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Kowalski: Give taxpayers \$1M break

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In a grand gesture to cash-strapped taxpayers, Selectman Dan Kowalski last week threw down a challenge to his fellow board members and the town's leadership, calling for a \$1 million tax cut that could trim up to \$70 from the average property tax bill.



Dan Kowalski
Manager
Reginald

He proposed using \$1 million in so-called "free cash" that has been earmarked by Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapeczynski to offset the high cost of retirement

benefits. "Let's give the taxpayers a break," Kowalski said. "Free cash is made up of taxes we have charged our residents, but haven't spent. Instead of taxing up to the levy, let's consider taking that \$1 million and using it to offset the tax levy and give taxpayers a one-year break." Kowalski said he's been

hearing from residents that their taxes are too high. One reason is that the initial payments on the Bancroft Elementary School override just hit the latest round of tax bills. People are seeing their taxes go up by \$300 or more, he said. "This should be a priority," he said. The town manager replied

that free cash is made up of a myriad of sources, not just tax dollars, and that it is funded primarily by town departments, leaving the School Department out of the equation. "The School Department has to be a player in this," he said. "They have to generate free cash." The tax levy is the amount

the town raises each year in property taxes. By law, it can only increase 2.5 percent a year. However, if the residents of a city or town vote to approve paying for a project like the \$50 million Bancroft School, taxes can go up beyond 2.5 percent, as they did this year in Andover. See KOWALSKI, Page 2

Better than fiction



John Hugo, left, stands with his father, Bob, in Andover Bookstore, which has received a \$1,000 grant from best-selling author James Patterson, who is helping independent booksellers stay afloat. Bob Hugo has owned the store since 1990.

Andover bookstore wins share of author's \$1M gift

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Count best-selling suspense author James Patterson among Andover Bookstore's fans. The local independent bookseller is on the receiving end of one of the first wave of gifts that the award-winning author is doling out to bookstores

across the country in hopes of shining a spotlight on their value. Patterson last year pledged \$1 million to indie booksellers as his way of encouraging public support for their work and helping to support their future. But instead of giving the money to just a handful of shops, Patterson invited booksellers to submit 250-word

essays applying for up to \$10,000 apiece as a way of maximizing the impact he could have on the most businesses. The focus of the grants was left wide open to include just about anything — from new shelving or carpeting to structural repairs to employee bonuses. The only requirement was that the applicants boast a children's room in their stores.

It was around Christmas when Andover Bookstore co-owner John Hugo submitted his proposal. He said every holiday, his father, Bob, who bought the bookstore in 1990, rewards his employees with some type of bonus in appreciation for their work. But invariably, Bob Hugo would opt not to

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Brickstone Square complex for sale

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Brickstone Square, an iconic, historic complex of three buildings near Shawsheen Square, is for sale. The 1 million-square-foot office park, located on 53 acres of property just south of Interstate 495, went on the market last Wednesday and is expected to sell for around \$75 million. "Clearly, Brickstone Square is a very special property," said Benjamin Sayles, director for HFF, the Boston real estate firm marketing the property. "A new owner is going to share that same vision for the property and seek to physically improve the asset as well as increase the occupancy and bring more businesses and jobs to Andover." The property is currently owned by Pearlmark Real Estate Partners of Chicago, a private-equity investment firm that bought the

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Fighting back against heroin

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Heroin activity has spiked in Andover, leading the town's police force to join regional efforts to combat the problem. Since Dec. 1, local police have answered calls for around a half-dozen heroin overdoses, according to police Commander Charles Heseltine. Meanwhile, police logs routinely reflect drug-related arrests, several listing class A drug charges — a category that includes heroin. The incidents include: ■ On Dec. 10, two teenage boys walked into CVS in downtown Andover to purchase Narcan, a drug carried by some emergency responders to avert a drug overdose. The drug is not available retail. After 911 was called, one of the two boys was rushed to the hospital after police learned he was overdosing. ■ On Feb. 7, police were called to Old South Lane on a report of an 18-year-old overdosing. ■ On Feb. 8, an 18- and a 19-year-old boy were arrested elsewhere on Old South Lane — one for possessing a class A drug, the other for

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Andover Coalition for Education eyeing first paid position

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The Andover Coalition for Education is looking to take its work to the next level, and the organization's board of directors is actively recruiting its first, paid executive director to help it do that. The nonprofit organization dedicated to its financial support of the Andover School District

is advertising for a part-time director. Board members are so committed to the position that they have put up their own money to fund it. Eventually, they expect the position will pay for itself through grants. "It's an idea we've actually been tossing around for a couple of years," board member Tina Girdwood said. "We felt it was really important, at this stage,

to move on it when we had a few of our board members step up and say, 'Let's put some money on the table for this.'" Since it was founded in 2005, ACE has been guided by a 10-member board of directors, with a secondary advisory panel comprised of 26 former members, local educators and supporters of the school district. Given ACE's current size, that framework has now become the

organization's greatest challenge, according to Girdwood. "It's really difficult, we found over the years, for board members to be singly responsible for the various aspects of development and fundraising for an organization like this," Girdwood said. "Some organizations can do that. They do one huge event and they raise the

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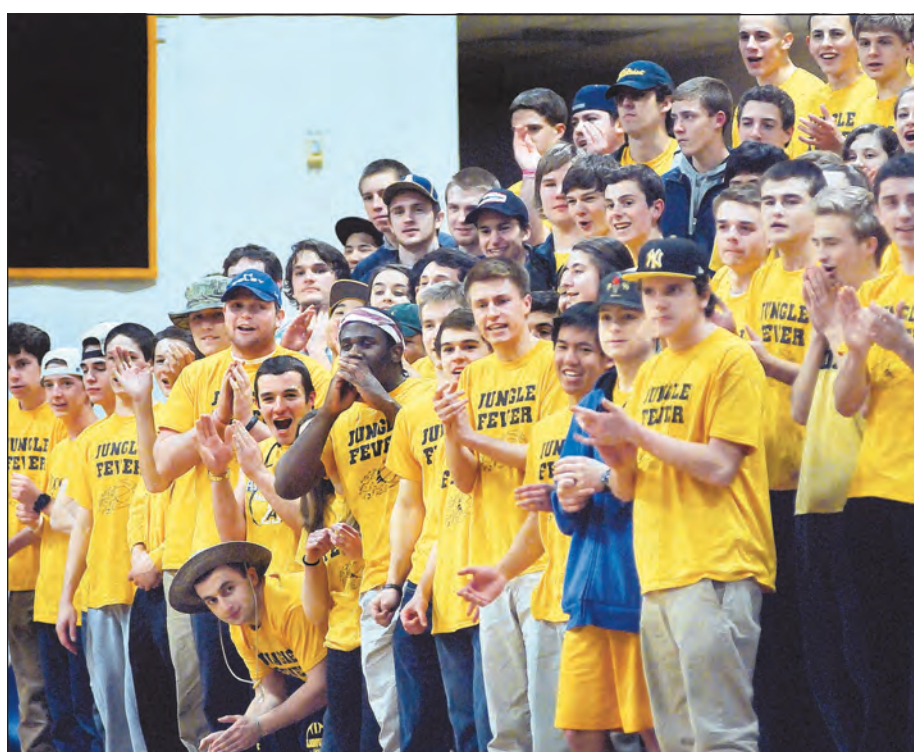
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Jungle Fever

Andover High's boys basketball team has had plenty to cheer about this season. On Tuesday night, the home team edged out Everett for a dramatic 49-48 win. The team will now face Central Catholic Saturday at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell for the Division 1 North championship.

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BRICKSTONE: Historic, one million-square-foot building complex is up for sale

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\$78 million mortgage on the site in 2006.

For years before that, the property was owned by Martin Spagat, who was instrumental in turning the 90-year-old mill and warehouse buildings into modern-day offices, according to Don Robb, a local historian who lives at 36 York St., immediately across from Brickstone Square.

Robb said the original structures were owned by the American Woolen Co., which built the three buildings, along with a power plant and a dye shop, in the early 1920s. Two of the buildings, which are five stories each, were known as Shawsheen Mills One and Two. The third building, which is 10 stories, was a warehouse.

Raw wool was brought to the site on the rail line that

runs through the property, and turned into horse blankets, uniforms and other products for the military, Robb said. The plant flourished during World War I and again during World War II, becoming one of the prime suppliers of wool products to the allies fighting overseas.

The complex, which can be seen from I-495 as it rises over the trees, was part of Shawsheen Village — a development of homes and businesses created by American Woolen Co. founder and leader William Wood.

Wood, who at one time was among the richest people in the world, not only used the railroad line to deliver wool, but also to bring workers from Lawrence. The small train station on the property brought employees of the mills to and from work, Robb said.

“Wood was amazing,” Robb said. “He thought of everything.”

The three main buildings were used as mills until the 1950s, when the textile industry moved south. After that, Robb said, it became a site for small and large manufacturing companies, including Raytheon, which occupied much of the property until moving to its current location in West Andover. The coal-fired power plant as well as the dye shop have long since been torn down.

For a time in the 1990s, the property was occupied by CMGI, an Internet company that was huge during the early heyday of the dotcom-era.

When it was owned by Spagat, Robb said, the buildings were completely restored, Spagat was also known for erecting an enormous Christmas tree that could be seen from

miles around.

In more recent years, the property has been used for town recycling drives and other civic events like the Feast Five road race.

Since it was purchased by Pearlmark, formerly known as Transwestern Investment Co., the property has been well-maintained, Robb said.

“They keep the property up and do a nice job with landscaping,” he said. The company even built a parking garage on the property, he said.

Sayles said the three buildings are currently about 65 percent occupied with about 50 tenants, focused on technology, software, telecommunications, investment, financial services and professional services.

Major tenants include Genesis Healthcare, Unicare Life, WellPoint, Grumman and Bright Horizons, which has a

day-care facility on the property. Sayles said the day-care center is used by employees of the facility, as is a huge cafeteria, a health club and a small convenience store.

The occupancy rate is down from years past, he said. There is about 350,000 square feet of space that is vacant. The property has a capacity to handle up to 3,000 employees.

Sayles said it shouldn't be hard to find a buyer for the property because the real estate market in the region is so strong.

“Boston is one of the top investment markets in the country for commercial real estate,” he said. “Within Boston, towns with great access and in great locations like Andover are of particular interest.”

According to the Boston Business Journal, the 495

North market contains 20 million square feet of office space, with an availability rate of 28 percent. Brokers say rents are rising and availability is shrinking as tenants, who are priced out of Boston, head to the suburbs.

The property also has an historical oddity — a military-style, World War II-era, single-lane bridge that crosses the Shawsheen River and enters the site from Kenilworth Street. In the morning, it is used for commuters entering the vast parking lot around the buildings and in the afternoon, the direction is switched for outbound commuters.

Robb said he wasn't sure of the exact history of the bridge, but thinks it probably has something to do with the fact that the plant was a major military supplier during World War II.

KOWALSKI: Taxpayers should benefit from savings

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Bob Pokress, of 3 Cherrywood Circle, asked Staczynski why the town taxes up to the levy limit almost every year.

Staczynski said since the advent of Proposition 2 1/2, town managers all across the state develop their revenue budgets first — maximizing revenues to pay for requested or needed services.

“That's an approach I've always taken,” he said. “We maximize revenues, like hotel/motel taxes, permits, fees and property taxes. And that's been OK'd by selectmen and the Finance Committee. If they want me to take a different approach, I will.”

Pokress pressed, however, saying that property taxes are “breaking the backs of residents. It's going to drive the middle class out. Somebody has to draw the line. The average tax bill is almost \$10,000 a year. That's scary.”

Mike Roli of 2 College Circle said residents over age 60,

who make up about 40 percent of the population, “can't handle” the tax hikes any longer. He asked why North Andover only increased its budget by 1.7 percent while Andover's is going up 4.7 percent.

“Proposition 2 1/2 doesn't exist in this town,” Roli said.

Selectman Mary Lyman, who is ending her run on the board later this month, suggested there are some items in the town manager's proposed budget that should be set aside because they are just heaping more costs on taxpayers.

In particular, she said Fire Chief Mike Mansfield has proposed bringing Advanced Lifesaving Services, or ALS, to the department's ambulance service, at a cost of about \$100,000. A similar plan was rejected by Town Meeting last year.

“If it's been voted on and there's nothing new to support it, why are we bringing it up again?” she asked. “I am concerned about the budget. We vote on certain things,

and they get put back in the budget.”

Lyman also pointed to what she sees as other problems in the budget that need to be addressed, such as the town manager's proposal to use town money to pay for the lease of 160 additional computers for the School Department. Some town officials are calling for the four-year lease to be paid out of the school side of the budget.

Selectman Brian Major, meanwhile, questioned whether the town should pay to hire a custodian for the youth center, which is set to be built behind Doherty School later this year. Some officials are saying maintenance of the new building was supposed to be paid for by the Andover Youth Foundation, not the town.

“This is getting ridiculous,” Lyman said, referring to the expenditures.

Major proposed making a list of items that need additional review and setting them aside so they don't gum up the budget process.

Kowalski said he was prompted to propose some relief after hearing many people say they were

suffering from sticker shock with higher tax bills this year.

“I can't tell you how many people have approached me,” he said after the meeting. “I think people need a break. I brought this up so we can have a discussion about it.”

He added the same debate should happen next year, when huge spending proposals may come online, including a multi-million-dollar high school expansion, a proposed new town yard that could cost upward of \$20 million, a multi-million-dollar, early-childhood education center and a new Ballardvale fire station.

“I can tell you, you'll get push-back from me on Ballardvale,” he said. “I haven't seen a structural report saying we need a new building.”

Kowalski said whenever the town can save money, it should put those savings toward the tax levy, which benefits taxpayers by lowering their annual bills.

“If you save \$300,000 on the trash contract, for example, what do you do with that savings?” he asked. “You can either not tax it or spend it somewhere else. I'd propose not taxing it.”

HEROIN: Class A drug is a growing concern for area

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possessing class A with intent to distribute it.

Though the calls were around 30 hours apart, the two Old South Lane cases were completely unrelated, according to Heseltine.

On Feb. 20, substance abuse detectives driving on River Road stumbled on a suspicious car at a gas station. Inside, they saw two people in the process of preparing heroin for injection, according to Heseltine. Three were arrested — two for possession of heroin, and a third for being knowingly present where heroin was kept.

Police are also being vigilant in drug trade in town, tracking down and arresting suspected dealers who they believe are pushing a large volume of narcotics to the street.

On Feb. 21, after a month-long investigation, detectives moved in on a home on the far western end of Lowell Street.

Inside the home, they found a half-kilo of heroin worth \$45,000, a quarter-kilo of cocaine worth \$14,000 and 30 milligrams of Percocet worth around \$900.

Erik Owen, 41, who lived at the house at 486 Lowell St., was charged with trafficking heroin and cocaine. New information led to a subsequent discovery of another half-kilo of heroin and an illegal weapon and ammunition at another address in Tewksbury, and additional charges against Owen.

If found guilty of all three drug trafficking charges, Owen would face a mandatory minimum of 36 years in prison, said Carrie Kimball-Monahan, Essex

County District Attorney spokeswoman.

While Heseltine said police haven't seen a jump in drug use or an increase in heroin-related arrests in town, what has spiked are heroin overdoses, Heseltine said.

The reason: big strides in fighting drug crime in neighboring towns.

Community-wide, “everybody has a drug problem. What it is, really, is the street narcotics unit in Lawrence does a great job,” Heseltine said.

“Because of the job they're doing with narcotics, it pushes it out to the suburbs. Andover, North Andover, Methuen, Tewksbury, North Reading, we're all affected by them,” he continued. “(Dealers) say, ‘The heat is on in Lawrence. Let's move to the suburbs.’”

One problem facing detectives in Andover is how mobile the drug trade has become.

“Once you've got a cellphone (number of a dealer), you can meet them anywhere,” Heseltine said. “We're getting people that are meeting in neighborhoods, doing hand-to-hand buys. ... The whole thing can take only 10 seconds.”

As a result, street dealing — where a person can approach a random dealer in public and initiate a drug purchase — is notably absent around town, according to Heseltine.

“We don't know any consistently ongoing meeting points,” he said. “We're unaware of any street dealing.”

That has led police to fight drug dealing the same way the drug trade operates — regionally, according to Heseltine.

“Drugs are a regional problem. Drugs are not a local problem. Our drug problem is Methuen's drug problem, Lawrence's drug problem,” he said. “The officers work regionally, together, to share information, which is the biggest thing.”

In late January, Andover hosted a meeting of the area's police chiefs called to discuss the problem. They supported a tactic known as “displacement,” a high-intensity enforcement effort aimed at slowing heroin sales and possibly averting overdoses.

The heavy presence soon delivered as promised. Earlier this month, several area agencies, including detectives from Andover, carried out a sweeping drug investigation in Lawrence, Methuen and Haverhill, arresting more than 30 people.

One challenge facing area agencies is the composition of the heroin available, Heseltine said. He said a lot of the drug is being cut with the painkiller fentanyl. An anesthetic, fentanyl is stronger than morphine, another painkiller used for extreme pain.

Mixed with fentanyl or not, heroin is a hot drug right now because of the low cost to acquire it, Heseltine said.

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Candidates forum Monday night

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The two candidates for an open seat on the Board of Selectmen — the only contested race in town this year — will go before the public for a League of Women Voters forum on Monday night.

The Candidates Night starts at 7 in the upstairs hall at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.

Jodi Oberto, 46, of 11 Hartford Circle, a sales rep for a manufacturing firm, is running against Mary O'Donoghue, 57, of 69 Salem St., a local Realtor.

While it is the only race on the ballot for the March 25 election, other candidates for public office will also be on hand at the forum, which is sponsored by the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters.

Candidates who are unopposed in the election include Sheila Doherty for moderator, John O'Donoghue for Andover

Housing Authority and Joel Blumstein for School Committee. The unopposed candidates will each have a few minutes to introduce themselves and respond to a few questions.

The selectmen's candidates will respond to a series of questions given to them in advance as well as several more asked by those in attendance at the forum. League of Women Voters member Heather McNeil of North Andover, will serve as moderator for the evening.

Email questions for the candidates to league@andovers.org.

Meanwhile, Oberto and O'Donoghue will both be meeting voters outside Old Town Hall on Main Street in downtown Andover the next three Saturday mornings.

In addition, Oberto is holding daily "coffee chats" to get to know voters every morning the next couple weeks from 9:30 to 11:30 at Breugger's on Main Street downtown.

Officials argue laptop deal didn't need approval

Disputed school computer lease to face scrutiny next week

By BILL KIRK
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The School Department did not need approval from the School Committee or Board of Selectmen to lease 160 Apple laptops over four years because the computers were procured from a state bid list, town officials are now saying.

Town Counsel Tom Urbelis said the town did not violate the state's Chapter 30B procurement law by entering into a four-year lease without a vote of approval because "this was a contract procured under the state bid list, so it's not covered by Chapter 30B."

He cited a passage in the law that says Chapter 30B "is complied with ... when purchases are made from a vendor pursuant to a contract with the commonwealth for the item or items being purchased"

He said that passage in the law "exempts this particular lease."

Purchasing Agent Tom Watkins agreed. "The state has a number of

different vendors for goods and services," he said. "For this (lease), we used the state list."

But Finance Committee Chairman Jon Stumpf said Urbelis and Watkins are missing the point.

"I have heard about the bid list," he said. "Whether it's the bid list or not is irrelevant as to whether the lease has to be presented before the boards. Looking through the bid list to get the quotes, it's still a matter of who should be approving a lease for four years."

He added, "In my mind, it doesn't make a difference how they got it (the computers). They signed a four-year lease."

The issue will be debated further March 12 during a meeting of the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee to discuss the School Department budget.

"They took a lease beyond three years," Stumpf said. "It has to be brought before the boards and voted on at a public meeting and that didn't happen. We'll have to

ask those questions March 12."

The matter first came up at a meeting in December, when Selectman Brian Major, Stumpf and others challenged school administrators and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski on the lease deal.

Two years ago, Town Meeting approved a \$2.5 million technology plan that included the lease of 400 computers using money from the cable TV fund, but did not approve the lease of an additional 160 laptops.

The four-year lease of the additional 160 computers was signed at the very end of the last fiscal year in June when Superintendent Marinel McGrath realized the School Department was going to come up 160 short on the number of computers needed for special education teachers.

The cost of the lease was nearly \$180,000. The first year of the lease was paid for out of surplus school funds. The remaining three years of the lease are proposed to be paid out of the town's

general fund.

Town officials said in recent stories in the Townsman that the lease didn't need School Committee approval because it was all part of a larger plan to upgrade information technology throughout the schools and the town that was approved at a previous town meeting.

State procurement law requires that any contract longer than three years needs a vote of approval. In this case, a vote to approve the additional 160 computers would have come from the School Committee. There is no record of such a vote. The Board of Selectmen never voted on the lease, either.

Stumpf said the town is obligated to get approval for such expenditures.

"It's the principle of the issue of — you told Town Meeting what you were going to do two years ago and we didn't stick to that," he said. "We are not following the process of getting approvals prior to signing a four-year lease."

Town manager gets 1.5 percent raise, no bonus

By BILL KIRK
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Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski recently got a 1.5 percent raise, bringing his salary this year to \$152,642.

The raise is retroactive to July 1, 2013.

Board members have held numerous open and closed meetings over the last eight months to discuss the town manager's goals and to negotiate his raise for fiscal year 2014.

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said the raise was the result of numerous factors, including the town manager's performance this year, recent raises given to other town employees and the condition of the town budget.

"In some years, he's gotten more," Vispoli said. "It's been a range. (The raise) was a blend of goals obtained and our current situation as far as the budget situation. Everything came into play."

In 2013, Stapczynski received a 2 percent raise and a \$737 bonus. In 2012, he got a 2 percent raise and a \$1,445 bonus. In 2011, the first year of his five-year contract, he earned \$144,546.

His contract expires in June 2015. Stapczynski said it's too early to say if he's going to retire or not. "It's still too far out," he said. "I'm still having fun."

Under the terms of the contract, if selectmen want to

terminate Stapczynski, they need to notify him 90 days in advance. Likewise, if he wants to retire, he has to give the town 90 days' notice.

Stapczynski said he was happy about this year's raise.

"I think it's great," he said. "I'm pleased to be working for this Board of Selectmen. They are very supportive of my administration and my efforts. I was pleased to be included with the raise other employees got."

Department heads got a 5 percent raise spread over three years, which amounts to just over 1.5 percent a year.

In discussing Stapczynski's performance, Vispoli said that "overall, there were some things that didn't happen and some things where there was a good job done."

The board has asked Stapczynski to provide ongoing updates on a variety of initiatives, including the town yard relocation and other projects his staff is working on.

Selectman Dan Kowalski agreed that Stapczynski "met some goals and didn't meet others."

"It wasn't a slam-dunk that would justify a greater increase than what the rest of the employees received. I want to see some proactive, major, self-driven initiatives that you'd want your leaders to deliver," Kowalski said. "There are still more challenges the town is facing we have to be more proactive with."

Town refusing to release Berberian meeting minutes

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The Board of Selectmen, town manager and the town's lawyer are refusing to release the minutes of private, executive-session discussions involving a legal battle that cost the town \$1.1 million, saying the records remain confidential even though the case has been settled.

The Andover Townsman filed a Freedom of Information Act request last Thursday for the minutes of closed-door meetings held by the selectmen to discuss the case of James Berberian, 2-4 Bancroft Road, who accused the town of dumping toxic sludge on his property in November 2010.

Berberian sued the town in federal court claiming a violation of the Clean Water Act, among other allegations. Following several years of litigation, which included numerous executive sessions held by the Board of Selectmen, the town settled with Berberian, paying him \$500,000. The litigation costs exceeded \$500,000, according to documents provided by the town.

Last week, a federal judge approved the

settlement, essentially ending the civil dispute in federal court.

The day after the settlement was OK'd by a federal judge, the Townsman filed a public records request for the executive-session minutes.

However, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, in a letter to the Townsman, said the town would not release the requested documents because the case can still be appealed.

He also said there are ongoing proceedings between the town and the Department of Environmental Protection. In addition, he said the terms of the settlement agreement have not been completed "so in effect the litigation matter cannot be considered to have been completed."

Finally, the town invoked "attorney-client privilege" as

another reason for withholding the documents.

Stapczynski and selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli Monday night referred all comment to the town's attorney, Tom Urbelis.

Urbelis said there is a built-in appeal period of 20 to 30 days set by statute.

He also said the Department of Environmental Protection was "referenced" in the settlement document, so that part of the case remains active.

The board again met in executive session Monday night to discuss the Berberian case. The purpose of the meeting was unclear given the case has already been settled. One of the reasons that boards can go into executive session is to discuss strategy "with respect to litigation."

Berberian's attorney, Joe Wadland of Wadland &

Ackerman, Andover, would not comment on the judge's ruling. Berberian did not answer his cellphone despite repeated attempts.

Vispoli said while his board relies on town counsel's guidance, he hopes to be able to release the executive-session minutes.

"The minutes need to be released," he said.

Selectman Dan Kowalski said any lawsuit has a built-in appeals period. He said he thought it was 30 days.

He added that attorney-client privilege remains between the board and town counsel even though the case is over.

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Obituaries

Eugene 'Gene' Chester Winter, Jr.

LOWELL, MA — The gift of a great teacher is the ability to lead others to discovery and to share in the joy of that learning. Eugene "Gene" Chester Winter, Jr., was such a teacher. Soft-spoken yet deeply passionate about his work as an educator and as an archaeologist, Mr. Winter touched the lives of countless students, colleagues, and friends. Ever a scholar and gentleman, Mr. Winter, of the Belvedere section of Lowell, died February 24, 2014, after a lengthy illness at age 86.



Gene was born in Lowell in 1927 (he would be quick to tell you that was the year Lindbergh flew solo over the Atlantic) to Eugene C. Sr. and Jesse Lennox Winter (nee Normandie). Raised on Shawshoe Street in Tewksbury, he attended Foster Grammar School, actively participated in the Boy Scouts and graduated from Tewksbury High School, Class of 1946. Gene played saxophone with the first Tewksbury High School band. He earned his degree in Music Education at Lowell State Teachers' College supporting himself by playing the saxophone and clarinet in local clubs. After graduation, Winter joined the U.S. Army (1952 to 1954). He was stationed in Iceland during the Korean War, and he often said the Army must have had a sense of humor sending a man with the name Winter to Iceland.

After his military service, Mr. Winter began an educational career in Middleton, Mass., first as a science teacher and later as Principal of the Howe-Manning School, acquiring his Masters of Education from Boston University along the way. Towards the end of his career he left administration behind to return to the classroom, this time to teach music where he expanded the music program and started the school band. He retired in 1992 after 38 years. Gene was active in the Lowell Historical Society and presided as president at one time. He contributed to the preservation of Lowell's industrial history and worked to help create the Lowell National Park. Gene also worked to establish the Tewksbury Historical Society, on whose Board he remained until his death.

Gene ardently pursued his love of New England archaeology. Influenced by stories of a native American who worked for his grandmother in Tewksbury, Gene began his lifelong study of Native American history. Gene first visited Andover's Robert S. Peabody Museum when he was 11 years old, riding his bike from his home in Tewksbury. That visit kindled a lifelong interest in archaeology and history and Gene became a prominent figure in the archaeology of the northeast. He worked on projects with Peabody personnel like Doug Byers, Fred Johnson, and Scotty MacNeish. In the 1980s, Gene served as caretaker of the Peabody when the museum was all but closed, and again in 2002, Gene's quiet strength helped guide the rebirth of the Peabody. Gene served as the institutional memory of the Museum itself and his knowledge was that of a New England Archaeology research library.

As Gene's knowledge of regional archaeology grew, so did his commitment to sharing it. Mr. Winter became an indispensable part of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society. Twice serving as president of the Society and later as the Museum Coordinator of its Robbins Museum of Ar-

chaeology in Middleborough, Mr. Winter dedicated himself to educating the general public about the archaeology and history of Massachusetts. He thoughtfully steered the Society through several episodes of growth and change, and oversaw the curation of more than 150,000 archaeological, ethnographic, and archival objects. But, for him and for the many visitors and students who came to the Robbins, these were not just objects behind glass. These artifacts preserved the history of complex and important groups of people whose legacy could still be felt.

Gene was an active member of the New Hampshire Archaeology Society since the mid 1950s and served as its president from 1975 to 1978. Gene played an important role in the creation of the Maine Archaeology Society in 1957, helping to change its status from a chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society to an independent organization.

Gene shared his knowledge and enthusiasm. He published his findings, and equally important, he encouraged and assisted others in getting their work into print. Always a teacher, he gave an uncountable number of public talks, presentations and courses. His students became the seed bed for responsible local archaeology creating an informed constituency that appreciates and protects the region's archaeological resources. Gene's incredible life of service to Archaeology earned him the Society for American Archaeology's Crabtree Award in 2005, as well as the eponymous Eugene C. Winter Award from the Peabody Museum and Phillips Academy. The Massachusetts Archaeological Society established the Eugene Winter Fund for New England Archaeology in 2012 (www.massarchaeology.org/Gene%20Fund/Gene%20FundC.htm) as a scholarship acknowledging Gene's love of learning and deep knowledge of northeastern archaeology.

Gene was married to the late Pearl E. (Gammans) Winter and survived by his daughter, Nancy E. Winter of Lowell; sister, Lois Hallett and family of Delaware; sister, Audrey Desrochers and her family of Plymouth; beloved companion, Barbara Brown of Andover; several nieces and nephews and innumerable friends and colleagues. Gene was predeceased by his brother, Richard Winter. The family is deeply grateful David Pickul, MD and staff and the Merrimack Valley Hospice Team for allowing Gene to live his life as he wished until the end.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours have been omitted and his private burial took place at the Edson Cemetery, Lowell, MA. Arrangements by the Mahoney Funeral Home, 187 Nesmith Street, Lowell (978-452-6361).

A Memorial Service of Gene's life will be held on Saturday, April 5, 2014, at 4 p.m. at the Robert S. Peabody Museum, 180 Main Street, Andover, MA. For complete details, please visit the Massachusetts Archaeology Society website www.massarchaeology.org and the Robert S. Peabody Museum Face Book page.

In celebration of Mr. Winter's legacy, memorial contributions in support of the Eugene Winter Fund for New England Archaeology may be made to the Massachusetts Archaeological Society, Inc., P.O. Box 700, Middleborough, MA 02346 or through the Society's website at www.massarchaeology.org.

Paul T. Gilmartin, Sr., 71

January 7, 1943 — February 25, 2014

ANDOVER — Paul T. Gilmartin Sr., 71, a longtime resident of Andover, MA and Naples, FL, passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2014. Mr. Gilmartin was born in Malden, MA, on January 7, 1943, son of the late Thomas Gilmartin and Mary Elwood Gilmartin. Paul grew up in Stoneham, MA, attended St. Patrick's Grammar School and graduated from Malden Catholic High School in 1961 where he played both football and hockey. He was a member of the 1960 State Championship Hockey Team and captained the team in 1961. Paul continued his education at Merrimack College where he was a member of the varsity hockey team and graduated with the class of 1964. In 1986 Paul was the recipient of the prestigious J. Thomas Lawler Award.



Mr. Gilmartin began his business career with Huyck Corporation of Rensselaer, NY, and went on to Fife Corporation as a New England sales manager for 20 years. Paul was the founder and principal of Valley Associates in 1984 and GLS Partners in 1997, due to his passion for the game of hockey and in order to advance the opportunities for youth hockey players throughout New England. He enjoyed watching the players develop and go on to achieve success in their hockey careers. Paul was a well known member of the hockey community and will be remembered and missed by his many friends, players, coaches and referees. Tall and handsome he had a quiet presence, always in his ubiquitous navy sweater, his blue eyes sparkling.

Paul was a longstanding member of the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover, MA, and the Vineyards Country Club in Naples, FL, where he enjoyed playing golf, especially the "Naples Cup," a tradition he started and looked forward to each year.

Paul was devoted to and entranced by his life's partner, Mary. He was always beaming as he let Mary, the more out-

going, perform her magic. At Valley Associates son, John, partnered with his Dad. Later Paul was thrilled to have Paul Jr. return from his successful career in finance to join them, forming a family business that was perfect for all. Mary and Paul enjoyed their many trips to CT and Nantucket for visits with Paul's pride and joy, Marybeth. He also took great pleasure in watching his son, John, compete on the golf course. A true family man, Paul loved doting and spending time with his 5 grandchildren.

Paul is survived by his wife of 48 years, Mary Burns Gilmartin; his children, Marybeth Gilmartin Baugher of Greenwich, CT and Nantucket, MA, Paul T. Gilmartin, Jr. and his wife, Tanya, of South Hamilton, MA, John J. Gilmartin and his wife, Holly, of Andover, MA; his grandchildren, William Matthew Baugher, Paul and Max Gilmartin and Emma and Lizzie Gilmartin.

He is also survived by his brother, Thomas Gilmartin and his wife, Muriel Gilmartin, of Greenfield, MA; his sister, Joan Gilmartin Allen and her husband, Thomas, of Marblehead, MA; and many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were kindly invited to attend his Funeral Mass on Saturday, March 1, at noon in St. Augustine's Church, Andover. Interment will follow in the West Parish Cemetery, Andover. Calling hours will be held on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. For those who wish, Paul may be remembered through donations to the Paul T. Gilmartin Memorial Fund To Benefit Deserving Youth Hockey Players, 7 Parkridge Road, Haverhill, MA 01835. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guest book, please visit www.confeterialhomes.com.



Dr. Anthony Harold James, 72

August 5, 1941 — February 27, 2014

IPSWICH — Dr. Anthony Harold James, 72, of Cumming, Ga., formerly of Andover, Mass., passed away peacefully, surrounded by family at his home in Ipswich, Mass., on Thursday, February 27, 2014.

Tony was born to the late Joseph and Edna James, on August 5, 1941, in Tipton, England. He received Bachelor of Science degrees in chemistry and fuel technology, and a doctorate degree in fuel technology from the University of Sheffield, England. He worked 34 years at Cabot Corporation throughout his highly successful, multi-national career. After retirement, he served on the Andover School Committee and co-founded the Andover Coalition for Education. In addition, he served on several boards including The Service Club of Andover. He received a Citizens Who Care Award from the Andover Rotary Club and the Make a Difference Award from the Service Club of Andover.

Tony's selflessness, infectious smile and incredibly positive attitude were an inspiration to all those around him. His approach to life, and to death, was with unparalleled grace, courage, class and wisdom. Personally and professionally, his spirit, generosity, ethical compass, and his willingness help anybody made him a phenomenal man-



tor and person.

Tony was married in 1978, and his legacy lives on through his loving wife, Connie Karras James; his sons, Chris and wife, Emily, of Somerville, Mass., and Greg of Rutland, Vt.; and his brother, Andrew and wife, Maxine, of Stourbridge, England. He is predeceased by his beautiful daughters, Helen and Sally.

ARRANGEMENTS: Burial was a private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial gifts be directed to the Andover Coalition for Education, P.O. Box 1521, Andover, MA 01810, or at www.aceandover.org/donate/. Arrangements are by the Morris Funeral Home of Ipswich. To send a condolence to the James family, please go to www.MorrisFH.com.

Helen Eccles, 86

January 29, 1928 — February 26, 2014

NORTH ANDOVER — Helen "Skip" Eccles, 86, died on February 26, at her home at Edgewood Retirement Community, North Andover, after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in January. Declining medical intervention, Skip relished her last days in the warm surroundings of her Edgewood community in the caring hands of staff, friends and family.



Born in 1928, Skip was raised in Columbus, Ohio, until entering Bryn Mawr College, where her love of language and literature was cemented for life. She married Frank, also "Skip," Eccles in 1950. After several years in Schenectady N.Y., the couple moved to Andover, Mass., where Frank joined the faculty at Phillips Academy. For the next 40 years, the Skips were fully immersed in the Andover community. Skip was a dormitory parent for most of those years, and nurtured generations of students while raising their own four children.

In addition to her role as a faculty wife, Skip pursued a journalism career that included positions as the education reporter for the Andover Townsman and writer, then editor, of the academy's alumni magazine, which won multiple awards during her tenure.

Everyone who knew Skip experienced her passion for social justice. She and her husband worked together tirelessly to support causes committed to expanding opportunities for all. Together they helped conceive and direct the Andover-Dartmouth Summer Teacher's Institute (ADD), a program dedicated to empowering Inner City mathematics teachers from across the U.S. She served on the board of the Greater Lawrence Family Health Center at a critical time of its growth, and on the board of Bread and Roses. As a longtime parishioner of Christ Church, she became active in the Merrimack Valley Project (MVP), an interfaith organizing group committed to social justice. "Skip could not abide injustice," said Rose Marie Buxton of North Andover. "She was rather quiet, but very direct and outspoken about what she felt was important." At age 83, she was among those who stood outside in freezing February weather to protest unethical mortgage foreclosures against the poor. She used her journalistic talents to produce

oral histories that gave voice to those affected. She protested for workers' rights and helped get legislators involved in passing protective laws. Former State Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover noted, "Wherever there was a just cause — equal opportunity, women's rights, or the environment — Skip was there. She was one of the warriors for justice."

Summers brought a change of pace; life at the family farm in West Brookfield, Vt., meant gardening, grandchildren, good friendships with neighbors, and the 4th of July.

Skip will be remembered for her warm and generous spirit. She always welcomed people and brought them together. It was that spirit, coupled with her infectious sense of fun and humor (not always constrained by good taste), that transformed acquaintances from each stopover in her life into lasting friends.

She is survived by her children, Cobber, Lydia, Isabel, and Betsy; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Her beloved beagle, Quinze, died in August.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Skip's memory to either The Merrimack Valley Project, 1045 Essex Street, Lawrence, MA 01841, or Trustees of Phillips Academy, The Frank Eccles Scholarship Fund for (MS)2, 180 Main Street, Andover, MA, 01810.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at Christ Church, 25 Central Street, Andover, on Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m.

To offer condolences, please visit www.confeterialhomes.com.



Suzanne M. Hosmer, 75

February 19, 2014

ANDOVER, MA — Suzanne Hosmer, born in Nyack, New York, passed away peacefully and comfortably surrounded by her family at the Merrimack Valley Hospice Home in Haverhill on the evening of February 19. Suzanne suffered a stroke on February 12, was transported first to Lawrence General Hospital and shortly after her arrival there was medivac'd to Massachusetts General Hospital where she spent 6 days in the intensive care unit. She developed complications, including pneumonia as a result of her brain bleed and swelling. She was transported to the Merrimack Valley Hospice Home in Haverhill for comfort and peace on the morning of February 19. She was 75 years old. A longtime resident of Andover, Suzanne was a school teacher until the age of 37 then focused life on being a wife, mother and grandmother. She was a beloved wife to Edward

Hosmer, endearing mother to 3 children, Melissa, Matthew (daughter-in-law, Kristina) and Stephen (daughter-in-law, Cara) and loving Grandmother to 7 grandchildren, Olivia, Ingrid, Kayla, Cole, Cameron, Cooper and Victoria. She was a devout Catholic and member of St. Augustine Parish, an active liturgical minister, Catechumen and bible study leader. She enjoyed life filled with her faith, Tai Chi, movies, reading and spending time with her family and friends. The immediate family attended a private ceremony on February 21, at 3 p.m. Suzanne will be deeply missed and remembered by all whom knew her.

ARRANGEMENTS: There will be a public memorial Mass at St. Augustine Parish, located at 43 Essex Street in Andover, on Saturday, March 8, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made directly to benefit St. Augustine Parish in her memory.

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Cause of Wood Estate fire 'undetermined'

By DUSTIN LUCA
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The cause of last month's Wood Estate fire remains "undetermined," but work to find a cause continues, according to investigators.

The state fire marshal's report on its investigation into the Feb. 10 fire came back last Friday, Feb. 28, without a known cause, Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said.

The undetermined status clouds both the cause of the

fire and its area of origin, Mansfield said. Both aspects of the blaze are "still under investigation by the troopers assigned to the state fire marshal's office," he said.

Mansfield said conditions following the fire made the investigation difficult as the building had collapsed and was drenched in water that quickly turned to ice.

However, "the investigative crews were over there immediately, the following day, to begin the investigation and

they were able to de-layer the collapsed portion of the building, utilizing heavy equipment, to get in there and get a look," Mansfield said.

The "undetermined" status also doesn't mean answers won't eventually come to light, according to the fire chief.

"A lot of times, they get leads as the investigation continues," he said. "They'll continue to follow up on these leads as they become available. I'm not ruling anything out at this point."

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers were recorded recently in town:

- **16 Balmoral St., Unit 315:** Debalie C. Janes Trust and Debalie C. Janes to Patricia L. Wermers, \$125,000
- **16 Evergreen Lane:** ML RT and Lisa Lapp to Yuantai Du and Pei Zhang, \$1,090,000
- **183 Holt Road:** Black Hawk Builders LLC to Ned J. and Gabriela A. Yetten, \$950,000
- **6 Kathleen Drive:** Kathington NT and Anita F. Zompa to Josiah S. and Carra L. Clisby, \$575,000
- **57 Moraine St.:** 5-7 Moraine Street RT and Mark E. Wojcicki to Thomas and Lois M. Leonard, \$550,000
- **40 Washington Park Drive, Unit 4:** James R. and Meghan Tamburrini to Chunseng Song and Yuanlin Dong, \$140,000
- **9 William St.:** Donald C. Hunt to Brendan M. Welteroth and Caitlin Perkins, \$639,000

BOOKS: Author James Patterson gives \$1K grant to local bookstore

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take any extra for himself, his son said.
John Hugo asked Patterson for \$500 so he could treat his father to a special dinner out in thanks for all he does. In addition to Andover Bookstore, Hugo BookStores also operates The Book Rack in Newburyport and Spirit of '76 Bookstore in Marblehead.
"My father has run three profitable bookstores, although I would insert the word 'barely' in before profitable because the last three years have been tough," John Hugo wrote to Patterson.

"Since he's always good to his employees, I want to do something nice for him."
Patterson not only granted Hugo's request, but added an additional \$500, sending a check for \$1,000 to Andover Bookstore last month.
John Hugo said the check was accompanied by a note from the author that said, "I love this proposal. It doesn't usually go to the owner."
"I think it's terrific," John Hugo said of Patterson's generosity. "It's wonderful to see someone use his voice for action, and put his money where his mouth is in not wanting to see independent

bookstores close. ... Maybe we sell only about 100 of his books a year, but if we go away, it will be less."
Andover Bookstore was one of seven in Massachusetts and 55 across the country to receive grants from Patterson totaling \$267,000 in what was the first round of funding. More grants are expected to be awarded throughout the year.
Hugo said by stipulating grant recipients have a children's room in their stores, Patterson sent a clear message.
"He really wants kids reading. If they don't have a place

to read and have someone turn them on to it, it doesn't happen," Hugo said. "I feel a lot of readers are made in small stores where people care about them."
Founded in 1809, Andover Bookstore is considered the second oldest continuously running bookstore in the country, behind Moravian Book Shop in Bethlehem, Penn. It has been based at 89R Main St. for the past 50 years.
With the advent of online retailers like Amazon in recent years, Hugo said indie booksellers like Andover Bookstore haven't had it

easy. But while the maximum grant threshold was \$10,000, Hugo said he never thought to ask Patterson for any more than the \$500 he requested.
"I felt someone else out there could use it more," he said.
Andover author and former Oprah Book Club pick Mary McGarry Morris applauded Patterson for his gift.
"Usually, contributions are to institutions, nonprofits ... but this is for a small-town bookstore and shows local support. It's amazing," said McGarry Morris, who always launches her national book tours with a

kickoff at her local bookseller in Andover.
Hugo said he hopes Patterson's gesture catches on and other authors and publishers follow suit. He said while the money is nice, it's the exposure Patterson's pledge has received that he hopes will pay dividends for the future of the independent bookseller.
"Hopefully, it puts us back in someone's consciousness ... people sometimes forget we're here," Hugo said.
— Staff writer Judy Wakefield contributed to this report.

A final tribute for education champion James receives 'Make A Difference' award before his death

By DUSTIN LUCA
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Ardent school supporter and Andover Coalition for Education co-founder Anthony "Tony" James passed away last week after a long battle with cancer, but not before receiving the Service Club of Andover's "Make A Difference" award in honor of his contributions to the local schools.
James, 72, served two terms on the School Committee up to 2009. During that time, he teamed up with then-member Art Barber to create the Andover-based educational foundation ACE, paying the way for continued financial support of the town's schools, according to Tina Girdwood, an ACE board member.
James initially moved to

Andover in 1988 and eventually made his way onto the School Committee, according to Brad Heim, vice president of the Service Club of Andover.
Girdwood first met him in 2003 as she neared the end of her final term on the committee. She said the elected board was wrestling with budget issues translating dollars to scholars when the idea came to form a fund-raising arm for the district and ease the pain where possible.
After battling a cancer diagnosis into remission several years ago, James eventually moved south to Georgia. Even though he was miles away, he continued his advocacy of Andover Public Schools and ACE's work.
From the south, he launched his last initiative for the organization this past fall, a Scarecrow Festival that

was a popular addition to the downtown and is destined to become an annual event.
The cancer, however, eventually returned. After seeking treatment in Georgia, he returned to New England in December.
Through his work with ACE, James left an indelible impact on Andover's public school system, those close to him said.
Some felt it was time for recognition. The Service Club of Andover decided he was a deserving recipient of its "Make A Difference" award given to "a person who has made a difference in the lives of the youth in our community, the Merrimack Valley and to adults with developmental disabilities," Heim said.
"He has just done so much for so many people," Heim



FILE PHOTO

Tony James, who served two terms on the School Committee and played a pivotal role in the creation of the Andover Coalition for Education, passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. He was honored with the Service Club of Andover's "Make A Difference" award right before his death.

to last week.
Heim shared the news with James by phone before he passed away.
"It was so Tony," Heim said. "He said, 'Brad, I can't think of anyone in Andover who's less deserving of the award than me.' Here's a man literally dying, making phone calls to the community trying to raise the money for ACE."
Despite his humbleness, Heim said James was touched by the award.
"He said, 'You have no idea how much this means to me.' That's the last thing he said to me."
While Girdwood imagined James was "elated" by the honor, she said, "He was never thinking about awards."
"I'm sure it was a very nice moment, and I'm delighted he received that," she said.

ACE: Organization has been a major contributor to Andover school district

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money for the year, and then donate that to their various projects."
Over the years, ACE has made major contributions to the school district. In 2008, the organization gifted a two-year, \$100,000 donation to create the district's grants coordinator. The position has since raised \$1.1 million — a 1,100-percent return on investment.
Through ACE, elementary and middle school engineering programs led to a natural development of STEAM courses at the high school. The purchase of a digital foreign language laboratory

at the high school has transformed how languages are taught.
Most recently, the organization spent more than \$20,000 for a weather station at Andover High — a heavy piece of roof-mounted hardware that's currently being installed, Girdwood said.
Even with all of that support, financed purely by donations, there is "an

awareness issue" between ACE and Andover, Girdwood said.
"We've been delighted with the community support for ACE, but we ought to do better," she said. "There is still, as much as we try, plenty of people in Andover who don't know about ACE."
While specifics of the new job are limited at this time, the position could work

somewhere between 10 and 20 hours a week. Benefits are unknown, and Girdwood declined to outline how much the organization pooled together to pay for the position's first year.
Money donated to ACE up to this point will continue to go to the organization's school-directed initiatives. Limited fundraising is possible, meanwhile, to target

specifically the director role, according to Girdwood.
"We may need to go to some donors to help us for the second year, but that will be up-front," she said. "If (someone) donated with the idea that it's going to the schools, that's where it will go. We're segregating the funds for this position."
The ideal candidate for the job would be someone who

lives in or around town "who might have done this type of work and is taking a break, having kids, small children, that type of thing, and maybe they want to get back into business," Girdwood said.
"The full job description, including requirements and responsibilities, can be found on the organization's website at www.aceandover.org.

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52nd Public Safety Awards 2014



Andover police Det. Kevin Aufiero, who was honored as Andover Police Officer of the Year, shows his award to his grandmother, Elena Aufiero of Methuen. Aufiero was recognized for his involvement in assisting the FBI in locating missing firearms stolen in Andover this past November. Within hours, the firearms were recovered, safely removed from the streets and an arrest was made.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

The Exchange Club of Lawrence and Wheelabrator North Andover Inc., presented the 52nd Public Safety Awards last week at the Wyndham in Andover. Andover firefighters were honored for their role in saving the life of Marty O'Connell of Carver, center, a tractor-trailer driver who became pinned under the wheels of his vehicle last February while on a stop in town. Andover Fire Rescue units from Central, Ballardvale and West stations responded to the accident and were able to free O'Connell in 27 minutes. Honored were, front row, from left, David Pas, Robert Murphy, Lt. John Ronan, O'Connell, Deputy Chief James Dolan and Ernest Vocell; and back row, from left, Christopher Morgese, Michael Oteri, Thomas Kennedy, Lt. Terrence Retelle, Clifford Pattullo, Chief Michael Mansfield and Kevin Farragher. Missing from the photo are Lts. Todd Pomerleau and Robert Dalton, Shawn Kelley, Donald Hinckley and Todd Collins. O'Connell lost his left leg in the accident. But a year later, he is back to work with a prosthetic leg and driving a similar tractor-trailer unit.

OBITUARIES

Romayne M. (Cunningham) Keller, 93 Years

March 1, 1921 — March 2, 2014

ANDOVER, FORMERLY OF MEDFORD — Mrs. Romayne Margaret (Cunningham) Keller, 93, a resident of Andover and formerly of Medford, died at the Parkland Medical Center in Derry, N.H., on Sunday, March 2, 2014. She was the beloved wife of the late Lewis C. Keller.

Born in Carbondale, Pa., on March 1, 1921, she was the beloved daughter of the late Bernard G. and Thelma L. (Burdick) Cunningham. Mrs. Keller was a Navy nurse and was employed as a registered nurse for many years by the Lawrence Memorial Hospital in Medford. In her spare time, Romayne enjoyed bowling with her family and friends and playing tennis. She and her husband, Lewis, enjoyed entertaining in their home and were members of the Couples Club in Medford. Romayne and Lewis were the first in their family to move East from Pennsylvania, and were followed by the rest of their family. Above all, Romayne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her loving children, Douglas W. and his wife, Joanne T. Keller of Hadley, Randall L. Keller of Bradford, Laraine A. and her husband, Donald J. Cowan

of Methuen, Scott A. and his wife, Sandra L. Keller of Methuen, and Kristine L. and her husband Mark L. Sr. Jannini of Barnstead, N.H.; siblings, William and his wife, Mary Cunningham of Worcester, Janet and her husband, Edward Vaters of Mashpee, Wayne and his wife, Sue Cunningham of Chelmsford, and Karen Ortolino of Dracut; grandchildren, Cynthia, Dwayne, Tannasi, Matthew, Brian, Carolyn, L. (Burdick) Cunningham, Gregory, Cameron, Colby, Karalee, Mark Jr., and Justin; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was also the mother of the late Kenneth L. Keller; bowling with her family and friends and playing tennis. She and her husband, Lewis, enjoyed entertaining in their home and were members of the Couples Club in Medford. Romayne and Lewis were the first in their family to move East from Pennsylvania, and were followed by the rest of their family. Above all, Romayne was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend. She will be dearly missed.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral service was celebrated in the Beals-Geake-Magliozi Funeral Home, 29 Governors Avenue, Medford, on Wednesday, March 5, at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends were welcomed. Visiting hours were held on Tuesday, March 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be held in Puritan Lawn Memorial Park, West Peabody. Donations in Romayne's memory may be made to the First Community United Methodist Church, 55 Otis Street, Medford, MA 02155.

For additional information, please visit www.maglozzifuneralhome.com.

More Obituaries, see page 4

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by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

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Penn National wins slots license for Plainville

By DUSTIN LUCA
dluca@andovertownsmen.com

Penn National Gaming, a Pennsylvania-based company that made headlines last August with a slots proposal just over the Andover town line in Tewksbury, has been given an exclusive license to open a slots parlor in Plainville.

The state Gaming Commission voted unanimously last week to award Penn National the state's only slots parlor license.

With the license in hand, Penn is now able to build its slots-only parlor, known in host town Plainville as the Plainridge Park Casino,

according to Elaine Driscoll, director of communications for the Gaming Commission.

Tewksbury residents last summer rejected a zoning proposal to allow a casino to be built a stone's throw from the west Andover town line off Route 133. Several Andover residents banded with slots opponents in Tewksbury to help lobby against Penn's proposal.

After being turned down in Tewksbury, Penn National took its pitch to Plainville, located in southeastern Massachusetts on the Rhode Island border, in hopes of the positive outcome that has now resulted.

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Opinion

Kowalski's tax break deserves attention

Selectman Dan Kowalski's proposal to use \$1 million in surplus money in the town budget to cut taxes is a good idea.

Some may say it's a gimmick because such a small amount of money will be saved — a paltry \$70 to \$100 on average for the typical taxpayer in town.

But his proposed, one-time tax cut sends a couple of different messages: On the one hand, it shows that town leaders are listening to a growing chorus of discontent among property owners in town that their taxes are too high and town spending is out of control.

On the other hand, even though the savings may be small, for some people that \$70 to \$100 could be what they need to pay the phone bill or buy prescription medicine. It could mean purchasing a few more groceries or buying a new pair of shoes.

Just because there are some big, beautiful houses on huge, sweeping estates in Andover doesn't mean that everyone in town is a millionaire. In fact, demographically, it appears that a growing percentage of people living here are elderly residents on fixed incomes. But even young couples starting out need a little relief now and then.

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So from a practical standpoint, Kowalski's good-will gesture to all those folks who may be struggling to get by from week to week should be applauded.

Taking a big-picture view, however, Kowalski's proposal also tells town leaders that they must be held accountable for the decisions they make and the proposals they push. It's nice to have a brand-spanking new elementary school on Bancroft Road. But when voters were giving their approval to the project two years ago — at Town Meeting and then at the ballot box — did they realize they were actually voting to give themselves a \$300 a year tax increase?

That's what happened in December when property owners got their tax bills from the town. The first installment of the 20-year tax hike for the Bancroft School hit tax bills that were due in February. And that's when the phones started ringing and selectmen and other town officials were getting stopped in the street as people complained about high taxes.

During a recent meeting, selectmen and Finance Committee members debated whether people realized what would happen when the cost of Bancroft hit their tax bills.

It makes one shudder to think what would happen if Town Meeting ever approves a \$20 million plan to move the town yard, along with the proposed \$6 million to \$7 million plan to build a new Ballardvale fire station. Add in the potential cost of a major high school overhaul — pegged at something like \$10 million — and the cost of purchasing the Phillips boathouse for another \$1 million. Then add on the cost of building a new early-childhood education center for another \$1 million to \$2 million. Before long, you're talking about serious money. And serious decisions.

To his credit, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has also heard the hue and cry, holding off on proposing any major, new capital projects this year, although there are many more projects being paid for through borrowing. He seems to have heard the message: Enough is enough.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Selectman Dan Kowalski has suggesting cutting tax bills by using \$1 million in free cash to lower this year's tax levy. What are your thoughts?

USE IT: Tax bills are too high, and with the impact of the construction of the new Bancroft School coming online this year, we need the relief.

SAVE IT: Free cash is routinely used every year to cover a number of other costs, and it should continue to be used for that, not to reduce the tax levy.

MORE IS NEEDED: \$1 million from free cash doesn't solve the problem. The town needs to do more to lower tax bills for cash-strapped residents.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we looked at the rough winter season we've endured and asked, "Where do you rank plowing and storm cleanup efforts this season?" With 112 responses, the answers were:

5: Outstanding. The town has been doing an incredible job this season. Bravo to them — 33 votes, 29.46 percent.

3: Average. It's New England — we can't expect to have perfect conditions all season — 24 votes, 21.43 percent.

2: Rough, but the season has been rough, too. There is definitely room for improvement — 21 votes, 18.75 percent.

4: Good. There is some room for improvement, but I'm happy with what I have seen — 21 votes, 18.75 percent.

1: Horrific. With taxes this high, we should be getting much more service — 13 votes, 11.61 percent.

MOMENT OF SILENCE



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Members of the Andover High boys basketball team and their fans bow their heads before the start of last Tuesday night's game against Billerica for a moment of silence in memory of those associated with the high school hoops program who have recently passed away.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

O'Donoghue possesses experience, intellect

Editor, Townsman:

Direct and to the point — please vote for Mary O'Donoghue for selectman.

I have been a friend and a colleague of Mary's for well over 20 years. She is one who speaks directly and to the point, and that is exactly what this community needs.

I have witnessed Mary's complete dedication and service to the Town of Andover as a member of the Finance Committee, a

critical asset as a candidate for selectman. These are challenging financial times and those whom we elect to make decisions on our behalf must have a comprehensive understanding of the financial workings of the town in order to be effective.

As a member of the Northeast Association of Realtors, Mary has served in many leadership positions, most recently as the 2012 president of the

organization and in 2013 as its treasurer. These elected and unpaid positions devour hours of personal time, but this is who Mary O'Donoghue is. She makes commitments and she keeps them, and she is prepared to commit her time and her experience to the people of Andover.

It is not possible to be in a decision-making capacity and keep everyone happy. Without hesitation, I know

that Mary O'Donoghue has the intellect to understand the complex, the experience to address difficult circumstances and the absolute fortitude to stand on a position.

Public service is not for everyone — but it is for Mary O'Donoghue. Please join me in supporting her candidacy in the upcoming selectman's election.

CHRIS DOHERTY
7 Chestnut St.

History of community service in O'Donoghue

Editor, Townsman:

From time to time, Andover is remarkably fortunate to have a unique and gifted individual run for public office. Mary O'Donoghue is such a person. I have known Mary for many years. She presents with three very valuable

gifts, all of which will make her a wonderful selectman.

First, Mary is bright with a quick and sparkling intellect. She grasps issues and understands the essence very well and with compelling depth. Second, she has a history of community service and has learned and

listened. She has served on the Finance Committee. She has done numerous acts of community service, especially serving as president of the Kiwanis Club. Finally, she has a terrific sense of humor. Her laughter makes a serious discussion rich and interesting. She is able

to turn anger into cooperation with great skill.

We should be grateful she has chosen to run for the office of selectman. I enthusiastically rise to her support.

DR. LARRY LARSEN
Former selectman, 1991 to 2000
28 Andover St.

Fiscal acumen sets O'Donoghue apart

Editor, Townsman:

As many know, I am leaving after 13 years as selectman, but what they may not know is that Mary O'Donoghue is running.

Mary has served on Andover's Finance Committee for 12 years and has in-depth knowledge of the financial

challenges facing the town. There are many important issues before Andover this year: the disposition of the town yard, renewal of our collective bargaining agreements and the possible future expansion of the high school, among others.

Andover's next selectman

should be able to analyze and define the best possible outcomes of these projects without missing a beat. Mary has the financial acumen this position requires and will bring disciplined expertise to Andover's future fiscal decisions. She is a great listener and an

independent thinker and is not afraid to stand her ground.

I hope voters will join me in supporting Mary O'Donoghue on Tuesday, March 25. We will all be voting at the high school.

MARY LYMAN
Selectman

Andover would be well-served by O'Donoghue

Editor, Townsman:

First, I would like to thank and commend Mary Lyman for 13 years of devoted service as Andover selectwoman. I now heartily endorse another Mary, a successful businesswoman of great personal integrity who possesses an independence of mind needed in these times of great financial challenge.

Mary O'Donoghue's commitment to Andover is reflected both in her years of service to the town and in her professional life.

Mary has served on Andover's Finance Committee for 12 years, two of which she was vice chairwoman. She has deeply honed her knowledge of Andover's fiscal issues, and will be able to effectively address those issues. She also served on the Bancroft School Task Force and was the Finance Committee liaison to the School Building Committee. She understands how challenging the financial issues are, both school-side as well as town-side.

The right candidate,

however, will not only understand financial issues, but will also be sensitive to Andover's character as a whole. Mary has been a Realtor for more than 20 years, continually listening to why people are happy to live in Andover, and also to the reasons why they choose to leave. It would be difficult to find a candidate more acutely attuned to what defines our community.

It will take wisdom, experience and strength of character to keep Andover

on a straight path moving forward. At this juncture, we need someone with Mary's independence of mind, someone prepared to ask the right questions, someone who is not afraid to take a politically difficult stance when she considers it in the best interests of the town.

I hope you will join me in voting for Mary O'Donoghue on Tuesday, March 25, at Andover High School.

MARY KELLEHER
16 Hidden Road

Blumstein has interests of all students

Editor, Townsman:

I urge Andover voters to be at the polls for the town election on March 25 and to vote for Joel Blumstein for School Committee. He has been a member of the School Improvement Council at the high school for the last three years and is a member of the advisory committee looking at potential new schedules for the

high school.

He has the time to keep up with the rapidly changing world of science and technology and to establish policy that will provide real educational challenges for our students. At the same time, he is also ready to provide the vital support needed for our special needs students.

He understands that,

given fiscal realities, difficult choices must be made. He will also bring the perspective and decision-making skills needed to weigh complex and often competing factors and make the best possible decisions in the interests of all our students.

Joel understands that we have a large and complex school system and a student

population with a very wide range of educational needs. He is prepared to take on the many challenges involved in setting a course for a first-class school system in Andover.

Please vote for Joel Blumstein for School Committee on Tuesday, March 25.

JOHN F. ZIPE TO
14 Canterbury St.

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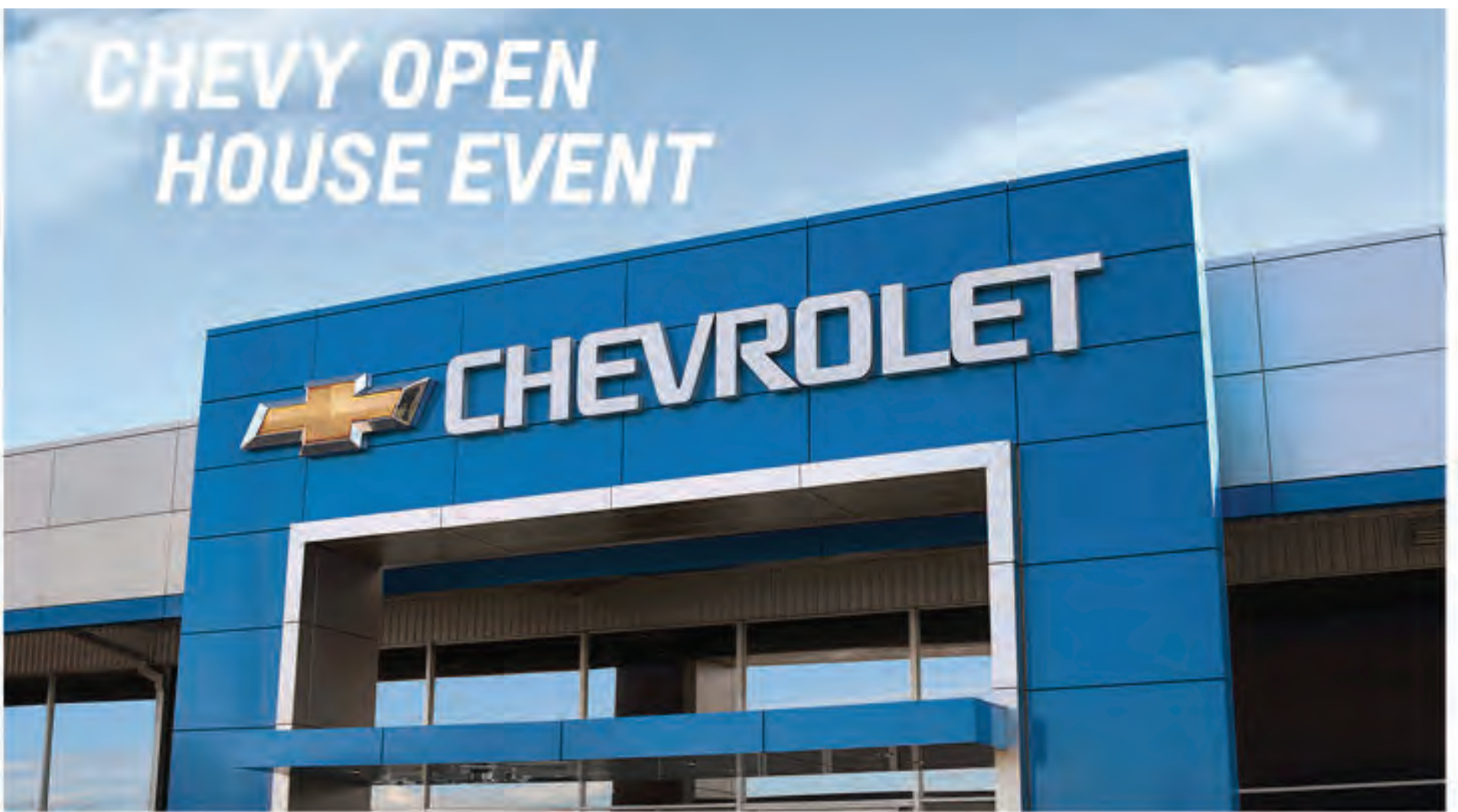
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TownsBeat

A fitting launch



Lisa Swanson, owner of Fitness Together, reviews dresscode owner Amy Finegold's core strength while she demonstrates a plank. For more photos, see www.andovertownsmen.com.

Centennial Celebration



COURTESY PHOTO

Jamie and Cheryl Jamitkowski will once again take lead roles in this weekend's St. Augustine Spring Extravaganza. Cheryl Jamitkowski is co-chairwoman of the fundraiser for a fourth year, while her husband will serve as the evening's emcee for the second straight year. They have been strong supporters of St. Augustine School for years and also operate Tewksbury-based Undercoverwear, which has donated a basket of skin care items and jewelry for the auction.

Spring Extravaganza kicking off St. A's 100th

The centennial celebration is on at St. Augustine School.

St. A's begins a year of festivities marking its 100th birthday with its annual Spring Extravaganza on Saturday, March 8, starting at 6 p.m. at the Wyndham Andover on Old River Road.

"Where We've Been — Where We're Going" is the theme for what is traditionally the school's largest fundraiser of the year. The event will feature a dinner paired with silent and live auctions as well as raffles aimed at raising money to help build the school's Centennial Gymnasium.

The gym is the latest expansion for the school, which has grown dramatically since it opened in 1914. School officials are hoping to complete its construction by year's end.

"It's an incredibly exciting year for St. Augustine School," Principal Paula O'Dea said in a release.

"We're not only celebrating our 100-year history, but highlighting how successfully our school has evolved to meet the needs of a diversified and growing student body, without sacrificing our core mission — deeply seeded in faith and education."

Officials say countless faculty members, students, families, local businesses and friends have worked hard to bring the much-needed gym to fruition. To date, the St. Augustine School community, with support from the parish and others, has raised nearly \$1.2 million toward the gym's construction.

But funds still must be raised to cover the \$1.9 million price tag. Saturday's event is expected to help St. Augustine toward its goal, with all proceeds going to support the project.

"Thoughtful gifts and donations from area businesses are the cornerstone of our efforts to construct the Centennial Gymnasium, and we're so appreciative of the community's support," event co-chairwoman Cheryl Jamitkowski said in the release. "We simply couldn't achieve our goals without them."

Tickets for Saturday's Spring Extravaganza are \$75. Auction items range from exotic vacation getaways to a host of items donated by local retailers. Raffle prizes will include a year of tuition to St. Augustine, Boston Celtics tickets and an iPad Mini.

Donations for the auctions are still being accepted. Visit www.sas100.org for more information. The public can also view auction items and place a bid online at biddingforgood.com/2014springextravaganza.

Day of wellness transforms local shop

A downtown boutique was transformed into a fitness studio on Sunday as dresscode in Elm Square put a new line of activewear to the test.

The launch for the Vimmia workout line coincided with the release of a new wellness book published by dresscode owner Amy Finegold.

The book includes tips and recipes from area trainers and health experts. Proceeds from sales of the book, which retails for \$20, benefit Family Services of the Merrimack Valley, an organization that Finegold believes tries to help families find their health and balance through its programs.

On Sunday, there was plenty of health and balance taking place at dresscode. More than a half-dozen trainers representing such studios and fitness centers as Shaperella, Fitness Together, Barre N9ne, Yang's, Elite Fitness and Latitude Sports Club led free, demonstrations highlighting a variety of exercise techniques and programs.

Finegold said the event dovetailed with her philosophy around her store, which she stressed has always been about giving back and supporting her community.



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Lauren Dabbs, left, an instructor at Barre N9ne in Andover, draws a laugh from Sylvia Sasso of Shaperella as she demonstrates a workout technique during Sunday's activewear launch at dresscode.

Musical Genesis

South Church's 'Children of Eden' a true family affair

By BRIAN CARMICHAEL
Special to The Townsman

IF YOU GO

- What: "Children of Eden," presented by South Church Players
- When: Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 8, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 9, 2 p.m.
- Where: South Church, 41 Central St., Andover
- How: Tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door, with family maximum of \$40 in advance, \$48 during the run. Proceeds benefit Neighbors in Need. Call 978-475-0321.

Ted Harris never had to ground his son, Andrew, when he was growing up.

This weekend, however, Harris will bring the wrath of God down upon the now 23-year-old and his girlfriend, Ally Mazzarella.

"Hey," Harris said with a shrug and a smile, "she ate the apple."

Playing Adam and Eve, Andrew Harris and Mazzarella will be banished from the Garden during the first act of South Church's production of "Children of Eden." Dad Ted Harris is cast as God.

The South Church Players perform their annual musical Friday through Sunday at the 41 Central St. church. Ticket sales for the benefit production support Neighbors In Need. "Children of Eden" tells the story of the Book of Genesis, with Act I covering the stories of Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel, and Act 2 focusing on Noah and the Flood. The lyrics and music are by Stephen Schwartz, best known for the Tony-Award winning musical, "Wicked."

Ted Harris' 20th anniversary of his first appearance in South Church's annual musicals. He played Jesus in "Godspell" in 1994 and has since appeared in 18 consecutive shows. (No musical was performed the year the church was being renovated.)

"I started because I enjoy acting and thought it would be fun," Harris said. "Now it's a rite of spring. I love it, especially because I've had the opportunity to be on stage so many times with each of my children. This year it will be Andrew, Ally and Emma."

Harris attributed how the South Church Players operate to what keeps the show fresh for him and others.

"I keep joking that I should retire, but, with or



Courtesy photo

Members of the South Church Players rehearse for this weekend's production of "Children of Eden," a musical based on the Book of Genesis. Ted Harris of Andover, second from left, plays God. He'll appear with his daughter, Emma, left, who is in the ensemble; son, Andrew, right, who plays Adam; and his son's girlfriend, Ally Mazzarella, second from right, who is Eve.

without my kids, it's an amazing experience year after year," he said.

Linda Zimmerman, who along with Deb White, has directed the plays for the past 20 years, said the annual musicals are about building community within the church, while also serving as a gift to the larger community, with the proceeds always given to charity.

"We are not community theater; we are a theater

community," Zimmerman said. "No matter how many people try out and no matter what their musical or acting ability, everyone is given a part. We welcome everyone into this community."

While the lead actors change every year, the quality of the show never drops, she added.

"It's amazing to watch the talent grow and blossom, especially among our youth," she said. "Every year, we see a new swan

take the stage. We believe that knowing the lead roles will be open every year encourages people to take chances they might otherwise not dare take."

The risk-takers are not among the youth, Zimmerman said.

Curt Cronin, whose daughters and wife have had roles in the plays for the past several years, will assume the part of Noah this year, with his wife, Brenda, cast as his stage wife.

Until daughters Missy, Rachel and Lily dragged him into a part in "Fiddler on the Roof" on a bet two years ago, Cronin said he had never taken part in any play or musical.

"Now I'll be singing, and even fighting, and getting the animals on the ark as Noah. I never saw this one coming," he said with a laugh. "We have been rehearsing for months and I can't wait to get on stage."

Out & About: Choral 'Sampler' from New England Classic Singers

New England Classic Singers celebrates the rich tradition of 20th century American choral music in "An American Sampler: Songs of Love and Nature" on Saturday,

March 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Under the direction of David Hodgkins, the program will feature Ronald Perera's "Why I Wake Early," a selection of eight

poems by Pulitzer Prize-winning American poet Mary Oliver. A resident of Provincetown, Oliver's poetry is inspired by her observations of nature during her infamous walks in and around Cape Cod. Perera captures Oliver's poetry in his colorful use of string quartet, piano and chorus.

Also on the program will be works by Aaron Copland, Irving Fine, Robert Stern and Eric Whitacre.

Perera will open the program with a pre-concert talk at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$15 for groups of 10. Children and students with ID are free. For more information, visit www.newenglandclassical.org or call 978-474-6090 or the Rogers Center box office at 978-837-5355

Spotlight on women poster exhibit

Colorful posters highlighting International Women's Day, which is celebrated worldwide annually on March 8, are the featured exhibit this month at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

The display features examples from the collection of Stephen Lewis, who owns more than 4,500 posters. A long-time activist in the labor movement and the former treasurer of his union, Lewis has exhibited his posters at public libraries and state Heritage Parks in Massachusetts.

For more on Lewis' collection, visit his Facebook page under labor/progressive political posters.

March Musical Madness at Faith Lutheran

Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street hosts its March Musical Madness featuring a winter concert, Italian dinner and raffle on Saturday, March 8.

The musical program, which starts at 6 p.m., will showcase Faith's senior choir, bell choir, the Children's Chimes choir, Praise Band and acoustic guitarist Bill Hartzell.

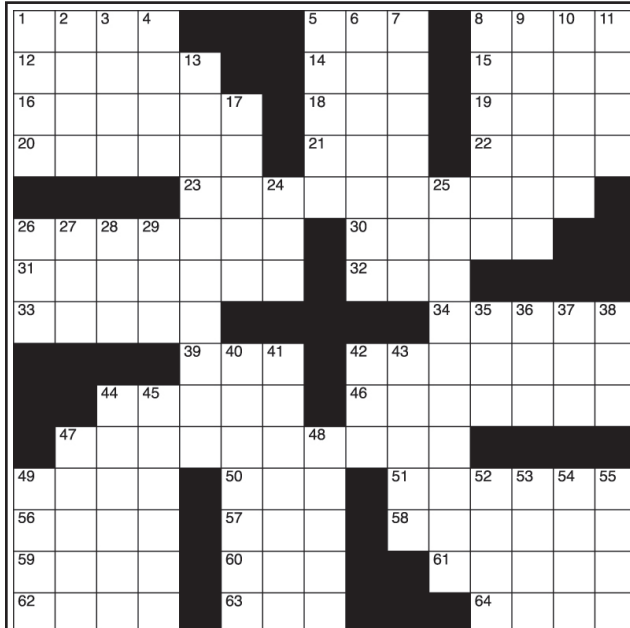
An Italian feast follows at 7 p.m. and will include a raffle of more than 15 gift baskets.

Funds raised will help the church obtain a challenge match grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans to support its ongoing work with Creative Living in

Andover, Bread and Roses soup kitchen in Lawrence and scholarships to Camp Calumet Lutheran Camp in West Ossipee, N.H.

The church applied for the Neighbor to Neighbor grant last fall. Thrivent will match 50 cents on every \$1 raised by the church, up to \$5,000. Faith is hoping to raise \$10,000 to obtain the maximum \$5,000 match.

The proceeds of the raffle on Saturday and a freewill offering to the performance will go toward the cause. A \$10 donation is suggested. For more information or to donate to the event, visit www.faith-andover.org or contact the church by email at info@faith-andover.org or by calling 978-475-4059.



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Dutch duo in tune for Music at Christ Church

A bit of The Netherlands in the form of a cello and guitar duo visits Andover next week for the latest installment in the Music at Christ Church series.

Cellist Douw Fonda and classical guitarist Martin Kaaij will perform on Saturday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the 33 Central St. church.

The Amsterdam-based musicians have arranged a program that will include Franz Schubert's Sonata in A minor, known as the "Arpeggione;" Johann Sebastian Bach's Suite No. 3 in C major for unaccompanied cello and Joaquin Nin's Suite Espagnole.

Fonda has been performing in the Netherlands for two decades as a soloist, chamber musician and as assistant principal cellist of the Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra in Amsterdam.

As a youth, he participated in the Young Performers Program at Longy School of Music in Cambridge, before going on to the Walnut Hill School for the Arts in Natick and its joint preparatory program with New England Conservatory. Upon graduation, he

won the Boston Symphony orchestra's Young Artist Competition and played as a soloist with the Boston Pops.

He earned a Bachelor of Music degree from Eastman School of Music and a Master of Music degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He continued his musical studies, specializing in baroque cello, after moving to the Netherlands in 1993, and earned a Certificate at the Royal Conservatory in The Hague. He performs regularly in Holland with the Vespucci String Quartet.

Kaaij studied at the Sweelinck Conservatorium in Amsterdam, where he founded the Bommel Quartet (violin, oboe, guitar and bassoon) with members of the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra. He has performed with all of the major orchestras of The Netherlands and has regularly played with The Netherlands Opera, one of the largest such companies in Europe.

He has performed throughout Europe, the U.S., India, Australia and the Far East, premiering some 80 compositions for guitar. He



has recorded several CDs and written two books on classical music.

Barbara Bruns, Christ Church's minister of music, oversees the concert series that is bringing the duo to Andover.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors, with a \$35 maximum for a family. Doors will open at 7 p.m. and a reception for the artists will follow the concert in Christ Church's Parish Hall.

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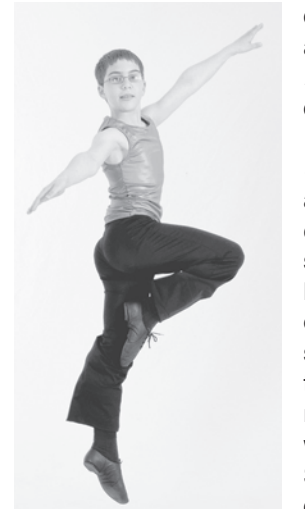
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Salon raises \$1,680 for Boston Children's Hospital

Downtown manicurist Michelle LeBlanc is running the Boston Marathon with the hopes of raising several thousand dollars for Boston Children's Hospital.

With the help of her colleagues at the Philip Ciampa Salon at 22 Park St., she is well on her way to her goal.

On Sunday, the salon held a cut-a-thon that netted \$1,680 for the cause. From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., 100 percent of the proceeds from clients having their hair done at Philip Ciampa went to Boston Children's, according to salon manager Pamela Durkin.

In addition to styling hair, the staffers also sold raffle tickets, with funds raised going to the children's hospital as well.

Ordinarily, the salon is closed on Sundays, but seven stylists and four desk employees gave up a day off to make the fundraiser a success, Durkin said.

"My staff is wonderful," she added.



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TOP LEFT: Stylists at Philip Ciampa Salon in Andover, including Jaime Alavarez, center, were busy Sunday during the benefit cut-a-thon to support manicurist Michelle LeBlanc who will be running the marathon to benefit Boston Children's Hospital. Kevin McGrath of Reading takes his turn in the chair. ABOVE: Mia Durkin, 7, of Haverhill, has her hair styled by Kamilla Souza during Sunday's cut-a-thon at Philip Ciampa Salon in downtown Andover. For more event photos, see www.andovertownsmen.com.

Telling 'Herstory' for Women's History Month

The Center at Punched in Andover is celebrating Woman's History Month with programs focusing on the vibrancy and impact of women's voices, from the personal to the political.

Titled "Herstory," the line-up offers a look at the field of women's studies and a women's poetry reading. A three-part introduction to memoir writing workshop series being led by Leslie Lawrence of Boston's Grub Street Center for Creative Writing, is already filled.

The programs take place at The Center, 30 Whittier Court, and coincide with observances taking place across the country. They include:

A Poet's Voice: Andrea Cohen, director of the new Writers House at Merrimack College

in North Andover, will read her poems and discuss what the Writers House is bringing to the region on Monday, March 10, at 1:30 p.m.

The Writers House is the first of its kind in New England, offering the community at Merrimack and beyond the opportunity to hear fiction writers, journalists, poets, scholars, filmmakers and others present and discuss their work.

Cohen is at the forefront of a wave of accomplished new area poets and was named by NPR's local poetry commentator as a poet to watch. Her poems and articles have been widely published in magazines such as The Atlantic Monthly, The New Republic and soon The New Yorker. Her fourth poetry collection, "Furs Not

Mine," is forthcoming.

She received her Master of Fine Arts from the University of Iowa and has taught at several area colleges. In addition to the Writers House, she directs the award-winning Blacksmith House Poetry Series in Cambridge.

The Origins of Women's Studies: Dr. Debra Michals, professor of women's history and gender studies at Merrimack College, will discuss the origins of women's studies, the politics surrounding it then and now, and why it matters today more than ever on Monday, March 31, at 1:30 p.m.

Along with looking at the links between the women's movement and academia in founding this field of study, Michals will highlight how these programs have been

contested and under siege and how the study of gender is vital to today's generation of young women and men. The talk will explore contemporary politics and media, and how women's studies as a discipline can empower everyone "to see gender motivations, traditions and biases functioning in our everyday world."

Admission to both programs is \$3, and includes refreshments. The "Herstory" program is supported in part by a grant from the Andover Cultural Council. For more information, call 978-623-8321 or visit www.andoversenior-center.org.

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Farewell to a 'warrior for justice'

Casey Coburn

Special to
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Editor's Note: Lifelong local activist Helen Eccles was an education reporter years ago for the Andover Townsman. This tribute was written by former Eagle-Tribune reporter Casey Coburn.



Courtesy photo

Helen Eccles dedicated her life to working to right what she saw as the world's wrongs, remaining active with various causes and organizations well into her 80s. She died last week.

If she had ever run for public office, Helen "Skip" Eccles would probably have won in a landslide, voted in by the myriad of friends she made from all walks of life.

Instead, she preferred to throw her 5-foot-2-inch dynamo self into working for candidates and causes she believed would make a difference in the world.

Former state Sen. Sue Tucker of Andover said that wherever there was a just cause — equal opportunity, women's rights, the environment — Helen was there.

"She was one of the warriors for justice," Tucker said.

Helen died last week at her home in Andover with her family by her side. She was 86.

Helen's passion for justice was reinforced by the equally fierce sense of social concern of her late husband, Frank, a former Andover School Committee member who was a faculty member and administrator at Phillips Academy in Andover.

The couple, who shared the nickname "Skip," worked together on the Andover-Dartmouth Urban Teachers Summer Institute, which they created for inner-city school teachers across the U.S.

Former Phillips faculty member David Penner, who served as the institute's director during its last two years, said that Helen could talk to and work with anybody. When the institute first opened and teachers from the deep South arrived, dubious about the program, Penner said Helen made them feel welcome and at home — and helped them overcome any culture shock they experienced visiting Yankee territory for the first time.

But Helen's energy extended beyond the boundaries of Phillips into the health, educational and daily living challenges of the Hispanic community in Lawrence. Through Christ Episcopal Church in Andover, she became active in the Merrimack Valley Project, an inter-faith group committed to social justice, serving as its chairman and remaining active in it into her 70s and 80s.

"Skip could not abide injustice," Merrimack Valley Project vice president Rosemarie Buxton said. "She was rather quiet, but very direct and outspoken about what she felt was important."

Labor issues were one of Helen's priorities. She

joined protestors outside Gillette's Boston headquarters and attended stockholder meetings to object to the company's treatment of temporary workers. Lawrence residents were among those bused to Gillette's Fort Devens facility and required to pay their own fare — even if it turned out there was no work for them that day. Helen was instrumental in leading Tucker to push for passage of a law making the practice illegal.

Helen's interest in the Merrimack Valley Project grew out of her earlier work teaching English as a Second Language in Lawrence, serving on Bread and Roses' board and in its soup kitchen, mentoring Lawrence High School students and being involved with the Greater Lawrence Health Center.

After surviving a serious car accident as a young woman that left her in a coma for three months, Helen, who was raised by her widowed mother, became the only student at the time accepted on scholarship to Bryn Mawr, a women's liberal arts college in Pennsylvania.

She went on to pursue a rewarding professional career. A skilled and graceful writer (and consummate grammarian who did not hesitate to correct others), Helen was a contributor and editor for the Dartmouth News Office, education editor of the Andover Townsman and director of public information for Phillips. She served as associate editor, then editor, of the academy's Alumni Magazine, which won several awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.

As a "faculty wife," Helen was also a dorm mother who took the position seriously. Anna Schneider, a former student, still counts Helen among her friends.

"She shared her life experience and was an excellent listener and coach," Schneider said. "She was not too prescriptive, always giving the impression that it was not about being right or finding the only answer. It was about learning to choose and trying to figure out the best route or decision."

YMCA triathlon renamed in local cyclist's memory

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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File photo

The Andover/North Andover YMCA is renaming its indoor triathlon in memory of longtime Andover resident Roger Smith, an active member of the facility who died following a bike accident in 2012.

From the start, Roger Smith was a regular competitor in the Andover/North Andover YMCA's indoor triathlon.

A fitness buff and avid cyclist who worked out regularly at his local YMCA, the longtime Andover resident was among the first to sign up when the event was introduced nine years ago.

Smith became an annual participant. When a family commitment conflicted with the date of the March 2012 competition, he even came into the YMCA to complete the race on his own, Cara Green, the facility's member advancement director, said.

Later that year, Smith, who would log thousands of miles cycling annually, was thrown from his bicycle while on a lengthy ride with three friends that went through Ipswich on Labor Day weekend. Despite wearing a helmet, he suffered severe head trauma and died in a Boston hospital on Oct. 11, 2012.

This year, the YMCA Indoor Tri is being renamed after the 66-year-old man who left behind his wife, Susan, and two daughters.

"Naming this race after Roger is a perfect fit," Green said. "He participated every year. He formed strategies for himself and other participants."

The memorial event is set for Saturday, March 15, from 1 to 4 p.m. Green said Smith's family will be on hand for the day.

The triathlon is open to adults, children and teams, with all the action taking place inside the YMCA's 165 Haverhill St. facility.

Adults will complete a 20-minute swim in the YMCA pool, 20-minute cycling segment on an upright stationary bike and a 20-minute run on a treadmill. For children, each segment is reduced to 15 minutes. There are five-minute intervals between each discipline.

Participants may enter the race as an individual or as a team. All abilities are welcome.

Registration is \$15 for YMCA members, \$30 for nonmembers. To sign up, visit www.MVYMCA.org or stop by the YMCA. For more information, contact Green at 978-685-3541 or cgreen@mvymca.org.

A CAPITAL TALE

Tsongas visits for Read Across America Day

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas treated the youngsters at Andover's Professional Center for Child Development to a tale and a behind-the-scenes glimpse of where she works during a visit on Monday for Read Across America Day.

Tsongas read "My Senator and Me: A Dog's-Eye View of Washington, D.C." to the children in the center's developmental day school and preschool. The book by Sen. Ted Kennedy and David Small offers a look at life in the nation's capital from the perspective of the late U.S. senator from Massachusetts and his very perceptive companion, a Portuguese water dog

named Splash.

The annual Read Across America program aims to promote the value of reading to students nationwide. Schools across the country invite readers from their community into the classroom to talk about how reading affects their everyday life.

The children at the Osgood Street center thanked Tsongas by presenting her with a handmade card.

Her visit was part of the center's Community Guest Reader Series. The center serves students from across the Merrimack Valley, Tewksbury, Lowell and beyond.



Courtesy photo

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas chose the appropriate "My Senator and Me: A Dog's-Eye View of Washington, D.C.," written by the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, to share with the students at the Professional Center for Child Development in Andover during Read Across America Day.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago March 6, 1914

The town voted to accept the eight-hour law for its employees and also the compensation act. The no-license rally (licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors in town) of Sunday night bore fruit, for license was defeated by an almost 2-1 vote. The vote was declared by the moderator at the close of the Town Meeting and the demonstration as the result of the vote for member of the Board of Public Works was announced. Led on by Henry Povo, such a scene of yelling and hooting has never been heard in the Town Hall before.

75 Years Ago March 2, 1939

For the first two months of 1939, the Board of Public Works spent more than \$7,000 less on snow removal and sanding than for the same period a year ago. Through Feb. 27, \$4,383.18 had been spent, whereas a year ago, \$11,684.76 had been spent. It is understood that the board has decided to do a No. 1 job on the next snowstorm, a much cleaner job than the last, but yet without the waste that has brought expenditures to such a high level in previous years.

The new sound motion picture, "Highlights and Shadows," dramatizing the story of photography, will be shown at the Square and Compass Club meeting this

evening. It traces the steps man has taken to transmit his ideas through pictures, making photography perfected and popular.

50 Years Ago March 5, 1964

Roger Collins became the newest member of the Board of Selectmen Monday, easily winning his one-year contest against J. Paul Hebert. The vote was 3,325 to 1,795, Collins led all precincts. He is the son of J. Everett Collins, who served as selectman and assessor for many years, while also serving as representative in the General Court.

Letters of greeting and good wishes from the town, and a special Jaycees plaque, were presented to "Jungle Jim" Loscutoff, during special ceremonies

honoring the retiring Celtics star Sunday at Boston Garden.

25 Years Ago March 9, 1989

For the second time in 10 days, town officials have criticized the political activities of a Board of Selectmen candidate. George Danneman, 52 Jenkins Road, was accused of playing to the fears of senior citizens by claiming town-backed affordable housing projects will "benefit mostly minorities from Lawrence ... and college students" in a campaign letter sent to elderly voters last week. "I'd say he was a liar," said Town Manager Kenneth Mahoney, "but I think he just doesn't know any better. Ignorance is not a crime."

TOWN BRIEFS

Town Park planning meeting March 11

Residents are invited to weigh in next week on the future of The Park at Chestnut and Bartlet streets. A design charrette that will allow the public to offer their vision for the site will be held on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor of Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.

The event is being hosted by the Planning Department. Town officials will recap the master plan development process to date and then break people into groups to design their own ideas for what they'd like to see for the town's premiere green space. The event was rescheduled from Dec. 17 due to inclement weather.

Knights of Columbus Lenten fish bakes

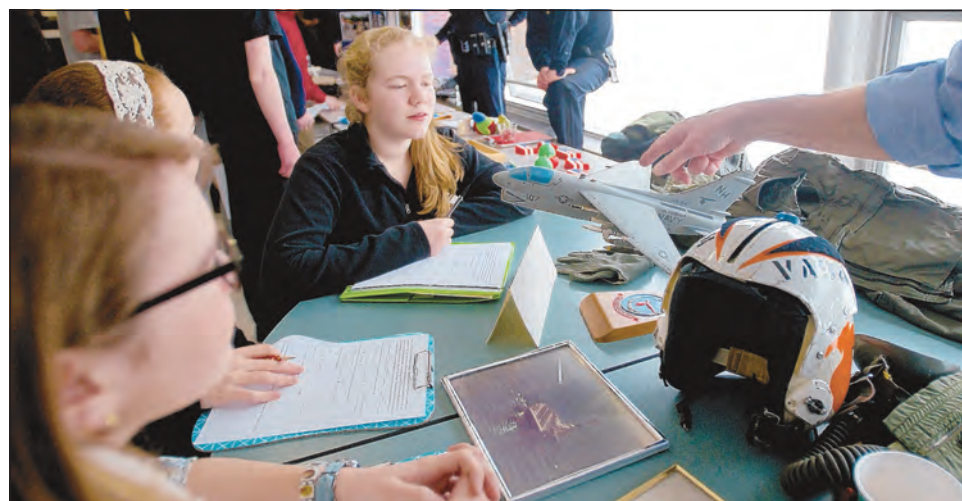
The annual Lenten Fish Bakes sponsored by the Andover Knight of Columbus 1078 will be held Fridays, March 14 and 28, at St. Augustine Parish Center on Essex Street.

A fish dinner, complete with clam chowder, cole slaw, french fries and desserts, including ice cream, will be served. Pizza will also be available for children who do not want fish.

The Knights' own Irish band will perform on both nights.

Donation is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call Grand Knight Paul Dollard at 978-470-1476 for more information.

Education



Abby Daggett, 14, left, and Emily Abbott, 13, learn the anatomy of a Ling-Temco-Vought A-7 Corsair II attack aircraft from U.S. Navy pilot Garry Morissette.



Eighth-graders Trent Tully, 14, left, and Kevin Flowers, 14, get a lesson from U.S. customs and border protection agent Sean Smith.

FIELDS OF STUDY

West Middle students sample career paths

West Middle School eighth-graders got a crash course in job opportunities direct from those plying their craft during the school's annual Career Day on Monday.

The event brought more than 30 professionals from all walks of life to the school to discuss their careers with students, according to co-organizer Diane Huntress, whose husband, Chris Huntress, of the local design firm Huntress Associates, was one of the presenters.

Participants included a U.S. Navy pilot, firefighters, police, writers and parents with backgrounds in math, science, marketing and philosophy, Diane Huntress said.

The event was fashioned much like a job fair, with students able to visit with the presenters whose careers most interested them.

"It's good exposure to the kids on all the different fields," she said. "Even if they don't want to go into the field, they understand a little more of what's out there."

—Dustin Luca, staff writer



Eighth-grader Kevin Flowers, 14, tries on an Andover Police Department bulletproof vest during Monday's Career Day. The event, attended by the entire eighth grade at West Middle School, was set up much like a job fair.



MICHAEL DOLAN/Courtesy photo

Students, from left, Payton Heidtke, Casey Knight, Jackie Maginnis, Michaela Hughes and Emma Farnham hear about the construction industry from Chris Huntress of Andover, designer and owner of Huntress Associates.



MICHAEL DOLAN/Courtesy photo

Andover firefighter and EMT Kevin Farragher shows off some gear to, from left, Michael Cohen, Kaamil Lokhandwala, Matthew Davidson (back), Alex Shih and Jacob Rich.



MICHAEL CZARNECKI/Courtesy photo

From Start to Finish sang its way to its first gold at a show choir competition this past weekend. The group is readying for its next performance March 22 in Andover.

Golden moment for AHS show choir

Andover High School's From Start to Finish Show Choir has plenty to sing about this week after capturing its first-ever gold medal.

Led by student band leader Carter Lesky, the competitive choir topped the field this past Saturday at a competition in Somerset.

The gold-medal win was especially gratifying for the seniors in the chorus, who have been at its heart since Mark Mercer launched the group four years ago.

From Start to Finish will next perform for a hometown

crowd when it hosts the New England Show Choir Showdown on Saturday, March 22, at the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School on Shawsheen Road.

It will be the first time Andover has hosted a competition. Nineteen show choirs will perform at the day-long event. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for seniors and children. For more information or reservations, visit ahsmusic.ticketleap.com or call 978-623-8616.

ON CAMPUS

Ariella Katz of Andover has been named to the provost's list for the fall 2013 semester at Hofstra University in New York. Katz is a sophomore majoring in accounting.

Scott MacMillan has been named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Dean College in Franklin.

Blake Finlayson was named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Brian Coiro was named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Curry College in Milton.

Rachel Annino, Reid Campbell, Olivia Foley, Elizabeth Sleeper, and Lindsey Surette were named to the dean's list

at Quinnipiac University in Connecticut for the fall 2013 semester.

Thomas Dempsey and Elizabeth Therkelsen were named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Ithaca College in New York.

Berlenise Castillo was named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Salve Regina University in Rhode Island. Castillo is a sophomore majoring in political science — international.

Shawna Fox and Phillip Igoe were named to the chancellor's list and **Connor Gaffney, Corey Mooney and Rebecca Koffman** to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at UMass Dartmouth.

Cain earns national Intel Scholarship

Alexander Cain of Andover, a freshman at Hofstra University in New York, has been awarded the National Italian American Foundation Intel Scholarship.

Cain is majoring in computer science with a minor in finance. In addition to his studies, he works at the Hofstra IT help desk and for a start-up company, El Converge, based in Connecticut, in charge of its website and social media campaign.

A 2013 honors graduate

of St. John's Preparatory School in Danvers, Cain was a member of the school's National Honor Society, the French Honor Society, Model UN and many other clubs.

At age 15, Cain founded an online tutoring company with the hopes of providing affordable education to students regardless of location. He taught himself nine computer languages to build the corporate website.

He volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and the Greater Boston Food Bank

and has done about 250 hours of community service work a year. He is also an Eagle Scout who has been involved in Scouting for 11 years.

In a release, Cain credits his scholarships like the one from the National Italian American Foundation with allowing him to attend what was his first choice of colleges. He says he plans to use his education to further his commitment to students across the globe with the growth of his online company.



Alexander Cain

Educator to highlight parent, school collaboration

A new collaborative series is bringing an educator focused on student achievement next week.

Author and researcher Anne Henderson will present "A Collaborative Enterprise: How Together Schools and Parents Can and Do Advance Student Achievement" on Wednesday, March 12, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Henderson, co-author of "Beyond the Bake Sale: How School Districts Can Promote Family Involvement," reveals the importance of family-friendly schools as key to improving student achievement, especially in diverse and low-income



Anne Henderson



Valerie Kinloch

communities. The free program will be held in the School Committee's second-floor meeting room above the Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court.

It is part of a monthly series titled "Building Community, Reaching for Justice" supported by a joint effort of Merrimack College's

Community Engagement Program and its School of Education & Social Policy, Andover Public Schools and the Andover Education Association.

Last month, Carrie Rose, the national executive director of the Parent-Teacher Home Visit Project, discussed her organization's work and its importance in the academic climate.

In April, award-winning author and educator Valerie Kinloch, Ph.D., associate professor of literacy studies at Ohio State University, underscores the importance of partnerships in "Transformative Service-Learning

Initiatives in Urban Schools and Communities." Her presentation takes place Wednesday, April 16, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Sakowich Campus Center at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St.

Kinloch, author of "Crossing Boundaries: Teaching and Learning with Urban Youth," will also be appearing on Thursday, April 17, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at El Taller, the Bookstore/Café, 275 Essex St., Lawrence.

All of the presentations are open free to the public. For more information on the education series, visit www.merrimack.edu/BCREvents/.

Engagement

Rawlinson - Grimard

James and Joyce Rawlinson of Andover, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Meredith Rawlinson to Matthew Grimard of Dunstable, MA.

Meredith graduated from Andover High School in 2002 and received a B.S. degree in Education from the University of Miami and a master's degree in Education from Merrimack College. Meredith is a second grade teacher in Andover.

Matthew graduated from Groton-Dunstable Regional High School in 2000. He received a B.S. in Business Administration from Merrimack College and a masters degree in Business Administration from Suffolk University. Matthew is a finance supervisor at a high-tec company in Burlington.

The couple reside in Groton, MA and plan a July 2014 wedding.



Please recycle this newspaper.

Sports

CARDIAC KIDS

Boys net pair of heart-stopping tournament wins

By DAVID WILLIS
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It was possibly the greatest, most dramatic, heart-stopping final play from Massachusetts in 2013-14.

David Giribaldi, with the weight of the team and community on his shoulders, took the ball to the basket for a game-winning layup as Andover High pulled off a thrilling comeback tournament first-round victory over Billerica last Tuesday, Feb. 25.

How could that be topped? No team could possibly pull off a more memorable finish.

Except Andover High did just that, just three days later.

Led by a tremendous shooting night by freshman E.J. Perry IV and a clutch late block by Connor Merinder, the Golden Warriors held off hard-charging Lynn English for a spectacular 86-81 overtime victory in the Division 1 North quarterfinals last Friday, Feb. 28.

As The Townsman was going to press Tuesday night, the Golden Warriors were battling No. 2 Everett in the Division 2 North semifinals?

So far, the magic has been wearing Blue and Gold. "This has been crazy," said Andover coach David Fazio. "After all these years, maybe we have earned a few rolls falling our way."

Here is a look back at last week's breathtaking victories.

Overtime thriller

Andover advanced in the playoffs in dramatic fashion last Friday.

With the clock running down, and a Lynn English player going to the basket for a potential game-winning shot, Connor Merinder faced a decision.

Already with four fouls, did he play it safe and hope? Or did he attack and ensure overtime.

Merinder played for the win. "I knew he was going to take the shot with the clock winding down and I just knew I had to step up and make a play," he said. "I

couldn't think."

Merinder's block just before time expired sent the game into overtime, and the Golden Warriors held on for the 86-81 OT win.

"Coach (David) Fazio keeps saying fearless," co-captain John Pisacreta said. "We have to be fearless when we are on the court, and I feel like we were."

It had looked as if Andover had the game wrapped up in the fourth, as Perry (game-high 28 points) knocked down two three-pointers and Ben Brown and Pisacreta added hoops to make the advantage 68-60 with four minutes to play. But back came English with a 13-5 run to end the fourth, including a pair of free throws with 42 seconds left to tie the score.

The Bulldogs nearly pulled it out in the closing seconds, but as senior captain Freddy Hogan drove to the basket, Merinder made the block.

Perry then opened the extra session with a bucket, and after Lynn English took the lead back, Pisacreta drove to the hoop for two points. Perry added another hoop, and David Giribaldi (25 points) gave the Warriors a firm grasp on the overtime momentum with a steal, layup and free throw to make the score 82-79. English then began to foul, and Merinder and Giribaldi were each perfect from the line to lock down the victory.

"This was just such an amazing win," Merinder said. "We don't get scared. We don't back down from a challenge. If they made a run, we knew we had to make a run right back. We weren't going to back down."

Comeback classic

It was another nail-biter that led Andover to Lynn English Friday night.

With 27 seconds remaining in the game, Giribaldi attacked the hoop and sunk a contested layup, giving Andover its first lead of the game. That capped a massive comeback that saw the No. 3-seeded Golden



Connor Merinder blocks a shot as time expires in Andover's Division 1 North quarterfinal matchup with Lynn English last Friday. The block sent the game into overtime, and the Golden Warriors earned an 86-81 victory.



E.J. Perry IV fires up a shot against Billerica in the first round of Division 1 tournament play last Tuesday. Perry's scoring touch helped lead the Golden Warriors on a run that saw them rally past the Indians.

Warriors stun upset-minded No. 14 Billerica 54-52 in the Division 1 North first round.

"I was taking the shot," Giribaldi said. "Absolutely. I had no doubt in my mind. I was confident."

Added co-captain Merinder, "I knew I just had to do everything I could to get the ball. He was amazing."

The Indians stunned the Golden Warriors out of the gates, starting the game on a 18-3 run and holding the Warriors to just one basket in the first 6:48 of play. Billerica then ended the half on a 11-2 run to take a 47-39 lead into the break.

"I don't think we lost confidence, but we were



Andover co-captain John Pisacreta makes a steal and goes to the hoop for a key layup in the first round of tournament action against Billerica last Tuesday.

definitely worried," Merinder said "We had to settle into our game. We had to find our strengths."

Following buckets by Giribaldi, Pisacreta and Perry IV to end the third period, the Warriors trailed 47-39 heading into the stretch.

But the Warriors began a comeback. Ryan O'Connell

forced a turnover then hit a jumper and Giribaldi nailed a three-pointer with a minute left to make it a one-point game. The Warriors fouled, and Billerica went 0 for 2 from the line, then Giribaldi worked his magic.

"We only have one chance at this and that is it," Merinder said. "It is do or die."

Memorable season

Lady Golden Warriors bow out despite tremendous effort

By DAVID WILLIS
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The playoff run may not have ended the way the Andover girls basketball team had hoped, but it still contained a stellar win, and a memorable near comeback.

Here's a look at how the Warriors performed:

Witten shoots the lights out in first round

Having waited four years for her chance to shine, senior Jessica Witten made sure her final game at Dunn Gym last Thursday, Feb. 27, was a memorable one.

"It's really a great feeling because I have worked so hard," said Witten, who entered the night averaging 11.2 points a game. "So, in my last home game ever, this is a great way to go out, finishing with such a strong win. It's really exciting."

Witten erupted for 25 points, including five three-pointers, to help No. 6 Andover roll past No. 11 Lynn Classical 66-45 in the Division 1 North first round.

For Witten, who was a reserve on the varsity team each of the last two seasons, the game hardly started with a flash. She knocked down her first shot of the



LEFT: Scrappy Andover co-captain Rebecca Alois fights for a rebound during Andover's Division 1 North first-round victory over Lynn Classical last Thursday. The star forward had 14 rebounds and 13 points in the game. Andover defeated Lynn Classical 66-45 in tournament action Thursday night. RIGHT: Coach E.J. Perry talks about a play during a time-out. The girls saw their season come to an end on Saturday when they fell to Masconomet Regional High School.

game in the closing seconds of the first quarter. But the long-range marksman then hit her groove.

After hitting a three-pointer to close the first, she added another three-point shot to start the second. Then she hit another three, knocked down two free throws, two jumpers and yet another three to finish with 15 points in the second quarter alone and

18 for the first half. "She was just awesome," fellow captain Rebecca Alois said. "Once she gets going she just has to keep shooting and she won't miss. The crowd was on our side, and I was just doing everything I could to get her the ball."

Witten hit another three and a jumper in the third and two free throws early in the fourth, before earning

a well-deserved rest for the final six-plus minutes with the game out of reach.

Alois added a big night, scoring 13 points and adding 10 rebounds

"We were confident and we wanted this so much," Alois said. "We have a young team so there were some nerves. But we believe that we can beat any team and we approached the game like that."

Comeback falls short

Despite a standout performance from freshman Alyssa Casey in the fourth quarter, knocking down two three-pointers with two minutes to play, Masconomet Regional High School edged past Andover for a 52-47 win in the Division 1 North quarterfinals on Saturday.

"It was a tremendous game and tremendous effort by both teams," head coach

E.J. Perry said.

Casey had a team-high 14 points despite battling foul trouble, while Colleen Caveny and Jessica Witten both added nine.

Masco's (21-1) held Andover (16-6) to just four points in the second quarter, but the Golden Warriors rallied for 15 points in the third and behind Witten nearly tied it in the final seconds.

AHS girls gymnastics sticks it at states

Team progresses to New England Interscholastic Championship

The Andover High Girls gymnastics team keeps on rolling with a strong second-place finish in the state competition this past Saturday.

It's now on to the New England Interscholastic Girls Gymnastics Championship for the Golden Warriors. The championships take place Saturday, March 15, at 1:30 p.m. at Algonquin Regional High School in Northborough.



The Andover High girls gymnasts celebrated after capturing second in the states on Saturday. The team includes, top row from left, Amber Li, Marissa Dorros, Anna Mankovich, Isabel Tavenner, Isabelle Allen, Jessie Barry and Athletic Director Don Doucette; middle row from left, coach Tracy Vadala, Sophia Allen, Beatrice Ward, Rachel Cadet, Kaitlyn McDonald, Courtney Carver, Gina Campbell and coach LeeAnn Vadala; and, bottom row from left, Victoria Norton, Tamra Rutfield, Captains Rachel Mandelbaum, Jessie Livingston and Natalie Wagner. Devan DeSisto is missing from the picture.

COURTESY PHOTO

Girls hockey wraps up rock-solid winter

It was a blur to Caroline Hughes, right up until a teammate jumped onto her in celebration last Monday in the preliminary round of the Division 1 tournament.

"We are always told to crash the net and look for rebounds," Hughes said. "I went to the net, Brenna (Keefe) got the puck on net and I was there for the rebound. Then one of my teammates started hugging me."

With 34 seconds left in regulation, Keefe fired a shot on goal that was saved, but Hughes was there to pick up the rebound and scored to give No. 13 Andover a 2-1 victory over No. 20 Newton North.

"Caroline just never ceases to amaze me," forward Jojo Olson said. "She always knows how to get the key

goal just when we need them. I wanted to do a back flip over the boards I was so excited"

It was Newton North that took control early, scoring minutes into the first period. But Andover struck back to tie the game in the second, on a goal by Olson.

"I brought it down low and was actually trying to center it in front of the goalie," she said. "It just went off one of their girls and into the net. I didn't even know it went in. I just heard everyone cheering and someone congratulated me."

The Golden Warriors continued to dominate the pace of play into the third period, firing shot after shot on Newton North goalie Natalie Cohen. But the sophomore net-minder was focused, stopping 18 shots in the third quarter alone, and 38 for the game.

Just as the game seemed destined for overtime, the Golden Warriors struck for the game-winner.

"I was trying to get the puck in deep, get it on net and see what happened," Keefe said. "Thank God, Caroline was there. I saw her shoot it in and it was a pretty awesome moment to see the magic happen."

On Saturday, however, a Watertown-Belmont squad proved a tough match for the Golden Warriors. Despite two goals for star Veronica Alois, No. 13 Andover fell to No. 4 Watertown-Belmont 3-2 in the first round of the Division 1 state tourney.

Jess Leone had two assists and Meghan Johnson turned aside 22 shots for the Golden Warriors.

— Dave Willis, staff writer



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A start of a lifetime

Hunt holds his own against the Red Sox

By BILL BURT
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Dustin Hunt can now always boast that for two innings late one February, he held the Boston Red Sox scoreless.

Last week's unofficial opening of spring training may have been nothing more than a charming formality that has the hometown team playing games against a pair of Boston-based college squads in Fort Myers, Fla.

But for Hunt, it was one of the most memorable experiences of his life.

In fact, last Wednesday, the night before the Red Sox took the field for their first time this season, the Northeastern University freshman who hails from Andover and starred at St. John's Prep in Danvers had trouble sleeping in his hotel room.

"Our pitching coach came up to me while we were stretching (on Wednesday) and told me I was starting against the Red Sox," the 6-foot-4 Hunt said. "I was a little stunned. And then I started to get a little nervous."

Hunt's start against the Sox last Thursday, Feb. 27, probably had something to do with his performance recently, which included four shutout innings against Houston Baptist a couple weekends ago. He also pitched four hard-fought innings against nationally ranked Texas A&M the week before.

The morning of the big game, Hunt and his Northeastern teammates joined the Red Sox for a pregame meal at JetBlue Park and the Huskies mingled with the pro ballplayers during

A BIG COMMITMENT IN DIV. 1

Andover's Dustin Hunt has received a quick lesson in commitment the last few months. It came with his baseball scholarship to Northeastern University in Boston.

Hunt said he has never been committed to anything like he is with college ball.

He has gained 18 pounds, most of it muscle, and added a few miles per hour on his fastball, which was close to 90 mph last spring.

"It's a lot of work," Hunt said. "It was a lot of early mornings in the weight room."

"You give something up in college to be a Division 1 athlete. You do your schoolwork and you prepare for baseball. You lose a little bit of social life. But I love it."

batting practice. It quelled the nerves a little bit, Hunt said.

"Jonny Gomes was one of the nicest guys," he said. "David Ortiz was great. He shook hands and posed for pictures. Dustin Pedroia, he was great, too, just talking and asking us about our team."

Then came game time, which Hunt said was surreal. "First off, the stadium is the best I've ever played in," he said. "It was beautiful. And the place was packed. I was on the mound, warming up, and I couldn't believe I was there."

It got more unbelievable as the first batters took their place: Grady Sizemore, Pedroia and Ortiz.

"I got Grady to fly to left," Hunt said. "Then Pedroia, the count went to 3-and-2, and I threw a fastball. He hit it so hard up the middle that I didn't see it until it was in center field. And then Ortiz, the count got to 3-and-2 and I threw him a change-up, which was a little low for ball four."

Hunt got the next two hitters — Mike Napoli (a pop-up to the catcher) and Gomes (fly out to left) — to end the

first inning.

His second inning was very similar. He got Xander Bogaerts and Will Middlebrooks to hit deep fly balls before catcher Ryan Lavarnway doubled off the wall in left and Jackie Bradley Jr. walked.

Hunt ended his appearance inducing Sizemore to hit a line out to left field.

His stat line was impressive: 2 innings pitched, 2 hits, 2 walks, no runs.

"I learned going against those guys you've got to have all your pitches working," said Hunt, whose fastball has hit 92 mph this winter. "A 90-mile-an-hour fastball isn't enough. You have change-up, maybe a slider, and you have to have command of all your pitches."

"The thing I noticed was every guy worked the count," Hunt said. "It seemed like every batter had a 3-and-2 count. I was throwing change-up on 3-and-1 and 3-and-2, because they'll crush a fastball."

The score was 0-0 when Hunt left the game after two innings. The Red Sox took a 1-0 lead after five innings before Northeastern came back with two runs in the



AP PHOTO

Andover's Dustin Hunt fires a pitch for Northeastern University in the first inning of its game against the Boston Red Sox last week in Fort Myers, Fla. Hunt, a freshman at Northeastern, got the start for the Huskies, going two innings without allowing a run.

top of the sixth inning for a 2-1 advantage.

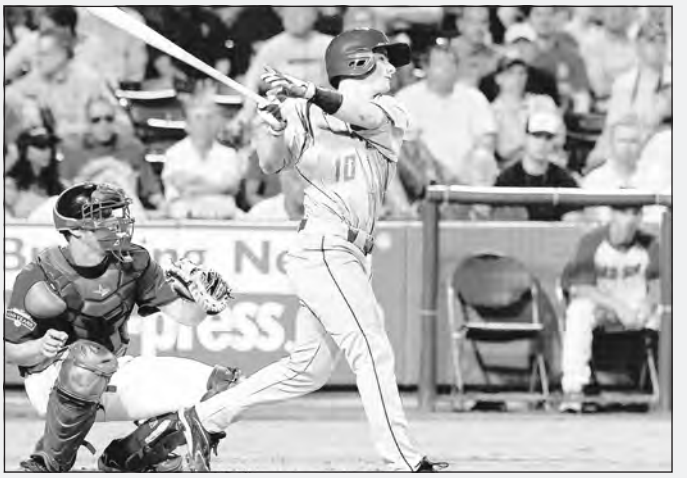
But the Red Sox bats exploded for four runs in the

bottom of the sixth inning to eventually take the win, 5-2.

"It was an amazing experience, throwing to all of those

guys, some of whom I've rooted for my whole life," Hunt said. "It really was cool, something I'll never forget."

FACING THE SOX



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover's John Hennessy, here taking a swing for Boston College, had a double and scored a run against the Red Sox in spring training play last week.

Dustin Hunt isn't the only local to go up against the Red Sox in the early days of spring training.

Former Andover High star John Hennessy was on the Boston College team that faced the reigning World Series champions during last Thursday's double-header against two Beantown colleges in Fort Myers, Fla.

In fact, Hennessy scored one of Boston College's two runs, splitting the game between first and third base. Despite his efforts, the Eagles fell to the Red Sox 5-2.

On Sunday, it was time for Andover's Mike Yastrzemski, the grandson of Hall of Famer Carl Yastrzemski and a prospect for the Baltimore Orioles, to do battle with the Red Sox. Yastrzemski went 0 for 1 with a walk and run scored in a spring training game.

Merrimack College Athletics honors Vaughan family

An Andover father of three killed in an accident last year was remembered last week by the Merrimack College Athletic Department during a men's hockey game at the school.

A special pre-game tribute was held in David Vaughan's memory before the school faced off against the University of New Hampshire last Friday night.

Almost \$12,000 — a portion of proceeds from ticket sales as well as the money raised through a silent auction and raffle — was donated to the David L. Vaughn Children's Trust.

Before the game, event organizer Matt Deschamps and Merrimack College Director of Athletics Jeremy Gibson presented a check to the young children of Vaughan and his wife, Kristin — Colin, Kevin and Caroline, who were accompanied on the ice by Vaughan's brother Dan Vaughan.

Vaughan was killed in an early-morning accident on Interstate 93 in Andover last September while on his way to work. The devoted husband and father was 40.



COURTESY PHOTO

The children of the late David Vaughan and his wife, Kristin — Colin, Kevin and Caroline — as well as David Vaughan's brother, Dan, receive a check from event organizer Matt Deschamps and Merrimack College Director of Athletics Jeremy Gibson during a pre-game ceremony at the men's ice hockey game last Friday.

Little League Challenge Division registering

Andover Little League's Challenger Division program is gearing up for a new season.

The free program is for boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18 who have physical and/or emotional disabilities. Players can be from Andover and the surrounding communities, including Methuen, Haverhill, Dracut, Tewksbury, North Andover, Lawrence and Lowell.

Through the use of a "buddy system," participants are able to play regardless of their abilities, and receive on-field support in all aspects of the game.

The season starts April

26 with an opening day ceremony and parade through downtown Andover. Games will be played on Saturdays or Sundays at newly built Deyermond Park in Andover. They last about two innings and organizers say the object is for participants to have fun playing baseball with no outs or runs counted. They say the focus is on friendship, fun and play, not competition.

To learn more, visit www.sportsmanager.us/andover-littleleague.htm, click registration and then scroll down to "Challenger." Registrations will also be accepted by emailing andoverchallenger@gmail.com.

Optima Synchro launches new season



Members of the Merrimack Valley-based Optima Synchro team collected several medals at the recent New England Junior/Senior Championship.

COURTESY PHOTO

Team takes home six golds at New England Junior/Senior Championship

Optima Synchro dominated the field at the recent New England Junior/Senior Championship in Beverly. The newly formed Merrimack Valley-based club took home six gold medals and one silver.

The following team members placed in the top of their categories:

Senior Solo: Gold, Lindi Schroeder of Andover

Junior Team: Gold, Kimberly Feng, Melissa Zhang, Georgina Hutchison and Lindi Schroeder, all of Andover; Jennifer Li of Concord, Jillian Bohrer of North Andover, Lily Zemelko of Derry, N.H., and Anna Barnes of Ipswich

Junior Trio: Silver, Georgina Hutchison, Jillian Bohrer and Lily Zemelko

Junior Duet: Gold, Melissa Zhang and Kimberly Feng; fourth, Anna Lang, Jennifer Li

Junior Solo: Gold, Lindi Schroeder

Junior Figures: Gold, Lindi Schroeder; bronze, Melissa Zhang; fourth, Anna Barnes

13-15 Age Group Team: Gold, Sydney Ho, Anna Lang, Emily Ma, Rebecca Page, Riley Spring, all of Andover; Kathleen Qiao of Chelmsford and Alicia Yang of Acton

This weekend, the swimmers compete in the East Zone Senior/Junior

Championship in Binghamton, N.Y.

Under the direction of head coach Svetlana Malinovskaya, Optima Synchro team members, who range in age from 6 to 19, practice three to four hours a day, three to five days a week at local pools. Swimmers of all abilities are welcome to apply for membership.

The team will perform its annual synchro show for locals on Saturday, March 22, at 6 p.m. at Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road in Andover. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors and \$10 for students. For tickets or more information, visit www.optimasynchro.com.

SPORTS BRIEF

Rose, Casey season's last Fortnight Players

The final two winners of this season's Player of the Fortnight award are varsity basketball players Griffin Rose and Alyssa Casey.

Andover High boys coach Dave Fazio describes Rose as "a great addition to our team as a transfer this season. He's been a great practice player, a hard worker and a very unselfish team player. Griffin contributes a lot to our team's camaraderie. He's an important member of our team."

Andover High girls coach E.J. Perry describes Casey as "a freshman who has had a tremendous first season for us. She's been scoring and rebounding well. She has really improved, and she's working hard every game. Alyssa is an excellent student and one of the real leaders in her class."

The weekly Player of the Fortnight Award, sponsored by Ronald R. Hill of Baystate Financial in Andover, was started about 15 years ago to recognize Andover High varsity basketball players who show great spirit and effort.



COURTESY PHOTO

The 2013-2014 Andover High School varsity basketball team winners of the Baystate Financial Player of the Fortnight awards pictured with their coaches are boys coach Dave Fazio, Kenny Doherty, Rachel Cormier, Jeff Dreyfus, Rebecca Alois, award sponsor Ronald Hill, John Pisacreta, Jessica Witten, Ben Brown, Colleen Caveney, Griffin Rose, Alyssa Casey and girls coach E.J. Perry.

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OUT & ABOUT

'Unleashed' benefit for Andover Dog Park on Saturday

"Unleashed," a fundraiser to support the construction of a dog park in Andover, will be held Saturday, March 8, at 7 p.m. at Andover Country Club. Hosted by the Friends of the Andover Dog Park, the event will include silent and live auctions, raffles, appetizers, drinks, desserts and live entertainment.

Proceeds will go toward the completion of an outdoor recreation area for dogs, their owners and anyone who enjoys the company of dogs. The town has approved a parcel of land near the Bald Hill Conservation property on High Plain Road for use as a public dog park. The Friends of the Dog Park, a group of private individuals, is currently raising funds to complete the park infrastructure. They hope to start construction this spring.

Tickets for "Unleashed" are \$50 and available online at www.AndoverDogParkMa.com, or at several local businesses. Visit <https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfAndoverDogPark> or www.AndoverDogParkMa.com for more.

Bruins Sanderson en route to Andover

Former Boston Bruins great Derek Sanderson highlights his autobiography, "Crossing the Line: The Outrageous Story of a Hockey Original," on Saturday, March 8, at 3 p.m. at Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. Admission is the price of

one book — \$25.95 hardcover — which Sanderson will autograph.

His appearance is hosted by Andover Bookstore, but being held at the church to accommodate a larger crowd. The venue seats 110 guests; additional standing room may be available. No memorabilia beyond Sanderson's book will be signed at the event.

For more information or a ticket, call the bookstore at 978-475-0143 or stop by the shop at 89 Main St.

Priceless Prom Gown spring boutiques

The Priceless Prom Gown Program that originally started in Andover in 2007 — first at Greater Lawrence Technical High School and later expanding to Olde Andover Village in 2009 and 2010 — will hold its 2014 boutiques on March 15 and 29, April 12 and May 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. behind the Everett Mill in the historic Stone Mill at 15 Union St. in Lawrence.

Now in its eighth year, the nonprofit organization gives financially challenged teenagers from the region the opportunity to select the perfect prom gown and accessories for a nominal donation of \$10. The organization also has a few tuxedos or dark formal suits available for boys.

The program is supported through donations from businesses and the community, with the assistance of volunteers. Visit www.pricelesspromgownprogram.com or email carol@pricelesspromgownprogram.com.

EVENTS CALENDAR

AUTHORS/READINGS

ANDOVER BOOKSTORE. Neil Swidey, "Trapped Under the Sea," Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.; David Christopher, "The Holy Universe," Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.; Gayle Suzanne, "It's In The Little Things," Saturday, March 15, 2 p.m.; free; Andover Village Square, 89R Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143, <http://hugobookstores.com/andover>.

HOCKEY ORIGINAL. Boston Bruins great Derek Sanderson discusses his autobiography, "Crossing the Line: The Outrageous Story of a Hockey Original," Saturday, March 8, 3 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover; hosted by Andover Bookstore, 89 Main St.; admission one hardcover book, \$25.95; 978-475-0143, <http://hugobookstores.com/andover>.

LIBRARY TALKS. Bill and Katharine Dalton, authors of "Legendary Locals of Andover," stories of people who helped create Andover, Thursday, March 6, 7 p.m.; journalist Ted Reinstein, author of "A New England Notebook: One Reporter, Six States, Uncommon Stories," Thursday, March 13, 7 p.m.; Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.; free, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, www.mhl.org; 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

FILMS

SCREENING ROOM. Boomer-Venture Screening Room Film Festival series featuring "Una Noche," with Spanish subtitles, Thursday, March 6; "The Hunt," with Danish subtitles, Thursday, March 13; "The Angel's Share," Thursday, March 20; all films at 7 p.m.; free, snacks available; Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover; 978-623-8321, www.andoversenior-center.org.

FUNDRAISERS

CENTENNIAL KICKOFF. Spring Extravaganza, St. Augustine School annual fundraiser featuring dinner, auction and raffles, Saturday, March 8, 6 p.m., Wyndham Andover, Old River Road; tickets \$75; proceeds support Centennial Gym construction, www.sas100.org.

UNLEASHED. Friends of Andover Dog Park fundraiser featuring silent and live auctions, raffles, hors d'oeuvres and live entertainment, Saturday, March 8, 7 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.; tickets \$50, proceeds support construction of a dog park in town; www.AndoverDogParkMa.com.

AMERICAN SAMPLER. New England Classical Singers presents "An American Sampler: Songs of Love and Nature," featuring Ronald Perera's "Why I Wake Early," Saturday, March 8, 7:30 p.m.; pre-concert talk, 6:30 p.m.; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; tickets \$20 adults, \$18 seniors, \$15 groups of 10, children and students with ID free; www.newenglandclassical.org, 978-474-6090.

AMSTERDAM DUO. Cellist Douw Ponda and classical guitarist Martin Kaaj perform Saturday, March 15, 7:30 p.m. Christ Church, 33 Central St., Andover; doors open at 7 p.m.; part of Music at Christ Church series; tickets \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors, \$35 maximum family; reception for artists following concert in Parish Hall.

MUSICAL MADNESS. Winter concert and Italian dinner, featuring bell choirs and more, Saturday, March 8, 6 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.; \$10 donation suggested; www.faiith-andover.org, 978-475-4059.

YOUTH ORCHESTRA. Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras, featuring several local musicians, perform Sunday, March 9, 3 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; free; 978-309-9833, www.nmyo.org.

THEATER

MUSICAL GENESIS. "Children of Eden," presented by South Church Players, Friday, March 7, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 8, 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, March 9, 2 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover; tickets \$10 in advance, \$12 at door, family maximum \$40 in advance, \$48 day of show; to benefit Neighbors in Need, 978-475-0321.

ETC.

LIT HOP. Canadian rap troubadour Baba (Dirk Murray) Brinkman Jr. performs "The Canterbury Tales Remixed," linking hip-hop lyrics with Geoffrey Chaucer's tales, Tuesday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., Writers House, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., Andover; free. www.merrimack.edu/academics/the-writers-house/

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020 Docket No. ES14P0290EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of: Rocco Louis DiFruscio, Sr Date of Death: 02/22/2007 To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Eileen DiFruscio of North Andover MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. And also requesting that: Eileen DiFruscio of North Andover MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond. You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on 04/07/2014 This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you. The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 21, 2014 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 3/6/14

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS County of Essex The Superior Court CIVIL DOCKET# ESCV2013-01956 RE: Gregory Famiglietti and Sarah Famiglietti v. Beneficiaries or Legal Representatives of CM Realty TR., Usa Malloy, Individually and as Former Trustee of C.M. Realty Trust, and Calvin Metcalf, Individually and as Successor Trustee of C.M. Realty Trust ORDER OF NOTICE BY PUBLICATION TO: the Beneficiaries or Legal Representatives of C.M. Realty TRUST, created pursuant to certain trust documents recorded at the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 4844, Page 217, WHOSE RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN, and to any person Claiming a right to property located at 5 Ballardvale Road, Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts and described more particularly in the complaint in the above captioned action; GREETING: WHEREAS a civil action has been begun against you in our Superior Court by Gregory Famiglietti and Sarah Famiglietti, wherein it is seeking to quiet title to property located at 5 Ballardvale Road, in the Town of Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, with a Deed dated September 1, 1998 and recorded at the Essex North District Registry of Deeds at Book 5170, Page 267. We COMMAND YOU if you intend to make any defense, that on 04/04/2014 or within such further time as the law allows you do cause your written pleading to be filed in the office of the Clerk of Court at Salem in the County of Essex, in said Commonwealth and further that you defend against said suit according to law if you intend any defense, and that you do and receive what the Court shall order and adjudge therein. Hereof fail not, at your peril, or as otherwise said suit may be adjudged and orders entered in your absence. It appearing to this Court that no personal service of the Complaint has been made on the defendants, the potential trust beneficiary defendants, if any, are unknown. It is ORDERED that notice of this suit be given to them by publishing in the Eagle Tribune and The Andover Townsman, newspapers published in said Andover, once a week for three successive weeks, the last publication to be at least 20 days before said return day. A hearing is scheduled for April 8, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. in the Newburyport Superior Court, 145 High Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts. Dated at Newburyport this 3rd day of February, 2014. Richard E. Welch III, Justice Thomas H. Driscoll Jr., Clerk of the Courts By: JoDee Doyle Assistant Clerk AT/ ET - 2/20, 2/27, 3/6/14

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS The Trial Court Probate and Family Court ESSEX Division Docket No. ES14W0011WD Summons By Publication LAUREN KRIKORIAN, Plaintiff(s) v. JOSEPH RIZZO, Defendant(s) To the above named Defendant(s): A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff(s), Lauren Krikorian, 85 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, Ma, seeking Prohibit the Defendant from imposing any restraint on the personal liberty of the Plaintiff and/or the child. Grant the Plaintiff custody of the child Audrianna R. Krikorian, D.O.B. 11/12/09. For the Plaintiff to obtain passport for her daughter, amend birth records to exclude father, Joseph Rizzo from birth certificate. You are required to serve upon Lauren Krikorian - plaintiff whose address is 85 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, MA. 01810 your answer on or before July 07, 2014. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Salem Witness, Mary Anne Sahagian Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Salem, this 21st day of February, 2014 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court AT - 3/6/14

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 Docket No. ES14P0371GD In the matter of: Petros S. Tsoukalas RESPONDENT Alleged Incapacitated Person Of: North Andover, MA CITATION GIVING NOTICE OF PETITION FOR APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Kimberly A. Tsoukalas of North Andover, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Petros S. Tsoukalas is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Kimberly A. Tsoukalas of North Andover, MA Stefanos P. Tsoukalas of North Andover, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety on the bond. The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority. You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 03/26/2014. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date. IMPORTANT NOTICE The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense. WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: February 21, 2014 Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court AT - 3/6/14

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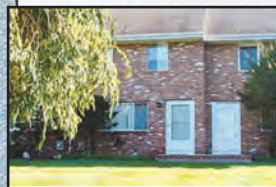


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