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## Officials move to quell taxpayer unrest

By BILL KIRK  
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Taxpayers may see less of an increase in their property taxes next year thanks to a vote last week by the Board of Selectmen.

But some town officials, and at least one resident, warned that if the School Department doesn't go along with the plan, taxpayers won't see any savings at all.

School officials, meanwhile, say the problem isn't the school budget, but low revenue estimates by the town manager and the shifting sands of a fluid budget process.

"It's Groundhog Day," said outgoing School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue, noting that the budget debate going on this year is no different than years past. "I call it the dance. This is an annual discussion."

Forgue said the problem is that final revenue numbers aren't in and Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski typically underestimates the amount of money the town is going to get from such sources as state aid.

"This has been going on a long time," he said. "But it puts the schools in a tough spot. It's unfortunate. We have to advocate for funds, and people think we are asking for more than we should be getting. We'll budget to whatever the number really is, but we have to come to a consensus on what the number really is."

Others aren't so sure. Mike Roli of 2 College Circle, a senior citizen and

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## IN BALD SUPPORT



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Hurricanes Swim Team assistant coach Carlton Cronin, who grew up in Andover, gets a buzz cut from team member Maria Splaine as some of her teammates look on at the YMCA in Andover. Splaine was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease and her coaches agreed to have her shave their heads this week in a show of solidarity.

### Coaches shave off the top for swimmer fighting cancer

By DUSTIN LUCA  
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On Monday night, Carlton Cronin sat with a plastic bag over his shoulders and watched as every lock of his hair went floating to the floor.

Within minutes, Cronin, the assistant coach of the Andover/North Andover YMCA's Hurricanes Swim who grew up in Andover, was the proud wearer of a buzz cut — carried out at the hands of one of his teen swimmers.

He hadn't lost a bet. In fact, the buzz cut was all his idea.

In a show of solidarity for one of his Hurricanes swimmers, Cronin offered to have Maria Splaine shave his head to support the 16-year-old who has been undergoing treatment for cancer. And he



Hurricanes assistant coach Carlton Cronin shows off his new buzz cut, courtesy of team member Maria Splaine.

convinced Hurricanes head coach Dan Reilly to sit for a buzz cut from Splaine, too. Cronin said he wanted to show Splaine, who lost her

own hair to chemotherapy treatments, that he and Reilly care about her and to "let her know that she's loved by many people." The coaches are also making a \$500 donation to the Jimmy Fund in Splaine's honor.

"It means a lot to me, seeing Maria here and not missing practices, and I know it means a lot to the kids, too," said Cronin, who is co-owner of Cronin's Ice Cream in the Ballardvale section of Andover. "You take kids for granted — and you can't."

Since being diagnosed last fall with Hodgkin's lymphoma, a treatable form of cancer, Splaine has been an inspiration to the Hurricanes Swim Team, her coaches said. Despite being five cycles

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## Town election fires up

### Oberto, O'Donoghue trade barbs in race for selectman's seat

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The gloves have come off in the two-way race for an open seat on the Board of Selectmen, as the candidates are swapping charges over competency and qualifications.

In advance of Tuesday's town election, Jodi Oberto, a manufacturing sales representative, said her opponent, local Realtor Mary O'Donoghue, is part of Andover's old boys' network whose 12 years on the Finance Committee have led the town to overspending and high taxes.

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But O'Donoghue countered experience is just what the town needs now.

The selectman's race is the only contested seat on the town ballot. The successful candidate will replace longtime Selectman Mary Lyman, who has declined to seek another term.

"I was at Old Town Hall on Saturday speaking to an older woman who was so glad to see me she gave me a hug," said Oberto, a 47-year-old, married mother of two children in the local schools. "She said I'm going up against someone who's been around a long time, almost like the good-old-boy network — they want to keep their own in there."

Added Oberto: "She's been on the Finance Committee for 12 years and has been part of the decisions that have us in the situation we're in now. People will either like her because she's been around, or they won't because she's been around. She's definitely backed by the old-boys' network."

In response to the claim she is part of an old-boys' network, O'Donoghue, 57, replied: "The level of this conversation is not very high. She is saying whatever she can to hurt me because she has no campaign."

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## A spiritual ride

### Pedaling prophet enjoys quiet reflection on bike commute

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
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Some clergymen might spend their mornings in quiet reflection before leading their congregations in Sunday services.

Others might enjoy fueling up with a healthy breakfast.

But Rev. Jon Heydenreich, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church on South Main

Street, begins his Sundays by strapping on his helmet and hopping on his bicycle.

Every Sunday, faithfully, regardless of the weather, the 57-year-old pastor pedals the 7 miles from his North Andover house to the church where he's been the spiritual leader for the past 20 years. He repeats the trip three times during the week as well, when off-site appointments during the

day don't necessitate the use of his car.

To him, cycling is like a quiet, focused prayer.

"It's a metaphor for the spiritual life," said Heydenreich, whose wife, Marsha, serves as his co-pastor at Faith Lutheran. "It's a way to disengage, to live without all those electronic connections of our popular culture, like the iPhone, the iPad and the rest that are always

on.

"... It's a time of meditation and stillness for my mind when I experience a measure of God's peace."

A serious cyclist who logs thousands of miles a year, Heydenreich said his daily rides allow him to appreciate the changing seasons. He said the winter scenery, devoid of flowering

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The Rev. Jon Heydenreich starts many of his days, including Sundays, with a 7-mile bike ride from his house to Faith Lutheran Church. He says the rides are a time of meditation and stillness.

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## Cool running



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Runners navigate a snow-covered trail at Harold R. Rafton Reservation in full sun on Sunday during the 2014 Trail Animals Running Club's Spring Thaw 6 Hour race. Story, more photos, page 9.

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# Blumstein set to tackle school issues

By DUSTIN LUCA  
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## JOEL BLUMSTEIN



■ Age: 61  
■ Address: 3 Athena Circle  
■ Personal: Wife, Judy; children Katie, 16, and Samantha, 15  
■ Professional/civic: Senior attorney with Environmental Protection Agency, managing lawyers and paralegals, 32 years; no elected experience

Joel Blumstein, a first-time candidate for public office, considers himself a strong supporter of public education.

He has the background to show for it. He has served on the School Improvement Council and scheduling committee at Andover High School, and he has frequently been involved with issues in the town's public schools.

But he has never been put there by a ballot. Come Tuesday, as the only declared candidate for School Committee, he stands to win the seat being vacated by Chairman Dennis Forgue, who is stepping down after two terms.

With two teenage daughters having spent about a decade in the school system so far, Blumstein said he recognizes that there are "a lot of difficult issues the school system faces, and the reason I'm running is to help address those challenges."

The budget is one high-ranking priority he expects to face on the committee. Others include potential construction needs at the high school, possible adjustments to the school calendar and implementation of a new high school schedule.

Changes in science and technology education close out the list. The need to talk tech and science is evidenced

by the recent debate surrounding a charter high school opening in Andover, even though it was eventually shot down by the state.

"The debate recently on whether to bring a charter school to Andover, whichever side was taken, certainly highlights the need to constantly keep up in science and technology," he said. "It's an area you should never feel satisfied in, because things are changing so quickly."

Blumstein looks forward to facing those issues and more over the next three years.

"I'm a person who studies the facts, asks the hard questions, makes sure I understand the arguments pro and con, whatever the issue is, and tries to weigh the contributing factors in making a decision," he said. "People may disagree, but at least everybody has the facts and can make their decisions with eyes wide open."

# ELECTION: Voters head to polls Tuesday, March 25

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## CAST YOUR VOTE

■ What: Annual Town Election  
■ When: Tuesday, March 25, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
■ Where: Collins Field House, Andover High School, Shawsheen Road  
■ Who: The ballot will include a two-way race for one open seat on the Board of Selectmen. One candidate each for town moderator, School Committee and Housing Authority and two for Trustees of the Punchard Free School are running unopposed.  
■ Swearing in: Wednesday, March 26, 5 p.m., selectmen's meeting room, third floor, Town Offices, Bartlet Street

"If Jodi had been listening to Finance Committee meetings over the years, she would have heard a clear message, that we need to rein in spending," said O'Donoghue, who works for William Raveis Real Estate on Bartlet Street and has two grown children.

She explained the FinCom, as it's known, is an advisory board comprised of nine members who make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen and Town Meeting.

"The Board of Selectmen is a very different body in town," she said. "I hope Jodi understands the difference between them. We have always urged budget restraint and my fellow board members can corroborate that. Experience counts, at least in my world."

According to campaign finance reports submitted to Town Clerk Larry Murphy on Monday, that may be true.

Oberto had spent just \$37.70 on business cards for the campaign, which she paid to herself. She said she has since purchased 50 lawn signs, most of which she has put up around town. That expense will appear in her final campaign finance report after the election.

O'Donoghue, meanwhile, reported \$3,480 in donations and \$1,443 in expenses for signs and strapping. The donations include \$250 from John Moffitt; \$200 each from Linn Anderson, Chris Doherty, Joseph Doherty and Douglas Howe; and \$100 each from Michael Boness, Michael Deluca, Jane Gifun, Larry and Nan Larsen, Karl Mentz, Margaret O'Connor, Beibhinn O'Donoghue, son Geoffrey O'Donoghue, Susan Stott, Jon Stumpf and Timothy Sullivan. Her husband, Geoffrey, has donated \$500 and she has also made a \$500 contribution to her own campaign.

Oberto said she doesn't like asking people for money. "The election is something I'm taking on and I should handle," she said.

O'Donoghue said she has been talking with voters at meet-the-candidate functions and has heard loud and clear what the issues are.

"The common theme is that people are concerned about spending, transparency and accountability in the budget process," she said. "That's the main theme. There's a sense that the interests of the taxpayer have been lost in the process."

As a member of the Board of Selectmen, she said she

would push for easing up on the levy limit so that the town spends less each year, which would save taxpayers money.

"We are taxing pretty close to the levy limit," she said. "That could give immediate relief to everybody."

She said she'd push for accountability and transparency by asking tough questions. "We need to let people know they answer to the taxpayers," she said.

"People are listening very carefully," she added. "The audience is there. From speaking with many groups of people, people are very informed, but they are very frustrated."

Oberto agreed. She said seniors in particular feel left out of the process. "They feel unimportant," she said.

In fact, last Friday, a meeting was scheduled at Town Hall between members of the Board of Selectmen and representatives from the Punchard Center to discuss ongoing issues with the town's seniors. But nobody from the Board of Selectmen attended. O'Donoghue, Oberto and about a dozen other people showed up.

"That was a slap in the face," Oberto said. "Nobody even showed up to talk to them. The youth center goes through, but 'screw the old folks' is the feeling people have."

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said the meeting was not posted, so it would have been illegal for the selectmen to attend.

Oberto said some people are now talking about term limits for selectmen.

"They've been there too long," she said. "You like them as people, but it may be time to clean house."

She said O'Donoghue will

## MARY O'DONOGHUE



■ Age: 57  
■ Address: 69 Salem St.  
■ Personal: Married to husband, Geoffrey; two grown children  
■ Professional: Realtor with William Raveis, Andover

Political/civic experience: Finance Committee member, 12 years, two as vice-chairman; on several committees and task forces, including the Youth Center Task Force, Bancroft School Task Force and as liaison to the School Building Committee

Key issues: Property taxes and town/school hiring. Wants town to stop taxing to the levy limit, to allow for immediate savings in their property tax bills. She also wants town and school departments to stop hiring new staff. "Over 70 percent of the budget is personnel, health and retirement benefits. That's the nut to crack."

## JODI OBERTO



■ Age: 46  
■ Address: 11 Hartford Circle  
■ Personal: Married to husband John; two children in Andover public schools

Professional: Sales representative for manufacturing firm

Political/civic experience: Ran unsuccessfully for state Senate in 2010 as an Independent

Key issues: Give senior citizens a tax break. "They don't have children in schools. They've done their part. They've paid their fair share. We should do anything we can do to reduce their burden to make their lives easier." Simplify approach to difficult problems, like what to do with the Town Yard. "Do we need to spend \$4 gazillion dollars or can we keep it simple and make it work? Like the saying goes, 'Keep It Simple Stupid.'"

## Running unopposed:

### TOWN MODERATOR

(One-year term)

#### SHEILA DOHERTY (INCUMBENT)



■ Age: 60  
■ Address: 9 Juniper Road  
■ Personal: Single, no children  
■ Professional: Co-owner of Doherty Insurance Agency, 21 Elm St., Andover, since 1985; former school teacher

Political/civic experience: Moderator, seven years; Planning Board, 10 years; youth minister at St. Augustine in Andover, 22 years

Key issues: Boosting attendance at Town Meeting. "Everybody votes by their absence and by their presence. If you are willing to let others make decisions, they will." Wants to make Town Meeting a positive experience. "I try to present an atmosphere where people can be civil, have a discourse, get the issues on the table and make decisions." Making good appointments to the Finance Committee: "I'm proud of my appointments. It's the most important function of the moderator and I take it very seriously."

### HOUSING AUTHORITY

(Five-year term)

#### JACK O'DONOGHUE



■ Age: 31  
■ Address: 32 Lucerne Drive  
■ Personal: Married to wife Jennifer, three young children.  
■ Professional/civic experience: Real estate attorney with Dalton and Finegold, 34 Essex St., Andover; member of Rotary Club of Andover; serves on board of directors for Essex Art Center in Lawrence

Key issues: Wants residents to be able to afford to live in town after they retire. Aims to make sure Housing Authority is adequately funded. Looking for ways to "better serve the community and people who need housing." Opposed to regionalizing housing authorities because he says it would mean loss of local autonomy.

### TRUSTEES OF PUNCHARD FREE SCHOOL

(Three-year terms)

#### DONALD SCHROEDER (INCUMBENT)

204 Haggetts Pond Road

#### JAMES SUTTON (INCUMBENT)

14 Farrwood Drive

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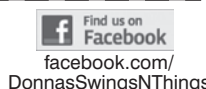
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# New health plan OK'd for retired teachers

BY BILL KIRK

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The Board of Selectmen voted unanimously Monday night to move more than 400 retired teachers and their dependents out of a state-backed health insurance plan and into a town plan.

But instead of implementing the change by July 1, as suggested by the town's health insurance consultant, selectmen voted to delay implementation until Sept. 1 to give town staff more time to contact retirees and answer more questions about the switch.

The delay comes with a price: It may have cost the town as much as \$50,000.

An initiative that has been in the works for years, the switch for retired teachers and their dependents out of the state's Group Insurance Commission plan is expected to save \$373,000 a year. By delaying it two months, those savings won't start happening until September, prompting several selectmen to declare that the board wasn't living up to its fiduciary responsibilities to the taxpayers.

"We are talking about hundreds of thousands of dollars," outgoing Selectman Mary Lyman said. "We owe the taxpayers every ounce of explanation on how we spend their money."

Lyons added that the change had been in the works for years and was actually suggested by a committee made up of union representatives.

"They took time to research this and move it forward," she said. "Nobody wants to make a change. This is years of research; it's not

something that happened overnight."

But selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said he was concerned that the change might hurt retirees and their families.

"I'm concerned ... it's a question of time and the ability to communicate the overall impact on 400 people," he said. "I have talked to at least a dozen people and I want to understand — folks at this stage of their lives have more dependency on health care than any stage of their life."

He sought assurances from Human Resources Director Candace Hall that enough outreach and education had been done to cause the least amount of disruption possible.

Hall told selectmen that dozens of people had called, emailed or come into the office with questions about the new program. She said that of the 415 people currently on GIC, she was really concerned for only 12 of them whose insurance costs are expected to rise "significantly."

She added that the switch is made more difficult because many retirees now live out of state.

"It's a dispersed population," she said. "We don't know their health, their cognitive functioning. We just don't know who they are. That's the vulnerability of that population."

"That's the issue I'm concerned about," Vispoli said.

Hall said she favored slowing down the process because "it gives us the opportunity to do education."

Selectman Paul Salafia noted: "That's a judgment call, but it's going to cost us \$40,000 or \$50,000."

# Teacher contract OK'd

BY DUSTIN LUCA

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A new three-year contract with the town's teachers calling for a total 5.5 percent pay hike over its life was approved last week, but not without concern over the speed it was negotiated and some of its terms.

The contract, which runs from Sept. 1, 2014 to Aug. 31, 2017, includes a gradual cost-of-living raise with a 1.5 percent bump the first year, followed by 2 percent increases each of the next two years.

The salary increases will cost an estimated \$3.3 million over all three years — about \$888,000 the first year and \$1.2 million each of the next two years. Step and track increases over those three years will put the overall increase in teacher's pay at about \$6.05 million, according to outgoing School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue.

The numbers, calculated by the district's business office, are based on current staffing, Forgue said.

The Andover Education Association ratified the pact on Feb. 14 with a 95 percent affirmative vote. The School Committee endorsed it last Tuesday, March 11. School Committee member David

Birnbach, who argued the cost of the raises was too great given the current budget climate, was the lone opposing vote.

Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski also endorsed the contract as a voting member of the committee.

In addition to the raises, the contract calls for:

- New stipend schedules that school officials say reflect rates paid in the Merrimack Valley.

- A \$500 increase in reimbursement for college course fees, from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

- A one-day extension of sick leave allowed in the event of family emergencies, from six to seven consecutive days. The provision does not increase teachers' sick time, but rather allows them to take more of their time in one stretch.

The contract was settled under an accelerated approach. Following the lengthy, tumultuous process that led to the last teachers contract in 2012, both sides agreed to narrow the bargaining topics in hopes of reaching a quicker resolution this time around.

"There was the motivation to look at what was a shorter-term negotiation," Forgue said. "All of that

means less administrative effort and town resources going in, a dramatic drop in legal expenses."

Birnbach, however, criticized that process, saying there was a lack of analysis and vetting from other town boards. He also questioned its affordability, especially given what he said was a nearly \$1.3 million gap between the School Department's preliminary budget for next year and what the town is proposing for the district.

"I don't see, or am not comfortable looking at, how we move forward with a three-year contract obligation when we don't know where that money is coming from," Birnbach said.

At the start of last week, Stapczynski's proposed budget for the School Department was \$881,000 less than the district's spending plan. The Board of Selectmen then widened the gap further, reducing the funds it intends to make available for education by an additional \$400,000 — putting the schools and town apart by \$1.3 million. The two sides must reach an agreement on the budget by the Annual Town Meeting in May. See related story.

"If you take our \$881,000 gap, plus the \$400,000, we

have close to a \$1.3 million gap, which represents 1.8 to 1.9 percent of our total budget," Birnbach said. "The data suggests we shouldn't be committing the Andover community to a multi-year contract obligation until we resolve or gain clarity on where we're going to end up."

Birnbach pointed to calculations that he said indicated that more than half of the teaching staff could be receiving up to a 9.4 percent raise, not 2 percent, in the second and third years of the contract given step and track increases that reward longevity and career development.

Forgue, however, rejected those numbers.

"A third of the AEA employees are at the top of the step and track and only receive the COLA (raise)," he said. "Then it's also offset by people that retire when there's often a delta of \$30,000, \$40,000 or more between the retiring teacher and the teacher coming in."

Forgue defended the raise increments over three years, saying the difference between a 1.5 and 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment is \$300,000.

"We save a third to half of that in legal costs alone," he said.

# School hiring, SPED costs draw concerns

BY DUSTIN LUCA

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A public hearing will be held next week on a proposed School Department budget that seeks to add almost nine full-time-equivalent positions to its ranks next year — a plan that is bringing calls for more fiscal restraint and reductions in funding.

Superintendent Marlene McGrath presented a \$72,185,784 "preliminary" budget to the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen last week — which reflects a \$3.3 million, or 4.73 percent, increase over the current year's \$68.9 million budget.

The new staff positions include teachers, as well as additions to guidance, custodial and human resources.

The current budget, as it exists today, "has the funding for level services, the strategic plan and all of the contractual obligations," McGrath said. "There is no significant changes or increases. At this time, there are no reductions to programs or services."

McGrath's proposal stands at about \$1.28 million higher than Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski's allotment for the schools next year.

The Board of Selectmen, frustrated by the possibility of more hires in a tough economic climate, called last week for all new hires on both the town and school sides of the budget to be eliminated. By doing so, it shaved \$200,000 from the town budget and \$400,000 from the school budget initially proposed by Stapczynski.

"If you don't hire those people, you save approximately \$600,000," selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said. The School Departments proposed increase in staff also drew the ire of other town officials last week.

"We always have a school budget that's greater than what we can fund," Finance Committee member Greg Serrao said. "I think about the world and the big picture. Few places are adding employees. We've added 109. Most of them are in (special education)."

The district's special education needs also drew heavy discussion. Serrao said, according to state figures, Andover is ranked highest in the state for the

percentage of its overall budget that's spent on special education. That puts the town above districts such as Lexington and Brookline, which are of similar size and demographics.

Parents were quick to respond.

"It's very clear to me that very few of you actually walk into those halls, and into those classrooms, and see what we're talking about here — not the numbers and pieces of paper, but children, children we need to educate," Susan McCreedy, co-president of the Sanborn Elementary School PTO, said. "I don't want my child in a class that has 22 children in it."

Rick Livingstone of Lovejoy Road had a harsher comment for those frustrated with the budget's size. He pointed to what he believes is evidence that the elementary school system is failing the town's children, saying the deficiencies in education start showing up around the sixth grade.

"My kids came back with their progress report, so I had them independently

tested. My tenth-grader is three levels behind, proficiency and acumen," Livingstone said. "I tested my other two kids. They're two grade levels behind in math and reading."

The public hearing on the budget takes place Thursday, March 27, at 7 p.m. in the School Committee's meeting room on the second floor of the School Administration Building, above the senior center on Whittier Court.

## Focus on the finances of retirement

Financial adviser John Spoto of Andover, a columnist for The Andover Townsman's sister publications, The Eagle-Tribune and MVB Magazine, will present "Building Up or Spending Down a Retirement Portfolio: An Interactive Forum" on Wednesday, March 26, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St.

Spoto will help retirees determine whether they are on track for a secure retirement, how much they need to save to retire comfortably and what changes they should make to their investment plan to reduce the risk of running out of money. He will highlight some sensible

strategies that can help people increase their chances of reaching their retirement goals.

A certified financial planner, Spoto is the president and founder of Sentry Financial Planning, a fee-only financial planning firm located in Andover and Danvers. He does not work for any financial institution, sell financial or insurance products of any kind, accept or pay referral fees or work for commissions.

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- **14 Burnham Road:** Nathan C. and Andrea Z. Coates to Julie C. and Shawn Benzel, \$379,000
- **29 Candlewood Drive:** Leyla Schimmel to Mary C. and Ronaldo B. Campos, \$629,900
- **3 Chandler Road:** Murray E. and Marilyn L. Wolf to Sutapa and Bireswar Chakraborty, \$430,000

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OBITUARIES

Shirley M. Eldred, 81

October 19, 1932 — March 7, 2014

ANDOVER — Shirley M. (Pilgrim) Eldred 81, of Andover, died on Friday morning, at Merrimack Valley Hospice House in Haverhill.

Shirley was born in Melrose on October 19, 1932, to the late Leslie and Evelyn (Ellsworth) Pilgrim.

Shirley attended Pynchard High School in Andover, where she met Richard Eldred. They were married shortly after high school, and settled in Andover to raise a family, and she was a homemaker during most of those years. Shirley enjoyed knitting, reading, and feeding any birds, or animals that were in her yard.

She was employed as a secretary at Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory in Cambridge until her retirement. After retiring, they would travel each winter to St. Augustine, Fla., and make several trips during the year to see the world or attend high school and Naval reunions.

The widow of the late Richard Eldred, who died in 2010, Shirley is survived by her two daughters, Lee Anne Surles and her husband, Billy, of



Duke, Okla., and Paula Appleby and her husband, Thomas, of Andover. Also among her survivors are her five grandchildren, Kerri Brown, Heather Erickson, Allison McKew, Nicholas and Noah Appleby; and five great-grandchildren. Shirley enjoyed having them visit while in Florida for the winter.

The family appreciates all the love and support given by Atria Marland Place of Andover and the Merrimack Valley Hospice House of Haverhill during Shirley's struggles with brain cancer over the past year.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral service will be offered on Saturday, March 22, at 12 p.m., at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover. Family and friends may call from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., prior to the service.

For directions or to offer condolences, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).



Susan Field, 71

TEWKSBURY, MA — Susan (Wholey) Field, 71, of Tewksbury, passed away on March 14, surrounded by her husband and children. She was born in Methuen, Mass., on April 26, 1942, and was the daughter of William R. and Agnes (McNulty) Wholey.

Susan graduated from Abbot Academy (now Phillips Academy) in 1959, where she was elected to The Cum Laude Society in recognition of meritorious attainments. She was one of the first to be honored with early acceptance at Wellesley College, and went on to graduate as a Wellesley Scholar in 1963, with a major in mathematics. After graduation, Susan was an engineer for New England Telephone and Telegraph, and in 1964, she married Marshall Field.

Susan was involved in numerous volunteer and charitable organizations, most notably the seven years she spent as the first female chairman of the board of trustees of The Pike School in Andover, Mass.

Susan is survived by her husband of 50 years, Attorney Marshall L. Field; a son, Eldred L. Field II; a daughter, Hilary W. Munroe and her hus-



band, Daniel Munroe; grandchildren, Derek F. Munroe, Jamie T. Munroe and Dylan S. Munroe; a brother, William R. Wholey Jr.; and brother-in-law, Gardner R. Field.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** At the request of the Field family, funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions in Susan's honor may be made to the MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. Condolences may be made at [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com). The Pollard Funeral Home is honored to be assisting the Field family with arrangements.

Police log

Four arrested on drug charges at gas station

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

Police arrested four people at the Mobil gas station on River Road last week after police detectives witness evidence of drug use inside a suspicious vehicle.

At 2:39 p.m. Wednesday, March 12, two detectives were on a routine patrol along River Road when they saw "a car parked next to the gas pump not refueling," Commander Charles Heseltine said.

The officers pulled up next to the vehicle and saw, among the four passengers, "a female twirling something around her arm, which appeared to be consistent with someone trying to affix a tourniquet," Heseltine said.

When police got out of the car, they saw one of the passengers "drawing a substance out of a small blue plastic container into a needle," he said.

Two of the occupants put up a fight when police asked the individuals to get out of the vehicle, and had to be "physically removed," said Heseltine, who added the people were "holding onto the gear shift lever."

In addition to drug charges, the two suspects were also charged with resisting arrest.

Arrested in the incident were:

Lina Abdalla, 27, of 8 Todd Lane, Lynnfield, charged with possession of a class A drug and on four warrants;

Natalya Barnard, 20, of 171 Beach Bluff Ave., Swampscott, charged with possession of a class A drug;

Antonio Garcia, 29, of 134 Western Ave., Apt. 1, Lynn, charged with resisting arrest and possession of a class B drug; and

Crystal Hogan, 28, of 116 Pond St., Newton, N.H.,

charged with resisting arrest, possession of a class A drug and possession of a class B drug.

The following items were reported in Andover police logs from Monday, March 10 to Sunday, March 16:

ARRESTS

**Monday, March 10** — At 12:02 p.m., police made two drug-related arrests on Union Street. Felicia DeCubellis, 22, of 23 Minchin Drive, Woburn, and Bryan Perry, 28, of 24 Elm Ave., Woburn, were both charged with possession of a class A drug.

At 1:07 p.m., a 14-year-old boy from Lawrence was arrested on River Road and charged with assault and battery and disturbing a school assembly.

**Tuesday, March 11** — At 10:26 a.m., Ralph Lewis, 44, of 143 Primrose St., Apt. 3, Haverhill, was arrested on Lovejoy Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, subsequent offense, and on two warrants. As the arrest was taking place, police said a person known to Lewis who arrived to retrieve the vehicle was found to have an outstanding warrant. Shelly Cleveland, 37, also of 143 Primrose St., Apt. 3, Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 1:19 p.m., a 15-year-old girl from Lawrence was arrested on River Road and charged with assault and battery and disturbing a school assembly.

**Thursday, March 13** — At 2:13 a.m., Gorky Gonzalez, 22, of 318 Lawrence St., Apt. 1FL, Lawrence, was arrested on Chestnut Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, giving a false name and address to police in relation to a motor

vehicle violation and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

**Friday, March 14** — At 11:36 a.m., Daniel O'Rourke, 64, of 10 Vermont St., Salisbury, was arrested on Main Street and charged with shoplifting by concealing merchandise and on charges from four warrants.

**Saturday, March 15** — At 3:18 p.m., Jeffrey Britton, 26, of 40 Central St., Haverhill, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed, attaching the wrong plates to a motor vehicle, driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

At 4:36 p.m., Maria Jimenez, 57, of 11 Memorial Circle, Andover, was arrested on Memorial Circle and charged with assault and battery on a pregnant person.

THEFTS

**Monday, March 10** — At 3:55 p.m., a theft from a trailer was reported on Ivana Drive.

**Thursday, March 13** — At 7:48 p.m., police were called to a business on Federal Street on a report of "several thefts at the company."

**Saturday, March 15** — At 6:01 p.m., a theft of mail was reported on Sagamore Drive.

INCIDENTS

**Tuesday, March 11** — At 11:24 a.m., police were called to check on a person walking along North Street. Police "spoke with the individual, who was walking his dog without his shoes on" and found no issues.

**Wednesday, March 12** — At 8:35 a.m., police were called to Rattlesnake Hill Road after a resident reported "someone has been leaving suspicious items in front of his home."

At 2:22 p.m., police were called to Lovejoy Road on

a report of a man who was walking down the street "with a stick or a bat hitting mailboxes." Police were able to locate an "individual out for a walk."

At 6:52 p.m., an assault was reported on Argilla Road.

**Friday, March 14** — At 4:15 p.m., a dog complaint was reported on River Road after the caller "and her service dog were attacked by another resident's dog."

**Saturday, March 15** — At 12:50 a.m., police and fire crews were called to Minuteman Road on a report of "a van on fire in the parking lot." Detectives were later called out to take photos documenting the possibility of arson.

**Sunday, March 16** — At 1:11 p.m., a motor vehicle was reported vandalized on Old Campus Road.

ACCIDENTS

**Monday, March 10** — At 7:40 a.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Andover Street.

At 10:04 a.m., a minor crash requiring one car to be towed was reported on Dascomb Road.

**Tuesday, March 11** — At 12:10 p.m., police were called to North Street on a report of a vehicle hitting a utility pole and snapping it. A passenger in the car, a 95-year-old woman, was checked out by the Fire Department. Police investigating the crash later found a mailbox at 76 North St. as well as multiple poles that had been hit. The vehicle was towed.

At 5:33 p.m., a three-car crash with no injuries was reported on River Road. All three cars were towed.

**Wednesday, March 12** — At 12:06 p.m., a two-car crash was reported on North Street. Injury was reported and both cars were towed.

At 1:54 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Main Street.

Locals lend support to St. Patrick's Peace Parade

Members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover participated in Sunday's St. Patrick's Peace Parade in South Boston.

The "alternative, inclusive" peace parade follows the same route as that city's traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Church members say that because the traditional St. Patrick's Day Parade, organized by the Allied War Veterans Council, excludes lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender groups from marching openly, as well as excluding Veterans For Peace "for associating the word "veteran" with the word "peace," they have been

participating in the alternative parade for the past three years.

"The Allied War Veterans Council is the group that organizes the traditional parade, and they say that their parade is meant to celebrate St. Patrick and Irish heritage and also to honor veterans. Now that "Don't Ask, Don't Tell," is history, I can't understand why they wouldn't let an LGBT veterans group march openly," Rev. Lara Hoke, the congregation's minister, said in a release.

"The parade organizers also exclude Veterans For Peace in spite of their military service, which is doubly

absurd in light of St. Patrick's own words that "killing cannot be with Christ," said Hoke, who said the actions are personally felt by her as a U.S. Navy veteran and member of Veterans For Peace as well as openly lesbian individual.

Several members of Andover's Unitarian Universalist Congregation, including Thea Shapiro, David Grober and Richard Hudak, together with Tewksbury resident Ethan Scarl, joined Hoke and her wife, Emily Ferrara, in marching in the parade as part of the Religious

Division. Merrimack Valley People for Peace, another

local group, marched in the Peace Division.

Since 2011, the Boston chapter of Veterans For Peace has been working with local LGBT organizations and peace organizations as well as other progressive activists to organize the alternative and inclusive parade known as the St. Patrick's Peace Parade.

Andover resident Pat Scanlon, coordinator of the local Veterans For Peace chapter and a primary parade organizer, said, "Our Peace Parade is not going away until we have one welcoming inclusive parade for all without censorship."

Obituaries in The Andover Townsman are paid notices, submitted by funeral homes and the general public. To place an obituary, please visit [andovertownsmen.com/obituaries](http://andovertownsmen.com/obituaries). Call 1-800-681-6248 if you have any questions



Welcoming screening for 'Through Gay Eyes'

Filmmaker Deb Fowler will screen her locally made documentary, "Through Gay Eyes," next Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.

The free screening coincides with the 20th anniversary of the church's celebration of becoming a LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, questioning) "Welcoming

Congregation."

A special worship service marking the occasion is also planned for Sunday, March 30.

The documentary looks to give a voice to the embedded furtive lifestyle of gays, according to a release. It encompasses the personal stories of gay partners, parents and individuals that extend beyond "coming out" accounts to depict the realization of the silent vein that still exists in

society.

Fowler will lead a discussion following the screening. She has been teaching English Language Learners at Lowell High School since 2005. In 2010, she collaborated with then-high school junior Connor Crosby on the making of "Through Gay Eyes."

The public is invited; for comfort, bring a lawn chair or another portable seat. Popcorn will be provided.

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# TAXPAYERS: Several options to reduce taxes

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frequent critic of town spending, told selectmen and Finance Committee members at a joint meeting last week that residents are tired of tax increases and officials need to rein in the schools.

"It's time for you to stand up to them," he said. "You need to tell the town residents they (the School Department) are the reason you can't reduce the budget."

He added, "Maybe you should tell taxpayers just how much it costs to take care of schools ... that they have increased the number of teachers in two years — by 108 teachers. Now, in this budget, they want to add another eight. They are a runaway School Committee with a runaway superintendent. There is no control in this town over those people."

In response to a recent outcry over rising tax bills, Selectman Dan Kowalski earlier this month proposed taking \$1 million from the town's free-cash account and putting it toward the tax levy, thus lowering taxes by about \$70 on the average \$550,000 home.

Instead, selectmen last week voted 4-1 to cut taxes by reducing the town side of the ledger by about \$200,000 and the schools by \$400,000. The \$600,000 spending cut would trim tax bills next year by about \$43.

Taxes are scheduled to climb again by several hundred dollars next year as the second payment on the \$50 million Bancroft School, along with other projects and spending initiatives, hits tax bills.

Selectmen and Finance Committee members say they are hearing more than ever from constituents that they can't handle the constant rise in taxes as the town pays more and more for generous employee salary and benefit packages, skyrocketing retirement costs, enormous capital projects and ongoing infrastructure maintenance.

"The overarching issue is that the whole board recognizes the tax burden is a challenge for residents to consume," Kowalski said late last week. "My proposal, what I was looking for, was an acknowledgement that there is a problem. Now we need to find a solution. There are a lot

of possible solutions."

One possibility suggested by Selectman Brian Major is for the town to pass what is known as an "override." While overrides can permanently increase taxes to pay for projects or operating expenses, an override would permanently lower taxes, giving taxpayers a permanent break on their property tax bills by reducing the overall levy that is charged to them.

"Let's say we reduce the levy from \$100 million to \$99 million," he said. "So you'd start next year with a lower number. You could still increase taxes next year by 2 1/2 percent, it would just be 2 1/2 percent of a lower number."

Selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said another approach could be to set a policy that no town or school budget could increase by more than 1 or 2 percent a year.

"The Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee could establish a rate of increase before the budget gets developed, whether it's 1 or 2 percent," he said. "That would keep our financial policies in place and provide relief to the taxpayers. Departments would still get more money, it would just be reducing the increase of the budget."

Selectmen and Finance Committee members said that any type of change needs to be made in such a way that the School Department can't stack Town Meeting and have its revenues restored by a popular vote of school supporters, something that has occurred previously.

Roli urged town officials not to back down in the face of such a threat.

But it's not just the School Committee that is putting fear into the hearts of town officials.

There is talk that some residents may be gearing up to propose their own budget reductions at Town Meeting, something Finance Committee member Joanne Marden said officials should be prepared for.

"I'd like for us to do it (make cuts) and not have someone take the microphone at Town Meeting and do it," Vispoli said. "That would be a nightmare."

To which Marden replied: "There are a lot of people out there ... it's different this year."



Hurricanes Swim Team member Maria Splaine, 16, center, stands with her coaches Carlton Cronin, left, and Dan Reilly after she shaved the pair's heads. RYAN HUTTON/Staff photos

# BALD: Coaches get their heads shaved in solidarity

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into her treatments, Splaine, a junior at Presentation of Mary Academy in Methuen who lives in Merrimac, refuses to miss a Monday practice, never mind take a break from competing, they said.

That fierce determination has led some of the 200 youths on her swim team, including several from Andover, to declare the start of each week "Maria Monday" in celebration of their fellow Hurricanes swimmer and her courage.

Lucy Frey, an 18-year-old teammate from Andover, said the Hurricanes are as much about being a supportive network as they are about being a competitive swim team. They are "like my backbone, best friends," Frey said of her teammates. And together, the team has lent its figurative shoulder to Splaine.

"I was so glad she had somewhere she could come, even if it was just to talk to us or swim, just to get everything out there," Frey said. "I'm happy she has all of us to help her through it."

Splaine knew something was amiss last October when her strength took a dive, just as lumps started



Hurricanes Swim Team head coach Dan Reilly, pictured, joined assistant coach Carleton Cronin in having Hurricanes swimmer Maria Splaine shave his head in solidarity as the 16-year-old fights cancer.

forming on her neck, she said.

"I could train, but I couldn't race as well anymore," she recalled. "I didn't feel sick. I actually didn't mentally feel like this was real."

The news was like "a punch in the gut, completely

out of the blue," her father, a coach's perfect team member.

"She had always been really tough, really healthy, and she would have been the last person in the world you would have thought would have this," he said.

Just before Thanksgiving, Splaine began her first of six, month-long cycles of chemotherapy. While each round of treatment initially takes her out of commission, within days she's back in the pool at the YMCA in Andover, regaining her strength and remaining competitive, her coaches said.

The day before her final round of treatment was scheduled to start, Splaine's coaches showed he just how much they appreciated her determination. They gave her an electric trimmer and bowed their heads.

Within minutes, Cronin and Reilly were bald, both feeling their heads and laughing.

Reilly who lives in North Andover, said Splaine is

"That's what you look for. You look for someone working hard in the pool every day as a motivator," he said. "If one of the other girls stops swimming, I point to the other lane and say, 'Look over there. Maria is still going.'"

Next month, Splaine will undergo testing to see if the chemotherapy did its job. In time, she intends to continue putting her young athleticism and never-quit attitude to use as she pursues her dream of becoming an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps.

But until then, she has Hurricanes — and two hairless coaches — by her side.

"It's really touching. I love my coaches so much and they mean so much to me," Splaine said after putting the finishing touches on the buzz cuts.

"I think Dan's came out a little better than Carl's," she added. "I may need to practice a little more."

# PASTOR: Hits the road on his bike

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landscapes and leaf-filled trees, may seem blah and boring to others. But he finds it meaningful, comparing it to the look of his church altar during this season of Lent, when just two vases, each holding a barren branch, grace the pulpit.

There have been disappointments along the way, too. There have been four flat tires and tumbles from the studded tire bike. And, there was the close encounter with a FedEx truck. Heydenreich had to throw himself and his bike into a snowbank to avoid being hit one December day.

"The driver said he did not see me. I think he was in a big hurry ... I brushed off, kept going," he said.

But those encounters are infrequent, as Heydenreich sticks to back roads — not busy thoroughfares like routes 28 or 125, and

is equipped with a lighted helmet guiding his way and keeping him visible to passing motorists,

Heydenreich has no plans to stop his bicycle commutes, saying they serve to

help him decompress, focus on his thoughts and deliver a worthwhile sermon.

"It's nature's stillness," he said. "Some days are just amazing ... all is well with my soul."

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# Out & About: 'Snow White' dances into Rogers Center

Six young dancers from Andover are joining New England Civic Ballet as it becomes the first company in the area to perform "Snow White," the newest of all the fairy-tale ballets, this weekend at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

The production was specifically created for ballerina Tamara Rojo in 2007 and is a fresh production with new costumes, scenery and choreography.

Open auditions were held in January and the resulting cast includes dancers from multiple studios in the region. The Andover dancers are Emily Bartner, Maia Blake, Julia Jennings, Jessica Laio, Arianna Venero-Rodriguez and Elaina Ventre. Directors for the nonprofit company are Phyllis George and Roshni Pecora.

Performances are Saturday, March 22, at 1 and 6 p.m. and Sunday, March 23, at 1 p.m. The characters

will visit with the audience for autographs and photos following the 1 p.m. show on Saturday. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors and children. For more, visit [www.newenglandcivicallet.org](http://www.newenglandcivicallet.org) or call the studio at 978-975-0289.

## A jazzy Day for Night at Unitarian church

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover will host a jazz concert featuring the noted combo

Day for Night on Saturday, March 22, at 7 p.m. in its coffeehouse at 6 Locke St.

Performers include Andover residents John Finbury on keyboard and vocalist Patty Brayden, with Kevin Mara on drums, George Hicks on guitar, Valerie Walton on reeds and Dave Hickernell on bass. The group has performed several times in Andover as well as at numerous venues on the North Shore.

A suggested donation of \$10 is requested at the

door. Beverages, snacks and desserts will be available.

## Ice Cream Social to benefit Ritzer fund

Putnam Pantry Candies on Route 1 north in Danvers is hosting a Colleen Ritzer Memorial Ice Cream Social Benefit on Saturday, March 29, from noon to 4 p.m.

Half of the proceeds from the event will be donated to the Colleen Ritzer Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of the Danvers

High School teacher from Andover murdered last fall.

In addition to the Ice Cream Social, proceeds from the Putnam Pantry "Danvers Strong" chocolate coins will also be donated to the scholarship fund established to benefit Andover and Danvers high school seniors who demonstrate a passion for teaching, academic excellence and love of family.

To submit an item for Out & About, email [townsmen@andovertownsmen.com](mailto:townsmen@andovertownsmen.com).

### TOWN BRIEFS

#### Solarize Andover hosting information session next week

The town's solar team is still trying to drum up customers for its Solarize Andover program, which enables homeowners and

businesses to install solar panels at a discount.

On Wednesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Public Safety Center at 32 North Main St., representatives from Astrum Solar, the company picked to do the discounted installations, will be available to answer questions. There will

be a drawing for free solar toys as well.

The program allows Andover residents and businesses to receive discount pricing on solar installations on a tiered system, with the savings going higher for everyone as more people sign contracts. The program

has already seen success in Andover with residents and businesses signing contracts for 13 solar electric systems, with an expected capacity of 89 kilowatts of power. So far, 190 residents have shown interest in getting their properties evaluated for solar electric system suitability.

For more information, visit [solarizeandover.com](http://solarizeandover.com).

#### Free cholesterol screening clinic on tap for residents

The Andover Board of Health is holding a Cholesterol Screening Clinic

on Thursday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to noon in the Town Offices. The clinic is for Andover residents only; an appointment is not necessary.

The simple finger stick test costs \$5 and does not require fasting. The program is being funded through a grant from the Andover Home for Aged People.

For more information or to reserve a time slot, call the Health Department at 978-623-8295.

#### Rep. Lyons sitting in for monthly district office hours

Rep. Jim Lyons, R-Andover, and his staff will be hosting open office hours for residents on Thursday, March 27, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the Activity Room at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover. All constituents in Lyons' 18th Essex District are welcome to attend; an appointment is not necessary.

Constituents who are unable to attend may make an appointment for a more convenient time by contacting Lyons' legislative aide Paul Gang at 617-722-2014 or by email at [Paul.Gangi@mahouse.gov](mailto:Paul.Gangi@mahouse.gov).

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# Opinion

## Fiscal experience gives O'Donoghue the edge at polls

Andover voters will face just one race when they head to the polls on Tuesday. But it's an important one. It's a critical time for residents of the town. Taxes and spending have become a major concern for many. But it's as much about how the taxpayers' money is being spent as it is about the amount of money being spent.

Townsppeople have begun to question the way town business is done. And that in itself is a great thing. Both candidates seeking to replace Mary Lyman on the Board of Selectmen realize the town's financial house must be a priority. They both agree that spending must be reined in.

On one side, Mary O'Donoghue has the experience to do the job. She has spent 12 years on the Finance Committee and knows the town's financial situation as well as any official in town. In her time on the board, she's questioned spending and hardly provided a blank check for town projects.

In fact, she at one point voted against the youth center construction, not because she doesn't support Andover's youths, but because the town lacked the full financial package to pay for the entire project.

She's concerned the town is taxing to its full levy potential. If the town taxed below the levy limit, homeowners would see an immediate savings in their property tax bills, which could average more than \$10,000 in a year or two, she argues.

Jodi Oberto, meanwhile, offers a truly fresh perspective. She's never held elected office, having unsuccessfully campaigned for state senator as an Independent in 2010. The last government meeting she attending was last May's Annual Town Meeting. She couldn't be more of an outsider. And that's part of her appeal.

Oberto is simply a married, working mother of two school-age children who has watched her taxes steadily rise and believes it's time to speak up. She sees herself as a voice of the people and wants to be part of the solution, part of getting the town living like the average citizen — within its means.

"We can't be spending money when we don't have it," she says. And it's hard to argue with that.

But while we respect Oberto's commitment to taking matters into her own hands, we believe the next selectmen needs more of a background in town affairs to get the job done swiftly. While we believe Oberto has much to offer the town, perhaps on other boards or task forces, we believe swift action is needed.

O'Donoghue can be part of the impetus that works to bring town spending back into check. We believe her knowledge and forethought will serve her well as the town's next selectwoman.

*Both candidates seeking to replace Mary Lyman on the Board of Selectmen realize the town's financial house must be a priority. They both agree that spending must be reined in.*

## SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Supporters of Board of Selectmen candidates Jodi Oberto and Mary O'Donoghue hold signs in Elm Square on Saturday. The annual town election is Tuesday, and the only race on the ballot is for the one open selectman's seat.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Free cash proposal 'fiscally irresponsible'

Editor, Townsman:

Selectman Dan Kowalski's suggestion that the town use \$1 million from free cash is facile, fiscally irresponsible and contrary to his own position stated in writing during the 2011 election. The editor's support of this idea is equally troubling and disappointing.

This is the kind of action that caused Andover to lose its AA bond rating not too many years ago. Is this something the selectman and the editor would like to see happen again?

The townspeople should be aware that Andover sits firmly in the middle of the pack with respect to residential tax rates for towns in this area with a similarly high quality of municipal and educational services. The information that follows with towns and their fiscal year 2014 residential tax rates comes from the Massachusetts Division of Local Services:

- Natick: \$14.18
- North Andover: \$14.41
- Reading: \$14.74
- Danvers: \$14.85
- ANDOVER: \$15.18
- Lexington: \$15.51
- Bedford: \$15.71
- Sudbury: \$18.03
- Wayland: \$18.33
- Chelmsford: \$18.98
- Acton: \$19.45

Fact needs to intrude into the discussion of Andover's residential taxes.

**SHELDON COHEN**  
700 Bulfinch Drive

### Tax abatements for seniors make fiscal sense

Editor, Townsman:

During a recent candidates forum, the two individuals running for selectman expressed very different views concerning financial relief for Andover's taxpaying senior population.

Perhaps it would help both candidates, as well as Andover's voting citizens, to best deal with this issue by putting some facts on the table.

Recent studies by the Council on Aging board have yielded the following:

1. The demographics of Andover's population is shifting. Using 2010 census data, the overall population

has increased 26 percent to 33,201 people over the past three decades. Over the same time period, the population of seniors 60 or older has increased 78 percent to 6,447 people. Today, one out of three Andover residents is age 50-plus.

2. Forty percent of homeowners in Andover are over 60.

3. The most recent spending profiles in Andover indicate that 56 percent of the town's budget is spent to educate Andover's 6,200 school-age children. This amounts to approximately \$15,000 per child per year.

4. The portion of Andover's total budget that is spent on senior's 60-plus amounts to approximately \$99 per senior per year. This is 0.5 percent of Andover's annual operating budget.

The reality is that if the town continues on its current spending track, fixed-income senior citizens will be forced to sell their homes and leave Andover. This is already happening. It is grossly unfair and unjust to not accommodate older people in the most vulnerable parts of their lives by easing their tax obligations since they already have contributed so much to making Andover what it is today. And I might add they did so gladly.

The question that is raised, what happens when senior citizens are forced to sell their homes because of the ever-increasing real estate tax burden? The likelihood is that they will leave town and their home will be bought by a younger family with 2 1/2 young children. Looking at a 12-year period of time when these children might be in school, the bill for the town, using today's \$15,000 per year per student figure, will amount to approximately \$450,000.

The price tag for a senior couple in the same time period, using the \$90 per year figure, amounts to approximately \$2,400.

Let's face it — keeping seniors in Andover makes good business sense not only from the money saved, but from the revenues that downtown business gain since seniors are more likely to shop locally because of decreasing mobility and transportation issues.

The current fiscal model for the town is based on

spending being the better road for Andover. Well, sometimes the old adage that "less is better" should be listened to. Whoever get elected to office, let them heed this message and make for a better town that serves and respects all of its citizens.

**JOSEPH T. PONTI**  
Council on Aging member

### The sky is not falling on taxes

Editor, Townsman:

Over the past several weeks, there has been a public discussion taking place about real estate taxes in Andover — "unaffordable," "outrageous," "too high," "upsetting," "reached the tipping point" — are some of the descriptions used regarding the current tax situation in Andover.

Residents of Andover have probably been describing their real estate taxes in similar terms for many years. This year, however, it seems that the discussion is more vocal and focused than in past years. What appears to be missing from the debate is some perspective on what our tax burden is when you compare it to all cities and towns in Massachusetts.

I sought information available at the Massachusetts Department of Revenue to help answer this question. Specifically, I sought out property assessment, tax rate and average residential tax bill data from 2003 to 2014.

I found that for the period 2003-2014, the average residential tax bill in Andover increased 52.6 percent. However, I also found out that, during the same time period, the average residential tax bill for all Massachusetts communities increased 56.9 percent. In addition, I found that the average residential tax bill for several comparable communities, including Boxford, Concord, Lynnfield, Sudbury and Winchester, increased 58.4 percent. Moreover, the average residential tax bill for Wellesley increased by nearly 88 percent.

While there may be different methods of analysis and different numbers to cite for comparison, it is pretty clear that property tax increases in Andover over

the last decade or so have been pretty much in the middle of the pack. It is safe to say that the sky is not falling here in Andover.

Let me be clear: We each can have an opinion about our real estate taxes based on whatever information we select. But, unless we also conduct some due diligence and put that information in perspective, the claims about property taxes being unfair, beyond the tipping point or outrageous must be called into question.

**JOHN F. ZIPETO**  
14 Canterbury St.

### Food trucks detract from downtown's charm

Editor, Townsman:

My husband and I were downtown over the weekend. Normally, I browse the various shops while he has a coffee. I noticed a food truck taking up two coveted, free parking spaces, with the motor idling for several hours. This food truck was distracting shoppers from other boutiques.

Part of the charm of our town is the variety of shopping experiences available. I was sorry to see this food truck selling cupcakes in that there is a new cupcake store around the corner in Old Andover Village and a new site for Fisichelli's selling baked goods across the street from the food truck. I would much rather buy from these and other local shops, supporting their business and Andover's vibrant boutique market, with no idling engine adding to pollution.

**DEB DRAKE**  
22 Smithshire Estates

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## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Town elections are March 25. There is only one contested race for a seat on the Board of Selectmen. Is the lack of candidates a concern?

**YES:** Limited contests are a sign of an unhealthy democracy. More people should step up and run.

**SOMEWHAT:** A lack of options on the ballot means we have less variety to choose from, but it may also mean the town is well-run.

**NO:** Some years are hot, others are not. It all depends on who is in the town at the time and doesn't point to a larger issue.

**NOT INTERESTED:** I don't participate in local elections, whether it's a large candidate field or a small one.

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked: "With businesses troubled by weathering the storm of low sales this winter, what would get you to shop downtown more?" Multiple answers could be selected; 121 total votes were tallied. The results were:

**PARKING:** Reduced fees or free parking spots would make it more palatable to visit downtown, as would more convenient parking options. Parking enforcement is a major deterrent; patrons shouldn't be punished for parking — 43 votes, 35.54 percent.

**DINING SCENE:** Restaurants are at the core of the downtown, and they create a nightlife. More eateries are a must — 33 votes, 27.27 percent.

**VARIETY:** A vibrant downtown climate shines brighter when there is variety in its offerings — 29 votes, 23.97 percent.

**CHILD'S PLAY:** With no playground or daycare/entertainment centers to occupy the little ones, busy parents have less chance to go downtown — eight votes, 6.61 percent.

**NOTHING:** Downtown is fine the way it is, and I wouldn't change anything about it — eight votes, 6.61 percent.

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# TownsBeat



Runners break from the starting line of the 2014 TARC Spring Thaw 6 Hour race through Andover Village Improvement Society's Harold R. Rafton Reservation on Sunday. The race had participants completing 3 1/2-mile loops through the reservation for a six-hour stretch.

## Full throttle into spring Trail Animals Running Club powers through 6 Hour Thaw

A capacity crowd of trail animals — devotees to trail running of all kinds — suited up for Sunday's 2014 TARC Spring Thaw 6 Hour at Andover Village Improvement Society's 226-acre Harold R. Rafton Reservation and surrounding forest.

Men and women eagerly accepted the challenge, running or hiking a 3.5-mile loop of single-track, rocky, root-riddled trails — still snow-covered and frozen for the most part — as many, or as few, times as they wished in the six-hour span.

The timed event charted how much ground each participant covered in the allotted period. The course included sections of the Bay Circuit Trail and Conservation Commission lands and ran along Fish Brook, past stone walls and over streams.

In the past, the event has been a muddy free-for-all, but colder-than-normal temperatures into late winter this year kept mud at a minimum this year.

Trail Animals Running Club is the original trail running club of the Boston-metro area. Founded in the 1990s, the club's membership consists of people who enjoy and participate in the sport of ultra-running and trail runs, traversing their natural surroundings in rain, snow or shine. TARC hosts weekly runs and special events, like the Spring Thaw, throughout the year.

Sunday's run drew a maximum enrollment, forcing organizers to close the wait list, an indication of the growing popularity of the sport.

Most TARC events are free or of minimal cost to participants, with remaining funds, after expenses, divided and donated to the land organizations that own, preserve and maintain the woods the group frequents and enjoys.

For more on TARC or this year's Spring Thaw, visit [www.trailanimals.com](http://www.trailanimals.com) or <http://ultrasignup.com/register.aspx?did=26391>.



Jay Kelly strides through the pine needles in a rare snow-free patch during the 2014 TARC Spring Thaw 6 Hour race.



ABOVE: Yeti, the leader of TARC, on the scene to kick off the start of the 2014 Spring Thaw 6 Hour.



AT LEFT: Ryan Knapp paces Stacia Broderick through an opening at Harold R. Rafton Reservation.



ABOVE: Vicki Blais controls her footing along the snow-covered trails within Harold R. Rafton Reservation. In past years, participants in the annual TARC Spring Thaw 6 Hour have encountered a more muddy terrain.



AT RIGHT: Warden Ken Doran stokes the fire as runners approach during the 2014 TARC Spring Thaw 6 Hour race.



Jeff Ingalls of Newburyport comes across a clearing of pine needles en route to winning Sunday's annual TARC Spring Thaw 6 Hour. The 43-year-old covered 35.5 miles in 5 hours and 47 minutes.

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# Arts & Entertainment

## A bluegrass beat to battle Alzheimer's

It isn't often that a Saturday night out both sets the stage for family-oriented fun and provides an opportunity

to give back. But on March 22, Michelle Canning and Rough Edges, a bluegrass band from Andover, will

offer just that.

The band will host its third annual "A Night on the Edge" — a heartfelt concert to raise money for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Canning holds the concert each year as a tribute to her grandfather, Ken Canning Sr., who passed away at age 82 after suffering from Alzheimer's disease.

This year, the event will also include an interactive tribute to people with the brain disorder. The band is asking attendees to submit photos of loved ones who have or had Alzheimer's disease. Those images, accompanied by messages, will be projected onstage during the band's performance of a song Canning co-wrote in memory of her grandfather titled "It'll Take Him Away."

"My grandfather's experience with Alzheimer's disease had a profound effect



COURTESY PHOTO

**Michelle Canning and Rough Edges, a bluegrass band from Andover, presents the third annual "A Night on The Edge" concert this weekend to benefit the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.**

on our family," Canning said in a release. "I started this annual fundraiser as a way to help bring awareness to the disease and raise money

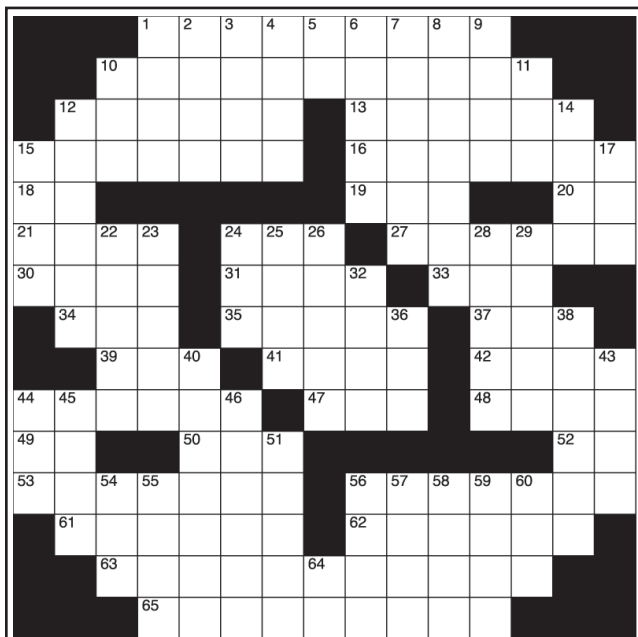
to support the care of people in a similar situation."

Proceeds from the concert will help fund the programs and services of

the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing optimal care and services to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and their families. The organization estimates that some 120,000 people in Massachusetts have Alzheimer's disease and more than twice that number are caring for individuals with the illness. AFA offers a toll-free help line, free caregiver magazine, educational conferences, programs to educate and engage teens and college students and more.

The band's previous fundraisers have netted more than \$5,000 for AFA.

The concert starts at 7 p.m. at Billerica VFW Hall in North Billerica. Tickets cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit [www.MCREband.com](http://www.MCREband.com).



### CLUES ACROSS

- Recapture the past
- "Tosh.0" and "South Park" are two
- Military greeting
- Passenger ships
- Can't move
- Any omission of a part
- 43rd state
- Compassionate nursing care
- Pa's partner
- Dutch cheese
- London radio station
- Perfumed powder bag
- Liquid body substances
- Expresses pleasure
- Escape from prison
- Long-wave hue
- Bleated

### Solution in Classified Section

- Male swan
- Head cover
- Fewer calories
- Teal duck genus
- Inspire with love
- Grab
- Cruel inhuman person
- 6th musical tone
- Indigenous tribe of Indonesia
- Megabyte
- Headpin in bowling
- Light, fitful naps
- Precede
- Greek and Turkish Sea
- Pot 'o gold location
- Was in disagreement

### CLUES DOWN

- A player's part
- Ratites
- Distribute
- 15th day of March
- Empire State
- Small island
- Con or swindle accomplices
- Oasts kiln shape
- Female sheep
- Motor vehicle
- \_\_\_ Lanka
- More melancholy
- Not all
- Apple, pumpkin or a la mode
- \_\_\_ King Cole, musician
- Palms with egg shaped nuts
- Mistress of a household
- Founder of Babism
- Semitic fertility god
- Connected links

- Chocolate tree
- Miao-Yao is their language
- Moss capsule stalk
- Young society woman
- Bartenders
- Buried port city
- One point S of SE
- Cervid
- Inexperienced (var.)
- Exercises authority over
- Handles
- Neither
- Alumnus
- Sunrise
- Cease exertion
- Double curve
- Maneuver
- Not happy
- Old English

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## Pre-Passover musical journey of freedom

Andover's Temple Emanuel is joining with Andover Baptist Church to observe the approaching Passover season with an evening of spiritual song celebrating the themes of liberation and freedom.

The program set for Friday, March 28, at 7 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, looks

to acknowledge the strong bonds between the African American and Jewish communities.

"Spiritual Music of Freedom" will feature a traditional Friday night Shabbat service with a musical emphasis on bringing together people with a shared history of oppression.

The evening begins with a brief service led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein and Cantor Idan Irelander. Then, Andover Baptist Church Choir and Musical Ensemble under Music Director Michael Belcher will perform.

In a release, Goldstein said it's only fitting for the two groups to join together two weeks before Passover. "Passover commemorates the exodus of the Jewish people from Egyptian slavery," he said. "Themes from the Biblical Exodus story found their way into many of the spirituals sung by African Americans in the years leading up to the end of slavery."

"In addition to the music, there is a long and celebrated history of mutual cooperation between Jews and African Americans in the civil rights movement. We are happy to

host Andover Baptist Church and continue such cooperation."

Irelander added that music is "a universal language and a connection to our past cultural similarities" and said that it will be an honor for Temple Emanuel's talented congregants to perform with the guest singers from Andover Baptist Church.

Temple Emanuel of Andover is the largest Reform Congregation north of Boston and an active member of the Union for Reform Judaism. It has become the religious and educational center for Reform Judaism in the Merrimack Valley.

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# 'Coping with Caregiving' series to offer tools, advice

The Center at Punchard launches a valuable education series next month for those caring for loved ones at home.

The four-week "Coping with Caregiving" series meets Thursday nights at 7 starting April 3 through 24 at The Center at Punchard, 30 Whittier Court. Admission is free with registration.

The center has lined up four experts to offer vital information about the challenges and rewards that come with caregiving as loved ones' needs increase. The speakers, including two Andover residents, will touch on various aspects of the caregiver's journey.

They include Dr. Suetta Tenney, one of the few geriatric general practitioners in Andover. She has initiated a "visiting doctor" service as well as a hands-on approach to medicine that encourages many approaches to wellness.

Tenney has recently completed a mind-body wellness training and will be offering caregivers in Andover a free, eight-week session on the principles of mind-body medicine starting in June. The program will include instruction in meditation as well as a chance to interact confidentially with others who are undergoing the same challenging situation.

To allow caregivers to attend the program, The Center at Punchard will schedule this summer's Screening Room showings so they coincide with Tenney's program to allow caregivers to attend while their loved ones take in a movie.

The "Coping with

Caregiving" series will conclude with an overview of The Center at Punchard's adult day program called Senior Connections. The service offers loving, personal care to seniors who require daily assistance, including some who might otherwise be left at home alone. The program includes lunch and a host of activities aimed at stimulating and engaging participants. Transportation is also provided.

The schedule for "Coping with Caregivers" is:

■ **April 3:** Kelley MacDonald, MSN, of Home Health Foundation, presents "A daughter's tips for the Caregiver," offering personal and professional insight on the caregiver's journey.

■ **April 10:** Longtime Andover physician Dr. Suetta Tenney, whose practice cares for many Andover seniors and their families, will explore the pitfalls and rewards of caring for one's aging relatives and friends.

■ **April 17:** Heather Carroll, who leads programs and advocacy for the Alzheimer's Association, presents "Changes in Memory: Normal Signs of Aging vs. Alzheimer's."

■ **April 24:** Senior staff from The Center at Punchard present an overview of support services provided through the center, including Senior Connections, as well as other community-based supports to assist seniors in maintaining their independence and safety.

For more information on the series or to register for any of the offerings, call 978-623-8321.

# Minding the town's beavers, moths and timbers



## Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

### Andover Historical Society

Each year, Andover publishes an annual report including descriptions of various town departments and their employees. In addition, it might include special town employees who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen, like the town's official beaver trapper, and the duties of that position.

Over time, these positions have come and gone depending on need. A look at selectmen's appointments over the last 100 years provides an intriguing window into what life in Andover was like in previous generations.

Officials in 1894, for example, managed the town's almshouse according to state statutes. Selectmen served as Overseers of the Poor and also appointed a superintendent of the almshouse who arranged for the care of the

town's poor as well as wandering paupers. The superintendent reported annually on expenses incurred and gave an accounting of work assigned, as residents were required to do whatever work they could to contribute toward their support.

Other positions in 1894 included superintendent of streets and superintendent of water works. The former supervised the laying out and construction of new roads. The latter, a new position created in 1888 with the approval of a town pumping station, kept track of the amount of water pumped, along with revenues and expenditures.

Charles Greene, in 1897, was in charge of "wood, lumber, bark and manure," a position seen on town rolls for many years. Duties required inspecting and measuring planks, boards and timbers put up for sale to ensure proper measure and grade.

Another common post was that of fence viewer, critical to any agrarian community. The fence viewer saw that legal fences were built and maintained and also mediated boundary disputes. Legal fines were imposed where loose animals that

were not properly fenced out could cause a great deal of damage to crops. By law, fields had to be surrounded by strong fences at least 4 feet high. If a legal fence was broken through, the animal's owner was responsible for damages. If the fence was illegal, the field owner could not claim compensation.

Speaking of loose animals, stray and loose animals were the purview of the pound keeper who was responsible for the town animal pound, for finding the owner and for assessing appropriate fines and damages.

In 1920, the town report listed an agent for the burial of deceased soldiers.

The inspector of milk, meanwhile, reported on licenses and inspections granted to dealers, distributors, stores and restaurants, including door-to-door milk wagons. In 1935, new state regulations were noted as a "burden" to Andover; however one "met with care and spirit to insure best quality milk."

The position of tree warden, at one time an elected post, was held in the 1940s by George Abbott. His love of the outdoors changed an earlier vocation and his specialty became the care of

shade trees. Mr. Abbott also held the appointed position of moth superintendent, featured prominently in town reports.

Many town positions are with us still, although perhaps under different names. In the 1960s, there was a separate inspector of wires (now the electrical inspector). The sealer of weights and measures is now part of the plumbing and gas reports.

The inspector of cattle job that existed in 1910 has evolved to the general heading of animal inspector. Dr. Richard Lindsay, Andover veterinarian, held this position for more than 30 years. Those duties today are covered by the animal control officer.

The year 1941 showed an agent for the Bureau of Old Age Assistance — a focus that has grown to include many far-reaching services for the town's seniors.

From yesterday's keeper of the public dump to today's beaver trapper, one can't help but appreciate the efforts of all those who have made our town run efficiently through the years, often in the background and with little recognition. Thank you's are surely in order.

# Local dentist pitches in for Operation Cajun Care

Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Charles F. McQuade spent two weeks this winter helping provide free dental care to residents of rural Louisiana during exercise Cajun Care.

Approximately 120 Navy and Air National Guard medical professionals set up shop in a former nursing home in Abbeville, La., from Feb. 25 to March 6 to provide area residents with medical, dental and optometry care. More than 2,000 people were expected to

receive health care valued at more than \$1 million during the two-week program.

A Department of Defense-sponsored initiative called Innovative Readiness Training, Cajun Care is designed to provide U.S. military medical professionals valuable training as well as offer health care options to a medically underserved community. The program is in its 20th year.

McQuade is an administrative officer who works at Detachment V in Quincy.

He is assigned to Operational Hospital Support Unit, Portsmouth, Va., and has six years of military service.

"This has been a great experience representing Navy dentistry on this joint military mission to an underserved area of the country," McQuade said in a release.

The husband of Suzanne McQuade of Andover, McQuade earned his doctor of medical dentistry degree from Boston University Dental School in Boston.



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Navy Reserve Lt. Cmdr. Charles F. McQuade works on a dental patient during Operation Cajun Care in Louisiana.

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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### 100 Years Ago March 20, 1914

Andover has certainly been affected by the recent Auto Show in Boston for George Walsh has purchased a Maxwell car, while Burt Anderson has purchased an Oakland.

The Barnard essays, written by the juniors and seniors of Punchard High school, have been passed in to the judges. The returns are expected before long for the time for their delivery is not far distant.

Don't miss the Battle of Waterloo, at the Colonial Theatre, on Friday and Saturday.

### 75 Years Ago March 16, 1939

Police Chief George A. Dane last Saturday afternoon declined to follow the lead of fellow Chief Alfred McKee of North Andover in asking news dealers to remove Life magazine from the stands because of some pictures of nude statuary, which is to be exhibited at the New York World's Fair.

Miss Anne Beer of Summer Street and Miss Eleanor Daly of Chestnut Street enjoyed the skiing at Clay Pit Hill last Sunday.

Sally's Food Shop at 46 Main St. next to Woolworth's advertises a "complete line of Friend's Bread, Cake, Pastry." This week's specials — hand-cut donuts, 27 cents; old-fashioned graham bread (reg. 11 cents), 10 cents; and homemade bread, 10 cents.

### 50 Years Ago March 19, 1964

The Morton Street mystery — not a title for a thriller, but the very real subject of discussion during this week — has been solved. A number of residents

thought for a while that they had been hearing things Sunday evening. Seems a loud, explosion-type noise swept the area about 10 p.m. Many residents headed for the intersection of Main and Morton, expecting to find an accident. One person said two cars had been standing at the intersection, with their doors wide open. The vehicles took off hurriedly, he reported. Police eventually provided a solution: One young man was headed for the square when the hood of his car blew off. The noisy impact was heard all over the area. Another car, containing friends, stopped to help retrieve the hood. Then both cars did, indeed, depart the scene.

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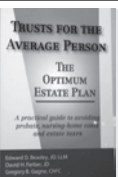
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# Education

## Tackling anxiety: A parents' guide

Lynn Lyons, a licensed clinical social worker and psychotherapist from Concord, N.H., returns to Andover next week to wrap up the 2013-2014 Parent



Lynn Lyons

to Parent series with a look at "Anxious Kids, Anxious Parents: 7 Ways to Stop the Worry Cycle and Raise Courageous & Independent Children."

The free program will be held Wednesday, March 26, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Doherty Middle School auditorium, 50 Bartlet St.

This is Lyons' third consecutive year visiting Andover, and Parent to Parent organizers say she has been one of the series' most popular presenters.

An anxiety disorder specialist, Lyons has worked for 23 years with individuals, families and groups in helping them overcome their anxiety, compete effectively and parent confidently.

She is the co-author of two books on anxiety, one geared at parents and a companion book for children and teens.

According to Lyons, research shows that children with anxious parents are up to seven times more likely than other children to develop anxiety.

Usually, both parents and children in these families have trouble tolerating uncertainty, handling discomfort and succeeding in problem-solving, Lyons says. An untreated anxiety disorder in a child is one of the top predictors of depression in adolescence and early adulthood, but is also the most successfully treated mental health issue, she says.

Lyons' presentation next week will explore the difference between healthy worrying and debilitating anxiety and help parents identify patterns in families that increase anxious behavior, as well as the common pitfalls that make it worse.

She will discuss a program of effective, concrete exercises for both parents and children that help normalize anxiety and find innovative, playful ways to deal with it.

Lyons says her goal for families isn't to try to avoid anxiety, but to help them seek out effective, healthy ways to better manage and hopefully conquer it.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photos

Sinead Veletzos, 5, right, offers a grape to her 2-year-old sister, Zoe, in the West Elementary School cafeteria after the presentation of "FOODPLAY," which teaches youngsters about healthy eating habits.

## A healthy taste

### 'FOODPLAY' show, fair dish on nutrition

Students got a real sampling of healthy eating and exercise last week when the school district's Nutrition and Health Education departments hosted a night of food fun.

The event, held at West Elementary School, featured a performance of "FOODPLAY," an award-winning, interactive presentation built around the theme of nutrition and filled with music, magic, juggling and more.

It was followed by a nutrition and fitness expo of sorts that included food-testing stations and physical activities aimed at reinforcing the importance of a healthy lifestyle.

More photos online at [andovertownsm.com](http://andovertownsm.com)



Gavin Cleary, 6, considers trying a new version of chicken tenders made from all-breast meat that will be offered in Andover public schools next year as his brother, Liam, 8, looks on. The district's Nutrition Department is reviewing some of its healthy selections to make them more palatable to youngsters.



Chase Hoffenberg, 4, samples the flavors of hummus at one of the food booths set up in the West Elementary cafeteria.



Coach unfurls a wrapping around Johnny that lists the ingredients of soda during one of the "FOODPLAY" skits encouraging students to read the ingredients of their favorite foods before choosing what to eat.



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A cast of third-, fourth- and fifth-graders from South Elementary School brought the musical tale of "My Son Pinocchio Jr." to life last weekend at West Middle School. More photos online at [andovertownsm.com](http://andovertownsm.com).

## Magical 'Pinocchio' delights

The cast of South Cooperative Theater's "My Son Pinocchio Jr." played to three packed houses last weekend at West Middle School.

The musical featured a cast of third-, fourth- and fifth-graders with Somin Virmani as Pinocchio, Colleen Shay as Pinocchio's father, Geppetto; Georgia Mellor as the Blue Fairy and Gianna Coppola as Stromboli. Beth Kennedy served as artistic director and shared choreographer duties with Crystal O'Keefe. Charles Gracy, Amanda Spinale and Sherrill Tjalsma helped out as drama directors, with Amanda Potts as music director.

Audience-goers say the classic tale of an aging toy maker and his awkward, wooden puppet did not disappoint, providing a heartwarming, family-friendly treat for one of the final weekends of winter.

### ON CAMPUS

The following locals were named to the dean's list at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island for the fall 2013 semester: **Justin Edelman**, majoring in accounting; **Andrew Nason** and **Ashley Lamontagne**, majoring in marketing; and **Alison Pouliot**, majoring in media communication.

Abigail Smith, a freshman at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, N.H., has been appointed a 2013-2014 Kevin Harrington Student Ambassador at the college's New Hampshire Institute of Politics & Political Library. Student ambassadors play a role supporting special events,

welcoming and introducing presidential and congressional candidates, public figures and a range of scholars, who headline the institute's events. Matthew William Washburn graduated from Clemson University in South Carolina in December. He earned a

Bachelor of Science degree in financial management. Sara Heath was named to the dean's list for the fall 2013 semester at Assumption College in Worcester. She is a junior. Six local students were

named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Cornell University College of Arts and Sciences in Iowa: **Casey Zhang**, **Demetrios Papageorgiou**, **Julia Quinn**, **Jamison Poland**, **Eve Bishop** and **Tina Tianjiao Su**. Jessica Mancini was named to the fall 2013 dean's list at

Canisius College in Buffalo, N.Y. She is a senior marketing major. Paul Jackson was named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Rider University in New Jersey. He is a junior. See **CAMPUS**, Page 13

# A dramatic turn for 'Radium Girls'

The Andover High School Drama Guild is headed to the state finals next week with its production of the drama "Radium Girls."

The guild earned top awards in the semifinal round of the Massachusetts Educational Theater Guild High School Drama Festival competition held this past Sunday in Duxbury.

Cast members Evan Pantely, Lauren Wanthal, Carter Letsky and Emily Wivell were all recognized for their moving portrayals.

The production also enjoyed a veritable sweep of the technical design awards. Sasha Schwartz won for Excellence in Set Design, Erica Shaw for Excellence in Lighting Design, and Daniel O'Leary and Sabrina DelMonaco for Excellence in Projections. In addition, Technical Excellence Awards for stage management and crew went to Gisele Aoun, Matthew Boulanger, Emily Lin, Anna Quartararo and Tia Lommel.

The Massachusetts High School Drama Festival is the METG's premier event. The festival starts out with 115 one-act plays produced by member high schools that get whittled down to 14 during the preliminary and semifinal rounds.

The stage is now set for the state finals on Thursday, March 27, when two schools will be chosen to represent Massachusetts in the New England Drama Festival, the regional showcase of secondary school theater. An All-Star Company will also be named at the states, which will be held in John Hancock Hall in the Back Bay Events Center in Boston. The competition starts at 7 p.m.



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The radium girls, from left, Lauren Wanthal as Kathryn Schaub, Emily Wivell as Grace Fryer and Maci Letsky as Irene Rudolph, in happier times working at the factory with the then-novel glowing paint that would prove to be deadly.



U.S. Radium Corp. President Arthur Roeder, played by Evan Pantely, left, is in denial when Conor Meehan as Von Sochocky, the inventor of the radium paint, tells him he is leaving the company suddenly to pursue other interests.



Carter Letsky, as Lehman, tells Courtney Plati, as consumer advocate Kathryn Wiley, that there is no problem at U.S. Radium Corp.

# AHS robotics teams engineer tourney success

The Andover Robotics Club's two teams have had quite a noteworthy year.

Team Awesome Sauce, one of Andover's FIRST Tech Challenge teams, participated in a FIRST robotics competition qualifier last month at Ursuline Academy in Dedham.

The students performed well, taking home the Motivate Award, which "celebrates the team that exemplifies the essence of the FTC competition through team building, team spirit and enthusiasm."

They also made it into the finals, being selected by team Cohasset Robotics to participate in the Alliance Rounds. They, however, did not quite qualify for the state-level tournament.

The Pixelated Tesseracts, the club's second FTC team, achieved success at its qualifier earlier this year in Arlington. The team won the Think Award, which recognizes "the Engineering Notebook which best reflects the 'journey' that the team experienced throughout the process, from design to build."

Due to the effort by the club and the community in hosting a qualifier at Andover High School this season, The Pixelated Tesseracts advanced to the state FTC Championship on March 8 in Bridgewater.

The student-run Andover Robotics Club is comprised of high-schoolers who participate in various nationwide robotics competitions, including the First Tech Challenge and Botball.

Led by team advisor Minda Reidy, the club strives to get students involved in STEAM education alongside mentors who support them through the engineering process. Founded in 2009, the club is thankful for the funding support of the Punchard Trustees, aided in recent years by Raytheon.

The club meets three days a week after school and is open to all students. Members learn how to either program, build or document the design process of the robot; past experience is not necessary.

The 2014 Botball season is just starting up now and new members are welcome. Visit [andoverrobotics.com](http://andoverrobotics.com) for more.

## CAMPUS:

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majoring in geosciences.

Brittany Ross, Ashley Li, Carolina Zappala and Shivani Shah were named to the fall 2013 dean's list at the University of Rhode Island.

Six local students were named to the fall 2013 dean's list at Stonehill College: Elizabeth J. DiModica, Stephanie M. DiModica, Nicole

T. Poe, Tijana Samardzic and Scott D. Waller, all seniors; and Samuel M. Frykenberg, a sophomore.



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# Sports

# WINTER WARRIORS

## A look back at an exciting season in Andover High sports

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*Editor's Note: Last week, we looked back at boys basketball team's magical run. So this week we give the other teams a chance to relive their seasons and shine once again.*

Outside, it was a brutal winter of snow and ice-cold conditions freezing the Merrimack Valley.

Inside the cozy confines of Andover High and its athletic facilities, however, it was a stellar season for the Golden Warriors.

From basketball to gymnastics, skiing, hockey and, of course, indoor track, Andover athletes built another outstanding campaign that wowed fans.

So, while spring sports are kicking off tryouts in 20-degree temperatures, let's take a look back at the 2013-14 winter in Andover High sports.

### Worth the wait

Last spring was a miserable one for close friends and track superstars **Courtney Comeau** and **Catherine Haut**. Comeau — who has been recruited to run at UMass — sat out the entire season with a back injury and Haut missed nearly the entire campaign with leg injuries.

But both returned in style this past winter.

Comeau made a major mark, winning the Division 1 state title in the 55-meter hurdles in a blazing 8.74 in front of her beaming father/coach **Peter Comeau**.

"I started coaching 20 years ago and to say one of my children would be a state champ, I can't tell you how happy I am," said the longtime head coach following the states. "I am the proudest dad ever."

Haut delivered her comeback performance at the Merrimack Valley Conference meet, winning the long jump with a 17-7, shattering her personal best of 16-0. That isn't even her best event. She excels in the triple jump, which is not held indoors.

Both should be even healthier for the outdoor season.

It hasn't always been easy wrestling for Andover High. The Golden Warrior grapplers suffered through a losing streak that lasted two years. But that was broken on Feb. 12.

**Patrick Meagher** needed just 46 seconds to score a pin at 120 pounds, **Shaun Merrill** (170 pounds) added a pin in 1:06, **Matt Marcotte** (132) scored a pin in 1:18 and **Matt Stamos** (195 pounds) pinned in 3:24 as the Golden Warriors took down Peabody 42-39.

### Christmas presence

It was going to be a major rebuilding season for the Andover girls basketball team, right?

The Golden Warriors had graduated a 1,000-point scorer in **Devon Caveney** and an All-Scholastic defensive stopper in **Jackie Alois**, and were breaking in a new coach in football head man **E.J. Perry** to replace four-time state champion **Jim Tildsley**.

So, what were the odds the Warriors would make a run at a Christmas Tournament title? As it turned out, very strong.

Behind 15 points by **Jessica Witten** in the title game, Andover took home the Hyde Division title in the newly named

Commonwealth Motors Christmas Classic. The Warriors beat Salem (N.H.) and Lawrence on their way to the crown.

The Warrior girls finished an impressive 16-6 and earned a Division 1 state tourney win over Lynn Classical.

### Gym records

With a championship on the line, not only did the Andover girls gymnastics team meet the challenge, the Golden Warriors performed better than they ever have.

The Warriors scored a school-record 146.1 points to win the North Sectional title on Feb. 22. **Courtney Carver** led the way, taking first in the floor exercise and third in the all-around.

It was a big season all-around for the gymnastics team, led by Carver and **Jessie Livingston**. The Warriors also won the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 meet title, finished a stellar second at states and was third at New England's.

### Last-second specialties

The Andover girls hockey team fired shot after shot at the goaltender, and time after time, the Newton North goalie turned away the Golden Warriors' shots in the Division 1 North tournament preliminary round game.

But the net-minder couldn't stop **Caroline Hughes**.

With just 34 seconds left in the game, Hughes picked up a rebound off a **Brenna Keefe** shot and scored to give the Golden Warriors a 2-1 state tourney victory over Newton.

The Warriors finished the season 11-6-4.

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The girls basketball team wasted no time proving that it was big-game ready.

The Warriors fell behind by seven points with just 2:13 to go in regulation against Lowell, but would not be denied.

**Colleen Caveney** cut the deficit to three with a layup, then Witten tied the game with her fifth three-pointer of the game, made a steal and hit her sixth trey to take the lead. **Rebecca Alois** then sealed the win with two free throws.

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Playing in their final game of the season, the Andover boys hockey team could have eased into the off-season. Instead, the Warriors rallied back for a 2-2 tie against Triton, thanks to goals by **Matt Quercia** and **Jack Wilkie**.

### Title territory

Everyone knows Andover High's history of excellence in swimming, and this past winter was no exception.

Senior tri-captain **Vince Camin** took home the MVC title in the 100 breast-stroke in 1:01.45 and swam on the 200-medley relay that took home a title. He was joined on the relay by **Joseph Carroll**, **Max Blanch** and **Santi Alegria**.

Captains Alegria and Camin were also joined by **Aaron Wu** and **Eric Shi** to take second in the 200-freestyle relay. Shi added a second in the 500 freestyle.

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Speaking of excellence, Andover has long dominated the state track scene in relays.

Over the weekend, the team of **Courtney Comeau**, **Lizzie Kobelski**, **Hannah**



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

She was best known for her shooting touch, but **Jessica Witten** did it all for the Andover girls hoops team in her lone year as a starter. She was more than up for tough defense, like she demonstrates in this photo.



RYAN HUTTON/Staff photo

**Caroline Hughes** scored the most memorable goal in recent memory and one of the biggest in team history for Andover girls hockey when she netted the puck with 34 seconds left to give the Golden Warriors a state tourney victory over Newton North.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

**Joseph Aronov** made the most of boys gymnastics being reinstated as a sport in Massachusetts, winning the state coaches title and placing second at states.

**Chapman** and **Jill Gamache** ran a scintillating 33.53 at nationals, setting the Massachusetts all-time record, according to coach Peter Comeau.

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**Joseph Aronov** nearly lost his chance to shine, as boys gymnastics was briefly dropped by the MIAA as a sport. But it was reinstated before the season, and the Golden Warrior made the campaign count.

Aronov won the all-around crown at the state Coaches' Invitational and followed that by placing second in the all-around and four individual events at the state meet, leading the Golden Warriors to a third-place finish as a team.

### Stat busters

Skier **Julia Ganley** was already having an outstanding season, but through her first four

meets had yet to score a victory.

But that was about to end for the star student, who sits atop her Andover High senior class.

**Ganley** scored her first win of the season, and second of her career, on Jan. 29, took first again in her next meet and made it three firsts in a row on Feb. 7. She continued to star with a second overall at the Interscholastic Meet and was 17th in the giant slalom at the state meet.

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With two years left in her high school career, girls hockey standout **Veronica Alois** is going to have to work tremendously hard to top the season she had as a sophomore.

Alois potted a whopping 31 goals this season, and finished with 39 points overall, the fifth most goals in the program's 13-year history.

Alois scored at least one



COURTESY PHOTO

**Courtney Comeau** races across the finish line to win the Division 1 state title in the 55 hurdles this winter. It was a big comeback season for Comeau, who was returning from a back injury that cost her the entire 2013 outdoor season.

goal in 14 of the Golden Warriors' final 16 games, including five multi-goal games and two hat tricks.

Hughes also had a terrific season with 11 goals and four-year starting goalie **Meghan Johnson** had a 2.00 goals-against average and two shutouts.

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Whenever Andover girls basketball needed a big basket, the Golden Warriors could always look to the backcourt duo of **Colleen Caveney** and **Jessica Witten**. At least one of the two scored in double digits in all but one game all season.

Caveney, a junior, stepped into the top scoring role vacated by her cousin, Devon, and averaged a team-best 14.1 points a game this season, scoring in double digits in all but four games, including five games of 20 points or more.

Witten, a former bench player, came on as a star long-range shooter. She averaged 11.1 points a game, hitting 40 three-pointers. She scored 28 in a win over Dracut and played the best game of her career with 25 points in a state tourney win over Lynn Classical.

While those two were scoring, **Rebecca Alois** continued the role she has starred in for three seasons, as leader, defensive stopper and gritty presence in the paint.

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One year younger than Alois is boys freshman forward **Matt Quercia**. He did not appear in the season's preseason preview, but ended up leading the Golden Warriors with 10 goals and 21 points. **Mark Campbell** was one score behind with nine goals.

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Now, bring on the spring.



Mia Galat, 13, of Andover, left and Lucy Kisova, 11, of North Andover, get in their 15 minutes of cycling during the triathlon. The competitor who covered the most ground on all three portions of the event was crowned the winner.

# Memorial Tri wages indoor challenge

A competitive field turned out for Saturday's annual Indoor Triathlon at the Andover/North Andover YMCA.

This year, the event was renamed in honor of 66-year-old Roger Smith of Andover, an avid cyclist and member of the local YMCA who competed in the triathlon since it was introduced nine years ago. Smith died in October 2012 from injuries suffered in a bike accident.

Several of Smith's family members were on hand for Saturday's event.

The triathlon was open to adults, children and teams, including both members and nonmembers of the YMCA. All the action, including the swim portion in the pool, the cycling portion on stationary bikes and the running leg on the treadmill, took place inside the YMCA's 165 Haverhill St. facility.



Duinn Bennett, 7 of North Andover, completes the swimming portion of Saturday's Roger Smith Memorial Indoor Triathlon. Youth competitors swam, cycled and ran for 15 minutes in each.



YMCA coach and triathlon coordinator Maura Eisenhood, far left, poses with family members of the late Roger Smith, for whom the event was renamed this year. The family included, from left, Kristen Smith, Tammy Borowick, daughter Cassie, 5; Smith's wife, Susan; Scott Smith and sons Gabe and Ben.



Spectators watch swimmers compete in the Roger Smith Memorial Indoor Triathlon at the Andover/North Andover YMCA on Saturday.

## Off to the nationals

Nick Sherman, top right, a member of Northeastern University in Boston's Alpine Ski Team, qualified to compete in this month's USCSA 2014 National Championships in Lake Placid, N.Y. His team was the only club team to make it to nationals from Northeastern's region and it marked the first time in 15 years that a Thompson Division team landed on the national stage. Sherman is a third-year student at Northeastern.



COURTESY PHOTO

## Gymnasts deliver solid showing

Local gymnasts Madison and Shayla Quill have both had noteworthy seasons with A2 Gym and Cheer in Pelham, N.H.

At the Valentine Meet Feb. 7 and 8 in Hampstead, N.H., Shayla was first on vault (9.5), first on bars (9.45), fourth on beam (8.45), third on floor (9.25), and first all-around for Level 3 with a score of 36.65.

At the Frostbite Meet Feb. 7 in Biddeford, Maine, Madison was fourth on vault (9.45), second on bars (9.4), sixth on beam (8.65), sixth

on floor (8.9), and third all-around in the Xcel Platinum division with a 36.4 score. In addition, her Xcel Platinum team from A2 took first in the Team Award.

At the Wilkeys Invitational Feb. 15 and 16 in Tewksbury, Madison was sixth on beam (8.9) in the Xcel Platinum division and Shayla was first on bars (9.475), second on beam (9.05) and third all-around in Level 3 with a 35.95 score.

The Level 3 team also finished second in the competition.



The Andover Squirt 2 team won the B Division of this year's Waterville Valley Deep Freeze Tournament.

## Squirts conquer Deep Freeze

The Andover Squirt 2 team skated to the B Division title at this year's Waterville Valley Deep Freeze Tournament in New Hampshire.

The team defeated the Concord Capitals 5-3, then posted an 8-0 lead against the South Shore Seahawks. In the finals, a 5-1 decision over the South Shore Seahawks allowed the team to capture the

divisional title.

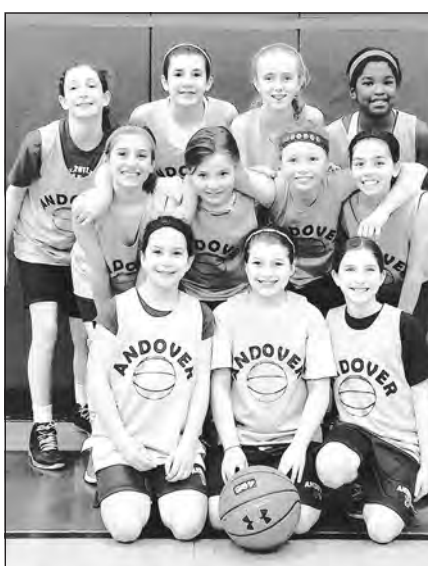
The team includes Rich Lyman, Sean Flanagan, Kevin DeMichaelis, Larry Shea, Paul DeFeo, Brian Ritchie, Marco Cerbone, Tyler Lareau, Matt Shea, Kevin DeMichaelis, Jack Sullivan, Jamie Lyman, Chris DeFeo, Patrick Flanagan, Benji Miragliotta, Nick Spinale, Aidan Magner and R.J. Ritchie.

## 5th-grade girls end strong

Andover's fifth-grade girls travel basketball team played strong in the Massachusetts State Travel Basketball Tournament, ultimately falling short in the finals to archrival Billerica.

The Andover squad advanced to the finals of the states by posting victories over Leominster, Franklin and Belmont.

The Lady Warriors secured a 41-5 overall record for the season, with four of their five losses all being dealt by what ultimately became the state champion Billerica team.



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The fifth-grade girls travel basketball team, which ended the season as state runner-ups, included, front row from left, Patricia Bibeau, Olivia Chapman and Erika Flowers; middle row from left, Tatum Shaw, Paige Gillette, Hannah Cuff and Heather Graham; and, back row from left, Kayla DiBenedetto, Katie Resendiz, Katie Morris and Summer Seward.

## Going straight to the top



The Andover Department of Community Services' sixth-grade girls travel basketball team concluded its 2014 season with a first-place finish in The River Valley AB League playoffs. Players include Brooke Hardock, Kelly Graber, Shea Krekorian, Annie Serrao, Christine Reardon, Addy Jaromin, Katherine Bravo, Libby Pustis, Livy Hodge, Val Teichert and Ally Teichert. The coaches were Chip Reardon, Rebecca Morris and Steve Krekorian. Claire Nagahiro and coach Ally Navarro are missing from the photo.

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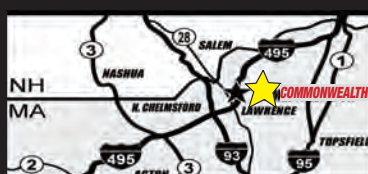


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AT - 3/20/14

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<b>High: 52°</b> <b>Low: 30°</b>	<b>High: 44°</b> <b>Low: 28°</b>	<b>High: 45°</b> <b>Low: 31°</b>	<b>High: 39°</b> <b>Low: 18°</b>	<b>High: 32°</b> <b>Low: 17°</b>	<b>High: 35°</b> <b>Low: 19°</b>	<b>High: 39°</b> <b>Low: 20°</b>

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