) up by nine (29-20) at the break.

Rebecca Alois scored 12 points and Abby Katz added 10 as Andover downed Chelmsford 53-43 last Tuesday. Devon Caveney added a team-high 14 points and Jessica Witten had six points for the winners.

BOYS SWIMMING

Camin does it all

Vince Camin won the 200 IM (2:07.04) and 100 breaststroke (1:05.41) and swam the anchor leg of the winning 200 medley relay as Andover topped Acton-Boxboro 95-89 on Friday. Eric Zhao added wins in the 200 freestyle and 100 freestyle and swam the anchor of the 200 freestyle relay.

Eric Zhao won the 200 freestyle (1:48.14) and 100 freestyle (50.00) as Andover beat Chelmsford 98-83 last Tuesday. Aaron Wu took the 100 butterfly, Joe Carroll won the 100 backstroke, Eric Shi took the 200 IM and they teamed with Vince Camin to win the 200 medley relay.

GIRLS TRACK

Kobelski keeps dominating

Cassie Kobelski took second in the shot put at the MSTCA Elite Invitational at the Reggie Lewis Center with a throw of 38-1 on Sunday. Andover also took thirds in both the boys 4x200 relay (1:34.0) and the girls 4x800 relay (9:44.42).

Abby Putsis won the 300 (39.8) and ran on the winning 4x400 relay as Andover bested Central Catholic 53-30 last Wednesday. Adding victories for the Warriors were Sarah Rothman (2-mile), Leila winners.

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Aruri (mile), Courtney Comeau (50 hurdles) and Cate Donovan (1,000).

GIRLS HOCKEY

Alois scores two

Veronica Alois scored two goals and assisted on another as Andover rolled over Boston Latin 5-1 last Wednesday. Mary Latona, Meghan Leary and Caroline Hughes each also added a goal for the winners.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Aronov stars

Joseph Aronov won the floor (6.5), took second in the vault (8.7), high bar (5.6), pommel horse (5.6), rings (6.5) and all-around (38.6) as Andover took first with 150.2 points, beating Nashua South (107.9) and Nashua North (105.5) on Monday. Brian Manning scored wins in the other five events and all-around.

Brian Manning swept every event, including first in the all-around with a 49.2 as Andover downed Lowell 140-129 last Thursday. Evan Igoe added seconds in the pommel horse and floor and Joseph Aronov was second on the high bar for the winners.

BOYS TRACK

Organisciak sprints to win

Cole Organisciak won the 50 dash in 5.8, but Andover fell to Central Catholic 45-41 last Wednesday. Max Galat took the 2-mile, Hamza Naveed won the 600 and Rob Perry took the 1,000 for the Warriors.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Dowden red hot

Sam Dowden exploded for 32 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as Andover blasted Chelmsford 65-52 last Tuesday. Max Silveira added 12 points and Chris Dunn had 11 points for the winners.

Max Silveira and Chris Dunn each scored 11 points, but Andover lost to archrival Central Catholic 64-51 on Saturday. Jack Konevich added a pair of 3-pointers for the Golden Warriors.

WRESTLING

Ferris fights for win

Tyler Ferris battled for an 11-9 overtime victory at 120 pounds, but Andover lost to Haverhill 33-22 last Tuesday. Nishan Bilazarian (113), Jack Reilly (138), Nick Bouchard (145) and Patrick Meaghen (106) added wins for the Warriors.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Carver's effort for naught

Courtney Carver won the beam (9.2), was third in the vault, bars and floor and placed second on the all-around, but Andover fell to Newton South 141.925-139.775 last Wednesday.

BOYS HOCKEY

Gilbert stars in draw

Colby Gilbert dominated with 36 saves as Andover played Chelmsford to a 0-0 tie last Wednesday.

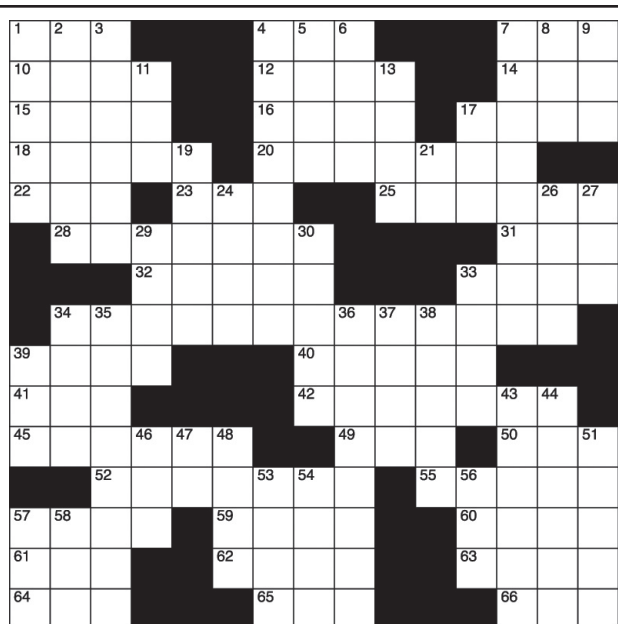
Mark Campbell scored a goal, but Andover lost to Woburn 3-1 on Monday.

Despite 20 saves for Colby Gilbert, Andover was blanked by Waltham 4-0 on Saturday.

BOYS SKIING

Tarricone, Warriors split

Jake Tarricone was 11th overall in 21.21 as Andover beat Haverhill 135-0 but lost to Masconomet 74-61 on Monday.



CLUES ACROSS

1. Film Music Guild
4. A rubberized raincoat
7. An upper limb
10. Wander
12. Biblical name for Syria
14. Former OSS
15. Norwegian capital
16. No. Am. Gamebird Assoc.
17. Taxis
18. Ancient Chinese weight unit
20. Third tonsil
22. Ancient Hebrew measure = 1.5 gal.
23. Piece of clothing
25. Overrefined, effeminate
28. Housing for electronics
31. Cut grass
32. Ghana's capital
33. Prof. Inst. of Real Estate
34. Shares a predicament

Solution in Classified Section


39. Old World buffalo
40. Loads with cargo
41. What part of (abbr.)
42. Partakers
45. Expressed harsh criticism
49. Doctors' group
50. OM (var.)
52. A dead body
55. Jewish spiritual leader
57. An almost horizontal entrance to a mine
59. Anglo-Saxon monk (672-736)
60. Database management system
61. A swindle in which you cheat
62. Arabian Gulf
63. Six (Spanish)
64. Price label
65. Black tropical American cuckoo
66. Teletypewriter (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Foam
2. Tessera
3. Major ore source of lead
4. Directors
5. 9/11 Memorial architect
6. The goal space in ice hockey
7. The academic world
8. Standing roast
9. More (Spanish)
11. Gram molecule
13. Head of long hair
17. Cost, insurance and freight (abbr.)
19. Line of poetry
21. Originated from
24. One time only
26. A civil wrong
27. Female sheep
29. Bay Area Toll Authority
30. Afrikaans
33. Hold a particular posture
34. South American Indian
35. Paying attention to
36. Wife of a maharaja
37. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
38. Central Br. province in India
39. 4th month (abbr.)
43. Grooved carpentry joint
44. Present formally
46. Skeletal muscle
47. _ _ _ denotes past
48. ABA ___ Honeymoon
51. Young lady
53. Any of the Hindu sacred writing
54. Where Adam and Eve were placed
56. Promotional materials
57. Play a role
58. Arrived extinct

Hanley recognized at Wheaton Senior Night

The Wheaton College meet, senior Griffin Hanley Lyons to a third place finish in the 200-yard medley relay. He also came in sixth overall in the 50-freestyle, according to a release from the school.



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