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Fabien Fieschi, the consul general of France in Boston, pins the Legion of Honor Medal on longtime Andover resident Frank Symosek for his military service at Normandy and during World War II as Francois Decroix, a family friend, looks on. The 95-year-old Symosek was honored during a ceremony last Friday at the Andover Inn.

FRANCE'S TOP HONOR

World War II Navy veteran receives French Legion Medal of Honor

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There are many words to describe Frank Symosek, but "quitter" is not among them.

Nearly seven decades after his honorable discharge from his duties as a U.S. Naval Lieutenant Commander during World War II, Symosek, 95, received The Legion of Honor medal Friday — France's highest military honor.

"It's nice to receive it," Symosek said, soft spoken and humble about an award he feels would be more deserving to his crew members, nearly one-third of whom were killed or injured in battle.

It's often tough to think back to that time so long ago, he said.

The son of Polish immigrant

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Frank Symosek fought from both theaters with the U.S. Navy during World War II.

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Mediocre reviews for Stapczynski

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If Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski were still in high school, he wouldn't have made the honor roll last year.

Two of the five members of the Board of Selectmen, in their annual performance evaluations for 2014, gave the soon-to-leave Stapczynski a score of 63. One gave him a 64.

The scores from the other two were much higher — at 91 and 80. The average of all five scores was 72 percent.

While the scores varied somewhat, the message was clear: There was lots of room for improvement.

"It's the low end of acceptable," said selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski, who gave the town manager an aggregate score of 64. "There are areas where he needed to improve and my performance assessment reflected that."

Selectmen Mary O'Donoghue and Alex Vispoli both gave him scores of 63.

"I'd say it's more like a C than a D," said O'Donoghue,

who faulted Stapczynski on several fronts, including poor leadership and failure to meet certain objectives, including moving or developing the town yard. "I would term it average."

Vispoli said his relatively low score reflected a failure on Stapczynski's part to keep the board posted on the progress of major initiatives.

"When we set the goals and objectives, we put a series of dates and checkpoints so he could give us status updates on the goals," Vispoli said. "If there was a problem or a course correction, the opportunity was there to do so. For the most part, he didn't take advantage of those dates. We were looking for progress along the way. For several of those, there were no updates."

Selectman Paul Salafia gave Stapczynski an overall score of 80, saying that while

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Senior housing project shot down

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Housing and would have been called Andover Senior Residences.

Neighbors opposed to a two-phase senior housing project proposed for Lowell Street may have won the battle, but they're hesitant to claim victory in the war.

Last week, the Planning Board voted narrowly to shoot down National Development's bid for a special permit to build a two-phase senior housing project on the land formerly known as Strawberry Hill, located at 254 Lowell St.

The first part of the project would have been a 63-unit assisted living complex for people in need of memory-care services. The one-story building was set to be called Bridges at Andover.

The second phase was going to be a 55-and-older community with 70 congregate, or independent, living apartments. The three-story facility would have been sponsored by B'nai B'rith

Needing the approval of four of the board's five members, Steve Pouliot and Jay Doherty both voted against it, making for a 3-2 vote in favor of the project - which was equivalent to a vote against it.

"In general, for a lot of factors, I feel that the project is unreasonably detrimental to the neighborhood and the town," Pouliot said. "My vote would be no."

Pouliot said he had concerns over traffic, safety and water runoff, among other factors, which swayed him against the project.

For months, neighbors of the area have voiced their displeasure with the plans, saying they didn't fit the character of their neighborhood.

After first seeing the designs of the building in

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Four vie for three-year school board seats

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This week starts the first in a series of candidate profiles leading up to the March 24 town election.

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The Townsman begins by highlighting the four candidates running for two, three-year seats on the School Committee.

The two candidates seeking a single, one-year term on the School Committee — to fill the seat vacated by former School Committee member Barbara L'Italien, who left the

position to take her new post as state senator — will be featured next week.

The final installment of profiles will present the four candidates running for two, three-year seats on the Board of Selectmen.

Also, in the next few weeks, The Townsman will provide coverage of two, planned political forums.

Those stories and others about this year's hotly contested races will also appear in The Eagle-Tribune.



David Birnbach wants more innovation

Incumbent School Committee member David Birnbach is seeking another three-year term, hoping to continue to advocate for greater innovation in the Andover Public Schools.

When asked why he chose to run again, Birnbach listed his aspirations for the school department, and said he has the experience to deliver. He said he wants to continue to urge the schools to introduce new computing and engineering programs, many

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Susan McCready wants to be more involved

When asked why she chose to run for the three-year School Committee seat, Susan McCready said she's motivated by a desire to volunteer and a growing interest in the schools.

When her daughter, now at Sanborn Elementary School, turned one, McCready left her job to stay home with full-time. Over time, she began to get involved with the schools - first as a volunteer and later as a member of the Sanborn Parent Teacher

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For Kim Sousa, perception is reality

To Kim Sousa, perception is everything. And how the School Committee is perceived can be improved by better transparency, she said.

"To me, I don't think that enough of our town's parents actually know enough about what the School Committee does," she said. "I'd like to communicate more on a regular basis with the public through many different avenues - the paper, websites, or whatever." She said that more visits

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Ted Teichert touts government experience

Ted Teichert feels the Andover Public Schools have a "myriad of problems" and that he has the experience to fix them.

"As I walk around town, people come up to me and say 'Ted, what is going on around our schools,'" he said. "It's a big lack of issues fall under that lack of transparency."

Teichert said that senior citizens around town are worried about how much money is being spent on

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Selectmen pick town manager search firm

BY BILL KIRK
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The Board of Selectmen has chosen a consultant who will help them pick the next town manager.

Last week, the board voted unanimously for MMA Consulting Group Inc., a Plymouth, Mass., firm owned by Mark Morse. On Monday night, they signed the \$15,000 contract.

Selectmen said they were impressed by the personal approach expressed by Morse during a face-to-face interview last week.

"It's a boutique search firm compared to search firms that do dozens of searches in a year," said Selectman Mary O'Donoghue. "He made that point. He only takes on a certain amount of searches. It's very customized and personalized."

Selectman Brian Major agreed.

"We had zero problems with being able to select MMA," he said. "I think he'll have a good relationship with us and lead us appropriately to make a solid decision on the next town manager."

The process of picking a consultant started more than a month ago, soon after Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski announced his intent to retire at the end of his most recent, five-year contract, on June 30, 2015. Stapczynski has been town manager in Andover since 1990.

At first, selectmen got a bit of a surprise when the town manager revealed that one of the companies bidding on the contract had close ties to his wife, who also works as consultant to cities and towns.

MRI Consulting, which led the town in the process of choosing a new police chief two years ago, was eliminated from the field of potential candidates.

"MRI was disqualified," O'Donoghue said. "That was the right call. In most peoples' minds, there was a perception of conflict of interest. That's not a good way to start out. At each critical step, we need to make the right decisions."

The process got another hiccup when Human Resources Director Candace Hall announced that just four companies were bidding on the contract, and that they were all local - or

regional - companies.

When selectmen pressed her, they found that Hall hadn't reached out to companies outside of New England. So she went back and sent emails to nearly 50 companies from across the country.

Of those, nine responded to the so-called "request for quotation," or RFQ, which is how the consultants were urged to show interest in doing the work.

Of those nine companies, four were brought in for face-to-face interviews.

Selectmen met with each company for about an hour during a four-hour-long meeting last Tuesday, Feb. 24.

After that, Selectmen met again last Friday, when they discussed the finalists and chose MMA.

The other companies that came in for interviews - all of which were recorded and are on Andovervt.org - included the Collins Center at UMass-Boston, the Mercer Group from Atlanta, and a company called GovHR USA of Milwaukee.

"We had four great candidates," said Selectman Alex Vispoli. "Any one of them could do the job. For me, he (Mercer) was the top choice because his focus will be on Andover. We will be one of the few towns he's working for, versus one of the many at some of the other companies. We will get some really good attention. Plus, he's got a great reputation around the state."

Board chairman Dan Kowalski agreed, saying he liked the more personal approach offered by MMA.

"They really spoke of how they see it as an obligation to ensure that the candidates have a very good understanding of the issues that face the town," he said.

Selectmen are scheduled to meet this Friday with Mercer to discuss the next steps of the process, including coming up with a town profile.

School Board candidate forum March 16

The Bancroft Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and the League of Women Voters of Andover and North Andover have teamed up to sponsor a Candidate Forum for the six people running for a seat on the School Committee.

The event will be held on Monday, March 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Bancroft School's cafeteria.

The forum will provide each candidate, four running for two, open three-year seats and

two running for one, open one-year seat, with an equal opportunity to voice their positions on important issues currently facing the school district.

Parents are encouraged to submit questions for the moderator to ask each of

the candidates. Questions can be sent to CandidateForum@BancroftPTO.org. Submitter names will be kept confidential.

Visit BancroftPTO.org/CandidateForum for more information.

SYMOSEK

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parents who grew up in North Andover, Symosek worked for everything he had. He spent much of his time working in the mills in town, before graduating from Lowell State College (now UMass Lowell) in 1941.

Immediately after, Symosek joined the Navy and was quickly thrust into battle, fighting WWII from both theaters — against the Japanese in the Pacific from New Georgia and Guadalcanal, and later against the Germans from Europe.

Symosek was one of three officers assigned to a landing craft designed to transport soldiers and Marines quickly and efficiently to battle, while also delivering enemy soldiers back to England for internment. As an engineering officer, he was in charge of the boat's engine.

While carrying out a mission in the Solomon Islands, his boat was bombed, leaving a third of his 24-man crew injured or killed. Symosek was lucky to survive that day.

"I think anybody who survived the Pacific, in the battle zone, was lucky," he said. "The Japanese were very aggressive."

Symosek recalled horrors such as witnessing a crew member lose a leg during the attack, to whom he administered morphine.

But despite dodging injury, Symosek soon after came down with malaria, returning stateside to recuperate. In three months time, the disease had all but taken over his body. As Symosek laid on what was presumed to be his death bed, 50 pounds lighter and yellow from his fingernails to his eyes with jaundice, he was



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Longtime Andover resident Frank Symosek, front row, second from left, who at 95 still lives independently in town, poses for a photo with his family after receiving France's highest honor, the Legion of Honor Medal, for his military service at Normandy during World War II. He is joined by, front row, from left, daughter Jan Symosek and cousins Beth Martinez with Acer Verson on her lap and Matthew Verson and, back row, from left, Consul General of France Fabien Fieschi, son Peter Symosek and cousin Joan Baron.

read his last rights.

But he didn't quit, surviving by, what he said, was a combination of luck and medical care. Given the option from the Navy to be honorably discharged from service, Symosek chose to return to war — this time aboard a different ship in Europe that delivered British troops to Normandy's Sword Beach during D-Day.

"I guess I'm patriotic," Symosek said. "At that time, it's just what you did. Everyone was 100 percent patriotic. It's not like it is now."

Once, when bringing a captured enemy combatant back to England, Symosek asked the German why he chose to fight for the Nazis. He said the prisoner of war responded "to eat." It's a brief conversation he said he'd never forget.

The Legion of Honor medal was formally given to Symosek on Friday at the Andover Inn, after months of behind-the-scenes work

from his children. The medal was given by Fabien Fieschi, the Consul General of France in Boston, who thanked Symosek for his service, saying "We are all very grateful to you for your heroic actions."

"They said he could go home, and that he'd have an honorable discharge," said Symosek's daughter, Jan Symosek. "He said, 'No, I'll go back and fight.' To me, that's pretty amazing."

Jan and her brother, Peter, worked to fill out paperwork for the Legion of Honor medal, hoping to eventually surprise their father with the news.

"There's a lot of documentation, and we had trouble with the records center," Jan said. "They had my father mistakenly labeled as missing in action. It was crazy. All of the

documents back then weren't digitized, so it took months."

The recent terrorist attacks in Paris played a role as well — as Francois Hollande, the French president, temporarily tabled signing off on any documentation while dealing with the immediate threat his country faced.

But weeks ago, the Symosek's received news that it was signed.

Symosek was honorably discharged from the service in 1945, after his malaria returned. It

would be something that would affect him for the next 35 years of his life, coming in periodical waves.

He said he chose to end his military stint then, knowing the war would soon end.

When he returned home, Symosek went on to become a founder and developer of the successful Old Colony Textiles, Inc. business in Boston, importing wool from all over the world. In 2004, while in his 80s, he chose to take on a new challenge in a location closer to home, and created Andover Woolen Company, running it until two years ago.

"We're very proud of him, and proud that he's so humble" Jan said. "He's always been a very humble guy. He's had an amazing life."

Voters guide available for election

The League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover has developed an online Voters' Guide for the town election scheduled for Tuesday, March 24.

The guide contains information on the candidates whose names will be on the ballot, as well as the qualifications they believe they have for the office. For the contested races for Board of Selectmen and School Committee, the candidates have also submitted their responses to several questions asked by the public.

The guide is available now for all to access on the League's web site, www.lwv-andovers.org.

Although the League has sponsored Candidates' Forums many times over its 94-year history in Andover, this is the first time the group has helped voters become more informed about the candidates with an online format.

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U.S. Rep Niki Tsongas touted a "make it in America" approach for businesses at last week's annual Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Congressional Forum held at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover.

A visit from Congress

Tsongas, Moulton address Chamber of Commerce event

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ANDOVER — The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce hosted Massachusetts Congressmen Niki Tsongas and Seth Moulton last week for a discussion on the challenges facing the country this year.

Residents gathered with local officials such as Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and Methuen Mayor Steve Zanni in the function room of the Wyndham Hotel for the event, as did state leaders Sen. Barbara L'Italien (D-Andover) and Rep. Diana Dizon (D-Methuen), among others.

In her speech, Tsongas, a Democrat from Lowell, outlined topics important to business owners, including manufacturing and partnerships, saying, "the challenge to our middle class is something that we're becoming ever more, unfortunately, familiar with."

She said she'd like to see businesses employ a "make it in America" approach, using Lawrence's New Balance factory as an example. It's a company, she said, that's "committed to producing an all-American made product."



U.S. Rep Seth Moulton speaks during the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce annual Congressional Forum held at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover.

But facing tough challenges, Tsongas said, is a result of working with the other side of the aisle, or bipartisan collaboration. While she said it's something that needs improvement, she said it's not entirely uncommon in Washington.

Tsongas said she's friends with Congressman Michael Turner (R-Ohio). They have even visited each other's states. Tsongas said she showed Turner the New Balance factory in Lawrence to see the work going on there, for the company is hoping to create a training shoe for new military recruits.

On a larger scale, Tsongas said that Republicans and Democrats sometimes join together for "retreats." She said she recently joined several members of both parties

from the Armed Services Committee on a bus trip to Annapolis, Md., to visit the Naval Academy.

"We had different speakers come to talk about the security threats that we confront," she said. "And then we all went back on that bus. And we all came out alive."

Moulton spoke about his recent trip to the Middle East, which ended Feb. 20. He joined U.S. Reps. Brad Ashford (D-Nebraska), Elise Stefanik (R-New York) and Joe Wilson (R-South Carolina) on the week-long House Armed Services Committee delegation, stopping in Iraq and Afghanistan, among other countries.

Of the several topics Moulton touched on, including education and commercial fishing, he addressed

President Obama's recent war declaration to fight ISIS. A U.S. Marine veteran who was among the first troops in Iraq, Moulton said that what he saw on his return was alarming.

"ISIS is a serious national security threat to the United States," he said. "Sometimes, when you get into the classified side of things, you realize, 'Oh it's not as bad as the media and everybody else is making it out to be.' Well, I think, unfortunately, in this case it's the opposite. It was worse than what we see on the evening news."

While he said ISIS is something the United States needs to address, he doesn't believe it should involve ground troops. Moulton said that while the military achieved great success in Iraq during his time there, the larger diplomatic and political effort wasn't strong enough, leaving ISIS to form "in that vacuum."

It's something he doesn't want to see happen in another three or four years, he said.

"I think going to Iraq once was one time too many," he said. "Now, we're looking at doing it twice. And I certainly don't want to do it three times."

AVIS to hear about Ward Reservation

The Andover Village Improvement Society will hold its Annual Dinner on Tuesday, March 10 at 6 p.m.

Due to overwhelming demand at last year's venue, the event will move to the Andover Town House (Old Town Hall) at 20 Main St., Andover.

John Kimball is the featured speaker. He has been closely involved with the Ward Reservation and now lives on the property located on Prospect Road east of Route 125. His presentation is titled "Tales from the Ward Reservation: Andover's Stonehenge and Quaking Bog."

Ward Reservation is owned and managed by The Trustees of Reservations. Credit Mabel Ward for her foresight, generosity and

enduring love. In 1940, seven years after the death of her husband, Charles W. Ward, she paid tribute to his memory and their union by making an original donation of 153 acres to The Trustees. In ensuing years, the Ward family and others have made additional gifts; the reservation now totals 704 acres.

The public is invited to join AVIS for another memorable evening. Social hour is at 6 p.m. and dinner is at 7 p.m. A short business meeting and the speaking program will start about 8:15 p.m. and is open to the public at no cost. Dinner is buffet at \$28 per person.

Seating is limited; contact Elizabeth Poland, at 978-475-6159 for tickets.

'Casino Royale' fundraiser for St. Augustine School's new gym

St. Augustine School is hosting its annual Spring Extravaganza fundraiser on Saturday, March 14 with the theme "Casino Royale."

Proceeds from the event will support the school's new \$1.9 million James D. Doherty Centennial Gymnasium, which is expected to open later this month.

Affectionately called "Jim's Gym," it was built in memory of late Town Moderator and alumnus Jim Doherty.

The event will be held at the Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old Andover Road, Andover. Tickets cost \$75 and include dinner, complimentary casino chip voucher for use in games of chance, and access to both the silent and live auctions. Tables of 10 as well as high-top tables of four can be reserved in advance.

The evening begins at 6 with a welcome reception, followed by dinner, casino games and the auctions.

Sponsors include Leonard Orthodontics, Andover Pediatric Dentistry, Pimentel

Construction and the Falvey Family & Portsmouth Pediatric Dentistry. Dozens of area restaurants, shops, banks and retailers have joined in support of the school's efforts to build its gymnasium.

"It is so gratifying to see so many dedicated families and businesses come together for a common goal," St. Augustine School Principal Paula O'Dea said. "We're incredibly blessed and equally as excited to open the doors of the gym come March."

The fundraiser features an online auction, courtesy of Bidding For Good (www.biddingforgood.com/staugustineandover/casinoroyale). Highlights include sports memorabilia and tickets, restaurant gift certificates and vacation and excursion packages.

Tickets to St. Augustine School's "Casino Royale" can be purchased online at www.staugustineandovercasinoroyale.eventbrite.com or from the school's main office at 26 Central St. in Andover.

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he isn't perfect, nobody is. "I really respect Buzz," Salafia said. "He's done a wonderful job over the years. Nobody's perfect. His communication skills are superior. He works with people very well. There are a lot of wonderful things about him. He deserves the respect of this town."

Major, whose aggregate score came in at 91 — the highest of anyone on the board — said that overall the town manager did a great job last year.

"On financial management, we came out of the year with outside (credit rating) agencies saying we are AAA," Major said. "That means we are the cream of the crop across the commonwealth. And we walked out of Town Meeting last year with excess levy capacity in seven figures. That doesn't happen by accident. Someone's got to make it happen."

Stapczynski's last review What the scores ultimately mean, however, is unclear, since the town manager is retiring at the end of June after 25 years on the job. A higher performance evaluation could lead to a higher salary bump, which would lead to a slightly higher pension.

Based on the reviews, however, it looks as though Stapczynski may not be in for a big raise. Selectmen released the scores and reviews, complete with the town manager's responses, at the end of their board meeting Monday night. The reviews were emailed to the Townsman Tuesday afternoon. They will be discussed at next week's selectmen's meeting, after which the board will decide whether to give Stapczynski a raise and a bonus, as allowed by his contract.

Vispoli said he wrote his review "independently of whether (Stapczynski) is leaving or not. I wrote it objectively as if he was an employee who was staying."

Others seemed to do the same.

Kowalski faulted the town manager on financial and

personnel management, among other measurements. In particular, he said, Stapczynski mishandled the employee health insurance contract last year, costing the town upwards of \$1 million.

He also said that even though Stapczynski vowed last year to reorganize the town's management structure to reduce his workload, he never did.

"It's his responsibility to define that structure," Kowalski said, "and he chose not to make any changes to the organization."

Further, he faulted Stapczynski for his management skills, noting that in one case he assigned a task to one of his employees, who then refused to undertake the task.

"Buzz asked an employee to perform a task for selectmen and the employee refused because he didn't agree that was something the town manager's office should work on," Kowalski said. "The employee refused and instead cited references to the charter."

Salafia, meanwhile, gave the town manager a low score for his handling of major projects, including plans to redevelop the town yard into a residential and retail district near the downtown train station and move it to another location in town.

"That 2 I gave him is more out of frustration with the issue — we are all part of the problem with that," he said.

Major agreed, saying selectmen had directed the town manager to find a piece of town-owned property and to discuss the option in public forums.

"They put a proposal together and caused an uproar," Major said. "But it was simply a proposal. It was in the public eye. You put your brainstormed ideas out there and people will say they seem set in stone. Given that, he did what we asked him to do."

Major gave the town manager a 4 for his handling of major projects like the town yard. All other selectmen gave him a 2.

O'Donoghue said she thought that was "very

interesting."

"His management of major projects has not been a success," she said, adding that Major's overall score of '91' showed he was an "outlier."

"The majority of the board was in the same place," she said. "One was a total outlier."

Town manager response Stapczynski could not be reached for comment before The Townsman's deadline, but was given a chance to respond in writing to each review.

On O'Donoghue's review, he referred to comments she made that average taxpayers are having a hard time paying for budget increases.

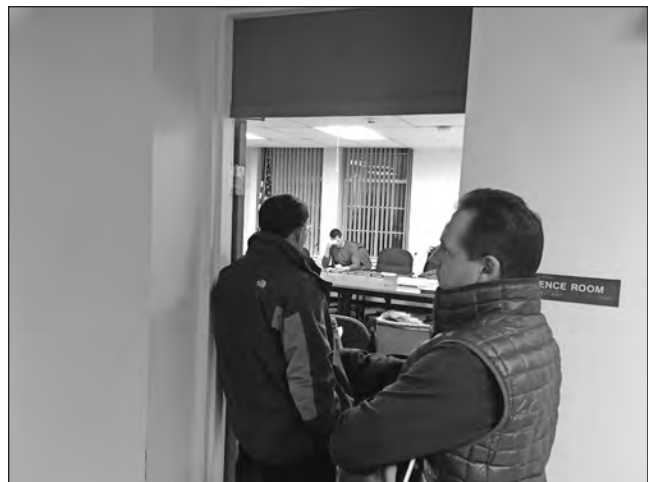
"As we have discussed, in the areas you had concerns, I think the town has made progress, perhaps not as fast or with the urgency you would have liked, but most of these projects have moved ahead," he said. "Some of these projects are complex with many constituents and they will continue to be priorities for multiple years."

Regarding Kowalski's remarks, Stapczynski said he disagreed with the low ratings on financial and personnel management.

"These are two areas in which Andover is looked to be the leader among municipalities," he said. "I understand your points about areas that need improvement, but one can say that we can always improve no matter how well we think we are doing. In fact, my message to department and division heads is 'continual improvement.'"

He also objected to Vispoli's poor rating for leadership, particularly his handling of the town yard, funding for information technology, the Ballardvale fire station and the North Reading water contract.

"There (are) many projects where I demonstrated leadership, problem solving and innovation," Stapczynski said. "Granted the four projects you listed haven't gone as planned or gone as far as we would have liked, but there are others, as we know, that were successful."



TIM LIMA/Staff photo

Ten minutes before the Planning Board began its deliberations on a senior housing project proposed for Lowell Street, concerned residents were already overflowing out of the crowded conference room and into the hallway.

PROJECT

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December, Chester Lyons of 10 Wild Rose Drive said in an email to his neighbors that the project would be “stunningly, depressingly ugly.”

A petition with more than 100 signatures was created in opposition to the project.

After crowding the small, second-floor conference room in the Town Offices building during a meeting last Thursday, Feb. 26, some standing in the doorway and hallway, residents left the meeting spirited, though hesitant to celebrate.

Some could be heard saying that “it’s a good step, but it’s not over yet.”

“I wasn’t surprised (by

the Planning Board’s decision),” said Heather Lauten of 243 Lowell St. “But I was definitely pleased to see the process work, as I thought it ought to work.”

But when it comes to what happens next, Lauten said they’ll just have to wait and see.

“I don’t think we’re in any position to speculate about what others might do,” she said.

Planning Director Paul Materazzo said during the meeting that every ruling by the Planning Board on a project, whether approval or disapproval, has the right to an appeal administered in Massachusetts Land Court.

Materazzo said he will meet with Pouliot and Doherty to document specific reasons why they rejected the proposal.

With the proposal of two major senior housing developments in town creating considerable debate this winter, the leadership board of the Andover Council on Aging has developed a primer on senior living to help further the discussion in the community.

Board members Ann Grecoe and Joe Ponti say that given the considerable discussion surrounding senior citizen housing and senior affordable housing over the past several months, they are hoping to better define the various types of options that exist.

They say a recent AARP Public Policy Institute study found that one of the most daunting issues facing retirees is the cost of senior living options. The local board says that senior living is a general term that includes all types of housing for older people. The group points out that assisted living and affordable senior housing are sometimes mistakenly confused as the same type of residential option, yet, in reality, are very different alternatives.

Grecoe and Ponti said the definitions, developed with input from the Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs, are aimed at providing a clearer understanding of the type of senior development that is most needed in town.

The Council on Aging board breaks senior housing down into four categories:

■ **Independent Senior Living:** This category represents individuals living on their own in their own homes. The question of seniors downsizing in this category to smaller affordable dwellings is a growing issue in Andover and other communities.

■ **Independent Senior Living Community:** These developments are designed for seniors 55 and older living independently in single- or multi-family homes, condominiums or apartments. Residents own their homes by paying an entrance fee (anywhere from \$150,000 to \$800,000, of which they are guaranteed 90 percent back when the unit is resold), along with a monthly charge of \$2,000 and up to cover amenities. Some communities offer independent rentals where the monthly rent is higher, \$5,000 and above, to cover both amenities and rent.

Most of these seniors can still manage their activities

of daily living on their own, or they hire outside agencies to assist them. Any supportive services that are needed are contracted by residents at their own expense. Many residents still drive, are employed and maintain active lifestyles and ties to the community.

■ **Assisted Living:** These certified residential communities provide personal care and medication assistance. Assisted living is intended for adults who may need some help with daily activities, such as house cleaning, meals, bathing, dressing, grooming and/or medication reminders, and who would like the security of having assistance available on a 24-hour basis in a residential and non-institutional environment. Minimum and full range of services are provided at an added cost to rent, and the size of the living quarters vary depending on the community.

The cost of assisted living varies greatly. The base monthly fee in Massachusetts is typically between \$3,000 and \$7,000, but can

be higher depending on the level of care needed. In addition, most assisted-living residences require an additional fee before a resident moves in. These initial fees may be called “entrance fees” or “community fees,” and can range from \$100 to thousands of dollars and are usually not refundable.

■ **Congregate Housing:** This housing option allows several residents to share an apartment, similar to a roommate situation. Residents have their own bedrooms, but share common areas such as kitchen and living room. They live independently in the community with assistance from some supportive services provided by the case manager assigned to them.

The Andover Council on Aging board meets the second Thursday of the month at 8 a.m. at The Center at Pynchard, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. The board invites interested citizens to attend its meetings to provide further input, raise questions or learn more about the subject.

Program opens vast Jewish literature to students

For the past three summers, Josh Lambert has spent a week teaching great works of contemporary Jewish literature to high school students. And every year, he sees them leave the program transformed.

“Stories are powerful,” said Lambert. And the stories studied at the Great Jewish Books Summer Program, a tuition-free residential program at the Yiddish Book Center in Amherst, Mass., have particular resonance for the participants, leading

them to consider important questions about what it means to be Jewish, said Lambert, the Center’s academic director.

“Literature that asks difficult questions about Jewishness and forces us to confront the conflicts and tensions within Jewish life can be one of the best ways to reach teenagers,” Lambert said. “It can help them to think about who they are, where they come from, what choices they make.”

The Great Jewish Books

Summer Program introduces students to a wide range of modern Jewish novelists, poets, and short-story writers. Participants also have the opportunity to meet with contemporary authors and to connect with other students from across the U.S. and Canada while staying in dorms at Hampshire College, adjacent to the Yiddish Book Center, and taking part in field trips and recreational activities under the supervision of resident advisers.

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■ ANDOVER TOWN BRIEFS

Delamano, Inc. holds International Women's Day Event

Delamano, Inc., a Lawrence-based nonprofit that assists victims of domestic violence, will hold its annual International Women's Day Dinner and Silent Auction on Sunday, March 8, from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.

This year, the organization will honor Vilma Lora with its Woman of the Year Award for her years of work toward eradicating domestic violence in the Greater Lawrence area.

Tickets are \$50. Proceeds from the dinner and auction will assist Delamano, Inc. in providing emergency assistance to victims of domestic violence.

For tickets, call 978-242-7788, email info@delamano-inc.org or go to http://international-womens-day-ticket.eventbrite.com. For more about Delamano, Inc., visit delamanoma.org.

Local Democratic Town Committee to meet

The Andover Democratic Town Committee will have a meeting on Wednesday,

March 11, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect delegates to a conference which will convene on Saturday, March 28, to fill a Democratic State Committee vacancy. Any registered Democrat may run for this position, but only town committee members may vote for delegates.

Call Kate Machet at 650-815-8683 with questions or for more information.

AHS Class of 1970 looks to reunite

Members of the Andover High School Class of 1970 who are interested in planning a 45th reunion this fall are invited to contact Chris Doherty at Chris.doherty@raveis.com.

St. Augustine to host a Lenten Mission

St. Augustine Religious Education will host Fr. Stan Fortuna for a Lenten Mission on Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. in the church at 43 Essex St.

Prior to becoming a priest, Fr. Stan was a professional jazz musician

who studied with the legendary Lennie Tristano (the "father of improvisational jazz"). During the late 1980s, he worked in Spanish Harlem where he encountered hip hop in the street, a style he refers to as "rhythm and rhyme," and was captivated by its improvisational nature. He heard people in the neighborhood rap about their daily lives and struggles, and soon learned how to integrate these styles into his own heart and music. With the encouragement of his religious community, he developed an affinity for this art form and started using rap to reach out to the less fortunate and beyond.

Fr. Stan has been involved with community development and various social programs in the South Bronx for more than 25 years where his nonprofit company, Francesco Productions (www.francescoproductions.com), mixes music and message.

All are welcome to attend the Lenen Mission. Admission is free, but donations will be accepted. For more information, contact Bridget Rao at brao@staugustineparish.org.

Memorial Hall Library Children's Room

Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover, has lots on tap for children this month. Special events include:

Family Adventures in Reading, Saturdays, March 7 through April 18, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Grammy Award-nominated storyteller Sharon Kennedy, whose stories have been told on NPR and on ABC-TV's "Good Morning America," will share stories from Russia, China and Africa, incorporating discussions on topics such as fairness, courage and dreams. Healthy snacks will be provided. The six-week program is presented by Memorial Hall Library

and Mass. Humanities and suitable for families with children ages 6 and up. Families who attend regularly will receive a canvas book bag and a free book. Email Beth Kerrigan at bkerrigan@mhl.org for more information.

Valerie Peters Piano Concert, Sunday, March 15, 2 p.m. Peters, a West Elementary music educator, will join local piano students from West Elementary School, and guest pianist Dalya Umans for an afternoon of piano duets. The first half of the program will feature elementary students, and the second half, played by Peters and

Umans, will feature works from the standard piano duet literature by Brahms, Beethoven, Dvořák, and Debussy. This program is suitable for ages 7 and up.

Applesauce/Appleseed Author and Artist Night, Thursday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. Join Andover's newest published authors and illustrators as they share their works from the winter editions of Applesauce and Applesauce magazines.

Events are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register online at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, ext. 31, for more information.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Landry will bring 'fresh view' as selectman

Editor, Townsman:

If ever there was a time for change in town governance, that time is now. Andover is at a crossroads, more so than at any time in the 30 years my wife and I spent in Andover. We recently retired to South Carolina, so we can't vote for Bob Landry for election to the Board of Selectmen, but we respectfully ask you to support Bob at the polls on Tuesday, March 24.

We first met Bob as one of the co-founders of TownofAndover.com, through our friend, Greg Rigby. Bob tended to be more in the background during the early days of TownofAndover.com, but he was analytical, data-driven and clear and concise in his developed positions. After Greg's passing, Bob took a more public stance in his efforts, and he began to work within the public meeting and Town Meeting structure to try to effect change within the town, especially as it relates to the budget issues of health insurance and long-term benefits issues. Given Bob's professional career as a benefits adviser in the private sector, these issues are right down his wheelhouse, but they are by no means his only strengths. Bob has been able to bring an analytical mind to do that as a member of the Board of Selectmen.

The most important issues facing the town of Andover in the immediate future are the selection of a new town manager and slowing the growth of tax obligations for the residents of Andover. The Board of Selectmen needs new blood, new perspectives, a fresh view. Bob can provide that perspective. Andover needs new thinking to take it to a more secure future.

We support Bob Landry for one of the two open seats on the Board of Selectmen. We cannot vote for him, but we ask you to do so.

TOM AND JO-ANN DESO
North Charleston, S.C.

Teichert's experience an asset for schools

Editor, Townsman:

Andover is fortunate to have Ted Teichert running for School Committee. Ted has numerous qualifications that make him an ideal candidate. He possesses in-depth budget knowledge. He knows how to get the maximum results from each and every tax dollar. As a former member of the Andover Board of Selectmen, he understands governmental processes and has an excellent relationship with his former colleagues. He is involved with youth in many ways, including being a parent to two students and his longtime involvement with our youth football program.

Ted knows how to get the job done. When I was a member of the School Committee, I always found Ted to be receptive to school discussions and I always knew I could depend on him to support the Andover public school system. Ted has the experience to be effective immediately. He will not require a lengthy ramp-up period.

Ted is a lifelong resident of Andover and is the only candidate who has graduated from our school system. His family operated their business for many years on our Main Street. He knows our town, and, from my personal experience, Ted is approachable and responds to all inquiries.

In this period of declining test scores, an ever-increasing budget, now is not the time to turn to novices, but to place an experienced, lifelong Andover citizen into this very important position.

I am voting for Ted and hope you do too.

ARTHUR H. BARBER, EDD
FORMER ANDOVER SCHOOL COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
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McCready values communication, community input

Editor, Townsman:

I have had the pleasure of working with Susan McCready for the past three years on

the town-wide PTO and am thrilled that Susan is running for Andover School Committee. Susan is a highly effective communicator and values the importance of a two-way dialogue. Susan is a great listener of all issues and works to find a resolution that works best for all. She worked tirelessly with other parents during the elementary school redistricting process to ensure that the end result had the least disruption to our students. This was a tough task, but Susan demonstrated her ability to collaborate, brainstorm and foster a productive discussion with School Committee members and Andover families.

Susan identified the need for parents to become a more vocal and visual constituency in our annual town budgeting process. Susan is working with the town PTO to organize parent attendance at tri-board meetings to ensure that public school issues are being heard firsthand at these meetings. It is important for all committees (Finance, Board of electmen and School) to work closely together on what is best for the town and best for our children. Susan understands this and will continue to work toward this goal.

I know parents are very involved in our schools today, but it is also important to have their voices heard regularly by the School Committee. Susan knows that strong communication and community outreach are critical to moving our public school system forward. Susan grew up in Andover and has the history of where we have been as a town and where we need to go. She will work hard to serve the interests of all and will not put a personal agenda ahead of what is important for the community.

Susan would be a wonderful addition to the School Committee. Her experiences in serving the schools and attending the Andover school system herself truly make her an asset to the town and to the School Committee. Please join me in voting for Susan McCready on Tuesday, March 24.

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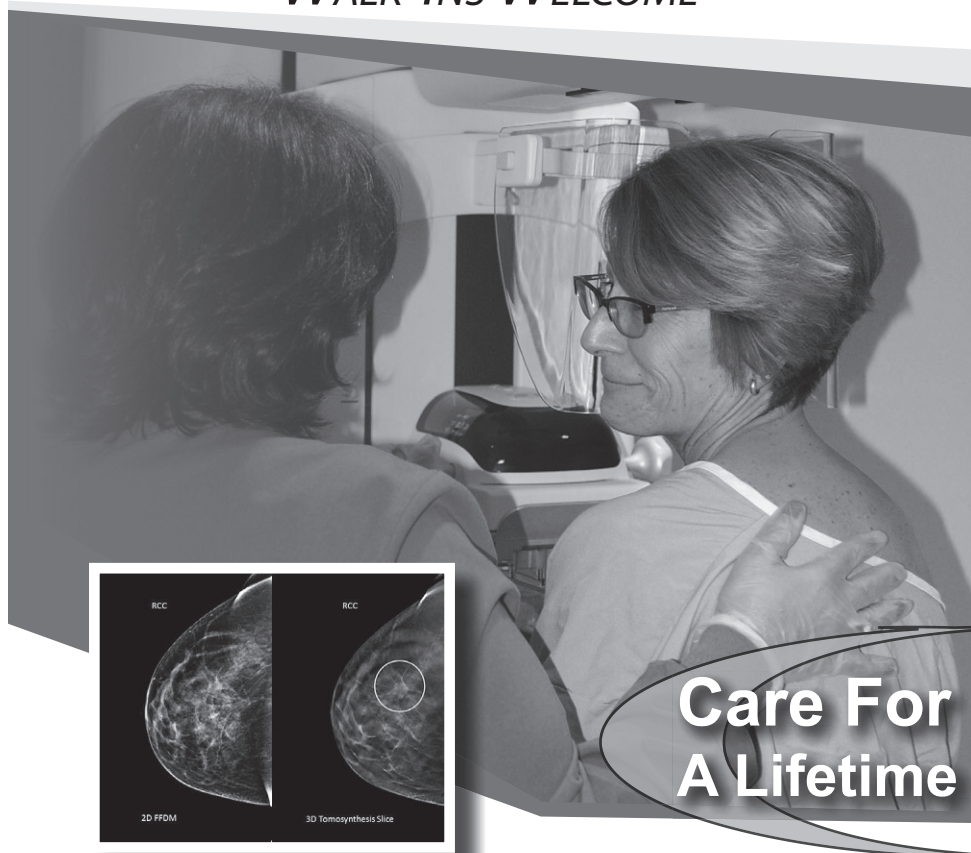
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Opinion

A big town with small city problems

Selectmen turned in their annual reviews of Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski this week, and the results weren't pretty.

Three of the five selectmen gave him low marks in a variety of categories, ranging from personnel and financial management to leadership and problem solving. He earned poor marks on his handling of the town yard, information technology and even in his ability to delegate work to others in Town Hall.

This last criticism deserves a second, or third, look.

Since Stapczynski became town manager in 1990, the town has grown in many ways. The budget has increased to more than \$170 million and will soon likely top \$200 million. There are more residents in town. The infrastructure continues to age, although efforts are now being made to maintain and replace water lines. Commercial development brings its own set of difficulties, creating traffic headaches and other problems.

In short, even though Andover is considered a town, for all intents and purposes it has become a significant urban center of nearly 35,000 people. It seems possible that the job of town manager may have outrun Stapczynski's ability to keep up with it. The town manager jokes about his lack of technical skills. He carries boxes of documents to every meeting he attends. Last Town Meeting, he nearly needed a dolly to carry all the paperwork he had with him.

He's self-effacing, congenial and charming. A runner, at the age of 68 he crosses the finish line of many races well before people much younger.

All that aside, however, he probably chose the right time to retire.

Andover needs a new town manager who knows how to manage vast amounts of data using the most advanced technology available. The town needs someone who can play hardball with employee unions over contract negotiations. Stapczynski has done well over the last 25 years and is widely respected in his field. But it seems he has a little reluctance to do things differently, something that a fresh set of eyes and ears might bring to the town manager's office.

Last year, the town put the employee health insurance contract out to bid for the first time in years, at the urging of citizens and selectmen. Quotes came back from insurance companies that would have saved the town nearly \$1 million. The employees balked at the change, and Stapczynski took some of the blame for their failure.

But putting health insurance out to bid, or flushing water pipes, or turning on streetlights aren't things that citizens or selectmen should have to ask the town manager to do. These are all things that he should just be doing on a daily basis. If it's not health insurance, he should be finding other ways for the town to save money. The fact that the town has never flushed water mains is just plain bizarre. Every community flushes water mains to improve the distribution system. At the urging of Selectman Dan Kowalski, the town is now doing it on a regular basis.

The streetlights debate seemed to show Stapczynski's stubborn side: Rather than work with residents to turn on streetlights, he seemed to fight them. He told them that if they wanted streetlights turned back on, they could pay for them. That's not customer service. That's reckless disregard for the customer. He finally wrote a letter this week to National Grid asking that the company turn back on 23 streetlights that have been off since 2009. It was a letter he should have written a couple months ago, before the issue turned into political theater.

As the town grapples with issues that many big cities deal with, like crime, a struggling education system, spiraling pension and retiree health insurance obligations, to name a few problems, selectmen and the community as a whole need to look for the next generation of leadership who can handle these problems in a forthright, transparent, proactive and progressive way, so that Andover can remain the charming New England town it has always been.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Andover Townsman this week begins its coverage of what is shaping up to be an intensive campaign season leading up to the March 24 town election. This year, voters will decide pivotal races for both the Board of Selectmen and School Committee. Do you plan to vote?

YES. It is my civic duty. I always vote.

YES. There are many important issues in town that need to be addressed and local selectmen and School Committee members make important decisions about how my tax money is spent.

NO. Elections don't matter.

NO. I'd like to, but I'll probably be busy that day.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

To date, Andover has used seven snow days, meaning school would end for students on June 24 and for teachers June 25. Two years ago, the district held school on Saturdays to avoid extending the school year into July, which would violate the teachers' contract. If more snow days are needed, do you think Saturday school days should be considered? Or other options, such as holidays? Or vacation? In all, 70 percent felt it was important not to attend school in summer, while 30 percent felt it would be OK. The answers were:

YES. Go to school during April vacation. **13 votes, 31 percent**

YES. If needed, go to school on Saturdays. **9 votes, 24 percent**

YES. Go to school on holidays, like Good Friday. **7 votes, 15 percent**

NO. Staff and students deserve April vacation. **7 votes, 17 percent**

NO. We still have plenty of snow days left. Don't panic. **4 votes, 11 percent**

NO. Children and their families need holidays. **1 vote, 2 percent**

Teichert has 'new ideas'

Editor, Townsman:

We would like to heartily endorse Ted Teichert in his bid for a seat on the Andover School Committee. Ted has unselfishly served the Andover community as a selectman for 12 years and a volunteer for organizations such as the Andover Junior Football League.

As a School Committee member, we feel confident Ted will offer new ideas that will help to continue to move our school system forward. Ted has navigated the school system with his children and knows what has to be done to keep Andover Public Schools in the top echelon of Massachusetts school districts. Ted is committed to bringing much-needed transparency to the School Committee's proceedings and decision making.

Andover is fortunate to have people like Ted, who has demonstrated integrity and concern for others, willing to serve its residents.

KIM AND DAVID GRADY
Argyle Street

Teichert will bring people together

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to put my support behind Ted Teichert for one of the open seats on the Andover School Committee.

Ted has a proven track record as a longtime supporter and advocate for the town of Andover and its residents. As a member of the Board of Selectmen, Ted worked tirelessly to make Andover the community it is today. Ted has continually made Andover his top priority and as a member of the School Committee, I have full confidence that Ted will put the children of Andover first. His vast experience in dealing with municipal business coupled with his dedication to make Andover the best school system in Massachusetts is the perfect fit for the job.

The complex role of a School Committee member requires the experience that Ted has. There are many issues on the horizon for the School Committee to handle. Ted has proven time and time again that he is the person who can bring people together and get everyone "pulling from the same end of the rope."

I can say without reservation that Ted Teichert is the right person for the job. His proven experience, dedication and commitment to the Town of Andover make Ted Teichert the best person for the role of School Committee member.

CHIP STELLA
15 Charlotte Drive

McCready dedicated, experienced

Editor, Townsman:

As a parent to three Andover Public School students, it is more than apparent to me that we are at a critical crossroads as it relates to our education system here in Andover. Balancing the school's growing budget and needs, finding the right candidates for our school leadership roles, while at all times keeping the education and care of our children at the forefront. We have the very best teachers, a strong and gifted administration team, and we also have been fortunate to historically have smart, committed individuals volunteer

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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their time to serve on the School Committee.

I am writing in support of someone who I believe will carry on this proud tradition of service on the School Committee, Susan McCready. Susan is a third-generation Andover resident who has dedicated and volunteered her time to causes that focus on the development of our children. Prior to her current position as copresident of the PTO at the Henry C. Sanborn School, a position she has held for close to three years, Susan served as president and subsequently board adviser for The Mother Connection, Inc. Her dedication to the town and schools is noteworthy, and will provide her with the experience necessary to make a seamless transition into the role of School Committee member.

Susan also has a strong and accomplished background in the business world, having worked as a vice president of development as well as a director of operations for a firm that provides technology solutions to the investment management industry.

I am honored to say that I have known Susan for more than 30 years, and that we are both proud graduates of the Andover Public School system, Andover High class of 1985. If elected, I am confident Susan will be a very strong, hard-working, dedicated advocate for our schools. I truly couldn't think of anyone better positioned to carry on the tradition of service for the School Committee. She is a uniquely qualified candidate that cares about the past, present and future of the Andover school system.

Please vote for Susan McCready on March 24.

JAY LYONS
10 Scotland Drive

McCready has 'enthusiasm, work ethic'

Editor, Townsman:

I am taking this opportunity to write to you about Susan McCready who is running for School Committee. Though I no longer have children in the school system I value the impact great schools have on a community and am passionate about ensuring the future of our young people.

I have only recently gotten to know Susan McCready but in a short period of time I have come to admire and respect her. Susan is just what the School Committee needs which is enthusiasm, a strong work ethic, the ability to work in a collaborative environment and an understanding of what her role on the School Committee would be. She also brings a young, new perspective which, I feel, would be welcome on

the board. Susan understands that her role is to work with her other committee members in conjunction with the educational leaders to help establish policy, work towards a practical but progressive school budget, and to support the initiatives brought forward by the excellent, forward-thinking, and caring team of administrators and educators who work directly with all our children each day. She has a respectful and supportive attitude though she is not afraid to ask the tough questions when it is necessary.

Susan McCready would be a School Committee member who would work collaboratively and enthusiastically with the School Department, as well as with the other town boards, to bring the Andover educational system forward. Please join me in voting for Susan McCready for School Committee on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

DIANE COSTAGLIOLA
Belknap Drive

On global warming and 'We the People'

Editor, Townsman:

First off I guess I am scientifically illiterate, and 'global warming denier' will be ashamed should he live another decade.

One thing I've noticed is that often when somebody is unable to defend their position they resort to name calling and accusations.

Over the past few decades I have repeatedly heard that the scientific community has confirmed that global warming is man made. Well science is supposed to be based upon provable fact. STRIKE ONE

I believe we have also been told that the polar ice caps would have been completely melted away by now. While I have never been to either pole, I believe that within the past year the mainstream media was all over the fact that a 'polar research ship' had been stuck in the unprecedented increases in ice for over a week. That ice melt was supposed to have caused such an increase in sea levels that perhaps some of us here in Andover may have ocean front property by now. STRIKE TWO

Looking out my window as I write this I cannot help but notice most of the 100 inches of 'global warming' piled all over town. STRIKE THREE

Lynn Goldfarb is of Lancaster, Pa., where apparently folks are more scientifically literate but I was glad to see that 75 percent of us here in Andover. Just don't believe this bunk! By the way, the University of Alabama, Huntsville's satellite temperature data is available on line for all to see!

On another front, your editorial:

When an elected or unelected governmental official is on one side of a 'communication gap' I think that 'We the People' must remind him of the Declaration of Independence which points out that "... Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed ..." If you don't understand what this means, let me put it this way - you work for us, not the other way around!

STEVE LEET
Crescent Drive

Teichert 'enmeshed' in community

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to you on

behalf of Ted Teichert for School Committee. There are several reasons I support Ted.

First, Ted is the consummate Andover man. He is a graduate of Andover High School, he is the father of Andover children and he is fully enmeshed in the life and times of our community.

Second, Ted has a long history of service to the community as a Selectman. He served our town from 2000-2012, receiving the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Yankee Clipper Council of the Boy Scouts of America in 2013.

Finally, Ted and I have been friends for many years. As a teacher in the community, I relish the lively debate about our town, our children and our schools that Ted and I frequently engage in.

I trust Ted and you should too!

TOM POWERS
AHS Class of 1983
Spanish Teacher
Andover High School

Sousa a 'strategic thinker'

Editor, Townsman:

I'm delighted to share my support of Kim Sousa for the Andover School Committee. As a new family to the APS community, I've been impressed with Kim since our first meeting last August. As school PTO President, it was obvious from the start that she is a strategic leader and skilled communicator.

While working together on a committee to plan, promote, and implement a high profile, first-of-its-kind, school-wide event, I saw that Kim is an active listener and proactive problem-solver. She is willing to try new ideas, with measured consideration of potential impacts. Kim is open to seeing issues from multiple, disparate perspectives, and she is a collaborative consensus-builder and accomplished communicator.

As a marketing executive in the school design/construction industry, Kim has honed skills in multi-phase planning, transparent communication, and successful implementation.

Kim's broad experience across Andover as part of the townwide PTO has enabled her to establish key relationships and deepen her understanding of school operations. Kim will be able to hit the ground running!

In my experience, it's rare to find this combination of expertise, and these are precisely the attributes that we must have on our School Committee. With increased focus on standardized testing, budget-cutting, and many often competing initiatives, it is imperative that our School Committee be comprised of experienced strategic decision-makers like Kim.

I'll be casting my vote for Kim Sousa on March 24, and I sincerely hope that you'll join me. Our children need this kind of leadership.

JULIET CORRELL WRIGHT
189 Greenwood Road

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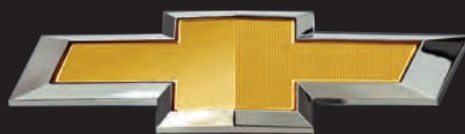
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TownsBeat

Pups pick up prizes at dog show

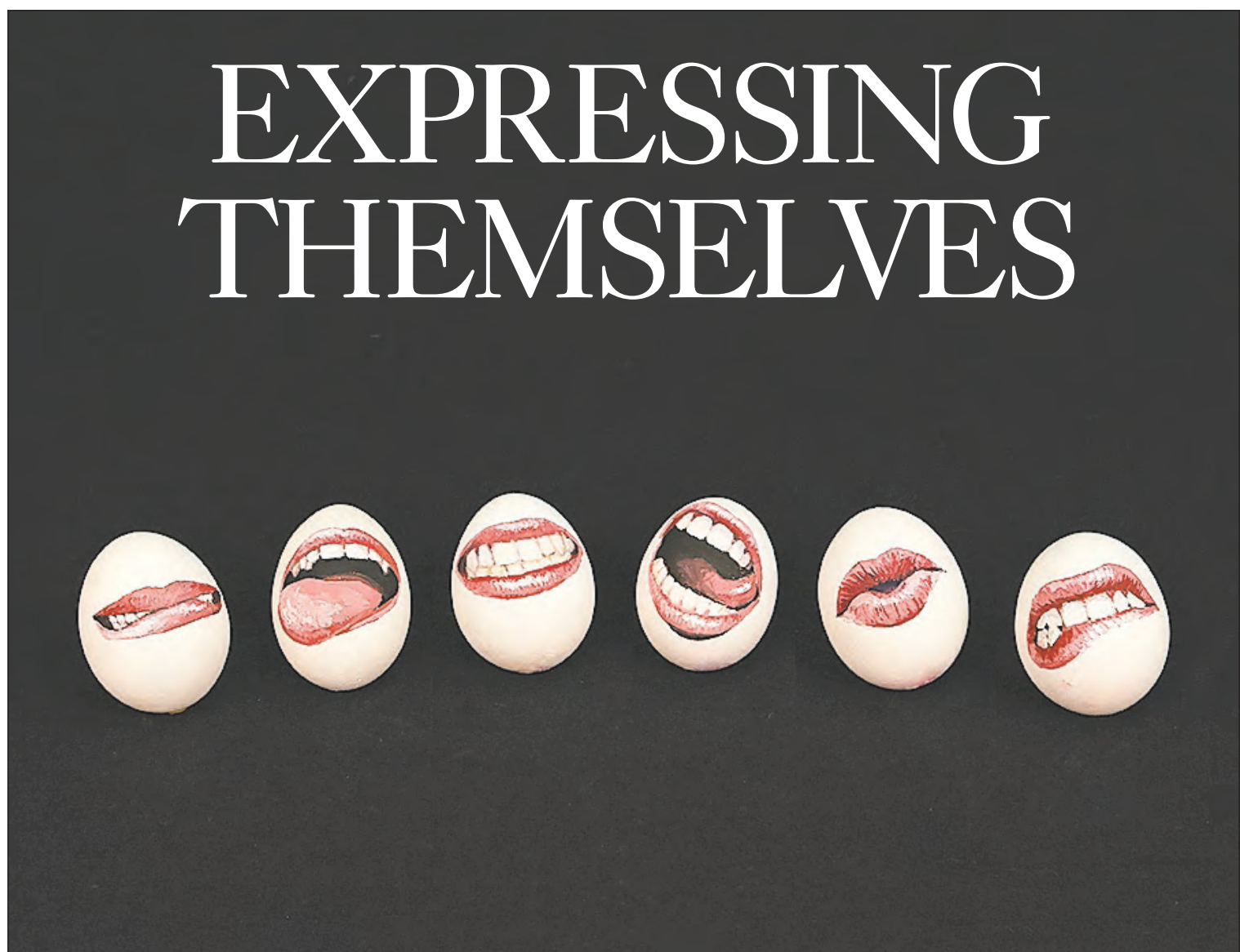
Give these Andover pooches a great big treat.

Andover dog owners Jo Ann Carelton and her son, Nick Carelton, competed in the Masters Agility Championship at the Westminster dog show in New York City last month (Townsmen, Feb. 12) and are happy to report that their two dogs did very well.

Nick's Labrador retriever, Sophie, qualified in her standard class and took first place.

Jo Ann's Pembroke Welsh corgi, Gracie, qualified in both classes and earned second place in both standard and jumpers.

"While we didn't make it to the finals, Gracie finished 10th overall in her jump height. I was very pleased and it was an honor to watch our friends, John Nyes and Diane Patterson, compete in the finals and place," Jo Ann wrote in an email. "We are looking forward to next year."



Courtesy photo

Viviane Garth, a resident of Andover who is a senior at Phillips Academy, did a self-portrait by painting different expressions on eggshells.

ANDOVER DAY & NIGHT

ART/GALLERIES

ADDISON GALLERY OF AMERICAN ART, Winter shows include "Light/Dark, White/Black" through July 31; "Collection Intervention: Ellen Gallagher's DeLuxe," through May 17; and "Heaven and Earth," through April 5; "Addison in Bloom," Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8, featuring arrangements by members of the Andover Garden Club and local professional floral designers inspired by works of art; Black and White Film Series in conjunction with "Light/Dark, White/Black," March 1, 22, and April 12, meet in the Museum Learning Center; Gallery Talk for "Light/Dark, White/Black" with exhibition curators Allison Kemmerer and Kelley Tialiou, Sunday, March 29, 2 p.m.; free admission to gallery and all programs; Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY'S GELB GALLERY, An art exhibition titled "Elaine Bay & Raul Gonzalez: Lines on Paper" will be on display and open to the public through April 3; Gonzalez will exhibit art work, character design, model sheets and layouts from "Lowriders in Space," which he co-created with writer Cathy Camper, to give visitors an understanding of the makings of a Graphic novel; Bay's unexpected pairings of 'zine and print characters taken from pop culture, religions, and corporate individual beings, will delight and confuse gallery visitors; a reception and gallery talk are scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m.; all are welcome; Gelb Gallery, George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy, 5 Chapel Ave., Andover; www.andover.edu.

BENEFITS

"MAKING A DIFFERENCE GALA", Saturday, May 9, 6 to 11 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. In celebration of the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council's 50 years of fighting poverty and creating opportunities for thousands of individuals locally; guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, dinner, silent auction, and live entertainment; 978-620-4706, tch-alifour@gcac.org.

INSPIRATION GALA, Friday, May 1, 6 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St. The inspiration and dedication of Sandy Levine will be recognized; proceeds from this annual event will directly support The Professional Center for Child Development and the programs and services that

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Self-portraits reveal insights into teen artists

By TERRY DATE
Staff Writer

Teen artists have thrown open windows to their imaginations upon the unveiling of self-portraits at Lawrence's Essex Art Center last Friday.

The 15 teens' works include mixed-media pieces, paintings and drawings that explore emotions, express thoughts, voice concerns and reflect identity.

The self-portraits include a superhero, an architectural rendering and a teen in sunglasses behind blond bangs. There's also one whose moods

are depicted on a dozen eggs.

The show's works are from students who attend Phillips Academy in Andover, Lawrence and Methuen high schools. It's a show of firsts for both the gallery and the artists.

For many of the students, this will be their first showing in a professional gallery.

For the 56 Island St. gallery, this will be its first teen self-portraiture show.

Art center director John Budzyna said the exhibit gives teens a chance to connect with the larger world, and the larger world a chance to connect with them.

IF YOU GO

What: Teen Portraiture Exhibit, works by area high school students
Where: Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence
When: Through March 13.
How: Free and open to the public

"It's an interesting window into a teenager's mind," Budzyna said. A lot of times, teens do not let on what is on their minds so the show gives them a chance to put their cards on the table, share their thoughts and feelings with an audience."

Phillips Academy art

department chairwoman Therese Zemlin said the six students showing works are seniors from her advanced studio class and Emily Trespas's painting class.

In each of the pieces, the students explore some aspect of themselves, Zemlin said.

"The assignments were relatively unstructured, leaving the students to come up with their own ideas and to 'own' the pieces and imagery," Zemlin said.

The Phillips art students in the show are Lane Unsworth — etchings; Haille McKenzie — charcoal on tracing paper; Anna

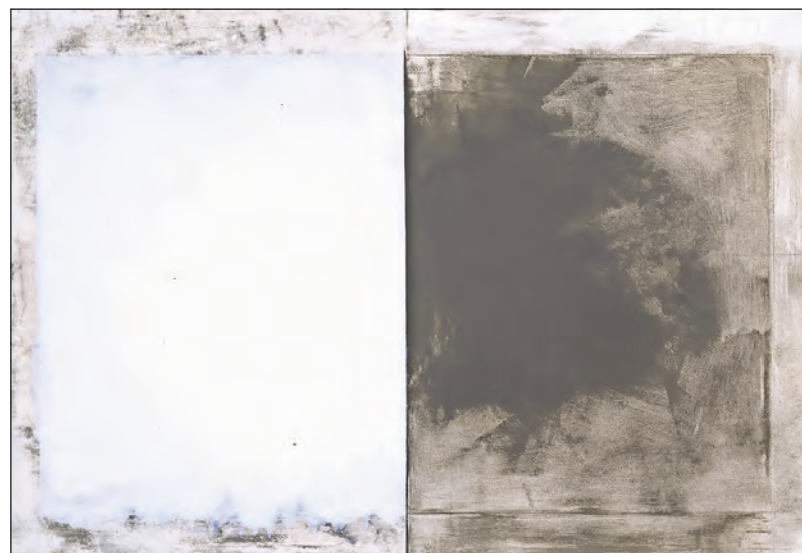
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Area garden clubs will be putting their floral skills to work creating arrangements inspired by a dozen pieces in Addison Gallery of American Art's renowned collection, including Marsden Hartley's "Summer, Sea, Window, Red Curtain" (1942, oil on masonite, museum purchase), above, and Sir Lionel Arthur Lindsay's "Pheasant and Wisteria" (1934, wood engraving on laid paper, museum purchase through membership in The Woodcut Society).

Courtesy images

Garden clubs, Addison Gallery team on floral art



Courtesy image

Nancy Haynes' "Untitled" (1989, monprint on paper, museum purchase).

TOWNSMAN STAFF

IF YOU GO

When: Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, March 8, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: The Addison Gallery of American Art is located on Chapel Avenue, Andover, Massachusetts, across from the Andover Inn on the Phillips Academy campus.
Cost: Free, open to the public.

The Andover Garden Club will present Addison in Bloom this weekend at the Addison Gallery of American Art, located on the Phillips Academy campus. The event, which will feature floral interpretations of selections from the Addison's renowned collection of American art, draws on the talents of a number of area organizations. It is free and open to the public.

"Especially in this bleak season, we are delighted to be able to bring various members of the community together to celebrate art and flowers," said Anne Feeny, president of the Andover Garden Club. "The event encompasses a wide range of artists and floral designers, and we hope it will provide a respite to

winter-weary residents when they gather to enjoy the artwork, the designs, and the company of their friends and neighbors."

Individuals and design teams from the Andover Garden Club, the Spade and Trowel Garden Club, the Village Garden Club of Andover, the North Andover Garden Club, and the Boxford Village

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Krakowsky — oil on canvas; Haley Tomaszewski — oil on paper; Matt Alpert — mixed media and photographs; and Viviane Garth — gouache, eggshells and egg carton.

Zemlin said they express a range of ideas in the pieces. For instance, one student

with an interest in architecture based his piece on an architectural skeleton of his bust and head.

Garth painted 12 eggs in an egg carton - each egg depicting her lips painted with a different expression.

"In each of the pieces they were exploring some aspect of their experience," Zemlin said. "They are explorations reflecting their interests, concerns, thoughts,

perceptions and emerging identities."

She added, "The students and I are looking forward to the exhibition, seeing art from other schools and students in the area, and experiencing their own works in a new space and context. We appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this exhibition. Anytime students and teachers can get out of their 'bubbles,' there is the opportunity and possibility for sharing and expanding on ideas and ways of thinking."

The show opened with a reception last Friday evening in the Essex Art Center's new Studio56 gallery — a quiet high-ceiling brick and wood space that invites contemplation.

Lawrence High School art teacher Erin Sutton said the show offers young

artists a learning experience. They learn to prepare high-caliber work for the public's eye and to assume the risk that goes with showing it.

"It is a little scary to show your work, so I hope people in the community come see it," she said.

The lone Lawrence student exhibiting work is Stevan Macario, 19, a senior at Lawrence High School Learning Center.

He is showing his mixed-media piece on Ace, a superhero who is a magnified version of himself. He created Ace when he was 8 years old.

"Growing up, I thought Lawrence needed a superhero, so I created one," he said.

Methuen High students' self-portraits come from their advanced drawing

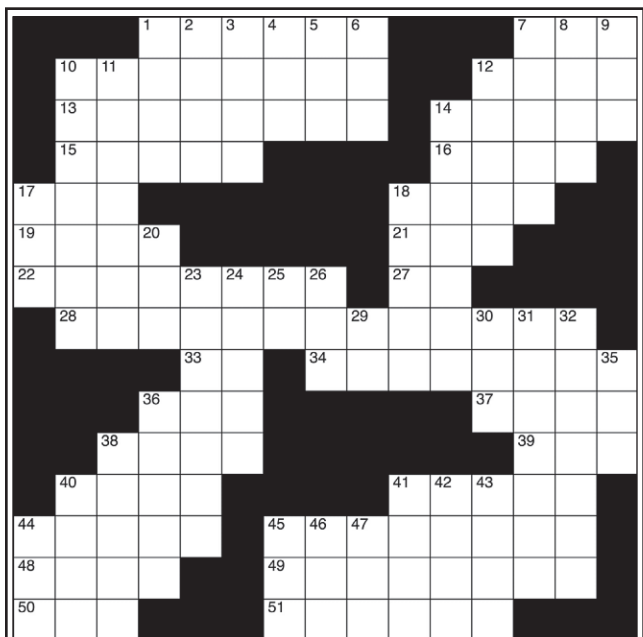


Courtesy photo
Phillips Academy senior Viviane Garth of Andover depicts her lips making 12 different expressions on a dozen eggs for the show.

class, said Thomas Walters, director of fine arts for Methuen public schools.

He said a key part of the students' art education is to show their artwork in

as many venues as possible. This provides them a greater opportunity for comments and feedback, and gives more people a chance to see their work.



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

- Slavonic language
- Solid water
- Supply with notes
- Edible bivalve
- Field game
- Yellow edible Indian fruits
- Lubricant that protects body surfaces
- Canadian flyers
- Took a seat
- Anthracite
- Cuckoos
- Vietnamese currency unit
- Subject to payment on demand
- Opposite of BC
- The distance around an object

- Blood type
- Expressing gratitude
- Bridge-building degree
- Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
- Fiber from the outer husk of a coconut
- Great black-backed gull
- The largest island in the West Indies
- Vegetation consisting of stunted trees or bushes
- Support trestles
- Single rail system
- Call upon in supplication
- Small compartment
- Lair
- Unpleasant nagging women

CLUES DOWN

- College civil rights organization
- "Full House" actress Loughlin
- Egyptian sun god
- Vessel or duct
- Belonging to a thing
- After B
- Refers to end of small intestine
- Baby cow
- River of Memmert Germany
- Farmer's calendar
- Spiral shelled cephalopods
- Source of chocolate
- Diversify
- A baglike structure in a plant or animal
- Freshwater & limestone green algae
- Single Lens Reflex
- Gum arabics

- Austrian philosopher Martin
- Maltese pound
- An immature newt
- Popular Canadian statement
- Norwegian monetary unit (abbr.)
- A journey around a course
- Confer a nobility title upon
- Idle talk
- British policeman
- A citizen of Havana
- Highly glazed finish
- A portion of
- Squad
- Betrayers
- Barrels per day (abbr.)
- Married woman
- Express delight
- Neither

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Garden Club will interpret a dozen pieces from the Addison's extensive collection, including artwork by Charles Burchfield, Carroll Dunham, Wendy Ewald, Naum Gabo, Marsden Hartley, Nancy Haynes, Sir Lionel Arthur Lindsay, Maud Morgan, Louise Nevelson, Charles

Prendergast, James Prosek, and Abbott Handerson Thayer.

Some of the artwork is drawn from the Addison's current exhibition "Light/Dark, White/Black."

"This exhibition may not be a typical point of departure for such an endeavor," said exhibition co-curator Kelley Tialiu, "but we hope that the minimal, monochrome nature of the works will spark some

highly innovative ideas for arrangements that push the boundaries of traditional floral design. We look forward to seeing how visual themes such as the duality present in Nancy Haynes's Untitled monochrome and the cartoonish shadow silhouettes of Carroll Dunham's sculptures will inspire the talented flower arrangers participating in Addison in Bloom."

The sponsors include Ardito, Toscano & McCollum, P.C.; Bank of America; Bulger Animal Hospital; Century Bank; Heather Moody Holman (RE/MAX Partners, Andover); Hewlett-Packard Company; Pentucket Bank; and The Savings Bank. In addition, popular local florists Les Fleurs and Flowers by Steve are contributing stand-alone flower arrangements to decorate the gallery.

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help children of all abilities achieve their full potential; the evening will include a buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles and dancing; www.theprofessional-center.org.

FUNDRAISERS

SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA FUNDRAISER, Saturday, March 14, 6 to 11 p.m., Wyndham Hotel, 123 Old Andover Road, Andover. Saint Augustine School will host its annual fundraiser to fund the gym's construction; this year's theme will be "Casino Royale;" guests will enjoy dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles, entertainment, and games of chance; \$75 per person; purchase

tickets at <https://staugustineandovercasinoroyale.eventbrite.com>.

MUSIC

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, Yiddishkeit Klezmer Ensemble, Sunday, March 22, 2:30 p.m.; free, hosted by Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31.

PALMERS RESTAURANT, Live music, Fridays and Saturdays, 9 p.m. to midnight; no cover charge; 18 Elm St., Andover; 978-470-1606, www.palmers-restaurant.com.

NEW ENGLAND CLASSICAL SINGERS CONCERT, Saturday, March 7, 7:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. The concert, titled "Contrasts in Light and Dark," will feature Vivaldi's

"Gloria," Bach, Cantata #6, "Bleib bei uns," and Lauridsen, "O Nata Lux." The 35-member chorus, under the direction of David Hodgkins, will be joined by a professional orchestra and soloists; a pre-concert talk will begin at 6:30 p.m.; \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors, \$15 for groups of 10 or more, free for children and students with ID; www.newenglandclassical.org, 978-474-6090.

ROOMFUL OF BLUES IN CONCERT, Saturday, March 14, 8 p.m., North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover. Part of the Crossroads Music Series; \$20; www.crossroadsmusicseries.org.

ACOUSTIC ROCK, with Andover residents the Payne-Taylor, Sunday, March 8, 1:30 to 3 p.m., Zeitgeist Gallery, 167 Market St., Lowell.

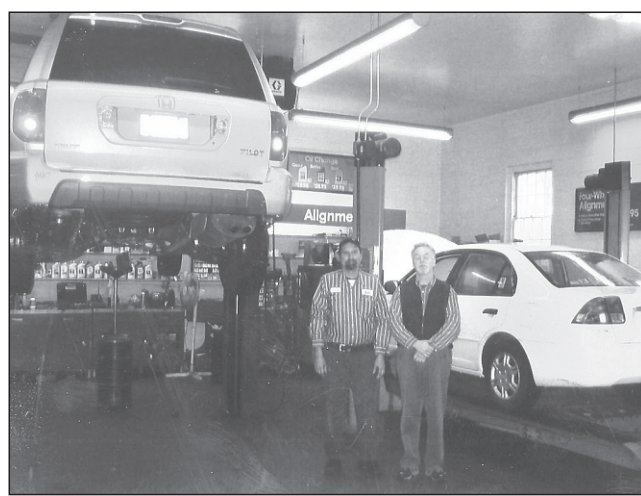
Also includes two special guests, Joe Kish and Dave Cook; this will be the first in a three-month Sunday Series of musical events; an ongoing series, guest openings are available for two additional events on April 5 and May 3; plenty of free on-street parking on Sunday; 617-285-1610.

MERRIMACK VALLEY PHILHARMONIC CONCERT, Sunday, March 15, 2:30 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., (Route 114), North Andover. The Treble Chorus of New England (TCNE), led by Artistic Director John Middleton-Cox, will be featured; \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors and students, \$5 for ages 4 to 12; seating is general admission; purchase tickets at the door or online; <http://www.MKtix.com/mvpo> or www.mvpomu-sic.org.

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Murray, Franks named to permanent principal posts

By TIM LIMA

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Superintendent Marinel McGrath has announced the permanent appointments of Steve Murray and Becky Franks as principals of Andover High School and West Middle School, respectively.

McGrath announced the news Monday afternoon, saying she "decided to forgo

a formal search process to fill these positions because I believe Mr. Murray and Ms. Franks have the leadership qualities, the talent and the vision to assume these key positions in our district to which they are very committed."

Both have been serving as interim principal since early December following the resignation of Christopher Lord as principal of Andover High

Murray, the former principal of West Middle School, was immediately appointed to take Lord's place at the high school on an interim basis. And Franks, then vice principal of West Middle, was moved up to the post of interim principal.

Now, their titles are permanent.

"(Murray) is a thoughtful and compassionate

educator and a leader who is not afraid to tackle any challenge," McGrath wrote in her message. "Most importantly, he has a deep commitment to our young people, teachers and staff. I have every confidence that Mr. Murray will not only lead the (Andover High) though its transition to a new schedule in September 2016, but his calm and empathic leadership will

provide the very best for the coming years."

McGrath said she is equally pleased that Franks has accepted her offer to serve as principal of West Middle School.

"It has been a joy to observe her combine her deep understanding of teaching and learning with a clear leadership vision that will enable WMS to

continue with its initiatives," she wrote. "(Franks) cares deeply about children, respects teachers and staff, partners well with parents and has high academic expectations for all students."

McGrath said she is confident that Andover's new permanent principals will have "successful and productive futures for many years to come."

ON CAMPUS

Lindsay Rosen was named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Elon University in North Carolina. A 2014 graduate of Andover High School, Rosen is a freshman communications fellow at UNC, where she is pursuing a double major in communications and political science.

Derek Wakefield graduated in December from UMass Amherst with a bachelor's degree in economics. He is a 2010 graduate of Andover High School, where he was a goalie on the varsity hockey team for three years. He is the son of Scott and Judy Wakefield.

Amy Tanner was named to the fall dean's list at Dean College in Franklin.

Jacob Gostanian graduated from Arizona State University last spring.

Troy Cayon, a native of Andover, was named to the fall dean's list at Arizona State University.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Melanie Murphy was named to the high honor roll for the fall term at Pomfret School in Connecticut.

Prakirn Upadhyay graduated with distinction from Pingree School in South Hamilton last spring. He now attends the University of Miami.

EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

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Shawsheen School preschool enrollment

Shawsheen School at 18 Magnolia Ave. will remain open as a preschool next year, while the school's elementary students are redistricted elsewhere in town.

Appointments for screenings and tours for students who will be enrolled in the preschool in the half-day or full-day programs in September are now being made for Fridays, May 1 and 15.

For more information about the program and tuition rates, refer to www.aps1.net or call the Shawsheen School office at 978-623-8850.

To submit an item for the Education Notebook, email townsman@andovertownsmen.com.

Peter Pan Jr. Performance

On March 6, 7, and 8, South Cooperative Theater will perform Peter Pan Jr., a modern version of the timeless tale about a boy who wouldn't grow up.

The performances will be held at West Middle School, located at 70 Shawsheen Road. The Friday and Saturday performances will be held at 7 p.m., while the Sunday performance will take place at 1 p.m. All seats are \$10, are general admission, and can be purchased at the door.

The production is run by artistic director Beth

Kennedy and drama team Charles Gracy, Melissa Nussbaum, Sherril Tjalsma and Joellen Defeo. Rounding out the team are music director Amanda Potts and choreographers Beth Kennedy and Crystal O'Keefe. The cast includes 62 third, fourth and fifth-graders from South Elementary School who have been diligently rehearsing since December.

The full cast: Leila Boudries, Jacklyn Brussard, Amy Cain, Emily Capone, Quinton Carrio, Tessa Casey, Shawna Chu, Rachel Cordio, Colby Crews, Bella Daloia, Sophia Daloia, Gracie DiNino, Mara Duran-Clark, Amelia Fisher, Kiernan Florio, Kyla Foohey, Liv Grady, Elizabeth Grecco, Grace Hammond, Amelia Hanscom, James Herlihy, Madi Hughes, Lucy Humphreys, Julia Kole, Grace Kowalski, Cole LaChapelle, Julia Leland, Sarah Long, Charlotte Marcy, AJ Mazzariello, Casey Michael, Abigail Miller, Camille Miner, Jayden Moses, Maggie Mullen, Abby Murnane, Tatum Nelson, Luke Newton, Ellie Nowak, Morgan Nusky, Skye Organisciak, Nate Quail, Evan Ray, Jared Ritter, Isabel Rodenberger, Kaley Romansik, Kian Sayan, Neve Schirmer, Isabelle Senior, Charlotte Stella, Gracie Ventre, Somin Virmani, Olivia Vives, Adrie Waldinger, Andrew Wetterwald, Katelyn Wetterwald, Austin Williamson, Meredith Williamson, Annika Witt, Ben Workman, Erin Workman and Livia Zedda.



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South Cooperative Theatre will be performing "Peter Pan Jr." this weekend at West Middle School. The cast includes Julia Kole as Peter Pan, Ellie Nowak as Wendy, Lucy Humphreys as Tinkerbell, Andrew Wetterwald as John, Somin Virmani as Michael, A.J. Mazzariello as Captain Hook, Nate Qual as Smee and Emily Copone as Chief Tiger Bamboo.



Sanborn Elementary School third-graders, from left, Sanjay Srinath, Evan Halpin and Robert Hauser pose with Andover speed painter Rob Surette following his Amazing Hero Art show last month. Surette presented his award-winning "Be Somebody" program in which he celebrated academics, the arts and the concept of self-esteem while painting larger-than-life portraits of President Abraham Lincoln, Albert Einstein, Martin Luther King Jr. and Mother Theresa.

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Sports

► Div. 1 North tourney

Casey, girls hoops find their groove in victory

BY DAVID WILLIS
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ANDOVER — Alyssa Casey knew the first half had gone as bad as it could have for both herself and her Andover teammates.

“The first half we struggled, I struggled,” said Casey. “We sat in the locker room at halftime and pumped each other up, and in the second half we played outstanding.”

Casey erupted for 16 of her game-high 20 points in the first half as No. 2 Andover turned a three-point halftime lead into a dominant 67-43 victory over Cambridge Rindge and Latin last Friday in the Division 1 North first round.

“A lot of girls stepped up when we needed them to,” said senior guard Talia Dellatto. “Carissa (Reming) had that big 3, and Rachael (Cormier) had some huge steals. We just had to focus and give our heart out there.”

The Warriors simply could not find their groove in the first half.

“Our shots weren’t falling and we were committing way too many fouls,” said Cormier. “The long wait from the end of the regular season (9 days) seemed to hurt us. We needed to rebound and play defense.”

But The Warriors wasted no time displaying the fire that had been absent as the second half kicked off.

Colleen Caveney opened the third with a steal, was fouled and hit two free throws. Cormier then pressed the ball,

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CARL RUSSO/Staff Photo

Alyssa Casey, left, and Talia Dellatto, here playing defense against Whittier, both played major roles in Andover’s state tourney victory over gritty Cambridge.



TIM JEAN/STAFF PHOTO

Andover’s Connor Merinder takes a Lawrence defender to the basket on Saturday. Behind Merinder’s 29 points and 15 rebounds, the Golden Warriors outlasted the Lancers in the two-overtime tournament thriller.

Bigman leads Andover to epic tourney victory Lawrence

BY HECTOR LONGO
Staff Writer

LAWRENCE — Andover center Connor Merinder could not suppress the massive smile that glowed on his face. “It makes me laugh really,” said the overjoyed senior. “Nothing is going to come easy for us, but we got it done.”

Behind a career day for Merinder — who scored 29 points — Andover earned one of the most thrilling victories in school history, outlasting Lawrence 86-79 in double overtime in the Division 1 North quarterfinals on Saturday.

“What a great game, but we’ve had so many of these in the last couple years,” said Andover coach David Fazio. “This is only the quarters. Just once I want one of these in the North final or the Garden. Is this any bigger than last year in Lynn or when (David Giribaldi) beat the Prep a couple years ago? I don’t know.”

What a day for the incomparable Merinder, who in addition to his 29 points had 15 rebounds in 39 minutes-plus.

“He guards like four different big men at a time out there,” said Fazio. “What a Warrior! Talk about a kid coming through. That was a phenomenal performance, one for the ages.”

There was a lot of that going on last night as neither team would flinch.

Down 14 late in the third, Lawrence was supposed to roll over and die, right? Not on senior Julio Vicente’s watch. The Lancer guard gave Lawrence the lead with 1:32 left in regulation.

So Andover was dead, right?

Nope. E.J. Perry IV made two cool free throws, then in a wild final-second flurry, Dantae Neal’s baseline tear-drop was matched by Merinder’s baby hook to force the first overtime.

Vicente’s steal (his seventh) and a breakaway

lay-in tied it 66-66 with 31.8 to play.

Enter Warrior junior Jonathan Rodriguez. A frigid 0-for-5 in regulation, Rodriguez buried a 25-footer, forcing hysteria in the “AHS Jungle” at 0:13.5, but that joy was squelched nine seconds later when Vicente knocked down a triple of his own, sending it to a second extra session.

The one spot Andover couldn’t be stopped was the foul line, and that fact was driven home in the second OT, where the Warriors hit 12 of 14 (Andover was 31 of 39 on the night while Lawrence went just 7 of 14).

With 2:55 left, Rodriguez put the Warriors up for good, 74-72, with his second three of the night.

“How about JRod?” said Fazio. “He missed everything in regulation. We just told him keep shooting. When he lines them up, everyone in this gym is thinking it’s going in. So we told him, just keep shooting them.”

EJ IV finished with 22 for the Warriors, while Rodriguez had 13 and Giribaldi 12.

Warriors surge in opener

David Giribaldi scored 22 points to lead Andover to a 71-56 victory over Somerville in the Division 1 North first round last Tuesday. Connor Merinder added 15 points and E.J. Perry IV added 15 points of his own for the winners.

► Tuesday, Feb. 24

Andover 71, Somerville 56

Andover (71): E.J. Perry IV 6 2-5 15, David Giribaldi 9 1-2 22, Jonathan Rodriguez 3 2-2 10, Connor Merinder 6 3-4 15, Brandon Witten 0 2-2 2, Reid Bryant 1 0-0 2, Ryan O’Connell 0 3-4 3, Gabe Hernandez 0 2-4 2, Griffin O’Connor 0 0-0 0, 25 15-23
3-pointers: A — Perry IV, Giribaldi 3, Rodriguez 2
S — Warsame 4, Saint-Jean, Ulysse 2

Somerville (56-11): 11 11 11 23 — 56
Andover (16-5): 14 16 20 21 — 71

► Saturday, Feb. 28

Division 1 North Quarterfinals

Andover (86): E.J. Perry IV 5 10-12 22, Ryan O’Connell 1 2-3 4, David Giribaldi 3 6-7 12, Gabriel Hernandez 2 2-2 6, Connor Merinder 12 4-5 29, Jonathan Rodriguez 2 7-10 13, Totals 23 31-39 86
3-pointers: A — Perry IV 2, Merinder 3, Rodriguez 2

Andover (17-5): 16 21 11 23 — 86
Lawrence (16-6): 14 16 8 23 18 — 79

► High school sports roundup

From sickbed, Driscoll the stunning star for girls hockey

GIRLS HOCKEY

Junior Haley Driscoll just wanted to be part of the team last Wednesday.

As it turned out, Driscoll was a hero to lift the Andover girls hockey team to a 2-1 sudden death shootout victory over Billerica in the preliminary round of the Division 1 tournament.

Driscoll, who had been out of action for two weeks with pneumonia, asked head coach Kevin Drew if she could dress for the game. Drew agreed and Driscoll watched as Andover battled to a 1-1 tie after regulation, with Krystal Brighton scoring Andover’s only goal in the second period.

Neither team could score in two overtime periods and the score was tied 1-1 after both team had five chances in the shootout, with Jessica Leone scoring for the Warriors.

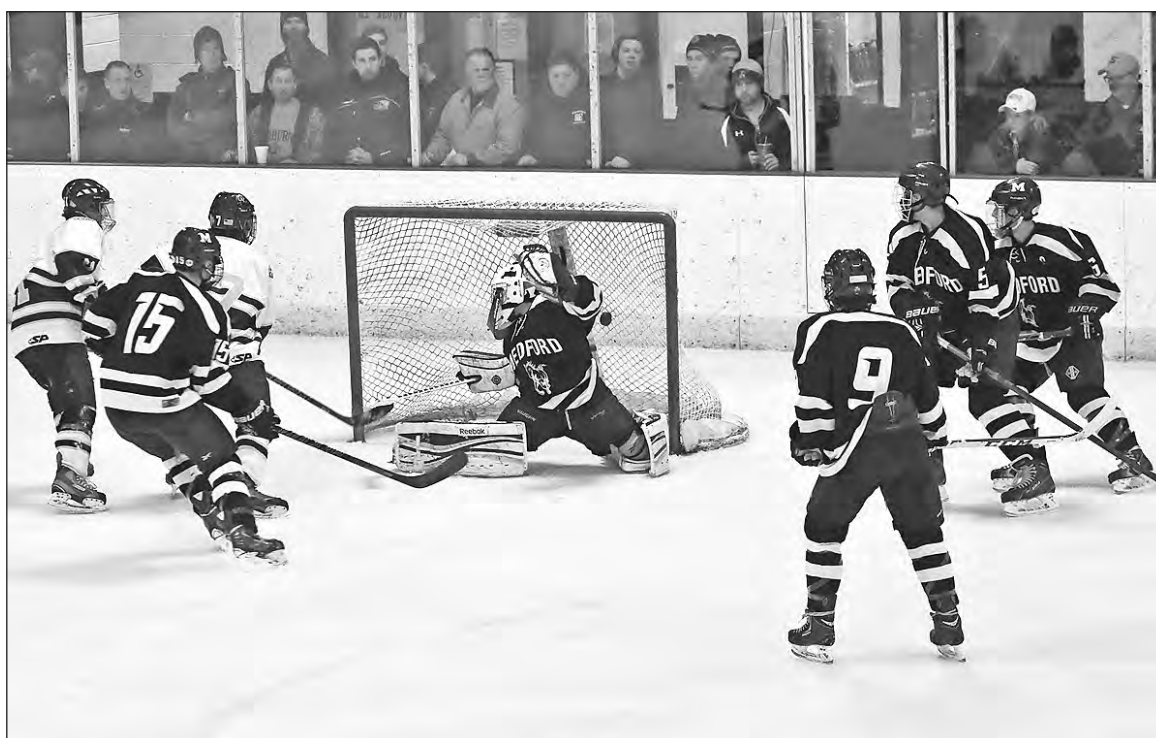
In the sudden death period, Drew sent Driscoll out as the fourth shooter (ninth overall) and she responded with the game-winner.

“I knew she had some success scoring last year so it was worth a shot,” said Drew. “It worked out.”

Meghan Johnson only had 10 saves in regulation but she was 9 of 10 in the shootout for the Warriors (12-6-1).

Goalie Meghan Johnson made 25 saves to keep Andover in the game, but the Golden Warriors fell to Watertown-Belmont 2-1 in the Division 1 North first round on Saturday.

Jessica Leone scored the Andover goal, with seven minutes left in the third period.



JOHN MAROTTA/Courtesy photo

Conor Silk fires home a goal to give Andover the lead over Medford in the Division 1 North first round. Silk’s goal set the tone for the Golden Warriors’ 4-0 victory.

Andover coach Kevin Drew said, “We had plenty of chances at the end. We just missed. It came down to the last second.”

GIRLS SKIING

Faigel a champion

Andover senior star Sarah Faigel won the Interscholastic Championship on Wednesday.

Faigel won both the slalom and giant slalom with a combined score of 48.53, edging rival Maria Cavallaro of North Andover (48.95).

Warrior Olivia Lawler finished seventh for the Warriors in 52.23.

The Golden Warriors placed 11th as a team at the state meet last Tuesday.

BOYS HOCKEY

Warriors roll

From the moment he woke up Saturday morning, Conor Silk had a feeling something special could happen.

“I was nervous, but I couldn’t

wait for this game,” said the senior. “I just love it. It’s amazing. I have never felt better in my life.”

Silk wasted no time giving Andover control of its tournament opener, first scoring a beautiful goal, then delivering a massive open-ice hit, sending the Golden Warriors to a dominant 4-0 victory in the Division 1 North first round on Saturday.

“Silk really set the tempo for us,” said Andover goalie Nick Scarpa, who was rarely tested, turning aside 12

shots for the shutout. “First the goal, and then the hit, everyone just followed his lead. It was a domino effect. It all started with Silky.”

The other star for the Warriors — who were scheduled to continue play on Thursday against No. 4 Arlington Catholic — was sophomore Jeff Hunt, who was playing JV just two weeks ago.

Hunt scored the first two goals of his varsity career, and added an assist on the score by Michael Biddle.

“I was just a member of the JV team,” said Hunt, who made his varsity debut last week. “Coach (Chris Kuchar) texted me, ‘Suit up, you’re going.’ At first I thought he was joking. But you just hope every day it happens and stay ready.”

“I joked with my family that they should bring a camera to the game, because maybe something special would happen.”

BOYS TRACK

Relay dominance

Disappointed with a second-place finish at All-States, the Andover High 4x400-meter relay team approached the New England Championships with the eye of the tiger.

Natick edged the Blue and Gold last week but Friday night at the Reggie Lewis Center was a different story.

Jeremy Travaglini (51.0 seconds), Sean Caveney (50.7), Ray Gorzela (51.7) and Hamza Naveed (49.6) combined to break the tape in 3:23.49, the fastest time in the Bay State this year, said proud head coach Peter Comeau.

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GIRLS

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made a steal and delivered the pass to Casey for a hoop as Andover opened the third on an 11-2 run.

Casey continued to dominate the undersized Falcons in the paint. She drove to the hole for a layup, and grabbed a rebound and sunk the put-back to end the third, then swishing a jumper to begin the fourth, giving the Golden Warriors a double-digit lead for good.

While Casey starred, the always-reliable Caveney also heated up.

The senior guard finished with 16 points, including six crucial points in the fourth as the Warriors closed

Cambridge out.

“Colleen is just amazing,” said Cormier, who had eight steals. “She is such a great leader. She calmed us down and got us back together and we can always rely on her.”

Dellatto, Andover’s spark off the bench, added two second-half 3-pointers to go with aggressive defense. Despite foul trouble, Jillian Webber added eight points and 10 rebounds and Carissa Reming had a big 3-pointer.

Andover 67, Cambridge 43

Andover (67): Alyssa Casey 10 0-0 20, Rachael Cormier 4 1-2 9, Talia Dellatto 3 0-0 8, Colleen Caveney 6 2-2 14, Jillian Webber 3 2-2 8, Carissa Reming 2 0-0 5, Elizabeth Bernardin 0 2-2 2, Paige Hartnett 0 1-2 1, Julia Perry 0 0-0 0, Calleigh Reming 0 0-0 0, Tori Roche 0 0-0 0, Emily Connors 0 0-0 0, Kayla Kobelski 0 0-0 0, Meghan Stickney 0 0-0 0. Totals 28 8-10 67
3-pointers: A — Dellatto 2, Carissa Reming
Cambridge (42-10): 7 13 12 11 — 43
Andover (19-2): 8 15 17 27 — 67

First-place finishers



Courtesy photo

The Andover High 4-by-400 relay team captured first place in the New England championships last Friday night, posting the fastest 4-by-400 relay time in Massachusetts at 3:23.49. Coaches Mark Hathaway, left, and Peter Comeau, right, flank teammates, from left, Sean Caveney, Ray Gorzela, Hamza Naveed and Jeremy Travaglini.

ROUNDUP

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Old Rochester won in 7.441. Caveney took fifth in 7.68

GIRLS TRACK

Warriors win pentathlon

Led by 2,727 points by Lizzie Kobelski, Andover won the 29-team girls state pentathlon on Sunday with 7,797 points.

Kobelski was joined by Miranda Lawrence (2,597 points) and Hannah Chapman (2,473 points).

GYMNASTICS

Carver in fourth

Courtney Carver placed fourth overall with a 36.5 at the Mass. State Team Championships on Friday. Kaitlyn McDonald was eighth in the all-around with a 35.775.

Comeau has called Naveed the greatest anchor to ever run at Andover. He lived up to the high praise once again. Make it twice again.

With stars Sean Caveney and Sebastian Silveira unavailable as they were running the hurdles, the 4x200 team still came up big.

Travaglini, Gorzela, Andrew Lucia and Naveed placed third in 1:31.70.

Those hurdles still made a major impact. Silveira broke his own school record and lost a photo finish for the gold. He was clocked in 7.445 while Kevin Saccone of

Award winners



Courtesy photo

The 2014-2015 AHS varsity basketball team winners of the Baystate Financial “Player of the Fortnight Award” posed recently with their coaches and Ronald R. Hill of Baystate Financial. Back Row, from left to right, boys’ coach Dave Fazio, Julia Perry, Paige Hartnett, Jillian Webber, Ron Hill, Carissa Reming, Talia Dellatto and Girls’ Coach EJ Perry. Front Row, left to right: Gabriel Hernandez, Griffin O’Connor, David Giribaldi, Reid Bryant, Missing from the photo is Connor Merinder.

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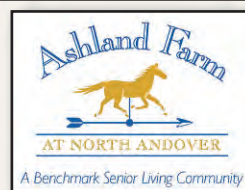
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An inspirational fighter

George Foreman III co-authors book on local woman's 'winning spirit'

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
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It would have been easy for Mary McAlary to throw in the towel and submit to the excruciating pain she was dealing with after being diagnosed with multiple sclerosis.

But the Andover mother of three instead decided to fight back. And she's glad she did.

"My very survival had been threatened and I had to choose between flight or flight," writes McAlary in her new book, "The Winning Spirit, The Art of Winning Your Fight."

It's been almost 11 years since that life-changing moment and now she is pain- and medication-free.

The glamorous 66-year-old who has four grandchildren had a lifestyle overhaul during the past decade. She became a certified holistic health coach. She switched to an organic whole-foods diet. She is now in the best shape of her life as a result of those changes.

When asked what the key was to a pain-free life, she said it was all about avoiding sugar and artificial additives.

"I was miserable," she said. "I was taking nine to 12 pills a day for the pain and barely moving. I saw five neurologists. Little is known about MS and there is no cure. When you have it, the location of brain lesions affects parts of the body directly related to that location. In my case, it was attacking my nerve pain center and the pain was severe."

McAlary's remarkable lifestyle overhaul that has left her pain-free caught the eye of George "Monk" Foreman III, son of professional boxer George Foreman.

Foreman runs a boxing gym in Boston where McAlary's son works out. They were introduced and once Foreman heard her inspirational story, the book deal was sealed.

He co-authored McAlary's book as he found her story "inspirational to others."

"Mary's is a real story," he said. "She's a fighter and faced many challenges but

never quit. That's what is great about her story."

Foreman, 32, plans to write a series of books about winning fights against challenges. McAlary's book is the first. He wants his series of books to tell the tales of everyday people fighting challenges and beating them, like McAlary did. He's on a mission to foster a community of everyday fighters that inspire, he said. The book idea grew from his personal experience with his famous father, who is now a preacher. And, he will launch a website that presents vignettes of people who are successfully beating their individual challenges.

"It worked out well for both of us to team up and write this book," McAlary said. "We both believe that you can come back swinging from the bad news from a doctor's report. You can emerge a stronger person."

"The Fighting Spirit, The Art of Winning Your Fight," is a 120-page book published by Changing Lives Press. It is available on Amazon.



Mary McAlary of Andover with co-author George "Monk" Foreman III at his boxing gym in Boston.

COURTESY PHOTO

Turning the page on volunteering

Local woman is a story time favorite at Boys & Girls Club

A reading program at the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence is enjoying some special attention from an Andover resident who's become synonymous with the bag of book she's often seen toting.

Two afternoons a week, Laura Jordan can be found turning the pages of children's books at the club.

The retired corporate trainer who holds a Master of Education degree said in a release that the volunteer assignment is "rewarding for me, and hopefully for them as well."

"The kids and staff are so warm and appreciative," said Jordan, who comes to her Tuesday and Thursday readings with a large bag of books borrowed from the library as well as ones she has purchased. "I want reading to be seen as a fun and relaxing activity."

"I want reading to be seen as a fun and relaxing activity."

Laura Jordan, volunteer

This is the second year that Jordan has assumed reading duties twice a week at the club, where she also serves on the board.

The program was started four years ago by Diana Bourgeois of North Andover, who wanted to share her love of reading with children.

"I wanted something to bring joy into my life, and this is a very joyful thing to do," Bourgeois, a former hospital chaplain, said in the release.

Jordan said she sees the positive effects of the program in the children who excitedly recognize a book that they also have read at school. She especially enjoys seeing a few children take turns reading pages from the same book or talk in the voices of the characters.

"I totally believe in the mission of the club, which is giving kids a safe place to go after school with strong enrichment programs," Jordan said. "Personally, I feel that what makes the biggest impact is when kids develop relationships with adults who care about spending time with them."

Stephanie Bryant, volunteer coordinator at the Boys & Girls Club, said the reading program shows that people shouldn't underestimate the impact they can have sharing a part of themselves at the club.

"Giving your time and attention to children is such an important way to help your community," Bryant said. "And it's fun."

For more information about volunteer opportunities at the club, contact Bryant at 978-683-2747, ext. 117, or email sbryant@lawrencebge.com.



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Laura Jordan of Andover, a board member and volunteer at the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, reads to 8-year-old Philip Mwangi of Lawrence during one of her twice-weekly volunteer assignments.

CARING LENGTHS



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Nikki Chatson, a second-grader at Pike School in Andover, and Gary Gaudreau, stylist for Marissa Michaels Hair Salon in Andover, hold up two of the four 10-inch locks of hair she donated to the Locks of Love organization last month, as mother Kim Chatson looks on. Nikki's older sister, Emma, now a freshman at Phillips Academy, also donated her hair to Locks of Love when she was 7.

Sisters bring love to others, eight years apart

By GARRIN MARCHETTI
Staff Writer

A year ago, Nikki Chatson's first-grade teacher told her and her classmates about Locks of Love, the national nonprofit that accepts donations of both money and hair to help make wigs for children who may have lost their tresses due to cancer or other diseases.

Nikki, now 7 and a second-grader at the Pike School in Andover, decided she wanted to grow out her hair to help someone else, a decision all too familiar to her parents, Drs. George and Kim Chatson of North Andover.

Eight years ago, the Chatsons' oldest daughter, Emma, had also donated her hair to Locks of Love at the age of 7. Now a

15-year-old freshman at Phillips Academy in Andover, Emma was happy to hear her sister was interested in doing the same.

"I thought it was cool, like she wanted to follow in my footsteps," Emma said the day her younger sister received her special haircut. "I think she thinks of me as a role model."

The girls' mother agrees, saying it's been "doubly special" to see both her daughters doing something nice for others.

"Both my husband and I work to help others, so to see the kids pick that up is very meaningful," Kim Chatson said.

The Chatsons have also been personally touched by cancer, as the girls' grandmother passed away several years ago from the disease.

"They were very close with their grandmother and were affected by her death, Kim Chatson said. "I think that was another reason why Nikki wanted to do this."

When Nikki's hair had finally grown out the required 10 inches, her mother called Gary Gaudreau at Marissa Michaels Hair Salon on Florence Street in Andover, the same stylist and salon where Emma had her Locks of Love haircut eight years before.

Last month, Nikki made good on her decision. As she held four sections of hair in her hand and surveyed her freshly cut mane in the mirror, she smiled. When her mother asked how she felt, she offered a simple response.

"Really pretty!" she said.

Local teen donates hair for cancer patients

When it came time for 13-year-old Caroline Huntress to cut her hair recently, she wasn't just about trying out a new style.

The eighth-grader at West Middle School donated her locks to Pantene Beautiful Lengths for Cancer Patients.

In recognition of her good deed, Denise Martins at Fazio's Salon in North Andover donated her time to cut the local teen's hair in support of the cause.

Huntress, the daughter of Chris and Diane Huntress of Tewksbury Street, hopes to inspire others to consider making a similar donation when it's time for their next hair cut.



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AT RIGHT: Caroline Huntress recently donated her long locks to Pantene Beautiful Lengths for Cancer.

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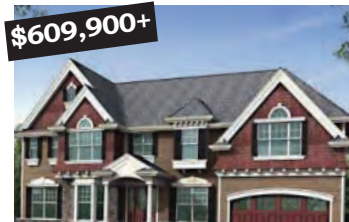
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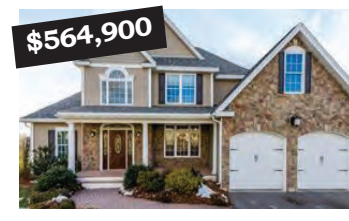
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Andover Teachers Seminary: A short-lived lesson ahead of its time



Andover Stories

Gail Ralston

Andover Historical Society

Phillips Academy, the Theological Seminary and Abbot Academy are all well-known in town and throughout the world. Yet there was a fourth campus institution whose short history belies its historical significance: The Andover Teachers Seminary.

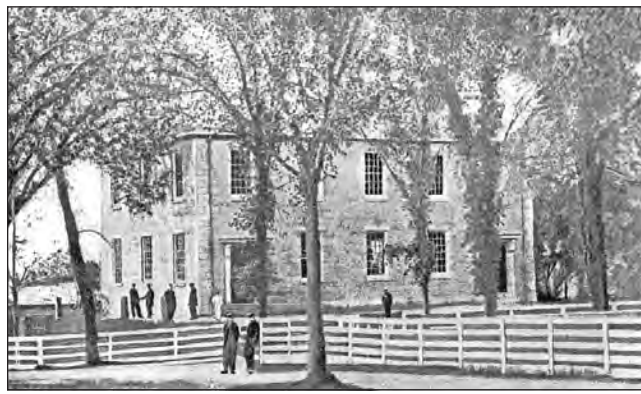
In 1827, the Academy Trustees found themselves with an unrestricted bequest given through the philanthropy of former Trustee President William Phillips II. It was Academy Treasurer Samuel Farrar who convinced them to create a progressive school.

Farrar was quite a figure both on Andover Hill and in town. He had come to Andover in 1802 as a lawyer, and soon began a 37-year

career at the Academy. In town, he served as the first president of Andover Bank, beginning in 1826. On campus, he exerted great influence and was the right-hand man of many of the school's principals.

Farrar was already responsible for many campus innovations, but The Teachers Seminary, the second of its kind in the country, was his most radical undertaking. At the time, the Academy followed a Classical course of study — Greek, Latin and a little math, taught primarily in lecture format. The Teachers Seminary was to promote a “hands-on” approach to teaching, a movement just beginning to take hold in the country.

It was known formally as The English Academy and Teachers Seminary and its purpose was to “educate instructors of common and other schools.” Scholars were allowed to attend lectures without officially enrolling or they were able to attend the program for as long as six years. There were four terms of 11 weeks each. Original enrollment



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The Teachers Seminary Building, also known as The Stone Academy, which operated at the northeast corner of Main Street and Chapel Avenue for 12 years, was one of the first schools in the country to promote a “hands-on” approach to teaching in the early- to mid-1800s.

numbered 80, 48 of whom were from the Town of Andover.

The school building was erected at the northeast corner of Main Street and Chapel Avenue. The design, said to be from Farrar's craving for simplicity, was not well received. Claude Fuess, one-time Academy headmaster, offered the following description: “Bare, somber and unrelieved by ornamentation, the building

resembled a jail or tomb, and seemed to be at once the strongest and the ugliest structure ever produced by the hand of man.” Fortunately, what the building lacked on the outside was made up for on the inside. The seminary boasted a chemical laboratory in the basement with “a good supply of apparatus.” Another room was outfitted with “philosophical apparatus” for experiments, what is

now known as physics. The school acquired a complete set of instruments for surveying and civil engineering and a library of 850 volumes. A nearby farm allowed experiments to be made in practical agriculture. At one point, it was announced that the building “was furnished with a magic lantern and several hundred slides, an electrical machine, globes, maps and a pneumatic apparatus.”

Samuel Read Hall was the seminary's first principal. Hall was joined by teachers of bookkeeping, mineralogy, electricity, writing, mathematics and chemistry. Frederick Barton taught surveying and engineering. One of his pupils was Frederick Law Olmsted, who was to become America's most famous landscape architect. Alonzo Gray, an innovator in agricultural methods, taught natural history and husbandry, and while at Andover, published “Scientific and Practical Agriculture,” the first text of its kind.

As progressive as the curriculum was, the lack of funding couldn't sustain the school's momentum and

signaled its early demise in 1842, just 12 years after its opening. While The Teachers Seminary was officially no longer a part of campus, a portion of its curriculum — The English or Scientific Department — continued under the Academy's program as a distinct academic track. The English Department, and the original Classical Department, finally joined under one heading in 1924, forming the core of today's school course of study.

The building itself was not so lucky. In 1864, a fire, rumored to have been set by a dismissed student, burned the structure to the ground. A plaque set in the lawn west of the current campus chapel commemorates this educational effort that was truly ahead of its time.

Next up: Who was Samuel Read Hall, the first principal of The Teachers Seminary?

Andover Stories is a recurring feature in The Andover Townsman prepared by the Andover Historical Society. Visit www.andoverhistorical.org for more.

What's Happening: Memorial Hall Library

There's a lot to do in March at Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St. Here are some of the featured programs on the calendar:

Researching Your Irish Ancestors, Tuesday, March 10, 7 p.m. Mary Ellen Grogan, a professional genealogist, will share her experiences researching Massachusetts and Irish genealogical and historical records. Grogan began her research in the Dublin archives in 1984, and has both participated in and led research tours in Ireland.

Beginners Needle Felting Workshop, Thursday, March 12, 10 a.m. to noon, Friends Alcove 2 on the ground floor. Learn how to felt a spring egg with library staff members Alessia Cronkhite, Gerry

Deyermond and Vicki Murphy. Participants will choose a wet-felted egg to needle felt with multiple colors of wool roving, or create their own egg from the very beginning with core wool covered by the colors of their choice. All supplies will be provided; space is limited to 12.

LWV @ the Library, Thursday, March 19, 7 p.m. “Creating the Andover Historic Mill District: Connecting Us, Strengthening Our Future” invites citizens to discuss the proposed Andover Historic Mill District coming before voters at the May Town Meeting. Information about the proposed zoning overlay district and the reasons behind creating it will be presented. The presentation will also highlight lessons learned from

other communities, results of the input from site walks and sessions with Andover groups, the process of bringing many voices together to create the proposal. Tina Girdwood of the Andover Coalition for Education, Don Robb of the Council on Aging and local resident Charlie Kendrick will lead the panel.

Friends of MHL Concert Series, Sunday, March 22, 2:30 p.m. The Yiddishkeit Klezmer Ensemble will perform lively Eastern European music often heard at Jewish weddings and other celebrations. Since 1995, Brian Bender (vocals, accordion, trombone, melodia), David Targal (fiddle, clarinet, cello), and Anna Sobel (poyk, fiddle, dumbek, vocals, tabla) have entertained audiences

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Other March events at MHL Conversational English, Mondays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30, 10 a.m. to noon. For non-native speakers of English who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. New members are welcome. To register, contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602.

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