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## L'Italien running for schools

Four-time state rep joins Tabit, Colby-Clements

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

It sounds like a state representative race. Former State Rep. Barbara L'Italien and former candidate for the state legislature Sal Tabit are both running for Andover School Committee.

They and incumbent Paula Colby-Clements will vie for two seats on the committee.

L'Italien pulled her papers to run Tuesday at around 9:30 a.m. and returned them before the afternoon deadline. By 5 p.m. the town clerk's office has certified 71 voter signatures, with four more pages of signatures available from L'Italien, said Town Clerk Larry Murphy.

L'Italien said the recent news that Dick Collins, for 54 years an Andover High

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## Town manager, schools at odds over budget

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

The budget battle between the town departments and school department reached a rare level this week with the town manager saying the schools had violated the town charter by not giving him a budget figure.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski presented his 183-page recommended budget to the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee on Monday. His recommended budget reflects a 3.32 percent increase for the School Committee — \$2.2 million on top of last year's \$65.9 million figure — and a matching 3.32 percent increase for every other town department — totaling \$1.1 million over last year's appropriated

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MARY SCHWALM/Staff file photo

Sledders enjoy the 2011 Winter Fun Day at Ward Reservation in Andover. Whether or not it snows, the event is an opportunity for people to explore the trails, views and other opportunities offered at the free-to-the-public site.

## Snow expected in time for Winter Fun Day

BY NEIL FATER  
EDITOR

People don't need snow to enjoy the Ward Winter Fun Day this Saturday. The Charles W. Ward Reservation's 14 miles of trails and its views of Boston will be available regardless of the weather.

But, let's face it, Winter Fun Day is a whole lot better when there's white stuff on the ground — and the forecast is

calling for significant snow to arrive Friday.

"There's just so much more for people to do: cross-country skiing or snowshoeing, and for the kids it's so much better to go off and sled while the parents are relaxing around a warming fire," said Adam Rolfs, property manager. "Fresh snow makes it much better."

The Winter Fun Day is an annual opportunity for

community members to be introduced to all that the property has to offer — even during colder weather. While people can enjoy each other's company for group hikes, skiing and sledding, they can also explore the area on their own, and find a secluded spot with a breathtaking view that they can return to another time.

"That's one of the great

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## BANCROFT 'JUDGMENT DAY' RETURNS

### \$5.7M vote Monday would allow project to continue

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Andover voters will decide Monday whether to approve \$5.7 million to finish building the new 680-student Bancroft Elementary School that is currently about 25-percent complete.

As you read this, crews are busy building the new school inside an assembly of steel beams and tarp walls on Bancroft Road. The temporary walls allow them to work protected from the cold winter air. But unless Special Town Meeting approves the additional spending next week, their work will stop once the building's real walls go up, say officials.

The extra \$5,715,000 is needed because a lawsuit by abutters stopped the project for a year at a time when construction costs were increasing, according to the School Building Committee.

Voters will meet at Andover High School's Collins Center for the Performing Arts, on the right side of the Shawsheen Road building, on Monday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m.

Residents approved the



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Michael Gear, superintendent for Skanska, shows the tarps that keep the ground from freezing so concrete can be poured at the Bancroft Elementary School.

original \$44.7 million project because officials said the existing Bancroft School has structural issues and the new, larger building will allow the town to redistrict elementary school students throughout Andover so that all buildings are at capacity.

The state will reimburse the town for 44 percent of the

\$44.7 million. Town taxes will cover 100 percent of any additional money approved.

### ABUTTERS' APPEALS POSTPONE PLANS

The Bancroft School construction project was first approved by voters at a

December 2010 Special Town Meeting. A ballot vote the next month approved a debt exclusion override, allowing taxes to be raised above the levels allowed under Proposition 2 1/2, specifically to pay for the \$44.7 million price tag.

After receiving final approval from residents, the

School Building Committee started putting its plans in motion in less than 24 hours, according to Tom Deso, committee chairman. The committee hired a construction manager and started putting the designs together to present them to an eager

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## Town: No good alternative to spending \$5.7M

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Since the budget gap on the Bancroft Elementary School project was first announced last November, residents have offered their own solutions for how the town can solve the issue without spending more money.

Here are some of the more popular suggestions, and

why town officials including School Building Committee members say they are not pursuing them.

### USE CONTINGENCY MONEY

The \$44 million project includes several million dollars in four different contingency accounts. As it stands, the project has over \$2 million in contingency money,

and the \$5.7 million will add additional contingency cash. But the committee can't use any of this to trim the costs of the project.

Contingency money is for unexpected problems, such as finding a gas tank buried in the ground that must be removed. The state says it is not meant to cover price fluctuations, said Deso.

"If we had used that to fund an estimated shortfall,

it would not have been reimbursable by (the Massachusetts School Building Authority)," committee Chairman Tom Deso said. "They expect the contingency to be used only if it needs to be, and only to be used for construction items."

The state is paying for 44 percent of the original \$44 million project.

"If we come across some

situations in the existing school that, despite all the testing, we find something that has to be done differently, that would be a contingency item," Deso said. "If everybody left the site on a Friday night and came back Monday morning and something had happened, part of a wall came down, some situation, and you couldn't

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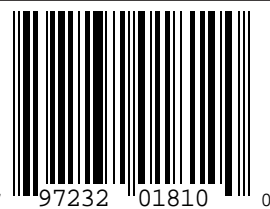


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Tyler Yundt, a Webelo 1 in Pack 77, prepares his car, "The Flying Ace," with Snoopy as the driver, for the Pinewood Derby race. For more on the event and photos, see Page 12.

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construction market. However, as parts of the project were about to go out to bid, everything stopped.

"We were informed that two Main Street residents had filed an appeal to the Conservation Commission's ruling on the project, on the wetlands," Deso said.

The appeals stemmed from the first phase of the project, slated to extend the end of neighboring West Knoll Road to the school, creating a second driveway to the school during construction. With the road going through wetlands, the Conservation Commission was asked to establish and issue an order of conditions permitting the construction.

That decision was appealed up to the state's Department

of Environmental Protection by some abutters — Dana Willis of 280 South Main St.; Michael Noakes of 286 South Main St.; and Stanley and Leslie Mann of 286 South Main St. At the same time, the town was sued in state Superior Court by Willis and Mann for not adhering to its own wetlands bylaws. The point of contention was that the town didn't use accurate stormwater management calculations, and that property owned by those appealing the project would be negatively impacted by the project as designed.

Attempts to reach the South Main Street residents for comment were unsuccessful.

## BUDGET SHORTFALL REALIZED

After months of litigation, the abutters settled with the town on terms that included

a reduction in the number of sports fields at the school and protections from site lighting and noise. But the construction market had changed.

"When we went to bid [that summer], we had brought the project into budget" using estimates, Deso said. "Then the bids started coming in, and they were totally off from what the estimates were."

Initial figures put the budget gap at around \$6.4 million, Deso said. After a few months of analysis and putting more bid packages on the streets, the final deficit number was brought to around \$5.7 million.

By that time, a Special Town Meeting had been announced to seek the additional money.

## PAYING FOR A \$50.4 MILLION SCHOOL

The project's original cost, as presented to voters at Special Town Meeting in 2010, was \$44,659,837. Of that, 44 percent of construction costs would be reimbursed by the Massachusetts

## FUTURE TIMELINE

The following is a list of future milestones. Those several months out show what will happen if the additional \$5.7 million for construction is approved.

- **FEB. 11, 2013:** Voters gather at Special Town Meeting to either approve or reject the additional funding proposal.
- **FEB. 13, 2013:** Construction continues on the project with or without Special Town Meeting approval, given that current work has already been awarded and financed by prior borrowing. A topping off ceremony is planned to celebrate placement of highest steel beam. Students will sign the beam and watch a crane places it at top of the building.
- **AUGUST 2013:** The building will be weather tight, meaning much of the work ahead will take place within the new school building.
- **APRIL 2014:** The new school will be complete. Students will continue to use the existing, older school building until the end of the year.
- **JUNE/JULY 2014:** Demolition of the old building begins.
- **SEPTEMBER 2014:** Kids move into their new Bancroft Elementary School.
- **OCTOBER 2014:** Landscaping of the school grounds, including of the area where the now demolished former school once sat, is completed.

School Building Authority, bringing down the project's final cost to the town to \$27,886,084.

The MSBA will not pick up any of the extra \$5,715,000, if approved, according to Deso.

Due to the nature of the cost increase, the town can pay for some of that under the January 2011 debt exclusion override of Proposition 2 1/2, according to Jon Stumpf, Finance Committee chairman. The state's Department of Revenue has certified that the town can add another \$4,235,538 above its tax level limits without needing a new debt exemption vote.

The remaining portion of the \$5.7 million — \$1,579,462 — will be "funded with property taxes and other general fund revenue available within Proposition 2 1/2 levy limits," Stumpf said.

The additional \$4.2 million will contribute an extra \$24 to the average home's tax bill during the highest year of debt service in 2015, Stumpf said.

The average homeowner will pay a one-year total of \$181 for the project during

the highest year of debt service, if the extra money is approved.

## WHAT IF VOTERS SAY NO?

That's if the voters say yes. What if they say no?

Officials will ask for money again, and they have a place-holder article ready for Annual Town Meeting in May. Because construction costs are increasing, and the town would lose bids currently in hand, Deso says the town would need to ask for \$7.1 million at Annual Town Meeting, according to Deso.

Every part of the project has been put in the hands of bidding subcontractors, according to Deso.

"They're required to hold their prices for 120 days, and that's the end of February," he said. "That's that critical date."

The \$5.7 million will allow the School Building Committee to award the contracts to the winning bidders under their current bids. If the bids expire, the committee will have to put the items back out to bid, where Deso said

as much as a 15 percent rate of inflation is expected.

Deso said it would cost more than \$5.7 million to tear down the new building and return the site to the way it was. The town could lose the nearly \$17 million in state aid it is receiving if it does not build the school it promised the MSBA, which eliminates additional, sizable cuts to the project, he said.

## FINANCE, BANCROFT PTO: SAY YES

The Finance Committee supported the Special Town Meeting article unanimously, saying that the cost increases were beyond the town's control, and "the actual construction has progressed to a point where stopping the project is not a viable option," Stumpf said.

Lisa Grecoe, president of the school's Parent Teacher Organization, said "looking at the facts, I think people will understand that this money is needed, and we have to vote yes."

The PTO was concerned when news broke that the project was so far out of budget.

"There was concern of course. Why do we need \$5.7 million?" Grecoe said. "When we did hold an informational night at the Bancroft school for the Bancroft parents, before it went into print so the Bancroft community knew what was going on, a lot of parents turned out and learned the facts. Those parents went on and told other parents, and everyone understood where it's at."

"We're halfway there," Grecoe said. "The Bancroft community needs this school."

Deso said.

While some of the measures to make the building as green as possible have also driven up construction costs, there is a return on the investment in the form of longterm energy savings, such as annual heating costs, Deso said.

## CUT YOUR LOSSES, AND DON'T BUILD

With money already borrowed and spent, this would be the most unwise course, according to Deso.

"We're about 25 percent complete. We've already paid I don't know how many millions of dollars," said Deso, who later reported the town has spent more. "The foundation is done. The steel is up on the building. They're starting to pour concrete (this week) on the floors. The cost of demolishing the building and putting that land back to where it was will be substantially more than what we're asking for, with additional funding."

Then, there's what the town would do with the existing Bancroft Elementary School, a facility that has required hundreds of thousands of dollars in upkeep to stay open, and has had to close for a day at least once so that workers could remove snow from its roof.

"The problems with the original building won't go away. The problems in Shawsheen (School) won't go away," said Rich Crowley, Plant and Facilities project manager.

Overcrowding issues across the school system would also remain if a new Bancroft school isn't built, according to Crowley.

Other town officials agree. "To bring the building down wouldn't even make sense," said Maria Maggio, acting Plant and Facilities director.

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contingency will end up not being used, and that will reduce the cost," he said.

## TRIM \$5 MILLION FROM PROJECT

Construction projects can use a process known as "value management," where design decisions are made to use less expensive items to save money on the project. Last year, the committee went through such a process to save around \$2 million, but there is no longer any room to do so, according to Deso.

"We've spent months of meetings going over the value management," Deso said. "We really think we took everything we could reasonably take."

One item taken out under value management was the

school's playground. That will be added back to the project at a cost of about \$100,000 if the extra money is approved, Deso said.

## ELIMINATE GREEN ITEMS FROM PROJECT

As part of construction, the town is taking extra measures to chase Leaders in Energy Efficient Design (LEED) certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Some possible changes to the project under value management would have an impact on the USGBC's score when it reviews the building to certify it once completed. That's something the committee wants to avoid, in part because being a LEED Silver school will allow the town to receive energy rebates.

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# In Brief

## PAST & PRESENT



**THEN:** A renovation and expansion project was underway at Andover High School in 1995.



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**NOW:** Andover High School, located on Shawsheen Road.

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



At first they were really excited. Then when they dug into it, they were a little overwhelmed, because then they started realizing real-life problems like all the red tape you have to go through.

— Laurie Farrell, engineering teacher, on her middle school students, who have been assigned to use \$10,000 to improve the Wood Hill Middle School's media center. The student group with the most popular plan will see it created over the summer. Story in Education, page 8.

The idea is that the students will get a feel for the whole process, and be really proud of the end result because they had such a big hand in the production of the show.

— Wood Hill Middle drama advisor Katie Rey on students filling roles both on stage and behind the scenes for the school musical. Story, page 8.



### Police, firefighters, EMTs honored by Exchange Club

On Jan. 30, the Exchange Club of Lawrence honored police officers, firefighters and EMTs from the communities of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover, at its annual Public Safety Awards Dinner.

Nineteen individuals were recognized for their outstanding service to the communities that they serve, including several from Andover departments.

Among those honored were EMT Kevin Farragher and EMT Christopher LaVerde of the Andover Fire Department, Ambulance 1 Crew; Acting Lt. Kyle Murphy, Firefighter John Gangi and Firefighter Todd Richardson of the Andover Fire Department, Engine Company 2 Crew; and Officers Evan Robitaille and Benjamin Ledwell of the Andover Police Department.

### Sen. Finegold, staff to hold office hours

State Sen. Barry Finegold and his staff will hold open office hours on Friday, Feb. 8 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library in the first floor Activities Room, 2 North Main St. at 978-623-8255.

### 2013 IRS tax update and tax tips

The Harvard Club of Andover will host what it calls a concise update of IRS tax changes for 2013 as they apply to US businesses and individuals on Wednesday, Feb. 13 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

The focus will be to help businesses and individuals understand how the tax changes affect their own tax returns and plan strategies for the current tax environment. Presenters are Kenneth Der, CPA, CFP; JoAnn Ferraro, CPA; and Richard Soo Hoo, CPA.

This free event is open to Harvard alumni and the public. For more information, contact Richard Soo Hoo at 978-470-2293.

### 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 Punched, 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.

### Eco film series

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

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](http://connectedthefilm.com) or [lowellandtrust.org](http://lowellandtrust.org) or [lowellfilmcollaborative.org](http://lowellfilmcollaborative.org).

### Nominations sought for Because of Her

The Lowell Women's Week Committee is seeking nominations for the 2013 Because of Her Awards.

The award acknowledges women who are rarely recognized for their significant contributions. They may perform exemplary service to their community outside their regular jobs, help individuals or their community through one or more extraordinary acts, conduct themselves admirably when faced with unusually challenging circumstances, or make

efforts to combat long-term, persistent problems that impact their communities.

The person(s) chosen for the award will be honored at the Lowell Women's Week Because of Her Breakfast to be held on Monday, March 3 at Lenzi's, Route 110, Dracut.

Go to [www.lowellwomensweek.org](http://www.lowellwomensweek.org) to download a nomination form.

Submit it by Feb. 8 to Katelyn Adams, Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell, Lowell, MA 01852 or by fax at 978-458-4837.

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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 Sakovich 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.

For more information, contact Marie DeMarco at [demarco@merrimack.edu](mailto:demarco@merrimack.edu) or 978-837-5190.

## 'Ice Hike' meant to aid outdoor discovery Feb. 10

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.

For more information, visit [middletonstream.org](http://middletonstream.org) or email [StreamTeam@comcast.net](mailto:StreamTeam@comcast.net) or call 978-777-4584.

## Plumfield Academy open house

Plumfield Academy will hold an open house on Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. to noon or 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for anyone in grades 1 through 8, their families and caretakers. Attendees will be able to

meet faculty and students, see student work samples, and discuss the school's philosophy and methodology. The Academy is located at 123 Dayton St., Danvers.

## Preparing as a voter 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. The town is expected to ask for \$5.7 million.

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](http://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.



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## Journeys in Home Care



Valerie Capanna R.N., admits AI for hospice services.

In our last column, AI, a typical patient, has chosen to receive care from Merrimack Valley Hospice.

AI's son Gary met me at the door. He told me that his mother died just five months ago, and since then he's been trying his best to take care of his dad. "I support his decision to select Merrimack Valley Hospice," he said, "and just want him to be as comfortable as possible."

During my visit I checked on AI's CHF symptoms, called his doctor to adjust his pain medications and coordinated visits with other members of the hospice team including a social worker and chaplain. I also requested a home health aide come twice a week to help AI with personal care. And, to make sure AI was safe while sleeping, I contacted a medical equipment company to come and replace AI's bed with one that had safety bars.

Although AI was alert and had a great sense of humor, it was obvious to me that he was a full time responsibility for Gary, who showed the strain of months of 24/7 care. I suggested that Gary supplement hospice care with private care services from HomeCare, Inc. Using private care services, an affiliate agency of Merrimack Valley Hospice, would allow Gary some free time. That way, time with his dad would be more relaxed and enjoyable. I also suggested a volunteer visit with AI for added companionship.

When I left AI seemed content in his own home, in his favorite spot on the sofa watching a football game. A chaplain would arrive tomorrow to discuss his end-of-life wishes.

For more information on Merrimack Valley Hospice please visit our blog at [www.MerrimackValleyHospice.org](http://www.MerrimackValleyHospice.org)



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# Sports DIVING IN

## A beginner just three years ago, Blake now among state's elite divers

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

When Alex Blake, just three years ago, informed his family he would be joining the Andover High swim team as a diver, the then-freshman's parents were more than shocked. "When I came home and told my mom I was joining the diving team she thought I was joking," he said. "She had no idea where that was coming from."

With no diving experience at any level heading into high school, Blake decided to attempt a sport that seemed like "fun" despite the level of danger.

Now a senior for the Golden Warriors, Blake has emerged as one of the top divers in the state, placing second at last week's Merrimack Valley Conference meet to help Andover take the team title, while also emerging as a go-to leader.

"Alex has really done a tremendous job," said Andover coach Mark Taffe. "He has come along so much as a diver in the last four seasons, and now he is doing so much to help young members of the team to learn and brought them to a high level."

Growing up a hockey player, Blake learned to swim for recreational purposes, but had never considering competing until he arrived at Andover High.

"My freshman year one of my friends really wanted me to join the swimming team," he said. "I didn't want to swim, but I heard there was a diving team, and I thought

### ZHAO WOWS

No one has been more dominant for the unbeaten Golden Warrior swimmers this winter than senior Eric Zhao. Unbeaten in the regular season, he dominated at MVCs on Friday, winning the 100 and 200 freestyle and swimming the anchor legs in the winning 200 and 400 freestyle relays.

Not bad for someone who only began swimming thanks to his parents. "It was really something my parents wanted me to do when I was 7 or 8," he said. "I liked it, and every time I would make a cut at the YMCA I was thrilled. My sophomore year was when I made my biggest jump, dropping like five seconds in a short period of time. Now I want to make my last high school meets count."

that seemed pretty cool. A lot of divers have gymnastics training, but I didn't. It just seemed fun and different."

But the realities of a very difficult, very dangerous sport were quickly evident to the newcomer.

"Diving is very, very nerve-racking for beginners," he said. "Learning new dives is really scary because if you do something wrong, you can get really, really hurt. But the coaches were great teaching me the fundamentals, and a good base helps a lot."

Where many others, because of the risks or challenges of diving, chose to quit the sport, Blake stuck with it, and in time began to excel.

"The first time I learned a front double somersault I thought I might have some talent," he said. "I thought I was way out of my league competing there, so to nail that was really awesome."

Following his freshman year, Blake joined the club team "Infinite Diving" which operates out of schools across Boston and is coached by Tufts and MIT

diving coach and two-time NCAA diving Coach of the Year Brad Snodgrass.

"Joining the club team was the most important thing to my diving career," said Blake. "I practice all the time with Brad. That is one of the main reasons I've been able to get so much better. I didn't even qualify for sectionals as a freshman."

Not that the risk ever truly leaves diving, as Blake was reminded of when he suffered a concussion early in his career.

"I was learning a new dive on the three-meter (board)," he said. "It was a back, 1 1/2 and I came out of my dive too early and hit the back of my head on the water. There are a lot of close calls. Learning backward and reverse dives, you land flat on the water and you come close to the board."

"But the thing about diving is that it's all about confidence. When I am on the board I have to believe that I am the best diver in the pool. I can't be worried about getting hurt or how I match up against another diver. I have to be thinking



Courtesy photo  
Andover High diver Alex Blake nails a dive in competition. Having never been a diver before high school, he has emerged as one of the elite in the state and will dive in college.

the Golden Warriors as he took seventh at both the Division 1 North sectionals and Division 1 state meet.

He followed that up with a tremendous season with Infinite, advancing all the way to the 2012 AAU Diving National Championships in Huntsville, N.C., where he placed 11th in the three-meter dive (high school does just 1-meter). That after taking fourth at the New England competition.

During this high school dual meet season, Blake finished with eight victories, leading the Golden Warriors to a 9-0 regular season, followed by his second at MVCs.

He has also taken on the role of de facto coach for the team's other two divers, helping teammate Jack Beluche to a fourth at MVCs.

"Our coach is a volunteer, and I am at the point now where I can coach diving," he said. "I want to lead them and get the best out of them. I teach them every day, and when our coach is there it's even better."

Blake now plans to continue his diving career at Division 3 power St. Lawrence University (N.Y.), where he was accepted on Monday and had strongly pursued him as a diver. He had also considered diving at schools such as UMass Amherst, Seton Hall and Loyola Maryland.

"There is nothing like diving," he said. "You know when you take off if you can spin it. When you are spinning you are thinking about the entry, and when you nail the entry it's an amazing feeling."

about winning and being as confident as possible. That is a diver's mindset." After his sophomore

season was derailed by a broken wrist while snowboarding, last season proved a major step for Blake with

# High school roundup: Naveed, relay run to wins

### BOYS TRACK

Billy Baldwin, George Cardillo, Andrew Matteucci and Demetri Kostakias teamed to win the 4x400 relay and lead Andover at the MVC Freshman/Sophomore track meet on Saturday.

Hamza Naveed scored Andover's other victory, taking first in the 300 in 39.0. Baldwin added a second in the 600 (1:33.08), Robert Pineault was second in the freshman mile (5:04.03), and adding thirds for the Golden Warriors were Andrew Matteucci (50 hurdles), Sam Roselle (50 dash) and Alex Bensely (2-mile).

### GIRLS TRACK

#### Kobelski, Gamanche take first

Lizzie Kobelski ran to victory in the 50-meter dash in 6.5 and Jill Gamanche scored a first-place finish in the 50 hurdles in 7.3 to pace Andover at the MVC Freshman/Sophomore track meet on Saturday. Hannah Ameen placed second in the dash (6.6) and Emily O'Hara scored a second in the 50 hurdles (7.9), while Colleen Mullins was third in the mile and Meredith Van Antwerp took bronze in the 600.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Jessica Witten, here faking out a defender on the way to a basket against Lowell, led a crucial surge as Andover rallied past the Red Raiders on Friday.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

#### Witten leads rally

Entering the final quarter with just a single basket, Jessica Witten's eight points led a 17-2 Andover run to finish the game as the Golden Warriors rallied past Lowell 47-37 on Friday. Angelle Gonzalez stayed hot with 14 points, including four 3-pointers, while Jackie Alois added seven points for the winners.

Despite 16 points for Angelle Gonzalez, Andover lost to Billerica 58-51 last Tuesday. Rebecca Alois and Devon Caveney each chipped in with 13 points for the Warriors.

### GIRLS HOCKEY

#### Offense rolls

Four different Andover players tallied single goals as Andover topped Westford Academy 4-0 on Saturday.

Bianna Deloury, Meg Leary, Weezie Gross and Meagan Keefe each scored a goal for the winners.

Andover lost to Concord-Carlisle 1-0 last Wednesday.

### SWIMMING

#### Warriors win MVCs

Charlie Lei and Eric Zhao teamed with Santi Alegria and Stan Camin to win the 200 freestyle relay (1:34.48) and

### PLAYER OF THE FORTNIGHT

Coach Dave Fazio of the Andover High School boys varsity basketball team has announced the latest winner of this season's Player of the Fortnight award.

This week's winner is Max Silveira. "Max is our starting point guard, and has done a great job leading us this season. We hope he continues to gain confidence; he's a great player, and we know he can be even better. Max's future looks very bright, both on and off the court," reported Fazio.

The next "Player of the Fortnight" award winner will be announced soon.

joined Eric Shi and Aaron Wu to take the 400 freestyle relay as Andover rolled to victory at the MVC Meet on Friday with 378 points, well ahead of No. 2 Chelmsford (305). Zhao scored victories in the 100 freestyle and 200 freestyle, Shi earned a second in the 200 IM, Alex Blake scored a second in the diving, Camin was second in the 100 breaststroke, and behind him in third in the same event was Wu.

3-pointers, but Andover lost to Lowell 61-54 on Friday. Chris Dunn added two 3's on his way to nine points of his own.

### BOYS SKIING

#### Tarricone takes 8th

Jake Tarricone took eighth overall in 21.08, but Andover lost to undefeated St. John's Prep 102-33 last Wednesday. Billy Baldwin took 11th in 21.21.

### WRESTLING

#### Meagher scores quick pin

Pat Meagher scored a pin at 106 in just 0:34, but Andover lost to Pentucket 51-18 last Wednesday. Joe Solimini (160) and Matt Stamas (182) added victories for the Golden Warriors.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

#### Giribaldi leads the way

Dave Giribaldi scored 17 points to lead Andover past Lawrence 67-56 last Tuesday. Jack Konevich added 13 points while Sam Dowden contributed 14 for the winners.

Jack Konevich hit three

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# Obituaries

## Olga Palenski, 86

RAYNHAM, MA. — Olga (Kazura) Palenski, 86, of Raynham, MA, and formerly of Andover, entered into eternal rest on Sunday, February 3, 2013



after brief illness, in the company of her loved ones. She was the widow of Edward A. Palenski. Olga was born in Lowell on March 12, 1926 and was the daughter of Russian immigrants, the late Paul and Agatha Kazura. She was raised in Lawrence and graduated from Lawrence High School in 1944. She went on to work at the Boston Navy Yard, after which she worked at the Arlington Trust Company for several years. She met and then married Edward in 1948; they were married 58 years.

Olga had two children, Paul and Marcia, and stayed at home to raise them. In 1969, she began to work in the Andover Town Clerk's Office. After several years, she became Assistant Town Clerk, then Acting Town Clerk. After 21 devoted years on the job, she retired in 1990. She would spend the next 23 years a devoted wife, mother, and fulltime grandmother.

Olga enjoyed summers at the family's lakeside cottage in Harrisville, NH and holidays surrounded by family on Elm Street. Olga played in a bowling league in Haverhill every Thursday. She was also active in the Andover Republican Town Committee, the Andover Home for the Aged, and the Andover Fire Department Auxiliary, and she was an active member of Christ Church in Andover. Olga volunteered tirelessly every Tuesday at the Andover Thrift Shop, a ministry of Christ Church.

She enjoyed several summer trips to Nantucket to visit her son's family. In her retirement she became a fulltime, quick-witted grandmother.

Last year she traveled to Ann Arbor, Michigan to joyfully attend the wedding of her grandson Anthony.

In 2009, she sold her home and moved to Raynham to be closer to her children. She continued to have the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune delivered each day. She was a lifelong Andover resident, where she knew everyone and everyone knew her.

Olga is survived by a son, Paul Palenski, and his wife, Taffy, of Nantucket; a daughter, Marcia, and her husband, Gordon, of Raynham. She is also survived by five grandchildren: Ted Palenski, of New Haven, CT; Stephen Palenski, of Colorado and Nantucket; Anthony Luciano and his wife, Meghan; Christine and Marissa, all of Raynham. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her sisters, Mary Rogoz and Viola Bobryk.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Calling hours will be on Thursday February 7, 2013 from 4 to 7 pm at The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson Street, Andover, MA. Funeral services will be on Friday February 8 at 10:00 am in Christ Church, 25 Central Street, Andover, MA. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Andover Firefighters Relief Association, PO Box 196, Andover, MA. 01810. To send an online condolence, please visit, [www.dewhirstfuneralhome.com](http://www.dewhirstfuneralhome.com) or [www.facebook.com/dewhirstfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/dewhirstfuneralhome).

## Elizabeth Wetherbee, 68

LOWELL — Elizabeth Jean (Welt) Wetherbee of Lowell, passed away peacefully at the Cape Regency Nursing home in Centerville on January 29.



The second daughter of the late, Barbara and Milton Welt of Harwich, and the wife of the late, John A. Wetherbee, of Westford, Liz was born in Quincy on May 8, 1944. She grew up in Harwich, and was a 1962 graduate of Harwich High School. Both artistically and musically gifted, Liz attended Vesper George School of Art, and graduated from Lowell State University with a degree in music education. She taught in the public school system for a few years, but found her life's love and career in directing the choirs at both the First Congregational Church of Billerica for over twenty years, and most recently at the First-Calvary Baptist Church in Andover. She was also the director of the Merrimack Valley Chorale for many years.

Beej is well known for her great love and appreciation for all the wild birds and spent many memorable times with friends and family observing them on Plum Island and in the marshes and beaches of Cape Cod. She also loved games and cards, and most of all, sitting around singing with her parents and sisters. The Welt sisters sang together regularly in church, and at many functions on the Cape. With her beautiful mellow and soulful voice, she was highly sought after to solo at weddings, funerals, and concerts. Also very artistic, Liz would sell her beautiful and whimsical arts and crafts at the annual church fair.

Liz leaves her three children, Guy M. Wetherbee and his wife, Kerry of Atkinson, N.H., Dean A. Wetherbee, and his wife, Janet of Amesbury, and Amy M. Roemer and her husband, John, of Wisconsin; and her grandchildren, Benjamin, Isabel and Jackson Wetherbee, and Helen Roemer.

Liz is also survived by her two loving sisters, Drusilla Sunderman of Centerville and her husband, Herb, and Sue Lindholm of Sandwich, and her husband, Carl; several nieces and nephews and their families including Susan Lumenello, of Jamaica Plain, Scott Lumenello, of Worcester; Jeff Lindholm of Somerville, Brett Lindholm of Plymouth, and Mark Lindholm of Vancouver Island, B.C.

She leaves many dear friends from her choirs in and around Lowell and Billerica, but most especially, Cindy Bliss, who has been at Liz's side since her diagnosis in August.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service to celebrate her life will be held on Saturday, February 9, at 2 p.m. at Pilgrim Congregational Church on Route 28 in Harwichport.

Liz's family, especially sisters, Dru and Sue would like to thank the nurses and staff on the second floor of the Cape Regency Nursing Home for the level of love, comfort and care they showed our sister during these past difficult months.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Liz's memory may be made to the charity of one's choice. Notes of comfort and sympathy may be made to her family at [www.MorrisConnorBlute.com](http://www.MorrisConnorBlute.com)

## Joseph Grillo, 85

07/05/1927 — 01/31/2013

ANDOVER — Joseph Francis Grillo, age 85, of Hollis, N.H. and formerly of Andover and New York, died on Thursday, January 31, 2013 at Community Hospice House in Merrimack, N.H. surrounded by his family.

He was born in New York City on July 5, 1927, son of the late Anthony and Francesca (Occupinti) Grillo. He graduated from the University of Miami, after serving in the Navy during World War II. He played minor league baseball for a time in a New Jersey farm league.

Joseph had a long and successful career in the field of chemical sales. He enjoyed baseball, football, and most sports, especially golf. He was a long-time member of Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover. His greatest pleasure was spending time with his family which he was most proud of.

He was predeceased three

weeks earlier by his beloved wife, Mary. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Judith Grillo.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary Jo Marcelly and her wife, Carol Marcelly of Amherst, N.H.; his son, Dr. Joseph Grillo, Jr. and his wife, Dr. Julia Grillo of Barrington, R.I.; two grandsons, Jesse Grillo and his wife, Julia of South Carolina, and Joseph Grillo III of Rhode Island; and one niece.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, February 5, at St. Patrick's Church, 29 Spring Street in Nashua. Interment followed at St. Louis de Gonzague Cemetery, 752 West Hollis Street in Nashua.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements are in the care of The Davis Funeral Home, One Lock St., Nashua, NH. An online guest book is available at [www.davisfuneralhome.com](http://www.davisfuneralhome.com), "One Memory Lights Another".

## Anna Heffron, 94

September 11, 1918 — February 4, 2013

Homemaker & Philanthropist

ANDOVER — Mrs. Anna (Perlstein) Heffron 94, of Andover died at home surrounded by her loving family on Monday morning.

Mrs. Heffron was born and raised in Shirley, Mass. She was a resident of Andover for over 60 years. Mrs. Heffron was an avid equestrian and bridge player; she needed only four points more to become a Life Master at Bridge. A longtime member of Temple Emanuel of Andover and the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, Mrs. Heffron and her husband were well known for their generosity and philanthropy in both the civic and religious communities of Andover.

She was the devoted wife of 68 years, to Milton Heffron. Beloved mother to Kenneth and Sally Heffron and Debra and the late, Craig Williams; cherished grandmother of Leigh Heffron and Todd Berberian, Jamie and Saulis Dambauskas,

Abbi and Chris Lione, and Emily and Jeremy Daviau; proud great grandmother of Ryder, Gavin, Jackson, Viktoria and Lukas. She was also the dear sister of Minnie Press, the late, Esther Guzzi, Louis Perlstein and Julius Perlstein.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Services at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road (off Route 133), Andover on Wednesday, February 6 at 1 p.m. Interment in Lawrence. Condolence calls may be made at the home of Kenneth and Sally Heffron following the interment until 7 p.m. and also Thursday 2-6 p.m. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy in her memory may be donated to Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, MA. 01843 or the Anna and Milton Heffron Education Fund c/o Temple Emanuel 7 Haggetts Pond Road Andover, MA. 01810. for online condolences and directions go to: [www.goldmanfc.com](http://www.goldmanfc.com) Goldman Funeral Chapel-Malden. 1-800-982-3717

## Constance M. Kelly, 90

April 2, 1922 — January 31, 2013

AMHERST — Constance M. (Nelsen) Kelly, 90, died peacefully after a brief illness at the Fisher House in Amherst on January 31, 2013, in the presence of her husband and daughters.

Mrs. Kelly was born on April 2, 1922, to the late Andrew and Minna Nelsen. She is survived by her beloved husband William; four children, Susan, Nancy, William, and Karen; a daughter-in-law Kathleen and son-in-law Randall Sandke; five grandchildren, Robert,

Marie, William, and Richard Kelly, and Bix Sandke; a brother, Richard Nelsen, and sister-in-law Doris; and three nieces and one nephew.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral service will be held for Mrs. Kelly at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 867 N. Pleasant St., North Amherst on Monday, February 4, at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be in St. Augustine's Cemetery in Andover. Calling hours are private. Obituary and memorial register at [www.douglasfuneral.com](http://www.douglasfuneral.com).

## RELIGION

### Proper diet for seniors

On Thursday afternoon, Feb. 7 from noon to 2 p.m., the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel will host its seniors for the program, "Nutrition for Seniors." People can join a nutritionist to learn about selecting the best foods for them.

Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. For more information, visit the congregation's website at [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net) or call the temple office at 978-470-1356.

story.

Join temple members as they watch the movie and then "have an interesting and provocative discussion while we enjoy our great deli supper," say organizers. The cost is \$15 per person. Your reservation is your check to be received by today, Thursday, Feb. 7. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. Visit [templemanuel.net](http://templemanuel.net) or call 978-470-1356 for any further information.

### Ham and bean supper

West Parish Church will host a ham and bean supper on Saturday, Feb. 16 from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

Meal includes Carando spiral ham, navy and kidney beans, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, hot dogs, bread and dessert.

Suggested donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 children. All proceeds to benefit a scholarship for a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence.

West Parish Church is located at 129 Reservation Road, Andover.

### Dinner and a movie

On Sunday, Feb. 10 at 5 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover will have its Deli Dinner and Movie Discussion Night.

"The Lemon Tree" is about a home that borders Israel and Palestine. A widow tends a family lemon grove. When the Israeli defense minister moves in next door to her, the security detail wants to destroy it. The movie details finding justice from two opposite cultures and sides of the fence. It is based upon a true



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# Andover Board of Health seeks new member

The Andover Board of Health has announced a vacancy, due to the recent resignation of Vice Chairman Donald Miller, M.D. The board seeks an interested Andover resident to complete Miller's current

term, which expires June 30, 2015. While a medical professional is preferred, all interested residents are invited to submit Talent Bank Forms to the town manager's office; forms are available online at [andoverma.gov/publish/talentbank.pdf](http://andoverma.gov/publish/talentbank.pdf). The Board of Health is a three-member board, meeting monthly on Monday evenings, and serves as the oversight arm of the town's Health Division. It offers guidance to the professional staff by making policy and acts on appeals and variance requests by residents and businesses. Members are appointed to staggered three-year terms by the town

manager. Miller was first appointed to the Board of Health on June 19, 2006, and was in his seventh year on the board when he resigned. Prior to moving to Andover, he served on the elected Board of Health in Tewksbury, and is affiliated with the Lowell Community Health Center. "During his service to the town, Dr. Miller has assisted the community with dignity and has used his medical background to help enhance the services provided by the Health Division. His presence and actions at Board of Health meetings have proven to use common sense and caring for both residents and businesses with matters before the Board; his expertise and kindness will be missed," according to a release from the Health Division.

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# Opinion

## \$12 million spent, must complete Bancroft

You can't blame Andover residents if they feel they have no real choice at Special Town Meeting on Monday. They are tired of seeing new schools and other public projects cost far more than originally promised. Yet, here they are again, with town leaders asking for another \$5.7 million because a disagreement with abutters delayed the project and construction costs rose.

Voters want officials to feel their frustration. But they know the project is already 25 percent complete and the town had already spent more than \$12 million. If they cut back on the building, they'll lose more than \$5.7 million in state aid.

The town has a contract with the Massachusetts School Building Association. The contract is specific about the building size, number of students the school should accommodate and various other specifications. It defines a specific budget, and that the state will reimburse 44 percent of it. But that contract cannot change.

That means the town cannot significantly change the building if it wants the state's \$16.8 million in reimbursement. It means the town will pay for all of the extra \$5.7 million if it is approved at Special Town Meeting on Monday. The School Building Committee has done "value management," meaning it has substituted some inexpensive alternatives that it and the state believe will not significantly affect the education of students or the final product.

At least the town has Tom Deso as chairman of its School Building Committee. He was a town watchdog of the Andover High School project -- a resident who attended meetings and rationally alerted the town to problems -- before and while that project went off the rails and finished years behind schedule and millions over budget. He has proven he gets it, and he is on board that approving an extra \$5.7 million is the only way to keep the Bancroft project moving ahead, given the delay and resulting increased costs caused by a lawsuit his committee could not control. The state set its budget assuming all aspects of the project would go out to bid of summer 2011 when construction costs were lower.

At Special Town Meeting, voters should hold their nose and approve the extra money. There were good reasons to support building a new Bancroft Elementary School. The town needs more classroom space. The existing building has structural problems. Those reasons still exist and the new school must be completed.

But residents can still express their frustration -- by demanding more detailed planning before approving any future projects. Town leaders have gotten in the habit of putting out requests for proposal repeatedly, ignoring the work of task forces and calling for Special Town Meetings on an almost annual basis. It's time for more comprehensive planning, and voters must demand it.

During the last year, some town leaders have trumpeted the use of a debt analysis tool to give a better understanding of how future projects will affect taxpayers' bills. Residents deserve to see a real plan for the future. It should outline all major future projects -- including the Ballardvale Fire Station, the Town Yard, the Andover High expansion, a new preschool building -- how much they will cost taxpayers, when the town plans to build each and how they fit together. Taxpayers deserve to know the order of priority for these items. Town leaders must stop bringing each item forward separately as if the expense is in a vacuum.

When it comes to approving or rejecting future projects, Town Meeting and ballot box voters do have a choice.

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

How should the current schools budget issue be solved?

■ More money: schools should be given more of the town resources. They're the No. 1 reason people move to Andover.

■ More cuts: other departments are cutting back. The economic pain should be balanced.

■ More talking: school's budget problem's can't be resolved without serious discussion.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion.

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week's web question was, "the MIAA, governing school athletics, is eliminating boys gymnastics from Massachusetts schools. What are your thoughts?" With 58 responses, the answers were:

■ Frustrated. If boys want

to be gymnasts, their schools should allow it. The programs should stay: 19 votes, 32.76 percent.

■ Angry. I'm upset this decision has been made, and school districts willing to support gymnasts will be hurt by it: 19 votes, 32.76 percent.

■ Neutral. It's unfortunate for those involved, but I understand the reason for the decision: 10 votes, 17.24 percent.

■ Pleased. I do not think this should be a recognized sport in public school systems: four votes, 6.9 percent.

■ Understanding. The decision is reasonable, because the sport is not as popular as many others: three votes, 5.17 percent.

■ Other (supply your own answer): two votes, 3.45 percent.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion: one vote, 1.72 percent.

## NIGHT OF LITERATURE



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Bancroft Elementary School student Minh-Quan Bach seems to be reliving his story "How I Saw a Hawk" during the "Apple Seed" literary magazine Winter Launch Night at the Memorial Library last Wednesday night.

## Smartphones can make correcting one's diet easier

**NUTRITION QUESTION:** What tools do you recommend for tracking food: Iphone apps, journals, meal plans, something else?

### Expert: Cara Green

**Member Advancement Director Andover/ North Andover YMCA**  
**Answer:** My personal favorite is the My Fitness Pal app. I can track my calories and physical activity on my phone or computer and research the nutritional content of most foods.

However, I recommend using whatever it takes to get you to track.

It's amazing how once you start tracking your food you realize that you are consuming way over or under your recommended calorie intake.

Track honestly, use a thousand sticky notes if that works for you, and just be aware of what, and how much, you are putting into your body.

### Expert: Tony Ferrao

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

**Answer:** For nutrition tracking, I go with what works best for the individual; however I'm not a calorie counter. I like to see the choices people are making, not the math. Weight regulation has more to do with quality than quantity; how do foods affect hormones and enzymes.

### Expert: Jamey Lachiana

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**Answer:** When tracking your calorie intake, I find that writing in a daily food journal, or typing it into a phone app, can be an enlightening experience. Most often, many people don't realize how many calories they are consuming.

This is one of the main reasons people track food to begin with. Another reason to track your food might be to discover a food allergy.

Utilizing one of the many internet nutrition sources such as nutritiondata.self.com can be very useful when discovering what your meals consist of on a caloric level.

I suggest meeting with a professional, to find out how many calories you are supposed to be ingesting, before you add or cut calories from your diet. If you decide to meet with a professional, I suggest you write in a food journal for a week or more, so they can give you helpful suggestions or alternatives based on what you are currently eating.

Always remember, the main reason for weight gain is over-indulgence of calories. However

resistance training and cardiovascular intervals help every other aspect of life: strengthening muscles, supporting bone density, warding off or preventing major and minor illnesses, and helping to prevent cancers, cardiovascular disease and circulation problems. I'd say there are plenty of good reasons to exercise as well as monitor the quality and amounts of calories.

### Expert: Art McDermott

**Owner of Matrix**  
**Answer:** There are plenty of apps out there now for fitness and nutrition. The one I hear about most often is myfitnesspal.com. It is a free program available for any device. What I like about it is the tie in to the website so you can run reports and track things on-line as well as through your smart device.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Gymnastics pays lifelong dividends

**Editor, Townsman:**

It was with disbelief and dismay that I read the article reporting that the MIAA has voted to withdraw support for the seven high school boys gymnastics programs including Andover's.

While my adult sons graduated from Andover High School in 1988, the gymnastics team under Coach Steve Sirois was a major, positive influence on them. Even in college they would volunteer with the team on their winter breaks, and they feel the discipline and conditioning of gymnastics has contributed to their healthy life styles.

We would hope that current and future Andover High students with the interest and talent for gymnastics could continue on an AHS gymnastics team.

**SANDRA CIOLFI**  
35 Pine St.

### Spend Bancroft money now, reduce future increases, operating costs

**Editor, Townsman:**

On Monday, Feb. 11, the town of Andover will conduct a critical vote to allow for additional appropriation of funds for the completion of the Bancroft Elementary School. The additional funds, totaling approximately \$5.7 million, represent the total estimated shortfall to the original budget estimate of \$44 million presented to the town in December 2010.

The Andover Green Advisory Board recommends that the town move forward with the appropriation of these additional funds. Any additional delays in the awarding of contractor bids will result in a rebidding exercise which is estimated to cost an additional \$1.3 million to the taxpayers caused by increased market costs for materials and construction labor.

It is important that the town understand that additional delays in the construction process will have a negative effect on the success of this project. Delays, such as change-orders, have

real costs. The design and construction team and the School Building Committee have already undergone a series of value-management exercises to reduce the overall construction costs and to find savings. Now it is the time to allow the project team to move forward.

Some of the costs that have already been carved out of the project include certain sustainability features which, during the design charrettes in 2009 and 2010, were among the cornerstones of this new educational facility. The Andover Green Advisory Board asks Andover townspeople to assist the town in moving this project forward as quickly as possible. It is possible that other sustainability-related features of the building will be removed from the project scope, features that will provide the town future cost savings.

Why are sustainability features important to the Bancroft School and its usefulness as an example of educational facilities in the town? According to engineering estimates, the sustainable design of the building, assisted by Andover's adoption of the Stretch Code in 2011, will contribute to an annual energy cost savings of 44 percent, or approximately \$140,000 saved every year from the town's operating budget. This savings will be especially apparent in the winter months where demand for natural gas heating is the highest. The school's designers have envisioned the facility with a highly efficient building envelope, which is the biggest contributor to high energy efficiency.

It would be a loss for the School Building Committee to rebid components of the school if this budget increase is not passed.

Allowing the School Building Committee to move forward with the project as currently conceived will reduce costs today, energy expenses tomorrow, and maintain the quality and value the town and its children deserve.

**BRIAN SALAZAR**  
5 College Circle

*The writer said he is writing on behalf of the Andover Green Advisory Board.*

### Bob McQuade advanced Andover with his work

**Editor, Townsman:**

It was great sadness that I read of Bob McQuade's passing. My wife and I were out of town and did not know of his illness until the day of his funeral.

The town's former public works director, Bob was more than a professional. He was a town institution. His passing marks the end of an era, one in which caring for the town meant more than prestige or politics.

His rumbling voice was usually a deciding opinion at Town Meeting. His authority was unblemished. His grit and tenacity for what he thought was right was something with which to be reckoned.

It is to Bob we owe many things. The jewel is the McQuade water treatment facility. This is still an advanced facility completed far ahead of its time and with prescient appreciation for the future needs of our community.

Many have moved to Andover since Bob's time, but I must say we all owe him a great deal. We shall not see his like again.

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### Rep. Lyons joins call for more data on state benefits spending

**Editor, Townsman:**

Dear Governor Patrick: Last week, we received a copy of your Administration's H1 budget proposal calling for a \$2 billion tax increase on working families and taxpayers.

We would ask that prior to April 1, 2013, you would direct the Secretary of Administration and Finance to provide us with the following information:

1) The total amount of the state budget that is being used to fund individual, family and other benefits;

2) The total amount of the state budget that is being used to fund individual, family and other benefits or expenditures on behalf of citizens of the United States who are residents of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts;

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6) All information required by the attached amendment to House Bill 3735, which was passed by the House of Representatives in October 2011.

We anticipate that this vital data will help us determine the advisability of raising taxes on working families in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**REP. JAMES J. LYONS JR.**  
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*The letter was signed by 10 other state representatives.*

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# Education

## Bye Bye Birdie... says hello to Wood Hill

JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

because they had such a big hand in the production of the show," Rey said.

### CAST

**Part..... Actor**  
Albert Peterson.....Jonathon Combs  
Rose Alvarez.....Alyssa Cochran-Caggiano  
Kim MacAfee.....Michaela Verrette  
Conrad Birdie.....Jack Fraser  
Mae Peterson.....Rosemary DeLuca  
Mr. MacAfee.....Alex Eliassen  
Mrs. MacAfee.....Allie Tankel  
Randolph MacAfee.....Maya Marciano  
Hugo Peabody.....Matt Beetham  
Ursula Merkle.....Rosali Cabrera  
Harvey Johnson.....Sean Dawson  
Gloria Rasputin.....Cecelia Vieira  
Nancy.....Catalina Aycardi  
Alice.....Sarah MacGregor  
Helen.....Katie Wolfendale  
Deborah Sue.....Jenna Bortolussi  
Penelope.....Natalie Kushner  
Margie.....Sage Zipeto  
Suzy.....Michaela Abraham  
Ed Sullivan.....Anna Vrontas  
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Mayor's Wife.....Mary Rose Saad

It's the late 1950s and an Elvis rock 'n roll rival is all the rage.

His name is Conway Twitty. Twitty is truly a country singer. The musical "Bye Bye Birdie" is a satirical take on Twitty's story during the Elvis era.

The story was inspired by the phenomenon of Elvis and his draft notice into the Army in 1957. In the show, "Conrad Birdie" is really Conway Twitty and he gets drafted, too. Birdie has fun saying goodbye to his biggest fan in Ohio as he heads overseas. Before leaving for the Army, he is going to bestow one last kiss on superfan Kim MacAfee.

This weekend, Wood Hill Middle School stages this 1961 Tony Award-winning musical that also earned Dick Van Dyke a Tony award.

"We selected this show because it is a lot of fun, and it has a lot of great characters. We like to get as many kids a good part as we can, and this show offers that," Wood Hill Middle drama advisor Katie Rey reported.

Plus, the show is set in the 1950s and the Facebook generation gets a history lesson on the way it used to be in the world of music in this country.

"It's great to do a show set in the '50s. The costumes are great, and it gives kids a little history lesson as well," Rye said in an email.

The Wood Hill Middle show is predominantly run by students.

"We have student directors, stage crew, tech crew and musicians. The idea is that the students will get a feel for the whole process, and be really proud of the end result

**Sweet Apple Teens:** Natalie Caffrey, Belle Haslam, Emerson Kennedy, Mathew Lem. Lauren McDowell, Alyssa Puleo, Madison Quill, Katie Rasmussen, Tula Sifling, Michael Spring, Angela Szarek, Sibi Thirumalai, Maddy Wagner, John Walsh, Gabrielle Batista, Daniel Bernstein, Paige Long, Michael Makiej, Molly McQuaide, Rory O'Brien, Julia Parziale, Audrey Prater, Julia Sergeant, Cathy Sie, Julianne Stein, Kaleigh Stuart, Hannah Tassinari, Lexie Trant, Sophia Wang and Barbara Yachnin

**Student Directors:** Rosemary DeLuca, Alex Eliassen, Jack Fraser, Natalie Kushner, Michaela Verrette  
**Student Tech Crew Director:** Julia McBride



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Wood Hill Middle School seventh-graders Mikayla Goodwin, Alyson Teberio and Caleigh Schmitt answer questions about their pitch for a \$10,000 upgrade to the school's media center. The school's Parent Advisory Council donated the money to the school, and a number of student teams have pitched ideas for how the money should be spent.

## Students design their own media center upgrade

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Perhaps it will have a lounge chairs, or Kindles, or vending machines, or even a room with pet rabbits.

Whatever the case, Wood Hill Middle School's Media Center is receiving a \$10,000 upgrade, and the school's students have been asked to design and budget the project.

But what the students see as a chance to create the library of their dreams is really a crash-course in municipal project planning, according to the teachers behind the project.

"It's a project in itself," said Laura Stella, sixth grade math and science teacher.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Melissa Holguin, a 12-year-old sixth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School, answers questions about her team's proposal for how to redesign Wood Hill Middle School's media center.

"It links to standards and curriculum that we have to deliver in the classroom anyway, but in a real world way. It's helping to improve their community."

The idea behind the project came after the school's Parent Advisory Council donated \$10,000 to Wood Hill Middle. Principal Patrick Bucco put a call out to staff for inventive ways of upgrading the school's media center space with the cash. Through that, Stella and Laurie Farrell, school engineering teacher, said they got involved and brought their combined 100 or so students along for the ride.

Teachers and students were polled to determine what they wanted in the media center. Data from that was then brought to the students in Farrell and Stella's classes, at which point they

started working on a budget and responding to the most popular suggestions from the school, according to Stella.

Then the planning started. "At first they were really excited," Farrell said. "Then when they dug into it, they were a little overwhelmed, because then they started realizing real-life problems like all the red tape you have to go through."

After around eight weeks of research, planning and developing their projects — including tabulating costs for materials and looking for money-saving alternatives — the projects were each brought before a panel of school officials and town employees, including architects, planners and engineers at an event last Wednesday, Jan. 30.

Going over their project, sixth-graders Willa Huang,

Dylan Marsh and Vivien Qiao said they developed a library that provides more entertainment and creates a more comfortable environment for students.

Their vision for a library included electronic reading devices like Amazon Kindles and an area with lounge-like chairs so students can take a break for a few minutes and then get back to their studies.

With the suggestion of a pet room with rabbits, the group accomplished their goal to "make it more kid friendly," Qiao said.

Starr Guerrero, an 11-year-old sixth-grader, said her group worked to "make the library colorful." Her group's media center also included an enclosed reading room with snack vending machines for quiet studying.

Melissa Holguin, 12 and in the same group, said their project was under budget by around \$1,800, which would be helpful if materials came in more expensive than planned.

Caleigh Schmitt, a 12-year-old seventh-grader, said her group's goal was simply "to make a space where (students) could use it a lot more than they do." She thought the idea of putting students in charge of improving their own school "was really cool."

"We took a survey and saw what the students wanted," she said. "The students could put their ideas into it."

Having had the projects presented to them, the panel of school officials and town employees will narrow the field to just two proposals. Those design pitches will then be brought back to the student body, where the proposals "will compete, and the school will vote on the one they like the best," Farrell said.

The project that wins the popular vote will be built over the summer, according to Farrell.

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### Yearbooks wanted

Your hated high school yearbook picture could soon be sitting on the Memorial Hall Library shelves.

Memorial Hall Library is seeking donations of Andover High School Yearbooks (including Punched Free School/Punchard High) to fill the gaps in its local history collection. There are also plans to digitize the books to make them easily accessible to researchers, genealogists, alumni and others. MHL is looking for the following years: 1917-1922; 1925-1926; 1928-1929; 1931-1933; 1936-1938; 1940-1941; 1945; 1948; 1950-1951; 1969-1970; 1986; and 1988. Pre-1917 yearbooks or the equivalent are also welcome.

If you would like to donate your yearbooks, bring them to the Reference Desk on the

first floor of Memorial Hall Library. Call Kim Lynn at 978-623-8401 Ext. 36 if you would like to donate a yearbook but are unable to get to the library.

Shackless Plaza Radio Shack has left Shawheen Plaza and a replacement tenant has not been found yet. "There are no updates at this time," Suzi Robinson, Public & Community Relations, Stop & Shop New England Division, wrote in an email.

### Fiddler on the Roof

The Acting Out! Theater Company will present Fiddler on the Roof, one of Broadway's most popular shows, Feb. 15 to 17 at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover directed by Linda Schoonmaker.

Andover residents performing in the show include

Armando Belliard, Ben Ashworth, Caitlin Hawes, Courtney Plati, Genevieve Wybenga, Isabel Dawson, Isabelle DelMonaco, Jeff Ashworth, Karen Easton, Karin Ulanovsky, Kate Uluatam, Katherine Burns, Kristin Stark, Kyle M. Rys, Melissa Belliard and Shannon Booth.

Rys, who plays Motel the tailor and suitor of Tevye's oldest daughter, Tzeitel, is excited to be performing in one of his favorite musicals, playing his favorite character, according to the group. Said Rys, "I've been a fan of Fiddler since I was a little boy, and even got the chance to perform in the show back in high school. To have the opportunity to perform in it again, with a much more prominent role than I did the first time around, was

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ACT! Andover recently performed The Full Monty.

## ACT goes Full Monty, gears up for show

### Auditions for 'Best Little Whorehouse' next week

BY DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

On the heels of a two-night performance of The Full Monty, ACT Andover will launch into auditions next week for its next adult-themed performance, The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

Meanwhile, the ACT youth theater group, ACTjr is a month away from its spring performance of Seussical, a musical with "characters from a lot of the books (children are) familiar with, Cat in the Hat, The Grinch, The Who from Whoville. They're all in the musical," said Mark Gracy, executive producer. The performance coincides with National Dr. Seuss Month.

The Full Monty, performed by ACT Andover's adult cast on Jan. 25 and 26 at the Sullivan School in Lowell, tells the story of six unemployed Buffalo steelworkers who, low on both cash and prospects, decide to present a strip act at a local club.

"The cast does a wonderful job showing how these characters grow and become self-confident and more aware of themselves," Gracy said. "It

really centers around tough economic times and how these guys and their families and their friends are struggling, and what they do creatively to solve problems they're having."

They're so creative, they eventually leave nothing to the imagination. In the final scene of the show, the cast performs "Let It Go" and the men go "full monty," removing all their clothing.

But rest assured, ACT's performance was age-appropriate. Stage techniques are used with intense lighting to give the impression that the actors' presence on stage is blinding.

"It's more the illusion of it, but they don't actually see (nudity)," Gracy said.

In their next production, The Full Monty, performed by ACT Andover's adult cast on Jan. 25 and 26 at the Sullivan School in Lowell, tells the story of the same name starring Dolly Parton and Burt Reynolds.

In that musical, the audience follows the story of a brothel exposed by a televangelist who, ultimately, blows the lid on the entire operation, according to Gracy.

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PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photos

Kristen Hollenbeck, GLEC Enrichment Partnership director, starts the evening at the "Apple Seed" literary magazine Winter Launch Night at the Memorial Hall Library.

## Planting the seed of creativity Students' work highlighted through magazine

Creativity was taking root at Memorial Hall Library last Wednesday as more than 30 young artists shared their works, which have been published in the twice-yearly AppleSeed magazine.

AppleSeed is one of several Apple-themed magazines published by the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative's Enrichment Partnership. The magazines publish the works of students in Andover, Lawrence, Methuen and Haverhill. Apple Seed is for elementary-school-age students.

Students are selected for their writing, artwork or photography. One High Plain Elementary student, David Grossman, had a musical score called "Midnight Moon" selected for the fall edition.

Andover Book Store is now distributing the magazines at no cost.

This was the 18th issue of AppleSeed. Works are submitted twice a year through the advisors of the participating elementary schools.

Andover students whose work was included in the fall edition of AppleSeed are:

### BANCROFT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Pranav Abbott
- Bradley Abel
- Minh-Quan Bach



High Plain Elementary School student Zaria Vuksan explains her "Snow Dragon" art.



A copy of the fall edition of AppleSeed, a magazine that highlights the creative work of elementary school students.

- Leo Flaherty
- Nolan Goldthwaite
- Vivian Suzanne Long
- Luca Pillidge
- Ava Pratti

### HIGH PLAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Emily Chen
- Owen Chen
- Braeden Cheverie
- Daniel deMoor
- Brooke Fleming
- David Grossman
- Aryaman Malliwal
- Zaria Vuksan
- Dake Zhang

### HENRY C. SANBORN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Hannah Chen
- Justin Gu
- Ariel Kim
- Anna Livingstone
- Alana MacKay
- Anton Pace
- Meyer Rosen
- Estelle Zhu

### SOUTH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Gianna Coppola
- Olivia Lai
- Christina Li

- Katie MacDonald
- Camille Miner
- Tatum Nelson
- Emily Qiu
- Katherine Song
- Jenny Yu

### WEST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Jillian Boyer
- Helina Dicoivitsky
- Ranjini Iyengar
- Avinaash Janarathanan
- Noga Kojokaro
- Katherine Morris
- Danielle Silva

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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### FRIDAY, FEB. 8

**LIVE THEATER**, Bye Bye Birdie, Wood Hill Middle School Auditorium, 11 Cross St., 7 p.m., \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, also showing on Feb. 9.

### SATURDAY, FEB. 9

**LIVE MUSIC**, the Los Sugar Kings, quartet known for their dynamic live performances, rich harmonies, high level of musicianship, Crossroads Coffeehouse of the North Parish UU Church, 3 Great Pond Road, 2nd floor, North Andover, 8 p.m., doors open 7:30 p.m., \$15; crossroads-coffeehouse.org via PayPal, 978-687-3960.

**NEW EXHIBIT**, Elanor Sackett: The Extended Family, through Feb. 24, The Loading Dock Gallery at Western Avenue Studios, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell. Painter Elanor

Sackett subjects are of her family. **NEW EXHIBIT**, Peabody Essex Museum's Herwitz Collection, through April 21. Nearly 60 works by 23 leading artists selected for this show on modern Indian art outside of India, Salem, Mass.; pem.org.

**JEWELERS TRUNK SHOW**, noon to 4 p.m., Western Avenue Studios, 3rd floor of the A-Mill, 122 Western Ave., Lowell; westernavenuestudios.com.

**DELI DINNER, MOVIE**, 5 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover will have a Deli Dinner and Movie Discussion Night. The Lemon Tree is about a home that borders Israel and Palestine. A widow tends a family lemon grove. When the Israeli defense minister moves in next door to her, the security detail wants to destroy it. The movie details finding justice from two opposite cultures and sides of the fence. It is based upon a true story, interesting and provocative discussion while we enjoy a deli supper, \$15 per

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PHOTO BY FRANK J. LEONE JR./Special to The Andover Townsman  
At left, Andy Lazar, volunteer, Annie Wu of Pink Tree Sweets, and Jon Brody, event chairman, all of Andover, stop for a photo before sampling push-up pop cakes, at the Evening of Sweet Indulgences to benefit Congregation Beth Israel in Andover.

## Sweet meeting, for a cause



PHOTO BY FRANK J. LEONE JR./Special to The Andover Townsman  
From left, Tina Spector, John Martin, executive chef of On The Bone Restaurant at the Wynham Andover Hotel, and Howard Spector, all from Andover, pose with chef Martin's Caprese Brochette, during the Evening of Sweet Indulgences at the UMass Lowell Conference Center.

# ACT

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Auditions for the musical will be held on Feb. 12 and 13 at ACT's headquarters at 250 Canal St., fourth floor, in Lawrence. The group casts for their adult shows based on the age of the characters, so it's expected that all cast members will be young

adults or older, Gracy said. To end the year, ACT's adult cast will be the first group in New England to put on a production based on the recent Les Miserables movie, as ACT is the first group in the region to secure the rights to the musical following the release of the movie, according to Gracy. Auditions for Les Miserables will run over the summer, with performances to

be held at the end of October, Gracy said. Once ACTjr's Seussical is in the books, the organization will then start building up for its ACTjr and ACTkids camps, which will both run from July 15 to Aug. 11. ACTjr will put on the musical RENT, with ACTkids performing Disney's The Little Mermaid. For more information or to take part in one of ACT's productions, visit actandover.com. For more information on next week's auditions, email cara.kennedy@actandover.com or theater@actandover.com.

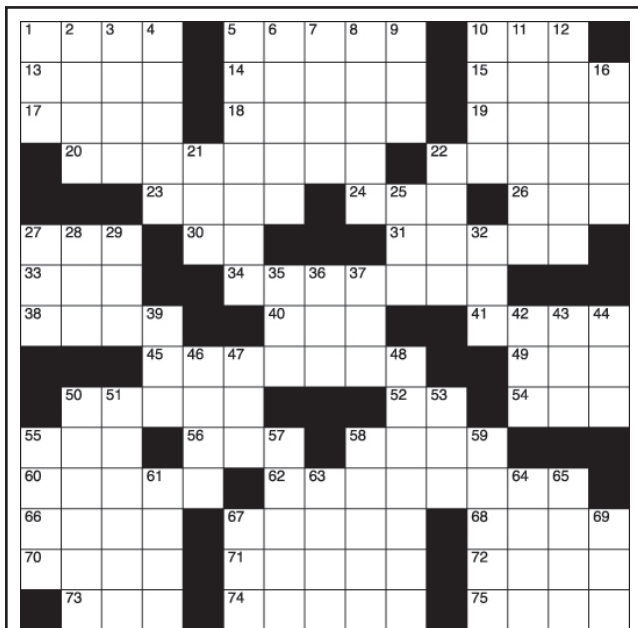
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progress. Career Networking Group is a free group that allows residents to share their network of business contacts, share ideas, and learn about effective job-search strategies. Meetings are facilitated by certified career coach Arleen Bradley. The 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. For more information, visit mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.



Solution in Classified Section

## CLUES ACROSS

1. Sleeveless Arab garments
5. Make somebody laugh
10. Doctors' group
13. Afghan Persian language
14. Indian dresses
15. Publisher Conde
17. Loud noises
18. Threefold
19. 6489 Ft. Greek mountain
20. Holds outerwear
22. Expressed pleasure
23. Hawaiian floral garlands
24. Unhappy
26. Belonging to a thing
27. Tooth caregiver (abbr.)
30. A public promotion
31. Levels to the ground (alt. spelling)
33. Nursing group
34. Set aside for a purpose
38. Slightly wet
40. One of #1 across

41. Any competition
45. Verify
49. Lyricist Gershwin
50. Bangladesh capital before 1982
52. Potato state
54. "Weighing Gold" artist Gerard
55. Australian Racing Board
56. Type of health insurance
58. Pierce with a knife
60. Southeast Asia Treaty Org.
62. Outer garment storage room
66. Genus cuculus
67. Speak
68. Language, a.k.a. twi
70. Smudge made by soot
71. Amber is one
72. Stand to hold articles
73. Midway between S and SE
74. Satiates
75. One who colors clothes

## CLUES DOWN

1. Determine the sum of
2. Spoken in the Dali region
3. River in Florence
4. Plant fiber that makes rope
5. Spinning
6. 1978 Turkish massacre
7. Acid causing gout
8. Drops underwater
9. Midway between E and SE
10. Dwarf buffalo
11. Five iron
12. Valuable owned items
16. Small amounts
21. High, green or iced
22. 6th Jewish month
25. Macaws
27. Male parent
28. The king of molecules
29. Golfer Snead
32. Swedish krona
35. Express pleasure
36. Resource-based economy

37. A waterproof raincoat
39. Red China
42. Furnish with help
43. Criminal Records Office
44. \_\_\_ de cologne
46. Repeat sound
47. Stonestreet character
48. Baby cats
50. Sleep reveries
51. Ancient calculating device
53. Constitution Hall org.
55. Vipers
57. Plant structure (alt. spelling)
58. Gymnopedis composer Erik
59. A slab of lumber
61. Modern London gallery
63. Kiin
64. All right
65. Ceremonial staff of authority
67. Many not ands
69. Norwegian money (abbr.)

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person. Your reservation is your check to be received by Thursday, Feb. 7. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover; templemanuel.net, 978-470-1356.

### SUNDAY, FEB. 10

**WARD HILL 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 a Winter Fun Day, noon to 3 p.m. "The event will take place with or without snow on the ground. This is a free event. 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 throughout the afternoon; 12:30 p.m., guided hike to Boston Hill, 3 miles, 1+ hours; 1 p.m., guided hike to the Judy Trail, 3 mile, 1+

## EVENTS CALENDAR

hours; periodic guided hikes around Holt Hill & the bog, 1 mile, 30 minutes. Parking at the reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, in Andover. Follow signs to the activities; contact Adam Rolfs with the Trustees of Reservations at 978-886-5297, arolfs@ttor.org.  
**CHAMBER MUSIC**, Valentine concert by Andover Chamber Music, featuring works of Romantic composers Robert Schumann and Johannes Brahms, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, 3 p.m. Tickets are \$30, or \$25 for seniors; contact sales @AndoverChamber.org or call 978-474-6222.  
**MARDI GRAS TEA**, 3:30 to 5 p.m., with sweets and treats, good conversation and fellowship, attendees will gather for a brief devotional time to prepare hearts and minds for the coming of Lent. Members of the community are invited to share in this event; marsha@faith-andover.org or call 978-475-4059.  
**ICE HIKE**, 1 to 4 p.m., Middleton Stream Team's annual Winter Discovery Hike in the remote frozen wilds of northern

Middleton, southeast Boxford and south-east North Andover, visit the habitats of beavers, birds and other wildlife. 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 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.; middletonstreamteam.org, email StreamTeam@comcast.net or 978-777-4584.  
**VALENTINE'S BRUNCH**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., \$10 with advance purchase only, at the Center at Punchard located at 30 Whittier Court. Feast on hot entrees such as made to order omelets, waffles and bacon complimented by fresh fruit and hot coffee. Relax and enjoy romantic piano music by Elliott Jacobowitz (the center's piano teacher). Bring your family and friends to this annual event and start a new romantic tradition of your own. Tickets are a must; 978-623-8321.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 14

**SWEET TREATS**, 1:30 p.m., \$8 with advance purchase only, indulge as you dip fresh fruit into the flowing chocolate fountain, eat German chocolate cake and from a large assortment of decadent chocolates, the Center at Punchard, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.  
**LIVE THEATER**, "Red" opens, written by John Logan and directed by Charles Towers, a fiery and fiercely funny Tony Award-winner for Best Play, Merrimack Repertory Theatre (MRT) through March 10, tickets start at \$20 and are on sale now thru MRT.org or by calling 978-654-4678.  
**SATURDAY, FEB. 16**

**HAM & BEAN SUPPER**, West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, hosts, 5 to 6:30 p.m., meal will include Carando spiral ham, navy & kidney beans, mac & cheese, cole slaw, hot dogs, bread and dessert. Adult \$10/Child \$5. All proceeds to benefit a scholarship for a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence.

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something I couldn't pass up." Spelling bee returns: New participants welcome

### The bee is back!

After a year off, the fun-filled community event known as the Andover Community Spelling Bee will take place on Friday, March 22 at Wood Hill School. Sponsored by the Andover Fund for Education, the bee draws a large and lively crowd of students, parents, teachers, administrators, town

officials, and community groups in support of AFE's innovation grants to Andover Public School educators. Though some very good spelling does take place, the bee emphasizes entertainment, and the atmosphere is casual and family-friendly. This year Alex Vispoli will return to serve as MC, and judges will include Townsman editor Neil Fater, Brian Major and Eileen Woods. All proceeds from the Spelling Bee support AFE grants to Andover teachers who propose new and

creative projects designed to reinforce and supplement the core curriculum in the classroom. For additional information visit the AFE website, AndoverFundforEducation.org.  
**Saluting local prof**  
Northern Essex Community College professor Richard Padova of Andover, recently received the quarterly employee recognition award. A frequent political science lecturer around town, this political buff has been an adjunct faculty

member in the Global Studies Department for eight years and very involved with history outside his classroom. Padova is an Historical Interpreter at Lawrence Heritage park, authored "An Insider's View of the New Hampshire Presidential Primary 1980-2004 With a Look Ahead to 2008" and serves on the Board of Directors of the Lawrence Historical Center. In addition, he is frequently interviewed by various media outlets, particularly on his knowledge of Presidential contests.

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# Townspeople

## Salem Poor's heroism and disappointing life

Bill Dalton



A bicentennial stamp was issued to honor Andover's Salem Poor 200 years after his heroism. This is pretty well known,

at least by those with interest in local history, but what is less known are the details of the tragic life that followed his heroic act.

An Andover woman purchased Poor at a slave auction in 1647. He was an infant. By 1769, when Poor was 22, he'd bought his freedom from John Poor III for 27 pounds, a considerable amount of money - about \$6,000 today. There is no record of how he acquired the money but there is reason to believe that Poor III treated his slave more like a servant and paid him.

Salem Poor married another former slave, Nancy Parker, in 1771, and they had a child, Jonas. A 1774 Andover Town Meeting voted to not provide financial support to the wife and children of Salem, "the servant of John Poor III" (Juliet Haines Mofford, "Andover Massachusetts Historical Selections from Four Centuries," 2004).

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, Salem Poor enlisted in Captain Benjamin Ames' South Parish company and fought at Bunker Hill. Five Andover men near him were killed on the spot and another six were seriously wounded. Helping the wounded, Poor was slow to retreat and fired one last shot that killed British Army Lt. Col. James Abercrombie. In John Trumbull's famous painting of the Battle of Bunker Hill, the Lieutenant Colonel is portrayed lying dead beneath the feet of the surging British forces.

Six months after the battle, 14 Colonial officers petitioned the Massachusetts General Court, stating: "...we declare that a negro man called Salem Poor ...in the late Battle of [Bunker Hill] behaved like an experienced officer, as well as an excellent soldier. To set forth the particulars of his conduct would be tedious, we would only beg leave to say that in the Person of this negro centers a brave and gallant soldier. The reward due to so great and distinguished a character, we submit to the Congress." Perhaps the 14 officers should have set forth the "particulars of his conduct,"

as the General Court never acted on the petition.

In any event, Poor reenlisted, and probably saw more combat, although there is no definitive record of it. He was discharged in March 1780.

Until 2007, it was thought that the rest of Poor's life was obscured by the years, but a Boston newspaper story that year discussed the findings of Boston genealogist David Lambert, who is a descendant of the Andover family who owned Poor. According to the records Lambert found, in 1780 Salem Poor married Mary Twing, a former slave, and they lived in Providence where they were ordered to leave, probably because they were paupers. In 1785, Poor publicly disavowed Mary's debts in a newspaper advertisement, and Poor married a white woman by the name of Sarah Stevens in 1787. They spent several weeks in a Boston Almshouse in 1793, and he spent a short time in jail for breach of the peace in 1799. He married again in 1801.

According to historian Mofford, Salem Poor's Andover wife "seems to have been part Native American, part African American, and part folklore." She may have lived in a wigwam in Carmel Woods near the center of the South Parish. Mofford continues, "Contemporaries described her as tall, wild-looking, and said that she was fond of calling out cuss words. She supported herself as a spinster, going door to door with a spinning wheel strapped to her back."

There is no mention by genealogist Lambert of any divorce or death records regarding Poor's wives, so he was probably a polygamist. Nor do we know what happened to Salem and Nancy Poor's child, Jonas, who was born in Andover.

We do know that Salem Poor was a hero of Bunker Hill and one of at least 5,000 African Americans who served on the side of the Colonists. Many more thousands served with the British forces as a means of gaining their freedom.

Salem Poor died in a Boston Almshouse a few months after his final marriage. On Feb. 5, 1802, the Boston Overseers of the Poor noted the burial of Salem Poor, stating he was "...a negro man belonging to the Town of Andover." It was a sad end for a hero.

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Nina Moritz, left, and Patti-Lou Murray raise their glasses for a champagne toast during resident appreciation week at Atria Marland Place in Andover. All the Atrias toasted at the same time across the country.

## Synchronized toasting to life

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Toasts are popular on New Year's Eve and at weddings. But the 60 residents gathered at Atria Marland Place last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 31, were invited to toast themselves and the thousands of other Americans who live in similar Atria communities.

The coast-to-coast synchronized toast involved 13,000 seniors from 27 states in Atria communities like Marland Place, all of whom were asked to lift their glasses promptly at 4 p.m.

"The toast marked the end of a Resident Appreciation Month, a 31-day celebration of the residents who make their homes at Atria Senior Living communities across the nation," according to Donna Burns, senior executive director at Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street. "The Atria family, both residents and employees, toasted to celebrate the wonderful



Nick Esposito sings to the residents of Atria Marland Place.

contributions that Atria residents bring to the lives of our employees each day, as well as honor their past and present contributions to society."

Marland Place residents enjoyed live music, a "Hat Parade," ice cream social, and games to cap the month long series of events.



Nina Moritz dances with Guy Ferranti, director of maintenance at Atria Marland Place.



Ann Morgan, front, and Peggy Gaudette raise their glasses for a champagne toast.

## His Eagle has landed



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At left, Eagle Scout and junior assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 76, Ballardvale, Ross Barton poses with fellow Andover resident Don Milligan, Scoutmaster of Troop 76. Ross was able to achieve Scouting's highest honor and was recognized at the Yankee Clipper Council Boy Scouts Annual Eagle Scout Recognition Banquet last Friday, Feb. 1, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY  
SUSAN MCKELIGET

### 100 Years Ago - Feb. 7, 1913

At the next meeting of the November Club, there will be a debate on the question of Woman's Suffrage. Mrs. Susan Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Massachusetts Political Equity Union, will speak in favor of suffrage, and Dr. Ernest Birnbaum, a member of the English Department of Harvard University, will speak as a representative of the Massachusetts Association Opposed to the Further Extension of Suffrage to Women.

An unusually large number of Andover people have witnessed the Scotch comedy, "Bunty Pulls the Strings," which is playing at the Majestic Theatre, Boston, and which seems destined for a record-breaking run.

A blaze in a box of paper and rubbish in the cellar of Burns' tailor shop was the cause of an alarm rung in from Box 52 about nine o'clock last Saturday evening. The trouble was quickly overcome, with slight damage resulting, by the use of chemicals.

The hose wagon for the local hose company is in an unsafe condition. The matter has been placed before the board of engineers and it is necessary that they act on the matter

at once for the safety of the local firemen.

### 75 Years Ago - Feb. 4, 1938

The school board Tuesday night voted to ask the selectmen to insert an article in the town warrant asking an appropriation to purchase and install equipment for generating of electricity at the central schools.

The Andover cafeteria is this week observing the 10th anniversary of its coming under the active management of Gregory P. Christie under whose guidance it has grown steadily, furnishing to its many patrons the best that there is in environment and food. Typical of the service rendered was the flood incident of 1936 when the cafeteria stayed open all night to relieve flood sufferers and workers.

Opposition to the proposed sales tax for the state was voted informally last Friday night at the Taxpayers' Association directors' conference with town department heads. President Edmund E. Hammond brought the matter before the group and after a short discussion, during which some said that such a tax would make people more tax-conscious while others said that eventually it would be used to provide for additional unneeded governmental functions, a show of hands proved conclusively against the

proposal.

Clams will cost Andover \$143.84 this year. That is Andover's share of the deficit of the shellfish purification plant at Newburyport. The expense was made necessary by sewage in the Merrimack River.

### 50 Years Ago - Feb. 7, 1963

The selectmen are still debating whether to issue a victualers license to McDonald's drive-in on North Main Street. James Leans, manager of the new stand, told the board Monday that he hopes to open Feb. 11.

Eighteen local merchants and businessmen have indicated their support of a proposed Realty Trust, to handle redevelopment in an Urban Renewal area. Wallace M. Haselton of the Merrimack Valley National Bank, a member of the trust sub-committee, told the authority that the following businessmen had signified their interest in the trust; Austin Anderson, Andover Gift House; Frederick Cheever, real estate; R. Milton Cole, Cole Hardware; Joseph B. Doherty, Doherty Insurance and real estate; C. Lincoln Giles, developer of the Olde Andover Village.

Police are still hunting—with meager clues—for the hit-and-run

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## BOOMERVENTURE

KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR  
PROGRAM COORDINATOR

BoomerVenture is a series of activities created by and for Andover's baby-boomers sponsored by the town of Andover and the Center at Punched. Community members are welcome to all events.

People can call for information

at 978-623-8321 or visit [boomerventure.com](http://boomerventure.com). The BoomerVenture Campus located at 30 Whittier Court, the ground floor of the School Administration Building behind Town Offices and next to the Park.

There will be a special event, BoomerVenture, Plans and Dreams on Feb. 7, starting at 6:30

p.m. Join us to discuss the future of Andover's unique 50+ BoomerVenture program. We'll share coffee and dessert and then afterward view the controversial, award-winning documentary "Wei Wei: Never Sorry." Please RSVP to let us know you will join us or give us feedback at [kpayne@andoverma.gov](mailto:kpayne@andoverma.gov). Registration begins Feb. 11 for

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## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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motorist who struck Edward Ellis III, 17, 52 Morton St., as he walked along Shawsheen Road last Saturday night. Sgt. Robert Deyermond was able to talk with Ellis Tuesday, but he remembers nothing about the accident. He was walking home from the Grange building, where the Teen Center had a dance, about 11:30 p.m. The car that struck him was apparently heading toward Andover center.

near the Marriott Hotel on River Road (editor's note: now the Wyndham Andover Hotel). The proposed subdivision, known as the New England Business Center, would build two office buildings and a child care center on five lots located between the Marriott and land owned by the Andover Company.

The fate of the Shawsheen Extended Day program is up in the air. SHED may be forced out of its current location at the Shawsheen School due to space problems. A recommendation will be made to the School Committee at the end of February. "Everyone, the School Committee and the superintendent, are discussing it (the space problem) and discussing options," said Sydney Bialo, SHED administrator.

### 25 Years Ago Feb. 4, 1988

Business grows along River Road  
The Planning Board listened Tuesday night to preliminary discussions over a proposed business park



A large crowd watches Cub Scout Pack 77 members race their cars.

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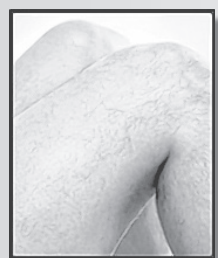
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Sawyer Barnette, a Tiger Scout in Pack 77, waits to race his car, "Orange Fire."



John Reilly, a Webelo II in Pack 77, holds up his Pinewood Derby winning car "The Shredder" and his First Place Overall trophy. John, who won the First Place Overall trophy in Saturday's races, will compete for his fifth time in the district races. He has won four times in a row at the district races.

## Derby Day

Andover Cub Scouts from Andover Packs 73, 76 and 77 competed against other packs in the annual, local Pinewood Derby races last Saturday at the First Methodist Church on Route 133 in North Andover.

The boys had to build wooden cars and then race them on a standard track to see whose cars were the fastest. The top budding engineers and woodworkers next will have their cars compete in the Yankee Clipper Council West Wind District races in March.

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# Fire forces family out of Fosters Pond home

BY MARK VOGLER  
 AND DUSTIN LUCA  
 STAFF WRITERS

It will be some time before a family of four displaced by a basement fire on Fosters Pond Road Friday, Jan. 25, can return to their home.

Engine companies from Tewksbury and Lawrence

were called to help battle an early-morning two-alarm basement fire that broke out at 4 Fosters Pond on Jan. 25. The residents were already out of the home when the first crews arrived.

The fire was deemed "electrical in nature," Mansfield said. Damage is estimated to be around \$100,000 and

was confined largely to the basement. Smoke damage occurred throughout the house, "which will remain uninhabitable for some time," according to Fire Chief Michael B. Mansfield.

Town firefighters needed additional help in battling the fire because of the frigid

temperatures. A firefighter was taken to Lawrence General Hospital for back injuries after slipping on ice outside the home, Mansfield said.

Units from Lawrence, Wilmington and North Andover provided station coverage during the fire. Firefighters had the fire under control by 7:30 a.m.

## ■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items were reported in Andover police logs for Tuesday, Jan. 29 through Monday, Feb. 4:

### ARRESTS

**Thursday, Jan. 31** – At 3:23 p.m., Kyle Destefano, 23, of 37 Freeman St. in Haverhill, was arrested on Interstate 93 in the area of Dascomb Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked registration, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, subsequent offense, driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer, driving an uninspected motor vehicle and on a warrant for a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation and driving with a suspended license.

**Friday, Feb. 1** – At 1:55 a.m., Francisco Dejesus, 31, of 317 South Broadway in

Lawrence, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 4:39 p.m., Michael Plunkett, 23, of 418 River Road in Andover, was arrested on Bailey Road and charged on a warrant.

At 10:27 p.m., Geovani Sosa-Rivera, 30, of 464 Merrimack St. in Lowell, was arrested on River Road and charged with attaching the wrong plates to a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, subsequent offense, driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

**Saturday, Feb. 2** – At 1:39 a.m., security at Merrimack College placed a man into protective custody and brought him to the Public Safety Center on North Main Street to be processed as a

courtesy booking. Once the man arrived, the fire department was requested to transport the man to Lawrence General Hospital for a medical issue.

At 3:29 p.m., Jacqueline Meuse, 30, of 8 North Shore Drive in Sandown, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class A drug.

**Sunday, Feb. 3** – At 2:14 a.m., Shawn Cagnina, 20, of 235 Ferry St. in Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

### THEFTS

**Tuesday, Jan. 29** – At 7:11 a.m., a theft was reported from a car on Route 125 in the area of Wildwood Road.

At 12:20 p.m., a theft of money was reported on Farrwood Drive.

At 4:14 p.m., a theft of jewelry was reported on River

Road. **Wednesday, Jan. 30** – At 4:39 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on River Road.

**Saturday, Feb. 2** – At 11:17 a.m., a theft was reported on Main Street.

**Monday, Feb. 4** – At 5:49 a.m., a theft of a wedding ring was reported on Sleepy Hollow Lane. The caller thought someone was in her house based on the fact that "her toilet seat was left up."

At 3:49 p.m., a theft was reported on Greenwood Road.

### INCIDENTS

**Tuesday, Jan. 29** – At 4:16 p.m., an assault was reported on Whittier Court.

**Wednesday, Jan. 30** – At 12:33 p.m., identity theft was reported on High Plain Road.

At 4:07 p.m., vandalism to a mailbox was reported on Tal-lyho Lane.

## WINTER FUN

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things about the property. I like to be off by myself and you can go up on Boston Hill and not see anyone all day," said Rollfs. "You can be isolated from the noise of Route 125 and 28 and not hear anything except the chickadees."

Winter Fun Day will provide more social opportunities, including the chance to toast s'mores and hot dogs over the warming fire. Hot chocolate will be available.

Throughout the day there will be short hikes around Holt Hill and the site's

unusual "quaking bog" of floating vegetation. Atop Holt Hill is the view of the Boston skyline for which Ward Reservation is known locally. History says that on June 17, 1775 Andover residents climbed the hill to watch Charlestown burn during the Revolutionary War's Battle of Bunker Hill.

There also will be two three-mile guided hikes of 90 minutes each. A hike to Boston Hill will leave at 12:30 p.m. and a hike to the Judy Trail, also part of the 700-acre reservation, will leave at 1 p.m.

The day will provide even those familiar with the Ward Reservation with something

new. They can get their first look at the property since a number of trees were cut down to recreate a grasslands bird habitat.

The Reservation was able to use about \$400,000 to cut down trees that had taken over a former field, said Rollfs. The work also makes the Boston skyline visible from more of the property, including from the base of operations for Winter Fun Day.

"There's a few people around who can remember what it looked like in the 1950s, [when it was still grassland] including John Kimbell who lives in the house where the Winter Fun Day is held,"

said Rollfs. "It's a really neat spot and a great view."

The Charles W. Ward Reservation is one of more than 100 properties owned by conservation organization The Trustees of Reservations, and all are open to the public.

People can park at the Ward Reservation entrance on Prospect Road, east of Route 125, in Andover. There will be signs pointing to the nearby activities. Because of the limited, unpaved parking lot, Rollfs asks people to carpool when possible.

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

## ELECTION

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School teacher, coach, and most recently, School Committee member, wasn't running was part of what inspired her to throw her name in the ring. The encouragement of others also influenced her, she said.

"Literally last night, an email chain went around, and a bunch of people were saying, 'How come Barbara hasn't run?'" L'Italien said Tuesday. "I figured, if it was

meant to be, we could get the signatures today."

She believes her experience in the state legislature would benefit the School Committee, saying "my connections at the state level can be helpful. My best friend is the director of Education." Her recent position with the state treasurer's office would also be beneficial to the committee, she said, and she notes that her son is an Andover High student.

In addition to the School Committee, the Board of Selectmen also has a

three-way race for two open seats.

Running for the Board of Selectmen are incumbents Paul Salafia, of South Main Street, and Alex Vispoli, of Alison Way. Challenging them is Chandler Road resident Larry Bruce, who has run for office previously.

Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone pulled papers to run for office last week, but she didn't return them before the deadline passed Tuesday afternoon, Murphy said.

The following uncontested, one-seat races are also on the ballot.

**TOWN MODERATOR (for one year):** incumbent Sheila Doherty, of Juniper Road.

**HOUSING AUTHORITY (for five years):** incumbent Janice Burkholder, of Arundel Street.

**TRUSTEES OF PUNCHED FREE SCHOOL (three years):** Randall Hanson, previous town clerk and current Pasho Street resident.

This year's election will be held at the Andover High School field house on Tuesday, March 26 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration to vote ends on March 6. For more information, call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8255.

## BUDGET

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\$34.2 million budget.

In protest of Stapczynski's recommendation for the school department, school leaders did not supply a school budget figure of their own.

In a one-page summary, the School Committee and Superintendent Marinell McGrath listed this year's budget number as "See narrative below" and then wrote that they "are not providing the FY14 budget number to the town manager" for three reasons:

1) While the current budget process has worked in the past, the recent economic downturn "necessitates a new approach" as "it has become clear that revenues may never re-set to prior levels,"

2) Previous meetings between the Selectmen, Finance and School committees have "been thoughtfully engaged in discussions surrounding town priorities" with respect to both capital projects and collective bargaining obligations. "Currently, however, the town manager's budget parameters do not reflect that discussion,"

3) After cutting 3.8 percent from their budget in expenses alone, an overall increase of 3.65 percent still would be needed to cover the costs of the schools' contractual obligations. Stapczynski's 3.32 percent increase makes it "impossible in FY14 to (a) maintain level services (b) meet compliance

regulations and (c) make specific and sustainable investments in our clearly-defined Strategic Plan."

When asked to speak to their decision at the dual-board meeting Monday, McGrath said she and the School Committee "actually do have a budget."

"In that budget, we do know exactly what costs are for level services from FY13 to FY14, and we know what our budget would be if we were in fact to invest in our strategic plan," she said. "As it said in the note, there are still some unanswered questions in our mind with respect to revenue sources."

Finance Committee member Greg Serrao called for officials to foster transparency.

"We always work better as human beings in teams when there's trust. Trust comes from transparency," he said. "If there's a gap, we should know what it is, and then work together to try to solve the gap."

Paula Colby-Clements, School Committee chairwoman, said the aim of the School Committee and McGrath's decision "is not to set up a dynamic that the boards are pitted against each other or go into Town Meeting with separate budgets."

"Our intent is just to try to put together a budget number that's thoughtful and responsible, and that we make budget numbers that are well-informed by what the real town revenue picture looks like," Colby-Clements said.

Stapczynski included in

his budget package section 15 of the town charter, which establishes the foundation for the town's departments and bylaws.

The charter states all town officials and committees "shall annually, at the request of the town manager, submit to him in writing a detailed estimate of the appropriations required for the efficient and proper conduct of their respective departments and offices during the next fiscal year."

The charter recognizes the Board of Selectmen as the policy-makers in town, and the town manager as the executor of those policies.

Given that, Stapczynski said the School Committee and McGrath are "technically" in violation of the town's highest governing document.

"We fully expected to get (a budget figure) last week," he said. "I was a bit surprised that we received no number, and the letter."

Stapczynski said he wasn't sure how he will respond, except to say, "I have to do some research before I start reacting."

Disputing the notion that the school department has violated the town charter, Colby-Clements said "there's nothing in the charter that has specific dates by which you have to present the budget number."

McGrath also said the charter doesn't specify a date, adding that Stapczynski and his team "accepted our narrative submission to the budget book which states our intent to present a thoughtful and responsible

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1. Amend portions of Section 5.2 (Signs)

2. Amend Section 10.0 (Definitions) by modifying the definitions of Retail Sales Establishment and Restaurant, Fast Food.

3. Amend Section 8.1.2 (Water-shed Protection Overlay District Establishment) by amending the reference to the plan.

And further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering of the Andover Code or By-laws, or take any other action related thereto.

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

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD Joan Duff, Chairman

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# He's back: The return of Mr. AHS

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Two Andover High classes have said no thanks to the historical - and often hysterical - Mr. AHS event.

But the male pageant is back this year, and a hostess of the event is thrilled.

"People really like Mr.

AHS and we haven't had it since I was a freshman," said AHS senior Kelsey Stevens. "Andover High has had it at least 10 years, so we're psyched it's back. A lot of people really look forward to it."

Ryan Macrae, another AHS senior girl, is also hosting. Set to happen on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7 p.m. in the Collins

Center, nine junior and senior boys are to be sponsored by nine AHS girls and the boys will strut their talented stuff in the competition. A team of judges, including Townsman editor Neil Fater, will select this year's Mr. AHS. Contestants frequently go for the biggest laughs in competitions such as creating a

"dream date."

"There's a broad range of talent," Stevens said. "There's serious yo-yo-ing, singing, dancing, inspirational poems...and the dream date scene...and so much more."

Twelve years ago, a piano-playing songwriter was crowned Mr. AHS. That was 2001 when Eric Giordano was

crowned. He moved to Los Angeles and went on to direct the music for "Popzilla," an MTV show that spoofs celebrities.

Drew Berens, also a former Mr. Andover High School, starred in a musical version of "Alexander and the Terrible Horrible No Good Very Bad Day," a Boston Children's Theatre production.

Maybe one of this year's contestants will find similar post-Mr. AHS success.

Mr. AHS contestants and their respective sponsors are: **Seniors:** Bryan Sutherland and Lisa Salley, Sean Sullivan and Katya Kaminsky, and Kendrick McCarroll and Romane Mauge.

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