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Emily Connors (11), Paige Hartnett (12) and Julia Perry (21) leave the court to the support of their teammates at the end of their loss to Braintree in the Division 1 state semifinal basketball game at the TD Garden in Boston Monday night.

Mentally tough Golden Warriors close out season at Garden

By David Willis dwillis@andovertownsman.com

Andover High School football coach E.J. Perry knew there were concerns and questions two years ago when he decided to add the

Golden Warriors girls basketball team to his coaching they were getting into a

Known for his fiery competitiveness during both games and practices, Perry had never coached female athletes before.

"They didn't know what couple years ago with the Andover football coach walking in," said Perry, who replaced four-time state champion coach Jim Tildsley. "To be honest, I didn't

know what I was getting

'But let me tell you, this senior class embraced me so much. It has worked because these girls, girls

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Teaching jobs at risk for FY 2016 Preliminary budget calls for net loss of school positions

By Tim Lima tlima@andovertownsman.com

Superintendent Marinel levels. McGrath last week outlined a Andover school district moves equivalent teaching positions, able class sections in every

impacting almost all grade subject as well.

"To recap, the preliminary According to McGrath's budget is one that does not Students next year could spending plan for fiscal 2016 report to the School Commit- sustain the same level of serface larger class sizes if a that would result in the reductee, the cuts could potentially vices for FY16 that were availpreliminary budget for the tion of 21.5 current full-time- result in the reduction of avail- able in FY15 in regard to class See **BUDGET**, Page 2

Thumbs down on second land deal

Town shifts right to purchase farm property along river to AVIS

By BILL KIRK

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Two up, two down.

That's the record so far of conservation properties considered — and rejected — for purchase by the Board of Selectmen and Conservation Commission following last year's Town Meeting vote authorizing the spending of \$800,000 on open space.

It's a record that has some people scratching their heads.

"They've decided they want to save money," said John Hess, vice president of the Andover Village Improvement Society, a local land preservation group. "They are not looking at it as an opportunity to save land — they are looking at it to save money.'

Last year, Town Meeting voted by a wide margin to give selectmen and the Conservation Commission authority to use \$800,000 in borrowing authority left over from a previous land deal that fell through.

The warrant article that was approved carried a list of a dozen or so properties that land preservationists had been eyeing for years to secure for

recreation and conservation purposes. Two of those properties have come up to purchase

and both have been shot down. The first was the 8-acre Phillips boathouse property, which the town made a low-ball offer on of around \$500,000 after the school had made it clear it wanted at least \$1 million for the property. Phillips ended up selling the property for more than \$2 million to the Andover Companies, which has its headquarters adjacent to the boathouse land.

The second property on the list was a 20-acre farm at 1320 South St. Last week, selectmen voted to bypass the purchase of the property. Instead, AVIS

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Two battle for one-year School Committee seat

By Tim Lima tlima@andovertownsman.com

continues its Election 2015 coverage

■ School Committee this week candidates face off in 1st of 2 forums. Page 10 $\,^{\mathrm{With}}$ pro-

files on the two candidates seeking to fill the one year remaining on the School Com- and keep tabs on our ongomittee seat vacated early this ing election coverage, check year by former member turned out www.andovertownsman. state Sen. Barbara L'Italian, com as well as www.eagletri-D-Andover.

Next week, we will provide profiles of the four candidates seeking the two available, three-year seats on the Board The Andover Townsman of Selectmen: incumbents Daniel Kowalski and Brian Major and challengers Robert

Landry and Neil Senior. To see our profiles on the four candidates seeking the two, three-year seats on the School Committee, which were published last week, bune.com.



Annie Gilbert hopes to see school projects through completion

After serving two terms on the School Committee, Annie Gilbert is hoping to win election to one more year serving the community. She said that she has worked to get a number

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wants to give back to the local schools

career as an educator, Paul Properzio hopes to continue having an effect on the education process by bettering his town's public School Department.

"I want to give back to

Making their case Selectmen candidates trade views on town at forum

By BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

Selectmen last week staked ing and tax policies are out out starkly different posi- of touch with the residents." tions during a political forum

at the Public Safety Center. crowd of nearly 70 people being part of the problem government transparency, pension liabilities. among other issues.

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Landry, one of the co-founders of a watchdog website. "Tax bills are growing at an Candidates for the Board of unsustainable rate; spend-

one of his opponents, 18-year exploding? With a standing-room-only incumbent Brian Major, for

"I've spent the last couple accountability," Landry



Landry went on to criticize our long-term obligations

Major, speaking remotely watching, debate centered specifically for not being able he was traveling out of town, Senior. around spending and budget to find a solution to the town said selectmen need to look issues, but also touched on yard relocation project and at all of the community's Mr. Major, the town yard and the search for a new town for overseeing the rising cost needs, adding that many budget problems have been manager and improved of retiree health care and other projects aside from going on for years," he said,

years shedding light on said. "Does Mr. Major take exchanges throughout the the can down the street" on financial conditions in this any personal responsibil- evening between the four

three-year seats in the March 24 town election. Joining Major and Landry in the race are current board Chairman Dan Kowalski and challenger Neil Senior. The forum was hosted by the Service Club of Andover.

Major's comments also via a video screen because brought a response from

"With all due respect to the town yard have been adding that a vote for Major "I'm campaigning on completed during his tenure. would be a vote for "more It was just one of several of the same" and "kicking

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of initiatives started, and



Paul Properzio

Newly retired from his

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Father charged with endangering infant twins

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By Tim Lima tlima@andovertownsman.com

old twins in the car after an and address. argument with his girlfriend with multiple offenses.

Ronald Ricci Jr., 29, of 3 tine said. Penobscot Way, Andover, well as malicious destruction behavior." of property in excess of \$250.

records, a Stop & Shop incident. employee called police just North Main Street.

Commander Charles Heseltine said that before officers reached the store, Ricci had An Andover man who taken off with his two infant police say was under the children in the car. When influence of prescription officers arrived, Ricci's girldrugs and alcohol when he friend, the mother of the chiltook off with his 9-month- dren, gave police his name

Police went to Ricci's home last week has been charged and observed him pulling his car into his driveway, Hesel-

"After an investigation, was arrested on March 3 in officers determined the subthe driveway at his house ject to be under the influand charged with operating ence of prescription drugs," under the influence of drugs Heseltine said. "The two and two counts of operating children were in his vehicle under the influence of liquor at the time of his arrest, with child endangerment, as hence the charges of reckless

No injuries were reported According to police to the children during the

According to Heseltine, after 3 p.m. reporting that Ricci was also charged with an argument between a man destruction of property after and woman was taking place allegedly causing more than in the store's parking lot on \$250 in damage to the jail cell door while in custody.



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School spirit

Andover High School fans showed their support for the boys basketball team as it faced Cambridge Ringe & Latin during Division I North Semifinal basketball action last Wednesday, March 4. The strong backing, however, wasn't enough to allow the Golden Warriors to extend their season. See story, page 24.

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BUDGET

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size," she said.

The preliminary budget, time-equivalent positions. however, does allow for the equivalents.

Of those, 7.5 staff positions high school. will join the Special Education Department.

be brought on at the middle time equivalents.

date Andover's 24-percent school, class sizes would go

this year.

With the additional hires, next year. the proposal reflects an over-

would be added at the ele- from the current average of class, she said. mentary level, and a project- 21 students to between 25 based learning coach would and 29 students next year.

Second Language students to 25 students per course to she expects teachers will

all net reduction of 9.1 full- increased class sizes would deserve that from us. And work to reverse the positive they'll receive that from us." According to McGrath, if trends the schools had been hiring of some new employ- the spending plan advances, making in that area. In 2009, called the budget "responees within the district, the loss in teaching positions the schools faced larger sible, but sobering." School totaling 12.4 new full-time would increase class sizes class sizes due to the reces- Committee members said from fourth grade through sion. But since, the school they appreciated the process In fourth- and fifth-grade mentally grown, leading to the budget, something they classrooms district wide, an increase in educators to acknowledged was difficult. Digital learning specialists class sizes would increase allow for fewer students per

In grades six through in available funding for the group made up of represenschool level, totaling 2.2 full- eight, class sizes would school district—its second in tatives of the Finance Comjump from 24 students on two years. Last year, the dis-mittee, Board of Selectmen One full-time equivalent average to between 25 and trict saw the removal of about and School Committee was would be added to accommo- 29 students. And at the high 40 instructional assistants.

increase in English as a from the current range of 22 fact, adopted, McGrath said between 25 and 29 students still "provide our children with the best educational McGrath said the experience we can. They

> Member Joel Blumstein district's budget has incre- that was taken to determine

> Discussions on the school budget were expected to con-McGrath said changes are tinue at Wednesday night's due to a forced reduction Tri-Board meeting, when the scheduled to review the pro-

If the budget outlined is, in posed spending plan.

FARM

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although that outcome is by to know, how was the land land. no means certain.

Hess and others blame Chairman Dan Kowalski property. places the blame on Town vation Commission.

about assessing properties manner." on the list.

erties, and that was never \$637,684. Teh apparently defined.'

selectmen for being penny- servation Commission needs save the property as open spending money on purchaswise and pound-foolish. But to prioritize the parcels of space because it sits on the ing open space, but that town

Manager Reginald "Buzz" a prioritized list from the servation properties. Stapczynski and the Conser- Conservation Commission,"

The latest deal turned purchase it. "If there were parcels of down by selectmen — the space.

Board of Selectmen gave up along the river. its right of first refusal to The 1320 South St. property open space. is on the market for \$637,000.

by the town, allowing them of it is developable. to pay less in property taxes considered farmland.

erty, Jean Tisbert, has a doesn't understand why signed purchase-and-sales selectmen and Conservation reached for comment.

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AVIS and other land con-

"Presently, we don't have River and is near other con- to do that.

One restriction, however,

buy the property, granting is that 70 percent of the land it's not just a decision by that right instead to AVIS. must remain as protected selectmen, but that the Con-Part of the property is must weigh in.

The town had been eligible under the National Grid

over the years because it is have preferred for the town The owner of the prop- of first refusal. She said she land," Kowalski said.

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town manager to define a agreement with Stoneham Commission members didn't list — of vetting those prop- developer Alvin Teh for want to buy the property. "I can't read their minds,"

defined," he said. "I asked wants to build single- or she said. "They discussed may now end up with the site the town manager, I'd like multi-family homes on the it in executive session and nobody's talking." She agreed with Hess that

Further, he said, the Con-servation people want to Town Meeting approved banks of the Shawsheen leaders don't appear willing

"We have a relatively Susan Stott, a member short list of properties we he said. "Then they need of the AVIS board of direc- thought were important," Kowalski said that shortly to work with the Board tors, said her organization she said, "Voters approved after last year's Town Meet- of Selectmen, who have a will be going through a due the funding authorization ing vote, he asked Stapc- fiduciary responsibility to diligence process before at Town Meeting. I'm surzynski to provide the board make sure any property is buying the property. The prised two properties on with a process on how to go purchased in an appropriate group has until April 22 to the list came up so quickly. come up with the money to I don't know why selectmen chose not to buy either "It's tight, but we think we of them. I just don't know. land on that list, I asked the 20-acre South Street farm — can get it done," Stott said, That would be a good quesmay still result in the propadding that her group may tion for Dan Kowalski and erty being saved as open want to sell off the upland the rest of the Board of part of the property and Selectmen. Are there any Last Monday night, the preserve the portion that is properties on the list they would support?"

Kowalski countered that servation Commission also

He noted that Conservato buy the property because power lines. Another part is tion Commission Chairman the owners had an agricul- along the river and is filled Don Cooper was in the auditural exemption placed on it with wetlands. A third part ence last week when the board was discussing the Stott said AVIS would South Street farm property. "He made no public com-

to have exercised its right ment about this parcel of Cooper could not be

Hess said that as one of the original supporters of last year's warrant article on the open space fund, he thought "it was clear that Town Meeting said, 'Put money aside and buy properties when they come up.' These were two properties on the list, but selectmen disagree. They are looking at the bigger picture of keeping our debt down.

"That doesn't mean they won't some time in the future purchase more land for conservation," he added. "Now they don't want to. They'd rather the land be used for development or some other purpose."



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Alyssa Casey shoots over the defense of Braintree's Ashley Russell during the second half of the Division 1 State semifinal basketball game at the TD Garden in Boston Monday night. The game capped off a strong season for the Golden Warriors.



Caveney drives to the basket against Braintree during the first half of Monday night's **Division 1** state semifinal game.

Colleen

HOOPS

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like Rachael (Cormier) and Colleen (Caveney) and Talia (Dellatto) are so mentally tough. They not only dealt with me, but they welcomed me with open arms."

Andover girls basketball's tournament run came to an end two victories short of a dream finish Monday night as the North champion Golden Warriors (23-3) fell to South champ and defending state title-holder Braintree 61-37 in the Division 1 state semifinal at TD Garden in Boston.

The undefeated Braintree (24-0), which is ranked to become a top player the No. 21 girls basketball team in the country by Maxpreps.com and No. 25 in the nation by USA Today, will now play for a perfect season on Saturday in the Division 1 state title game at the DCU Center in Worcester.

"My girls did all they could," Perry said. "But it just wasn't in the cards against a team as big and as talented as Braintree. We expended too much energy Saturday (41-38 North title win over Billerica; See story, page 25) and this Braintree team ular — his daughter, guard

is so talented." The Golden Warriors' best run Monday came at the end of the first quarter. said." As the 12th man on After Braintree opened the game with a 9-0 run, Andover rallied, led by a basket each by Jillian Webber and Dellatto. Then, an aggressive drive and layup by Cormier at the buzzer

cut the advantage to 16-10. But the Wamps opened the second with an 11-0 run, and the closest the Warriors would cut it from there was 11 on a 3-pointer special. This senior class by Alyssa Casey (team-

high 11 points). "We cut it to around 10 a few times, but they were just too tough," said Perry, whose son E.J. Perry IV led the cheers for a small Andover student fan section. "That front court is just amazing for a high school team. They made

the plays of the game." Following the contest,

Perry shared a moment and a few words with each of the seniors on his team, from four-year varsity player Cormier to forward Fatouma Kone, who missed the entire season due a knee injury.

'This class really made it possible for me to fit into this job," Perry said. "Talia holds a special place because she fought her way back from the concussions to play again. Rachael overcame so much tragedy (the loss of her father) to be so important to us. She was amazing down the stretch in the postseason.

"Colleen was an average player as a sophomore and she worked so hard and she will have a great career at Middlebury. And Carissa Reming worked so hard for us.

"Then there is Emily Connors who battled our great big girls every day in practice and was amazing and Paige Hartnett who hit some big 3s early in the season for us before we started to play more fastpaced. And we could have used Fatouma's size today."

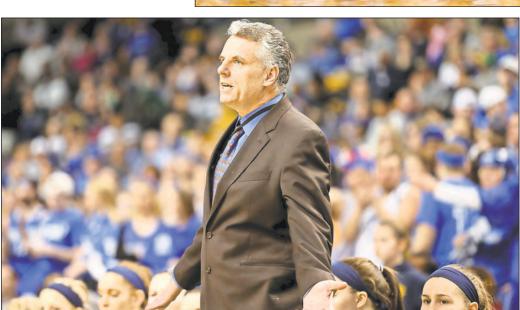
An already emotional Perry clearly held back emotions as he talked about one senior in partic-Julia Perry.

"It is obviously hard to see Julia go," Perry our team, she handled that role so well. She protected her teammates every day at home. We had many dinner conversations about what I was doing wrong. She protected every girl, and having the chance to coach her was an excellent bonding experience.

"This group was very ended a three-year wait for Andover basketball to

get back to the Garden. "I told the underclassmen that it is their job now to get us back to the DCU Center."

David Willis is a sportswriter/videographer for The Andover Townsman. Reach him on twitter at @ DWillisET.



Andover High School head girls basketball coach E.J. Perry reacts to a call during the second half of Monday night's state semifinal game.



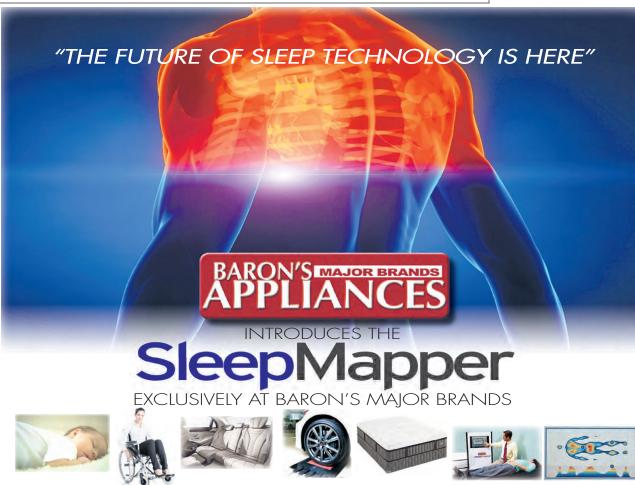
Meghan Stickney, left, hugs teammate **Rachael Cormier as** Talia Dellatto, right, stands to cheer in the final second of the Golden Warriors' loss to Braintree in the Division 1 state semifinal basketball game at the TD Garden in Boston Monday night.

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OBITUARIES

Constance (Lynch) Barrett, 89 Years

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September 26, 1925 — March 7, 2015

ANDOVER — Constance (Lynch) Barrett, of Andover, passed away on Saturday, March 7, 2015, at Lawrence General Hospital, with her family by her side. Born September 26, 1925, to the late John and Irene (Parent) Lynch, Connie was raised in Lawrence and was Valedictorian and President of her graduating class at St. Mary's High School. She attended MacIntosh School and worked for many years at the Lawrence Lumber Co. After staying home to see her children through elementary school, she returned to work in the Andover Public Schools, for late Jacqueline M. Jackson. the AIRS Program.

seph F. Barrett, who passed a devoted friend, who lived away in 2001. Following his re- her life with grace and digtirement, she and Joe enjoyed nity. Her spirit, strength and many warm winters in Bra- wisdom will live on in all who denton, Fla. Connie was a com- knew her. municant of St. Augustine's Church in Andover, and had Mass was celebrated in St. Augus-She was an avid reader and on Wednesday, March 11, at 10 a.m. enjoyed coffee and cards with Relatives and friends are most her friends at Andover Com- welcome to attend. Calling hours group.

Connie was the sister of the burkemagliozzi.com.



Connie was a wonderful Connie was the widow of Jo-mother and grandmother, and

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral

a wide circle of dear friends. tine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover, mons, and her Friday lunch were held in the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Connie is survived, and Andover, on Tuesday, March 10, will be deeply missed, by her from 4 to 8 p.m. Interment will be daughter, Patricia of Andover; held in Spring Grove Cemetery in her son John, daughter-in-law, Andover. Donations may be made Karen, and granddaughter, in Connie's name to the charity Nicole, of Chelmsford; and of your choice. For additional inseveral nieces and nephews. formation, please visit, www.

Elaine Kraus Katz, 80

October 5, 1934 — December 9, 2014

ANDOVER — Elaine Katz died on December 9 of natural causes at Edgewood. A memorial service will be held in her memory this Sunday, March 15; for more information, please email nkatz@aimlp.

Born in Cincinnati in October 1934, Elaine grew up in Youngstown, Ohio, and graduated from Ohio State University with a BS in Education. She taught high school science in Columbus before her husband, Dr. Richard Katz, was drafted into the Army in, of all lucky places, France.

After five years living in the fabric of the town. A lifelong esting than what you say." environmentalist, she helped for many years.

her, even though she was Jew- winter. ish. And, even though she lost



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forest outside Paris, which her ability to carry a tune, she might have been the most fun never stopped singing. Later years of her life, they moved to in life, as her hearing began to Andover in 1962, where they go, she used to joke that "what quickly became a part of the I hear is so much more inter-

She is survived and missed establish Andover's curbside by her sister, Joan Marks of recycling program, one of the Columbus, Ohio; her three first in Massachusetts. She daughters, Carolyn, Nancy also served on both Andover's and Elizabeth Katz; and her zoning committee and on the four grandchildren, Hailey, Eli, board of AVIS (the Andover Anna and Noah, all of whom Village Improvement Society) she loved completely, enthusiastically and unconditionally. She was a force of nature, She also loved the Patriots, even after suffering a ruptured folk music, everything French, aneurism at age 43 that put the outdoors, cooking, restorher into a coma and left her ing historic houses, searching partially paralyzed, but never for hidden treasure, the town dampened her determination, of Andover, and our planet as her resilience or her sense of a whole. A true fan of snowhumor. She delighted in the storms, she would have been fact that "half the churches the only person in Massachuin Andover" had prayed for setts sad to have missed this

James Allen, 84

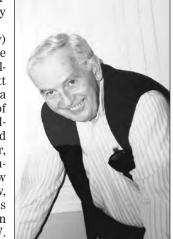
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ANDOVER — James E. Allen, of Andover, passed away Monday, March 2.

His wife, Patricia A. (Sheary) Allen passed away in 1990. He leaves two sons, James C. Allen of Andover and Garrett S. Allen of Leeds, Maine; a daughter, Liane E. Allen, of Newbury, Vt.; two grandchildren, Natalie Nicholson and Matthew Allen; a brother, George W. Allen of Wilbraham; son-in-law, Andrew Nicholson; daughter-in-law, Rebecca Burrow; and nieces and nephews. He was born in Worcester, son of George W. and Helen (Dolan) Allen, and beloved step-mother, Mary A. (McGrath) Allen.

lege of the Holy Cross. James grow up. was an Army Veteran of the Korean War.

levitation train initiative alive, NY 10016.



James Allen - Always Smiling

before retiring. He was an avid He graduated from Worces- WWII History buff. He loved ter South High School, where spending time at Hampton he played varsity baseball. He Beach, and took great joy in then graduated from the Col- watching his grandchildren

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were held Saturday, March James was an engineer for 7 in Worcester. In lieu of flowers, Raytheon and EG&G Dyna- memorial donations may be made trend Inc. for many years, to the National Kidney Foundation, where he kept the magnetic- 30 East 33rd Street, New York,

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■ POLICE LOG

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Saturday, Feb. 28 Incidents

ladder at 1:52 p.m. The man arrived. was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

La Quinta Hotel on River Road reported at 5:36 p.m.

asleep. Employees wanted to household member. approach the man to speak Andover Police and Fire to him, but were requesting Young St., Tewksbury, was departments responded to an officer's presence. The arrested on Frontage Road reports of a 40-year-old man man and his child were gone at 3:48 p.m. and charged

Sunday, March 1 Arrests

Brian Temmallo, 27, of 61 license.

Incident

Robert Bouzon, 63, of reported a raccoon in his Domino's Pizza.

control would respond.

Monday, March 2 Incidents

falling about 10 feet from a from the pool when an officer with operating a motor on Elm Street who was walk- the apartment, and it was vehicle with a suspended ing with a hood on at 2:29 discovered that the woman a.m. and considered suspi- speaks Russian only. Quest cious. The man said he was Translation Services was

withdrawal symptoms from

Officers approached a man was called to gain entry into would be filed.

Tuesday, March 3

Incident

A Boston taxi cab driver

that a visitor was watch- 89 Poor St., Andover, was basement at 11:04 a.m. The downstairs neighbor, who reported dropping someone ing his 8-year-old child arrested at his home at responding officer reported moved in that day, was off on Spring Valley Drive play in the hotel's pool, but 1:23 p.m. and charged with that he was unable to get the screaming and banging at 12:19 a.m., and she left that the man kept falling assault and battery on a animal out, and that animal at 11:18 p.m. Police who without paying. Officers responded reported hearing reported that it was a probthe woman screaming, but lem with the cab's credit card said she would not open the machine, and the woman has door. The Fire Department 24 hours to pay or charges

Thursday, March 5 Incident

A 911 caller from Post A caller from Elm Street just getting out of work at contacted, and determined Office Avenue reported that that the woman felt "very a male and female, about A 911 caller reported that sick and needs to see a doc- 18 years old, were "yella 22-year-old woman on tor." She was transported to ing and screaming at each Christian Way was having Lawrence General Hospital. other" and an assault on the woman was said to have occurred. Officers checked the area but were unable to Andy Zabala, 18, of 147 Ber- locate the individuals. The assault and battery with a involved, and the female had no marks on her.

Friday, March 6 Incidents

A 911 caller reported at 4:47 p.m. that she just hit a girl with her car on Railroad Street. The girl said she was fine and had no injuries. Moments later, officers requested that a snowbank be moved from the area because it was creating a blind spot in the road. A note was left for the DPW for Monday morning.

A caller reports that a cat was hit by a car and killed on Tewksbury Street at 9:17 p.m. Officers checked the neighborhood for its owner, but were unable to find them. The cat was "moved to the side of the road" and a note was left for animal control.

A resident of Chestnut Street reported that his 12-year-old daughter ran outside wearing a light blue nightgown and red boots following an argument. The caller was unsure which direction she went, and the girl did not have a cellphone. Sgt. Steven Gerroir and five patrolmen responded, and reported that the daughter was in the backyard and went back inside the

Saturday, March 7

Jake Latulippe, 35, of 91 Old Auburn Road, Derry, N.H., was arrested on River Road at 2:55 p.m. and charged with possession of a Class B substance,

cocaine. Incident

A friend reported an unattended death on Post Office Avenue at 5:36 p.m.

Sunday, March 8

Mark Mauger, 28, of 116 Cedar St., Apt. 1, Haverhill, was arrested on North Main Street at 1:35 p.m. on a warrant charge.







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Selectmen: Stapczynski's rating is on us, too

Board offers explanation for retiring town manager's final performance evaluation

By Tim Lima tlima@andovertownsman.com

formance rating for 2014, well." the Board of Selectmen this

tion of the town. ing manager is not entirely things in town. indicative of his work.

said that for a job that's like rest of us." having 1,300 employees and

week sought to accept some projects and marked you added the grades are not responsibility for the operadown on that, but I should equivalent to the scale used haven't gotten off the ground triple-A rated community. because of his leadership. have marked us all down on by a classroom teacher. In their first public discus- that," said Salafia, whose sion of Stapczynski's perfor- individual score for Stapc- members — Alex Vispoli and mance review on Monday zysnki was an 80. "Because Mary O'Donoghue — gave night, some board members really a lot of what (Stapc- Stapczynski a board-low said of Stapczynski. explained that their overall zynski) does is tied to us and rating of 63, while Select-

"It's reflective of you, yes, Major said he didn't over two and a half decades,

Selectman Paul Salafia but it's also reflective on the understand the criticism and credit it to the town's the process and the ability

On the heels of delivering 33,000 critics, Stapczynski, who scored the manager at He cited the creation of the soon-to-retire Town Manager who will retire June 30 after 64 percent, said that all of new Bancroft Elementary had Buzz at the helm for the thing he said wasn't protocol Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski 25 years as town manager, the selectmen's ratings for School and an in-progress last 25 years," Major said. in previous years. a combined 72 percent per- has always "handled it very Stapczynski fell within the new Cormier Youth Cen- "I look at what's occurred satisfactory range — which ter as examples of the town over the last 25 years and the manager for his many "I looked at the large town extends from 60 to 74. He manager's success.

Two of the board's five selectmen themselves.

directed at Stapczynski on leader. Chairman Dan Kowalski, the topic of big town projects.

"He's done exactly what triple-A rated." we've asked of him," Major

grade of 72 for the outgo- it's tied to a lot of different man Brian Major delivered a but look at the areas in men on the ratings, "it's the that would be discussed at board-high 91-percent rating. which Andover has grown way it works."

extremely blessed to have pendent discussion, somehow we have come to, and years of service to Andover He said the projects that maintained, our status as a and said the town is better are due in large part to the We're one of 11 throughout

Major said he can't help disagree with several select- Kowalski said it's a topic

He said he was grateful of meetings.

to sit one-on-one with each "Andover has been board member for an inde-

In turn, selectmen thanked

What the scores ultimately the commonwealth that are could decide is the town manager's salary bump -Stapczynski said that something that could lead while he may respectfully to a slightly higher pension. one of the board's next three

ESL coordinator wins national faculty award

An Andover woman was among six Northern Essex Community College faculty and staff members who were recently named recipients of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Awards for Excellence.

Abby Thomas, curriculum coordinator of the English as a Second Language Program, received the honor that recognizes outstanding teachers in the country's community colleges.

Thomas began teaching English as a Second Lancurriculum to comply with standards. She holds a bachthe University of Alabama.

of the liberal arts — jour- NECC Reading Center. nalism/communication



Abby Thomas of Andover, front row, left, was one of six guage at NECC in 1999 and Northern Essex Community College faculty/staff members became curriculum coordi- to receive the National Institute for Staff and Organizational nator in 2008. For the last two Development Award. She is joined by, back row, from left, years, she has worked with Robert West, Linda Giampa and Kristen Quinn and, front row, $ESL\ faculty\ redesigning\ the\ \ \textbf{from}\ \textbf{left,}\ \textbf{Amy}\ \textbf{Callahan}\ \textbf{and}\ \textbf{Deirdre}\ \textbf{Budzyna}.$

state and federal financial program; Kristen Quinn of Institute for Staff and Orga-Boston, associate professor nizational Development has elor's degree in anthropology of accounting; Robert West been dedicated to the profrom Ohio State University of Manchester, N.H., labora- fessional development of and a master's degree in tory technician and natural faculty, administrators and Teachers of English to Speak-science safety officer; Deir-staff, and to the continued ers of Other Languages from dre Budzyna of Newburyport, improvement of teaching professor in the early child- and learning, with the ulti-The other recipients were hood education program; and mate goal of student success. Professor Amy Callahan of Linda Giampa of Amesbury, Newburyport, coordinator academic coordinator of the ence will be held May 23

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A push for shade; Funds sought for Ballardvale Park playground add-on

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By Tim Lima tlima@andovertownsman.com

lardvale Park playground "It's beautiful." next month, the committee

to the design. The group is about \$13,000 playground. short of funds for a shade most-requested item by par- Townson said. ents after new equipment for the playground.

more than \$43,000, because for the effort. of advantageous construction to put toward the expense.

behind the new playground. ing in 2012 and 2014.

kids who may get hot playing said. in the summer.'

designed with a cement this spring.

foundation and metal bars supporting a wooden roof.

"It would be like a perma-As crews prepare to begin nent gazebo with picnic tables construction of the new Bal- underneath," Townson said.

The hope is to raise the behind the project is hoping to outstanding \$12,800 in the include at least one addition next few weeks so the shade structure can be built with the

"It's much cheaper to do it structure, which was the together than individually,"

A "Go Fund Me" page (http://gofundme.com/Play-While the structure costs Ballardvale) has been created

In February, the Ballardbids secured by Deputy Direc-vale Historic District Comtor of Plants and Facilities Ed mission approved plans Ataide and the town, there to redo the decades-old, was about \$30,000 remaining deteriorating play facility at the park at Clark The group is now turning and Andover streets. This to the community to close the portion of the project is funding gap, said Conservabeing funded by the town, tion Commission member with a combined \$300,000 Ellen Townson, a driving force approved by Town Meet-

"The way it came about Once the shade structure is was the town asked parents funded, the playground group what they're looking for would then turn its attenmost at the park, other than tion to the second alternate new playground equipment," — ornamental fencing for the Townson said. "The biggest front of the park, creating a request was for a shaded divide between the road and structure, especially for little the play equipment, Ataide

The goal is to have the new The structure would be playground ready for use later



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Courtesy photos

Troop 79 Boy Scouts sort some of the more than 4,000 food items collected during last year's food drive.

Troop 79 Scouts ready to canvas for food

Boy Scouts of America, Webelos from Pack 79, who kicks off Saturday, March 14 food bags. and continues through March

495 and 93.

In recent years, the troop In all, 4.156 food items were bank in Andover.

began with distribution of warehouse in Dundee Park. informational fliers by 80 A similar scenario will play Scouts from Troop 79 and out again this year.

Troop 79 of Saint Roberts Bel- went door to door with their larmine Church of Andover parents and siblings. A week is gearing up for its annual later, they returned with Winter Food Drive, which reminder notices and red

Then, on the designated morning, several dozen The drive will cover approx- Scouts fanned out throughimately 1,300 houses in the out the target area, traveling northwestern section of twice through the neighbor-Andover between interstates hoods collecting food donations left out by residents.

has been working to support collected, sorted and packed the Neighbors in Need food into 63 milk crates and 42 boxes, which were then deliv-Last year, the initiative ered to the Neighbors in Need



Troop 79 Boy Scouts Michael Potts, left, and Jim Quattrochi make a delivery during last year's food drive.

TOWN BRIEFS

2015 Medicare plan meeting March 17

Preferred is holding an infor- options from Tufts Health Plan mational meeting to review 2015 Medicare Preferred. Medicare plan options, benefits and costs on Tuesday, March www.tuftshealthplan.com. 17, at 6 p.m. at the Courtyard, 10

Campanelli Drive, Andover. Individuals will have an Pond annual meeting opportunity to learn about Medicare plans available through

sentative. The meeting is open tion on Monday, March 16, at 7 ment Society allow controlled meeting. Admission is free. to anyone looking to learn more p.m. at Memorial Hall Library, 2 bow-hunting on some of their Tufts Health Plan Medicare about Medicare health plan North Main St., Andover.

The state's top deer manage-

brook, who oversees deer and Wilkinson Reservation and the organization. It works with the life, will discuss deer manage-Talking deer at Foster's ment efforts in Massachusetts, ing on its land. including Andover's controlled hunting program.

Tufts Health Plan, review enroll- ment official will be the featured deer population, the Andover Allegheny College in western Professional Center for honor the inspiration and

from a Tufts Health Plan repre- of the Foster's Pond Corpora- the Andover Village Improve-Wildlife biologist David Stain- that abut Foster's Pond: the nonprofit, community-based Canterbury St. tion does not permit bow hunt-

various concerns surrounding com. In order to contain the town's deer. He majored in biology at ment periods and seek answers speaker at the annual meeting Conservation Commission and Pennsylvania and did gradu-Child Development ate work on wildlife population monitoring focused on Gala set for May 1 white-tailed deer at Penn State University.

The public is invited to the Andover is making plans

for its 14th annual gala on Established in 1939, the Fos-Friday, May 1, ay 6 p.m. at reservations, including two ter's Pond Corporation is a Andover Country Club, 60

The public is invited to join For more information, visit moose management for the Foster's Pond Reservation. To Andover Conservation Com- the center as it celebrates Division of Fisheries and Wild- date, the Foster's Pond Corpora- mission to protect the 120-acre the potential in every child pond. For more information while raising vital funds to about the pond and the corpo- continue to provide the effec-Stainbrook will address the ration, visit www.fosterspond. tive programs and services to children in need.

This year's event will dedication of the retiring Sandy Levine, who for 35 tears has provided support The Professional Center services so that children of for Child Development in all abilities may remain in

> a secure environment. She has taught parent and caregivers to be successful advocates for children, working to transition children into settings beyond the classrooms and educating public organizations on how to provide continued community-based support for children with special needs

Proceeds support the purchase of educational materials, medical supplies and therapeutic equipment for the center and fund vital music therapy and other programs in its classrooms. Visit www.theprofessionalcenter.org for sponsorship opportunities and other information.

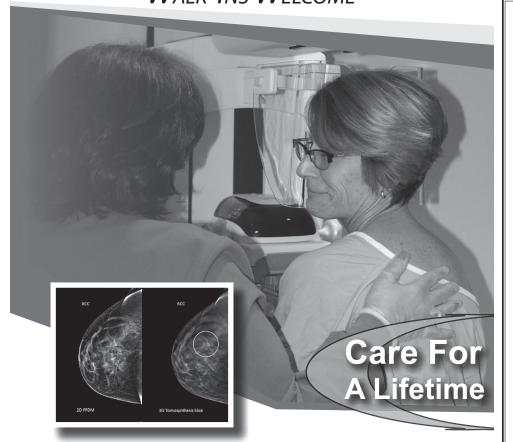
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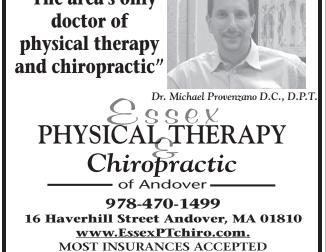


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Birnbach dedicated to bettering students' futures

Editor, Townsman:

David Birnbach's privatesector experience, association new insights. with Massachusetts Institute of Technology and public serchallenges.

for a Science, Technology, Engito increase STEAM offerings in the curriculum. They origi- McCready on March 24. nally opposed his proposals to increase project-based cooperative education with local industry. He successfully led efforts to improve the educational environment for our youth.

The secondary school faculty opposed his proposals to devote more time to classroom conmore time to classroom contact, even though the faculty about schools had fewer contact hours than any comparable community. Editor, Townsman: They opposed his proposals

support.

BOB FRIEDENSON

Teichert's passion, commitment will benefit schools

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to support Ted Andona. Teichert for School Committee. I have known Ted for many circumstances. As a former coto help fundraise to support our schools and local youth.

excellent choice.

Ted would be a wonderful elected. addition to the School Committee. Please join me in voting for anced with Kim's terrific work role and its elected members Ted Teichert for School Com- ethic and her desire to keep are vitally important to the mittee on Tuesday, March 24.

McCready has strong sense of unity, community

Editor, Townsman:

We would like to express and encourage support for School Committee candidate Susan McCready. We have witnessed Susan's tireless work as copresident of the Sanborn Elementary School PTO and there is no question that Susan is and commitment committed to ensuring that the Andover Public School system Editor, Townsman: continues to offer a first-rate education.

public schools, which gives a middle school teacher and a her a long-range, first-hand longtime community member, honest affability is making a perspective on what has been I am excited that Annie Gilbert noticeable difference. Twenty working well for our school sys- is again running for School years of professional project tem as well as that which needs Committee. improvement. She is the daughter of an Andover resident and to work with Annie on many ects for municipalities and the mother of an Andover school-based initiatives dur- school districts has afforded Public School student. She has ing her six-year tenure on the Kim a unique perspective and expressed a desire to serve the School Committee. Annie has intuitive understanding of the constituencies of Andover by served the Andover Public innovative problem solving encouraging a strong sense of Schools, as well as the overall necessary to overcome the

unity and community. Susan is articulate and intel- and the town is unwavering as ligent. We have been struck evidenced by her track record compassion and commitment by her consummate profes- of completing key initiatives in of an involved Andover parent sionalism, as well as her abil- collaboration with other town with the experience and acuity to handle challenges and officials. What makes Annie men of a seasoned business adversity with grace, dignity special is her ability to cut executive. Andover needs Kim and diplomacy. She is thought- through the politics to the heart Sousa on the School Commitful, taking great care to delib- of the issues, and proceed with tee to revitalize the leadership erate carefully before taking the interests of both the schools necessary to remain a strong, action. She is an attentive lis- and the town in mind. She viable and competitive school tener, eager to inform herself truly understands that robust community. about the issues faced by our schools serve everyone: those increasingly diverse student with students in the system School Committee on March population.

tion to bring her vast experi- property values. ence to the committee as well

We trust her as a friend and as a professional. We believe vice leadership have made him that, with leaders like Susan, uniquely qualified to develop the quality of our children's qualified to serve the policies to prepare today's education will not be comprostudents for tomorrow's mised. We know she is exactly SCHOOLS the kind of candidate the School His well thought-out proposal Committee needs — one who is **Editor, Townsman:** up to the challenge of restoring neering, Arts and Mathematics Andover Public Schools' high the faculty and administrators fiscal responsibility. We hope you'll cast your vote for Susan

> SARA GAUNT PAMELA BEDARD 8 Preston Circle

Sousa a team

I am honored to recommend to return exams to students Kim Sousa for a position on (in that way they could reuse the Andover School Committhe same questions year after tee. Kim is running for one of the open three-year positions. David's highest priorities There are many characteristics have been well-prepared that make a School Committee students and cost-effective member effective, including education. He has earned the energy, focus and organization community's gratitude and skills. Most importantly, the person in this position must perspective to work effectively with the other 109 Bellevue Road members of the School Committee helping it to be greater than the sum of its parts. To Editor, Townsman: accomplish that, you need to

for the community, ardent with Kim on many projects. For a working relationship with work ethic and amazing abil- those not familiar with Andona, school administrators, teachity to work collaboratively one of the primary goals of our ers and parents because of her with others, even under trying organization is to raise fund-involvement as a parent and ing for the Andover School now as a PTO president. president of the South School System. Kim devoted tireless Parent Advisory Council, I have money for our school commu- and is ready to work as a team worked with Ted on numerous nity. She volunteered six years community events. I always for our Clown Town fundraiser, realize the strategic plan that appreciated his willingness to chaired another large fundrais- has been put in place for our devote time, energy and ideas ing event and then was asked to district. Educational leaderserve on our board. While vol- ship will be needed over the unteering on Andona's board, coming years so our children Andover's educational sys- Kim was in charge of commu- can be prepared for the changtem faces some critical chal- nicating all that was going on to ing world. lenges in the days ahead. Ted is all the members of our group, a proven leader, having served a skill that will transfer nicely lenge. Please vote for Susan for years as a respected mem- to the School Committee. Kim McCready on Tuesday, March ber of the Board of Selectmen, took the chairman's role in 24. who can successfully ensure organizing our second yearly that our children receive an fundraiser, which greatly supoutstanding public education plemented the money raised while working within budget- during Clown Town. She also, ary constraints. His forward- of course, was instrumental thinking nature, demonstrated in deciding which scholastic, Sousa a capable, commitment to open commu-safety and sports groups in nication with all community Andover received funding experienced, members and heartfelt enthu- from our organization so she siasm for Andover make Ted an will have a running start knowing school needs when she is

> All of this experience balimproving the Andover schools continued lifestyle, values and JUDY NORTON (as a parent with two children vitality we enjoy as an entire **5 Sparta Way** in the system) make her an community in Andover. excellent choice for School Committee membership. As a endorsement for School Comparent who still has one more mittee long before even she child to complete their educa- herself considered public sertion in the school system, please vice. As an Andona Society join me in voting for Kim Souza board member for six years,

for School Committee.

Gilbert offers integrity, leadership

As a parent of three students, a past middle school Parent today. Susan attended Andover Advisory Council president,

I have been lucky enough design and construction projcommunity, with integrity. Her very same challenges facing There is no question that commitment to the schools Andover.

Susan is in the unique posi- of us derive the benefit in our same values for Andover.

Andover deserves another as her fresh perspective. She year of Annie's experience on has proven herself as a leader, the School Committee. Please and we now look forward to cast your vote for Annie Gilbert experience with benefitting from her valuable on March 24.

85 Argilla Road

Teichert most

Without a doubt, Ted Teiposition. As a past selectman, a builds bridges and she solves lifelong resident, a father and a problems. vital part of Andover Business Community Association, Ted fairness, thoughtfulness and a that delivered both on time and love for the Andover commu- under budget. nity and the people in it.

create a better balance between Annie has been a strong and academics and extracurricular steady advocate for our schools activities, and above all, help and has maintained good, col-Andover needs Ted. Vote for him on March 24.

Vice president, Andover Business colleagues. **Community Association**

McCready will bring lifelong schools

Susan McCready is a candieffectively communicate. I have School Committee seats. Her election. seen Kim excel at all of these, experience and preparation fulfilling her role as committee for this seat are exemplary. member and chairperson in Not only has she been in the professional world, she knows As an Andona member and Andover and our schools. She former Andona president, I grew up here and is now living tee. I have known Ted for many former Andona president, I grew up here and is now living years and admire his passion spent time working side by side here with her family. She has at critical time for

Susan understands the role with our superintendent to

Susan is ready for this chal-

TINA GIRDWOOD **Former School Committee** member **ANDY GIRDWOOD** 15 Tucker Road

Editor, Townsman:

The School Committee's

Kim Sousa earned our she tirelessly devoted her LESLIE BURTE energy, time and resources Former President, Andona to ensuring Andover youth 31 Wild Rose Drive enjoyed the best the community could offer.

As a fundraiser for the Food Allergy & Anaphylaxis Network, Kim recognized a need in an organization important to many challenged by allergies, realized where she could help and made a lasting difference that continues even

As current president of High Plain PTO, her collaborative, management experience with

Kim Sousa is the synergy of

Your vote for Kim Sousa for gain a top education, and all 24 shows you, too, share these

MICHAEL AND KIMBERLY SOLT

10 Binney St. Gilbert's leadership, MARJORIE S. ANDRESEN SCHOOLS MUCH needed

Editor, Townsman:

term. Annie approaches what-

Local government plays an Ted will use these qualities to important role in all our lives.

ship is very much needed. Our priorities for town spending. town will benefit with Annie Gilbert on the School Committee for another term.

Please join me in voting for be a team player and be able to date for one of the two, full-term Annie Gilbert in the March 24

DEBRA RAHMIN SILBERSTEIN

Teichert will provide solutions schools

Editor, Townsman:

the two seats on the School PTO and Andover High School energy to events that raise of a School Committee member Committee that will be for full. Ted Teichert. three-year terms is going to be one of the most important School Committee elections in Andover in decades.

The people elected to fill Gilbert has proven concurrently address, like flying into the eye of a once-in-a-schools century perfect storm, three huge challenges: negotiating Editor, Townsman: the next contract with the

Gilbert for School Committee. tangible school system edu- for Annie's re-election. I had the privilege of serving cational objectives for staff

with the needs of the students laborative relations with the Committee I have seen Ted in tion of Science Teachers Conserved as School Committee member and chairman of our respect for Annie as a teacher chairman multiple times — a Board of Selectmen. Ted was and a role model. PHYLLIS O'GRADY testament to her leadership never afraid to ask our town Samel Insurance Agency and well-earned respect of her manager and town department new Bancroft School is a sec-With the current initiatives tions that needed to be asked together to assure a great, susunderway in our schools, to improve the delivery of town tainable school. Annie's skills including the development of a services, to get to finding ways served us well, quickly helping potential satellite program for to increase efficiency in deliv- us build understanding and Andover High School, Annie's ery of town services and to get involvement in the process, experience and unique leader- to the "why" behind proposed showing us the ropes on how

in place solutions needed to well this project has turned out. restore Andover's reputation as being one of Massachusetts' exceptional public school systems, delivering to Andover's kids, whether college bound or not, an education that will once again be second to none Our upcoming election for in Massachusetts.

Please join me in voting for

BOB POKRESS 3 Cherrywood Circle

I have worked with Annie Gilteachers union (which is by bert on several recent projects far the town's biggest contract, and have seen firsthand the already exceeding the \$150 skills she brings to the School million cost mark and which Committee and her incredible but only if properly negoti- commitment to the community. I am writing to support Annie ated — sets in place specific, Two examples make the case

Andover High School's with Annie during her first and how staff performance Environmental Sustainability is to be evaluated in relation Internship Course is one such chert is the most qualified per- ever she does giving 150 per- to those objectives during highly successful project. (STEAM) charter school led standards while maintaining son to run for a school board cent. She listens, she learns, she the contract term); selecting ("Assignment: To make a difa superintendent since the ference," Andover Townscurrent superintendent's man, Jan. 28). From the start, Annie took the lead role for contract will expire during Annie worked with the team the School Committee on build- this three-year period; and of educators and volunteers to 141 Osgood St. has done it all. And in all he ing the Bancroft School and developing a plan to address support this innovative projectdoes, Ted exemplifies honesty, was a critical member of a team declining academic perfor- based learning program. Annie mance of our school system helped gain support from the relative to numerous public administration, served as a school systems in Massachu- mentor to the students, delivsetts that have leapfrogged ered top-rated content to the over Andover's in recent years. class and presented with the That is why I am endorsing intern/teacher team to this Ted Teichert for the School year's Massachusetts Associain the Andover school system. other town boards. Annie has action during his 12 years as a ference. The students have high

The project to build the heads the hard, probing ques- ond example, as we worked to work with the School Build-Given the confluence of ing Committee, the architects major challenges our next and the builders. In turn, we School Committee will be looked to Annie's leadership to facing, Ted will bring his build community support for extensive experience in munic- the emerging design. We hope ipal governance and his abil- everyone has a chance to visit ity to constructively challenge this remarkable school, speak 28 Burton Farm Drive the status quo so that our to the teachers and the stu-School Department can put dents, and get a sense of how

> Please vote for Annie Gilbert on March 24.

STEVE FINK Founder, Sustainable Andover Volunteer administrator, Environmental Sustainability Internship Course

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A book-worthy winter

North of Boston Media Group to publish 'Buried By Blizzards'

By Tracey Dee Rauh Eagle-Tribune Managing Editor

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the same name.

tion, and other towns and storm after storm. cities North of Boston are on track to do so.

mous portfolio of photos England. that will be published in fee-table book, "Buried By storms, coming one after Winter of 2015.3

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officials urged people to the book.

stay home from work, The snowfall was so enor- largely clear of traffic as said. "In the future, we'll

parable blizzards would a few — cannot heed such thousand words." bear down on the region — warnings. Neither can news already had broken the all- Hampshire, covering the Gloucester Daily Times. time record for an entire news and documenting this winter's snow accumula- historic winter, storm after very talented, and their

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"This winter has been school was canceled repeat- relentless — the snow just edly, and the roads were would not stop," Andreas all want something to visu-Essential employees — ally document this historic police officers, firefighters, event. It's one thing to talk Little did we know that on utility company personnel, about the snow, but as we its heels three more com-doctors and nurses, to name say, a picture is worth a

Photo Director Amy storms with enough force organizations. And so dur- Sweeney chose the images and snow that any one of ing all four storms, North of for the book, which are them could have lived up to Boston Media Group report- culled from her photo staff ers and photographers at The Eagle-Tribune, The In less than one month's combed communities from Daily News of Newburyport, time, some communities Cape Ann to Southern New The Salem News, and The

"Our photographers are work is some of the best ities North of Boston are resented in four chapphotojournalism in the ters, one for each bliz-country," Andreas said. While covering the news, zard from Jan. 27 to Feb. "The quality of this book is

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Huge icicles hang from the front of 18 Walnut Ave. in Andover, and a giant snow bank obscures the view to the house after the fourth storm of the season, on Feb. 15.



Tom Dolan of Canterbury Street in Andover clears his driveway during the Feb. 2 storm as more snow continued to blanket the area.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Federal aid sought for brutal winter of 2015

Andover joins other communities in requesting funds

By BILL KIRK

Town leaders are looking of public works, said. for help from the federal Cronin said Andover was that, or around \$426,000. government to pay for the buried under 9 feet of snow high cost of snow removal in a three-week period. And tional reimbursement budget for this winter. As ment for the winter's worst this winter.

government agreed to pay noting that his own home a larger portion of the costs still had 4 feet of snow on czynski told the Board of czynski. That includes snow \$293,000, he said. for the late-January bliz- the deck last Friday, March Selectmen last week that removal, salt, and police zard, which some people 6. named Juno, but has also Andover submitted a sachusetts Emergency Man-manager said.

Not only has the federal as of late last week, he said, March 2, Cronin said.

agreed to pick up part of reimbursement request agement Agency had agreed

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"It's big money," Chris expects the Federal Emer- one, large weather event to cover about 75 percent of reimbursement.

FEMA along with the Mas- and fire costs, the town

January storm. He said he the storms together into doing the same.

from other sources within tially cover as well.

Other communities are storms in succession."

North Andover Town

Cronin, the town's director gency Management Agency that would be eligible for Manager Andrew Maylor said he expects to get about Andover budgeted \$1.25 \$500,000 from the federal Andover also filed addi- million in its snow and ice government as reimbursea lot of it was still around requests last Monday, of last week, crews had storms. For the first blizoverspent the account by zard in late January, North Town Manager Buzz Stap- \$960,000, according to Stap- Andover should get about

He said the town also submitted additional reimbursement requests for Between the federal reim- the three other storms that the tab for three, ensuing of \$568,000 for the late to let cities and towns tie bursements and funding FEMA said it would par-

the town budget, Andover "It was an extraordinary will get back to the \$1.25 season," Maylor said. "Not million funding level for the record, but close to it. snow and ice, Cronin said. We had four very large



MARY HALL/Courtesy photo

It's been a tough winter for everyone, including this bird who founds its nest on Tucker Road covered in snow recently. Andover is seeking federal assistance to help cover more than \$2 million in storm costs this winter.

"It's not a requirement, but it does help support our case," he said.

North Andover had budgeted \$875,000 in its snow and ice account this year, Maylor said. As of Feb. 20, the town had spent \$1.7 million. Several, smaller storms after that will likely add an additional \$150,000 to \$250,000 to the overall costs for this winter, bringing the total for the year to nearly \$2 million.

Maylor said he is working closely with his department leaders in town to find money that could be used to pay for snow removal. His hope is that between federal reimbursements and "belt-tightening" in other departments, he won't have to go to Town Meeting for an additional appropriation.

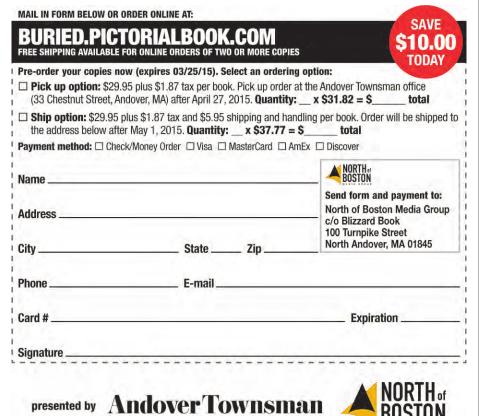
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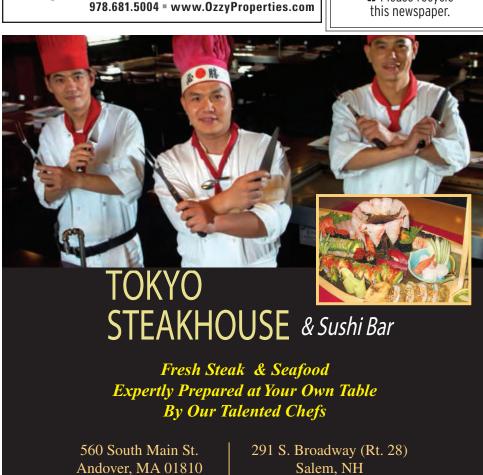


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solving the town's budget

Both Major and Kowalski replied that being a selectman requires looking at all the needs and demands on the town and then making a decision.

"Being a selectman isn't about one thing," Kowalski

Major listed several projects the town had successfully completed while the town yard languished, including the High Plain/Wood Hill Middle School, a new public safety center and Bancroft Elementary School.

Town yard

The four candidates had different ideas about what to do with the town yard — the municipal services facility located between downtown and the train station. For years, town officials have sought to move it and make way for retail and residential development.

Major said the town should work with the state to build a parking garage near the station that could also be used to store town vehicles. While part of the municipal services' fleet could be housed there, the rest of it could be put in other locations throughout town.

Kowalski said the town yard issue was "complex" with "multiple solutions," but that there is time.

"We got 9 feet of snow and the buildings haven't collapsed," he said. "We need to identify long-term solutions."

Senior said the property should be redeveloped so that it brings in revenue and that the revenue should then be used to pay for a new town yard elsewhere.

"The new project can't cost more," he said. "It has to be a net profit for the town."

Landry, meanwhile, offered a more simplistic approach.

"We have the solution right in front of us," he said. "Leave it there."

He noted that the employ- Kowalski said, adding that it ees who work there like it and should be someone who has the people who want to move worked in a similar-size town lem is that town and school it need to come up with a who is able to "think outside leaders aren't looking at money in the long run.

want to move it," he said. things up a little bit.' "But we've been trying for years from every different someone who "holds people into its retiree health insurangle. We can't do it."

Town manager appeared to be widespread it," Senior said. agreement that whomever is skills.

poor marks from selectmen committee. on Stapczynski's performance "point to the need for a new brand of leadership. ... the next town manager needs about the problem. to be a "fiscal conservative

who supports transparency." would look for include some- increase" for residents that expenses, including having one who is a "problem solver" also protects the high level of the new teen center cleaned and who "gets along with services people have come to by volunteer members from

everyone to find solutions." Kowalski said he was looking for someone who was an $\,$ needed to "build the budget $\,$ dian, which is how it's done "active listener" who would $\,$ off a 0 percent increase" as $\,$ in North Andover. He said help bring together disparate if the law had changed and the town is also working on

community groups.



ELECTION 2015







PHOTOS BY ALLESANDRA BISALTI

TOP LEFT: Current Selectman Brian Major, who was traveling last week, participated in the forum via Skype. TOP RIGHT:Candidate Bob Landry discusses his platform for seeking election to the Board of Selectmen. BOTTOM LEFT: Selectman candidate Neil Senior discusses his campaign platform at last week's debate. BOTTOM RIGHT: Selectmen Chairman Dan Kowalski discusses his re-election bid at last week's forum.

TECHNICAL **GLITCH**

Last week's two-hour candidates forum hosted by the Service Club of Andover at the town's Public Safety Center was videotaped by Andover TV, Andovertv.org. But a technical glitch prevented an audio recording, according to Wess Murphy, executive director of the station.

As a result, the program will not be broadcast on TV or streamed on the website, www. AndoverTV.org.

accountable," who can work ance fund when it should collaboratively with oth- be paying \$13 million. The ers and who is on the same only way to cut that cost, On the question of the town page as the rest of the town he said, is to reduce benefit manager search as Reginald leadership. "The next town eligibility. "Buzz" Stapczynski pre- manager needs a vision and Major came to the defense pares to retire June 30, there needs to be able to execute on of the town finances, saying

chosen needs to be a proven the public should play a with a AAA bond rating and leader with union-negotiating role in choosing the next has one of the lowest tax town manager, through rates among comparable Landry said the recent, focus groups or a search communities.

Tax bills

We need a proven leader with too high, nearly everyone budget, "that will shorten a lot of experience who is a agreed they were, but they our pension liability by eight skilled negotiator." He said disagreed on what to do years and reduce our long-

Kowalski said the board is currently trying to tie the were "many things" the Major said the qualities he budget to a "reasonable tax town could do to reduce

expect. "you couldn't raise taxes." He a deal to purchase solar tax 'We need someone who said it was "disturbing" that credits, which would reduce will consider all the facts every department in town the town's energy bills.

the budget.

Landry said the town didn't get into its current position "overnight and won't get out of it overnight." He said the next town manager, with the support of selectmen, would need to "get to the root of it," which is collective bargaining and retiree benefits.

Kowalski countered that it "sounds well and good to say, 'build the budget to a 0 percent tax increase. But due to the issues associated with municipal contracts, we'd have to lay off teachers, firefighters and police officers. We have to be practical."

Landry said the real probviable proposal of their own. the box. We need someone "total compensation" when "I understand folks who who is not afraid to shake coming up with their annual budgets. He said the town Senior said he would seek now pays \$5 million a year

> Andover was just one of 11 All the candidates agreed communities in the state

> He said by paying an additional \$1 million a year into the town's pension liability, When asked if taxes were as proposed in this year's term taxes by \$82 million."

Major also said there Andover Youth Services Senior said the town rather than by a paid custo-



AT LEFT: Selectmen candidates incumbent Brian Major, on the screen, and from left, challenger Bob Landry, incumbent Dan Kowalski and challenger Neil Senior square off in the Service Club of Andover's forum last

town should buy streetlights North Andover as an example

Senior, too, pointed to state, for the program.

from National Grid — also in offering free, full-day kin- ber of students and increased something done by North dergarten to the community, the amount of state aid," Andover — which would save while Andover charges \$4,500 Senior said. "I don't see this a year, the highest fee in the kind of creativity or vision in

"They increased the num-Andover."



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School candidates define themselves on education

By BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

student performance.

The four candidates rundidates running for a single, to be good at now. one-year seat — incumbent the forum hosted by the Ser- "Feedback from standardized vice Club of Andover.

The School Committee can-Monday, March 16, in a forum ask a simple question. presented by the Bancroft Elementary School Parent- down?" he said, adding that Teacher Organization and the per-pupil spending is among League of Women Voters of the highest in the state while Andover and North Andover. the district ranks at 67th in AP The forum will be held from scores. 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Bancroft School cafeteria. League member Heather McNeil of moderator.

Birnbach said Andover students. High School is one of just two year-long course in just one other districts were doing." semester, a practice known as "semesterizing."

"Every district (except he said. Andover and Cambridge) rehearsal for our kids."

standing-room-only crowd.

in response to comments by on staff development and other the superintendent nor the challenger McCready, who projects that were of "greater School Committee could dissaid that while she understood benefit to kids." where he was coming from, "I Sousa said she was personnel issues. where things move quickly. unions. But things don't move that fast in this space."

reached out to districts across what the schools can do within great."

the state seeking input on the schedule change, which he said has been delayed for The School Committee nearly two years. He said he debate became the "main spoke with administrators in event" last week when several Lexington, Lincoln-Sudbury, of the candidates challenged Newton, Wellesley and other each other on the high-priced similar districts and "they teachers contract and reduced were all surprised" Andover hadn't made the change.

Gilbert said the school rankning for two, three-year seats ing isn't the only metric to look on the School Committee at, noting that participation in incumbent David Birn- AP classes at Andover High bach and challengers Susan School is the third-highest in McCready, Kim Sousa and the state. She also said there Ted Teichert — and two can- are other things students need

"We are relying less on stan-Annie Gilbert and challenger dards and more on collabora-Paul Properzio — faced off in tion and creativity," she said. tests is just one piece."

Teichert, a former selectdidates will again meet on man, said the district needs to

"Why are test scores going

Teachers contract

When asked if the School North Andover will serve as Committee had given too the rest of the budget. much to the teachers in the last round of contract negotia- is always opportunity for tions, Gilbert said that three improvement," but "no value A question from the Ser- years ago, negotiations with in going back and revisiting vice Club's moderator Brad the teachers union were "very the issue." Heim about the high school's contentious" and "scorchedreduced ranking in Advanced earth. It was a good outcome, Placement exam scores led but resulted in a loss of eduto one of the most colorful cation" for students. She said topher Lord as principal of exchanges of the night last the most recent contract led Andover High also prompted a to some changes that will help

schools in the state that forces cent increase," she said. "It Marinel McGrath and the curstudents to take an entire, was comparable with what rent School Committee.

think it was giving too much,"

has moved to full-year sched- ing he voted against the cur- the former principal of West ules," he said. "We made a rent contract because "it was Middle School. commitment to that, but the rushed through with the least change has been pushed back due diligence of any contract he said he was "disheartened" 20 months. ... Do you realize I've ever been involved with by Lord's departure. the deficiencies with that? in either the private or public 10 percent raises. He said that school to the next level." Birnbach's remarks were money should have been spent

Teichert said the town did what happened. give too much to the teachers,



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The four candidates running for the two, three-years seats on the School Committee debated the issues at an election forum last week at the Public Safety Center on North Main Street. They are, from left, challengers Kim Sousa, Ted Teichert and Susan McCready and incumbent David Birnbach.

McCready said "there

High school principal

The departure of Dr. Chrislively debate, as the candidates differed on how his exit was "I don't regret the two per- handled by Superintendent

McCready said she thought Properzio agreed. "I don't the situation was handled well and that the schools were "in a good place now" with the Birnbach disagreed, say- new principal, Steve Murray,

Birnbach agreed, although

"The most important posi-Applause — the only one of raises that in some cases led excited Steve Murray is stay-

> Gilbert said that neither cuss Lord's departure due to

lines ... for the children. I come the first time, we've gotten to a but that information has been students at an off-site location from a high-tech background, good place" with the teachers posted on the district's website somewhere in Andover. that explains the timeline of

"We are in a better place,"



Incumbent Annie Gilbert and challenger Paul Properzio, who are competing for the one-year seat on the School Committee, listen to a question from the moderator at last week's forum.

Teichert, however, said he coming in at up to \$25 million. has to be a balance." worried about Mr. Murray, but would be built out to the dis-specialists. the night — broke out in the to teachers getting more than ing on. He will take the high I want to make sure we give trict's specifications for a fracdo the job," he said.

Space, technology and P.E.

tional answer to overcrowding candidates. — building an addition to the Birnbach said he had particularly because it affects she said. "Steve Murray is high school — would be cost want teachers or students on prohibitive, with estimates (technology) overload. There he said.

Concerns about overcrowd- ers and staff. "There's a lot of into the classroom." ing at the high school led to a positive energy behind this," Birnbach, who works as a feel strongly, we need to lis- "impressed with the negotia- Sousa said there could have discussion about a proposal to she said. "It's become a real professor at the Massachusetts

Properzio said that "we don't science and engineering.

McCready said technology is handled appropriately," adding ration and brainstorming," a tool that also creates "oppor-We need a greater sense of sectors." He said the raises tion in the district, aside from that Lord may not have been officials are proposing an tunity for creativity." She said urgency. This is not a dress weren't just two percent, the superintendent, is the high getting "all the right tools" to "annex" that the school disbut included step and track school principal," he said. "I'm run the high school. "I'm not trict would lease. The space had hired digital learning

Sousa said "physical eduour principals enough tools to tion of the cost of an addition, cation is just as important as e said. technology" and that there are "a lot of innovative ways to annex was embraced by teach- incorporate physical activity

ten to the people on the front tion process" and felt that "for been more communication, open a satellite campus for 200 catalyst for the whole district." Institute of Technology, said A question about technology the Media Lab there is workvs. physical education brought ing on a program that teaches Birnbach said the tradi- a variety of responses from the math and physics through dance as a way to teach girls

"It's not an either-or issue."

PROPERZIO

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the school system that has given us so much," he said. 'Our daughter, Lucy, had such an excellent education, and I want to stay in touch with education now that I'm retired. I felt this was the best way to stay in touch and give back for all that the Andover Public Schools has given us."

Properzio's three top priorities as a School Committee member would be to ensure that all of the district's children receive the best education to meet their individual needs, to see that the schools are properly give our students the best topics relating to special funded and to hire the best education possible. What education.' teachers in every grade, I've done, and what I've from kindergarten through learned, while in education try to find out what the rea-

grade 12. Though he has no prior didate to vote for." School Committee experi-

trends aren't the best to children are included in all School Committee meets."

PAUL PROPERZIO

Age: 67

Address: 15 Ballardvale Road Running for: One-year School Committee seat

Family: Wife Deborah; daughter Lucy, 27

Profession: Teacher for more than 30 years at public secondary and collegiate levels, retired as a Latin, Greek and myth tradition teacher from Boston Latin Academy in June 2014 after 17 years. Author of journal articles, reviews and book chapters.

Past community involvement: Board of the Professor John Rouman Lecture Series at the University of New Hampshire; Editorial Board of Amphora, International Journal published by the Society for Classical Studies at the University of Pennsylvania; Barlow Beach Award Board of the Classical Association of New England

Past involvement with Andover Public Schools: Volunteer helper with reading and other subjects when his daughter was a fourthgrader at South Elementary School. Former part-time, permanent tutor of fifth- and sixth- grade students in a variety of subjects.

On Full-Day Kindergarten: "I'd would make me a good can- sons are for the high price of full-day kindergarten in On Andover's Special Educa- Andover, and see if we could ence, Properzio said he feels tion Program: "Obviously, bring that price down to that his experience would our special education be more in line with other allow for him to be a valu- program's shortcomings districts, such as North able asset to the board. He include the fact that not Andover, which offers it for said that while working on all students who qualify free. How can they have it, different boards, or attend- are receiving the special when we can't? The \$4,650 ing national conferences, he education they need," he price per year of full-day has learned to be a great lissaid. "We need sufficient kindergarten is too costly for funding for the program the average family, regard-"Learning never stops and more highly quali- less of where they live, even for me," he said. "I keep fied teachers are needed. in Andover. I'd try to get to my ears and eyes open for More transparency is also the bottom of that and make trends. Sometimes, recent needed, so that parents and it a high priority when the

GILBERT

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now would like the opporwould allow for.

a part of three key initia- some challenges for us." tives currently in the works in the Andover schools: tion Program: "We need to the redistricting of Shaw- use the recent audit from sheen Elementary School the state, as well as the students, renovations to feedback from our parthe Andover High School ents, to formally assess library and a satellite high where and how changes school program to allevi- should be implemented, ate space issues within the and where they are needed. district.

ence working on the School ten: "Our full-day kinderthat she has a strong grasp accounts," Gilbert said. on not only the issues fac- "It's entirely self-funded. ing the district, but also By law, we're only allowed kindergarten, but that how they developed.

recent report from the state gram. We include in that of limited resources, the Department of Elementary price tag all of the costs School Committee and the and Secondary Educa- associated with the all- community will have to confor its special education health insurance and ben-needs and priorities. At the school officials have revis- that wouldn't be covered in is a trade-off. I'd love to do ited factors that led to the other communities. problems.

"When the recession hit should offer free all-day trade-offs would be."

several years ago, causing severe budgetary constraints, the district responded by restructuring the delivery of a number of special education services," tunity to see them through she said. "There was also — something one final year turnover in our leadership positions in that same time. Gilbert said she has been Those two factors created

On Andover's Special Educa-Most importantly, we need "I feel really strongly to focus right at the (Indiabout the work the School vidualized Education Plan) Committee is doing," Gil- team level and opportunities for early intervention."

From her years of experi- On Full-Day Kindergar-Committee, Gilbert feels garten is run by revolving

ANNIE GILBERT

Address: 12 Gray Road Running for: One-year School Committee seat

Family: Husband Bob; children Elizabeth, 22; Daniel, 20; Henry, 16

Profession: Stay-at-home mother, former middle school teacher

Past political/community **involvement:** Served two terms on the Andover School Committee and served nearly six years on the School Building Committee that oversaw the construction of the new Bancroft Elementary School

Past involvement with **Andover Public Schools:** Member of the Shawsheen and Bancroft PTO boards, member of Bancroft School Council, vice president of Andover Coalition for Education, member of Andover Parent to Parent

to charge what it costs to requirement is an invest-For example, after a the user to have the proment, and given the reality tion gave Andover Public day kindergarten program sider where we rank that Schools a sub-par grade such as utility costs and investment among other program, Gilbert said that efits for the staff — things end of the day, everything it in a perfect world, but we "I do think that Andover will have to see where the

Absentee ballots available

The last day to apply for polls on Election Day, Tuesan absentee ballot for the day, March 24. annual town election is Monday, March 23 at noon.

be returned to the town Voting is permitted in the Street by the close of the Monday, March 23.

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on the candidates whose names will public. be on the ballot, as well as the qual-

Andover/North Andover has devel- races for Board of Selectmen and Although the league has spon-

ifications they believe they have access on the league's website, www. an online format.

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oped an online Voters Guide for the School Committee, the candidates sored candidate forums many times have also submitted their responses over its 94-year history in Andover. The guide contains information to several questions asked by the this is the first time the group has helped voters become more The guide is available now for all to informed about the candidates with

olnion

A winter to cheer about

Andover has always bred its share of top athletes. From the youth sports program on up, the community has a reputation for turning out toprated players in every sport — from hockey to baseball, skiing to track.

Too many Golden Warriors to count have gone on to be recruited by highly regarded prep schools and some of the nation's elite colleges. Several

At times we take for granted the athletic prowess that exists around us. Post-season play is almost a given for every sports team, girls and boys, at Andover High. But it's by no small feat that it happens. It takes talented athletes who dedicate themselves to their chosen sport.

have landed on the rosters of many a professional sports

At times we take for granted the athletic prowess that exists around us. Post-season play is almost a given for every sports team, girls and boys, at Andover High.

But it's by no small feat that it happens.

It takes talented athletes who dedicate themselves to their chosen sport.

It takes the tireless efforts of an army of coaches who turn over their lives to their teams each season.

And it takes a supportive network of parents who sacrifice so their

children can achieve success. It doesn't hurt to have the backing of a solid

"jungle" of fans either. This winter, Andover High saw its girls and boys

basketball teams, boys hockey teams and girls and boys indoor track teams, and more, advancing to post-season competition.

The girls basketball team captured the Division 1 North title behind coach E.J. Perry, the fiercely competitive football coach who surprised many three years ago when he decided to take over as head coach. But there he was on the court of the TD Garden in Boston Monday night orchestrating plays in the Division 1 state semifinal game. Despite a tough defeat to Braintree, he talked about the special class of graduating seniors, including his own daughter, Julia, who he had coached for the past three years.

'This class really made it possible for me to fit into this job," he told reporter Dave Willis.

Andover High boys basketball coach David Fazio had similar accolades for his 2015 team, which traveled to the Division 1 North semifinals before bowing out. He, too, praised his seniors, saying, "They fought so hard, and they have for four years"

Not to be outdone was first-year boys hockey coach Chris Kuchar. With the team coming off a tough season last year, no one expected Kuchar to lead the Warriors to post-season play. But under Kuchar's direction, the team skated to the Division 1 North semifinals for the first time since the program joined the Division 1 ranks seven years ago.

"No one other than this team thought we could make it this far," Kuchar said.

It doesn't end there. The boys track team got a police escort back to town last month after securing the All-State title, its second in six years. Coach Peter Comeau called it "the most satisfying

win" he has ever had. Girls gymnastics also posted a noteworthy season that earned the team the North sectional crown. And Golden Warrior swimmers and skiers also had their share of wins to boast of, too.

All of this winter's athletes deserve the community's congratulations on a spectacular season. Sure, Andover prides itself in being a sports town. But it's a pretty impressive showing nonetheless.

ELECTION LETTERS

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Major leads youths, community by proud example

Editor, Townsman:

It's an honor to write this letter in support of Brian Major for selectman. I am always impressed by Brian's truly tireless efforts on behalf of our town. He consistently goes beyond his official duties as selectman to play an active, meaningful role in our community.

His dedication to Scouting demonstrates only one example of his commitment to the the current assistant Scout- health insurance contracts 75 and the former Cubmaster five years. That is fiscally sibility and self-respect in business to keep our health Andover's young people.

community awareness Andover's finances. and involvement, his actions support and illustrate his Bob Landry on March 24. commitment to these goals. Whether it's serving as a Scout leader at camp, leading Scouts in replacing Senior's proven worn flags on our veterans' graves or teaching boys business acumen ship for a merit badge, Brian a key strength always incorporates positive **Editor, Townsman:** values into everything he munity and citizenship. He international teams. not only talks the talk, he promoting civic awareness residents as "shareholders" nity and pride.

ismatic leader who is discussed having a deeper come to fruition. working directly to create a review of each department

Landry a needed fiscal steward for Andover

Editor, Townsman:

and I urge you to vote for town sports. He is a person Selectmen.

owner and CEO of a large live. I believe that Andover is Massachusetts company, I ready for the attention, expeunderstand the importance rience and collaboration that of fiscal responsibility and I Neil Senior will bring to town believe Bob Landry does as government. Please join me well. Bob has been my ben- in voting for Neil Senior on efits consultant for 15 years. March 24. I met Bob when my company was a start-up with just 10 employees; we now have more than 1,000 employees in six states. Bob Landry has been one of my trusted advisers for many years, so I can tell you he practices what he selectman preaches. While Bob serves as our benefits consultant, Editor, Townsman he has also helped me over ment of key executives. On town manager. a personal level, I know him and father who deeply cares for selectman. about the economic wellbeing of our town.

eyes to the management of TownofAndover.com. I have methodically built a plan this town. I'd like to know found Bob to be a quick that changed the course of who keeps voting for these study, he prepares carefully the business. incumbents, especially Brian and thoroughly, he is articu-

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Andover community. Brian is the switch while the town's of Pack 76. As an Eagle Scout reckless. Bob Landry has insurance expenses under Not only does he speak control. I am confident Bob enthusiastically about will be a good steward for

Please cast your vote for VISION,

10 Acorn Drive

does and his actions con- 25 years of business experisistently demonstrate that ence in the private sector he cares deeply about com- managing domestic and

tions that Neil discussed.

I have gotten to know Neil I am an Andover resident his volunteer activities with benefit from his efforts. ues and commitment to mak- upcoming town elections. As a seasoned business ing Andover a great place to

> TERESA SCHIRMER 80 Center St.

Landry deserves singular vote for

the years with other business is critical for setting the issues including compliance, future direction for Andover, human resources, manage- because effectively we will ment reporting and recruit- also be selecting our new

met Bob two years ago he quickly took charge, Bob has also opened my through the advocacy of broke down issues and Major, who were asleep at late and he is focused on are needed in our town's

may have several — or even many more — years of service does not automatically assure that the candidate is the most qualified, as it may Landry will simply be a case of one year of experience repeated over provide financial and over. Now is time for a accountability fresh approach to dealing with our challenges, prob- Editor, Townsman: lems and opportunities.

a sense of integrity, respon- and every year we've been in vote has its greatest effect.

Major possesses JOHN WADE Knowledge for town's future

Editor: Townsman:

Brian Major as selectman. proposed by Mr. Major. I have had the pleasure of knowing Brian for many what got us into the large Neil Senior has more than years and I have seen his financial hole we are in today. significant effort in trying If unchecked, we will be in an to improve Andover through even deeper hole. his position as selectman. tion in local activities and evident when he described School, Blanchard athletic ity and responsibility. fields, downtown renovations in our young people, Brian is who should be treated with and the current building of Andover for more than 38 creating a sense of commu-respect and given accurate the new Cormier Youth Cen-years. We love the town and thorough information ter. On all of these undertak- and its people. If we do not Brian Major is a cre- on decisions being made ings, Brian Major has worked change our financial course, ative, pragmatic and char- with their tax dollars. Neil tirelessly to make these ideas we will be in dire straights.

Andover continues to need unsustainable. positive future for Andover on the most effective prac- a leader like Brian Major as through his work with our tices, placing responsibil- our selectman. His experi- on March 24. youngest citizens. He has my ity on department heads to ence, knowledge and guidenthusiastic support and my meet the budget require- ance will help Andover vote on March 24. I hope he'll ments and having a strategic continue to thrive, and conours, too. vision in outlining the goals tinue to be a community that Christine Mergendahl for Andover in the coming we as residents can be proud Infuse new blood 22 Alden Road years. A focus on a tightly of. His love of this town and in Board of managed budget, creating his family keeps him cona partnership with the businected and tuned in to what Selectmen with ness community and explor- Andover needs. I believe ing revenue-generating ideas Brian Major has the vision Landry were some of the key posi- to be our selectman for the future. Brian will strive to **Editor, Townsman:** work for what is best for the

President, Andover Soccer of Andover. Association

Senior will bring needed accountability

Editor, Townsman:

This year's town election Senior for town selectman. ranks of the selectmen.

Having worked at the He has led organizations of Andover. Like many others, I first more than 300 people where

These characteristics

the details. With the town's leadership as well. We need retiree benefit obligations accountability to the taxseemingly out of control, payers and a strategy that having a person with Bob ensures Andover can offer Landry's professional back- quality schools and services ground is an especially vital without increasing taxes attribute for a selectman every year. Please join me in voting for Neil Senior for The fact that a candidate selectman on March 24.

KIM HUNTER 7 Alderbrook Road

I attended the selectmen's While two selectmen posi- debate held at the Andover tions are open, I urge voters Public Safety Complex on to "bullet" their vote. Making March 4 and was very conmaster of Andover's Troop were not put out to bid for a single vote for Bob Landry cerned by comments made by eliminates the dilution effect Selectman Brian Major. One of votes for multiple candi- comment made by Mr. Major himself, Brian uses Scout- provided my company with dates. A bullet vote is the related to the unfunded pening as a vehicle to promote comprehensive analysis each best way to make sure your sion liability of the Town of Andover. If I heard him cor-JEFFREY LEEDS rectly, the town was going to **3 Pilgrim Drive** make a one-time payment of \$1 million to "save \$80 million of interest payments" on the unfunded liability.

> The logic of this escapes me. The town should be working diligently to reduce all of the unfunded liabilities by prudent and responsible financial planning rather than coming up with fiscally I am writing in support of irresponsible schemes as

This kind of thinking is

I am impressed by the Over the last few years, the approach presented by Bob In Neil's discussion at the town of Andover has seen Landry at last week's debate. walks the walk. By enhanc- selectmen's debate on March many valuable improve- Mr. Landry is a strong advoing our children's participa- 4, his business acumen was ments: the new Bancroft cate of financial accountabil-My family has lived in

Our current course is

Please vote for Bob Landry

RICHARD JACKSON 35 Algonquin Ave.

The fact that Selectman

through our children and Town and we will continue to Brian Major gave Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stap-Please join me in sup- czynski an A- truly reflects Bob Landry for the Board of of high integrity, strong val-porting Brian Major at the how much out of step he is not only with his fellow BILL SOUZA selectmen, but with the rest

Note: The overall average 10 Stratford Road grade given by the selectmen to Stapczynski was C-.

In his tenure in office, Brian Major did a lot of good, but a time comes, when for whatever reason, a leader looses his effectiveness. Why not leave when you are on a As an Andover resident high note and bow out of the for the past 15 years, it is evi-race rather than going down dent to me that we need new in defeat at the polls? Just as leadership that can focus on the town needs new blood the issues that are most criti- in the town manager's slot, cal to Andover's future. This the times are ripe to infuse is why I am endorsing Neil new blood into the leadership

When one looks at the same company as Neil for slate of candidates running more than 10 years, I have for the two selectmen's slots, seen how his leadership and a sure bet would be to elect fiscal discipline have led Bob Landry who will bring With this as background, I to improved efficiency and the latest and best thinking to be a devoted husband urge support for Bob Landry long-term positive results. and action on what's right for

> JOE PONTI 10 Marion Ave.

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TownsBeat



Jennifer and Evan Cullen-Struhl of Andover admire an interpretation of Sir Lionel Arthur Lindsay's "Pheasant and Wisteria" created by Andover Garden Club members Mary de Smet and Fran Karalli during Friday night's opening reception for "Addison in Bloom.

A BURST OF SPRING

Study in florals for 'Addison in Bloom'

It was a breath of spring air inside the Addison Gallery of American Art last week as several



Rita DeLollis of the Village Garden Club of Andover puts the finishing touches on her interpretation of "Abstract Nature" by Jame Prosek.

works of art blossomed into colorful floral arrangements for the gallery's "Addison in Bloom" exhibit. The Andover Garden Club

presented the show, which brought together the talents of members of several area horticultural organizations for a show-stopping display that attracted upwards of 600 people over its two-day

Floral designers from Andover's three clubs — the Spade & Trowel Club, the Village Garden Club and Andover Garden — combined with members of the North Andover Garden Club and the Boxford Village Garden Club to push the boundaries

of traditional arranging.



Jennifer Cullen-Struhl of the Andover Garden Club went a bit exotic See BLOOM, Page 14 in interpreting Charles Burchfield's "Cicada."



Ann Lange of the Andover Garden Club gave a floral identity to Nancy Haynes' "Untitled."



Carol Prentiss of the Andover Garden Club lent her creative flair to Abbott Handerson Thayer's "Monadnock Angel."

Boutique Blowout

Annual shopping event to shine spotlight downtown

By Judy Wakefield jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

It's been a long cold winter for downtown businesses as the record-setting snowfall and cold temperatures kept some shoppers at bay.

But that's all starting to change. And next week, local retailers will welcome spring in a big way with their annual Boutique Blowout two-day shopping event hosted by the Andover Business Community Association.

More than 20 downtown businesses will be luring customers in their doors next Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, with specials that come around only once a year.

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In addition to the retailers that have made the Boutique Blowout a muchanticipated event every year, local salons and restaurants are also getting into the act, too, this year. Stylists will be offering blowout specials and eateries will be serving up menu items and wine tastings especially for the occasion.

One big change this year is that instead of all of the

retailers coming together for the sale at one location inside Old Town Hall on Main Street, as has been past tradition, each individual business owner will be welcoming shoppers into their own storefronts.

"This year, we will not be using Town Hall, but rather inviting customers to warm up with our sunny smiles right in our stores," said Trish Martini, who owns Soiree on Main Street and is on the organizing committee for Boutique Blowout.

"We want to get the community excited about shopping downtown, despite the cold weather.'

At least two new businesses, D'Agostino's Deli of Andover and Red Stone Liquors in Andover Village Square on Main Street, will be using the event as a chance to introduce themselves to the community.

We want people to make a day of it. You can eat, drink and shop ... it will be fun," Martini said.

As a further incentive for shoppers, the town of Andover is offering free parking both days of the sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in approved lots and spots.

Taylor Simpson, the owner of Nest on Barnard Street, said the event offers a chance for the downtown businesses to collaborate for the common good. While her shop has held its own through the tricky business climate of the winter, she said others have not been as fortunate.

One shops, Wardrobe on Park Street, will be closing its doors soon, and other retailers have reported depressed sales.

"I'd like to continue to see the retailers helping each other so that every customer knows what's happening in town, in a way that we're all cross-promoting each other," Simpson said.

But she said the success of the downtown ultimately requires the community's support. She recently put out a call on the Andover Mums Facebook page encouraging people to grab three friends and head downtown for a bite to eat and some shopping. She said if the group picked three stores and everyone spent \$10 apiece at each business, that would be a boon to the downtown.

The next day she had sales rivaling a busy Christmas shopping day.

"It gave me tremendous hope," she said. "Some people don't realize that

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A boost for the arts

Andover Cultural Council awards more than \$5K for programming

Local schools, music programs and a church are among the beneficiaries of this year's grant awards courtesy of the Andover Cultural Council.

The council is doling out a total of \$5,637 in grants to support 18 programs and initiatives taking place in Andover this year. The grants will pay for an array of activities that include visual art, music, literature, storytelling, dance, sculpture and more.

funding round in recent memory," council chairwoman Leslie Seaton Malis said. "We had an unusual number of strong proposals for some really innovative and exciting projects that reach across all sectors of the community. The applications prompted some of the most in-depth reviews and discussions that our council has ever engaged in."

Among the projects are a children's storytelling series, a three-dimensional "This was the most exciting sculpture installation on the

grounds of West Parish Cemetery, a special needs youth choral performance, a Japanese women's drumming event at the senior center and increased family programming at the Addison Gallery of American Art on the campus of Phillips Academy.

The Andover Cultural Council is part of a network of 329 councils serving all communities in Massachusetts. Seaton Malis said the

See **GRANTS**, Page 14

Addison Gallery of American Art: Family programming, \$387 **Andover Choral Society: 2015**

Concerts, \$300 Collaborative for Regional Educational Services & Training:

Student literary magazines, \$150 Jessica Daviso: Adire Textiles, Nigerian Art, Andover High School,

Doherty Middle School: "A Midsummer Night's Dream," \$250 **Essex Chamber Music Play**ers: "Life & Poetry of Anne Bradstreet" at West Middle School, cracker" performance at Collins

Kerrie Fraser: World Music Premiere at West Elementary School, \$250

2015 ANDOVER CULTURAL COUNCIL GRANTS

Mistral: Young People's Con-

cert, \$400 Monique Morimoto: "Celebrat-

ing Women Through Rhythm" at The Center at Punchard, \$350

Museum of Printing: Printing Arts Fair, \$100

New England Classical Singers: March concert, \$250

Northeast Youth Ballet: "Nut-

Center, \$200

John Root: Edible Perennial Gardening and Landscaping, \$250 SHED Children's Campus: LEAP

Community Days, \$375 **Stories in the Streets:** Andover Festival storytelling, \$375 Susan Smith: Living Legacy

Project at Andover Senior Center, Treble Chorus of New Eng-

land: My Own Voice choir, \$450 Trustees of West Parish Cemetery: PASSAGES, 3-D installation project, \$450







FRANCES Y J WHEELER/Courtesy photo

Ann Lange, Ann Bride, and Brian and Angela Zinsmeister, all of Andover, enjoy Friday night's "Addison in Bloom" opening reception. The three women are members of the Andover Garden Club.

BLOOM

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Toscano & McCollum, P.C.; Bank of America, Bulger Animal Hospital, Century Bank, Heather Moody Hol-The end result was floral man (RE/MAX Partners, interpretations of a dozen Andover), Hewlett-Packard pieces from the Addison's Company, Pentucket Bank extensive collection as well and The Savings Bank. In as the gallery's current addition, local florists Les exhibition, "Light/Dark, Fleurs of Andover and Flow-White/Black" with its more ers by Steve of Bradford minimal, momochromatic contributed stand-alone flower arrangements to Sponsors included Ardito, further enhance the gallery.

INTERPRETIVE TOUCH

The participating garden club members and the works they interpreted were:

- Joyce Bakshi, Andover Garden Club, "Untitled," painted wood by Louise Nevelson
- Jennifer Cullen Struhl/Sandra Clevesy, Andover Garden Club, "Cicada" by Charles Burchfield



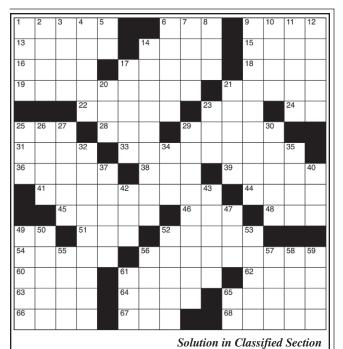
Belva Hopkins of Andover's Spade &Trowel Garden Club recreated a floral version of "Shadow in a Corner I" by Carroll Dunham.

■ Mary deSmet/Fran Karalli, Andover Garden Club, "Pheasant and Wisteria" by Sir Lionel Arthur Lindsay

- Adrienne Goldman, Andover Garden Club, "Linear Construction No. 2 Variation, No.1" by Naum Gabo
- Maria Shapiro, Andover Garden Club, "First Communion" by Wendy Ewald
- Nancy Norbedo, Andover Garden Club, "Triptych" by Maud Morgan
- Carol Prentiss, Andover Garden Club, "Monadnock Angel" by Abbo Handerson Thayer Ann
- Lange, Andover Garden Club, Untitled monoprint on paper by Nancy Haynes
- Amy Flynn, Boxford Village Garden Club, "Summer, Sea, Window,

Red Curtain" by Marsden Hartley

- Rita DeLollis, Village Garden Club, "Abstract Nature" by James
- Belva Hopkins, Spade and Trowel Garden Club, "Shadow in a Cor ner I, III, IV" by Carroll Dunham
- Phila Slade, Connie Hall and Cathy Fowler, North Andover Garden Club, "Hill Town" by Charles Prendergast



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The female voice

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Andover Historical Society saluting women authors for March Write In

By Judy Wakefield jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

March has turned into a month of reading, writing and women's history events at the Andover Historical Society and some of Andover's noted authors of the past as well as the present are getting the special attention they deserve.

In honor of Women's History Month, the historical society has put together a series of events highlighting Andover's female authors, young and old, of yesterday as well as today.

"The program series highlights local writers from both Andover's history and today's broader, contemporary society. Events will appeal to a range of ages and participation levels," Carrie Midura of the Andover Historical Society said.

Here's the program: MEET THE HISTORICAL

AUTHORS: Saturday, March

21, 1 to 4 p.m. Authors Harriet Beecher Stowe, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Bessie Goldsmith, Anne Bradstreet and teenage diary writer Abby Locke will return to town for one afternoon of living history presentations. Visit the society's Blanchard House for a 30-minute guided tour and have the opportunity to "speak" to these illustrious writers from the past. Cost is \$5 per member, \$7 per non-member; children under 12 admitted free. Register online or call to

sign up. **TODAY'S AUTHORS LIVE PANEL:** Thursday, March 26, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Five local authors, including Cheryl Murnane and Kristin Bair O'Keefe, will be panelists who share in a discussion of writing in the

21st century. Writing styles and inspiration sources will be discussed. Audience questions will be welcome. Cost is \$5 per member, \$7 per non-member, students are admitted free.

BOOK CLUB TALK & DES-SERT: Tuesday, March 31, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Explore the past through "Nothing Daunted," the captivating true story of two restless society girls who left their affluent lives in 1916 to "rough it" as teachers in the wilds of Colorado. Penned by Dorothy Wickenden, editor of The New Yorker, the book is the focus of this month's book club reading and guided discussion.

All events take place at the Andover Historical Society's Blanchard House at 97 Main St. For more information or to register for any of the programs, visit http://andoverhistorical.



Elizabeth Stuart Phelps (1844-1911), an early American feminist who penned "The Singular Life," will be among the female authors from Andover portrayed in next weekend's living history presentation at the Andover Historical Society's Blanchard House.

org/marchwritein or call the historical society at 978-475-2236.

Out & About: A noteworthy pairing for Vivaldi's 'Gloria'

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra returns to the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College on Sunday, March 15, for a classical afternoon featuring Vivaldi's "Gloria," accompanied by the voices of Treble Chorus of New England.

The concert starts at 2:30 p.m. in the arts center on the campus of the North Andover college, 315 Turnpike St. (Route 114).

The program will also include Ottorino Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances Suite No. 1" and Ralph Vaughn Williams' "Symphony No. 2 (A London Symphony).'

General admission tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors ages 65-plus and students ages 13 to 18 and with a college ID and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12. For more information, visit www. mvpomusic.org.

Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper on menu

West Parish Church at 129 Reservation Road in Andover is serving up its annual Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper on Saturday, March

14, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The menu will feature Thwaites Market's New England-style corned beef, drinks and dessert. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. All proceeds will support the scholarship fund for the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club.

Roomful of Blues making rocking visit to Crossroads

The jumping, swinging, rocking, award-winning Roomful of Blues will perform Saturday, March 14, at 8 p.m. as part of the Crossroads Music Series at North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover.

The band's most recent CD, "45 LIVE," released in 2013, commemorates the group's 45th anniversary. The album is described as "a lightning-in-a-bottle blowout, showcasing the larger-than-life vocal and instrumental power of the band."

Roomful of Blues has earned five Grammy Award nominations and a slew of other accolades, including seven Blues Music Awards and Best Blues Band honors twice from DownBeat International Critics Poll.

Tickets are \$20. Visit www.crossroadsmusicseries.org for reservations or more information.

NMYO performs Tilute for All Ages

The Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras will present its Flute Choirs in a free community concert on Saturday, March 14, at 3 p.m. at the Congregational Church of Topsfield, 9 East

Common St. Led by Flute Choir Director Trisha Craig, the concert

KATHY JOYCE/Courtesy photo

Flutist Somin Virmani of Andover will be among the young musicians performing with Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestra's Flute Choirs in this weekend's free concert.

includes performances by all three of NMYO's Flute Choirs and special guests New England Flute Orchestra directed by Dr. Eileen Yarrison.

The NMYO Flute Choirs include 28 area middle and high school student musicians. New England Flute Orchestra consists of 17 adult members with years of experience.

In this "Flute for All Ages" performance, each group will play a variety of works as well as a combined piece, "Jungle Dance" by Wil Offermans.

All NMYO concerts are family-friendly and offer a way to expose children to orchestral music in a comfortable setting while supporting the musical training of young musicians from the

area. For more information.

visit www.nmyo.org or call 978-309-9833.

Sunday coffee house at Beth Israel

To help shake off the winter doldrums, Congregation Beth Israel at 501 South Main St. will be turning into a coffee house on Sunday, serving exotic coffees and delicious desserts along with some entertainment starting at 2

The temple's talented in-house musicians such as Bashert will perform old and new secular and sacred music while listeners enjoy some treats. Admission is free and the public is invited. While walk-ins are welcome, reservations are requested by contacting the congregation's office at 978-474-0540 or by email at office@bethisraelmv.org.

Annual Irish music program plays on

Andover's Tom Garvey hosts his 29th annual Irish Music Radio Program on WCCM 1110-AM on St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday, March

The beloved Irishman will showcase the best in traditional Irish music and conversation from noon to 4 p.m. on the local radio station. The public can also listen in online at www.1110wccmam.

com. Got an item for Out & About? Email townsman@

andovertownsman.com.

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; Black and White Film Series in conjunction with "Light/Dark, White/Black," March 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.

GELB GALLERY, "Elaine Bay & Raul Gonzalez: Lines on

Paper" featuring artwork. character design, model sheets and layouts from "Lowriders in Space," through April 3; reception and gallery talk Tuesday, March 31, 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy, 5 Chapel Ave., Andover; www.

andover.edu. MCCOY GALLERY, "Free Fall, 1,000 Drawings" by Gayle Caruso, Thursday, March 19 through Wednesday, April 15; reception Sunday, March 22, 3 to 5 p.m. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; www. merrimack.edu/mccoy.

AUTHOR EVENTS

ANDOVER BOOKSTORE, book signing featuring Pendred "Penny" Noyce, author of "Magnificent Minds: 16

Remarkable Women in Science and Medicine" for young readers, Thursday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.; free; 89 Main St., No. 1, Andover; 978-475-0143; http://hugobookstores.com/andover.

BENEFITS

INSPIRATION GALA, to support The Professional Center for Child Development in Andover's programs and services helping children of all abilities and to honor retiring staff member Sandy Levine; featuring buffet dinner, live and silent auctions, raffles and dancing; Friday, May 1, 6 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.; www.theprofes-

sionalcenter.org. **'MAKING A DIFFERENCE**

GALA,' in celebration of the Greater Lawrence Community Action Council's 50 years of fighting poverty

and creating opportunities for individuals locally, featuring cocktail reception, dinner, silent auction and entertainment, Saturday, May 9, 6 to 11 p.m., Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St.; 978-620-4706, tchalifour@glcac.org.

FAMILY

SPENCERS: THEATRE OF ILLU-

SION, Sunday, March 22, 4 p.m., featuring awardwinning international magicians Kevin and Cindy Spencer, known professionally as The Spencers; Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. 978-837-5355, SpencersMagic.com.

To submit an item for the entertainment calendar. email townsman@andovertownsman.com.

across Andover," she said.

The recipients will be honored at a reception this

lery. The Andover Cultural

Council will seek applica-

tions again in the fall for

GRANTS

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grant program is unique in that it is the largest grassroots funding vehicle in the nation, supporting thousands of communitybased projects in the arts, sciences and humanities

BLOWOUT

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most stores downtown

have something in there

for \$10. If everyone came

downtown and just spent

\$5 a month, we would all

yearly.

The annual appropriation is provided by the state Legislature to the Massachusetts Cultural Council, which in turn allocates funds to each community. The final decisions about which activities to support are made at the community level by a board

An official Boutique

Blowout index guide will

be available next weekend

at all the participating

As of this week, the

Coco Collection, Dovetail.

participants included

of municipally appointed members. Sen. Barbara L'Italien,

D-Andover, said in a release spring at the Addison Galthat it's important to invest in arts and humanities as it showcases "Andover's vitality." These grants support the

tremendous work being done by local groups and artists

dresscode, Indra Salon & CityScapes, Irresistibles, Izzy's Emporium, Chic Consignment, Madox, IM Wireless, Quiet Pleasures Jewelry, SoleArmour, Nest, Cristina's Bridal, Kokee

Flowers, Tobey Grey,

Helen Thomas and Soiree

next year's round of funding. To learn more, visit www.andoverculturalcoouncil.com. and eateries Sweet Mimi's, LaRosa's, Casa Blanca,

plus Red Stone Liquors. Follow Boutique Blowout Andover on Facebook for developing news on the

Andover, One Thong Cafe

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be doing well."

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Education

Turning the pages with readers and writers

Eleanor Mayer, 10, reads to her mother, Stacie, at **West Elementary School last Thursday** during the 20th annual Readers and Writers Conference. The week-long celebration welcomed more than a dozen authors, illustrators, storytellers and artists to the school.



West Elementary School their way to West Elemen- others. ference last week.

coming authors, illustra- Gretchen Detora, whose artwork in mere minutes. tors, storytellers, poets and book, "Dave and Danny Pay stories through their indi- local family. vidual art forms.

no exception as students fun stories and drawings for were introduced to a dozen kids, and Ralph Masiello, an by the West Elementary accomplished professionals. illustrator best known as School Parent Teacher Among those making "The Icky Bug Man," among Organization.

hosted its 20th annual tary were New York Times

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This year's event was Smith, who specializes in works.

Finally, fine artists Readers and Writers Con-best-selling author Soman attended were featured, erence last week. Chainani, who penned "The including Andover speed Since 1996, the school has School for Good and Evil," painter Rob Surette, who dedicated a week to wel- as well as Andover native creates his life-size hero

As part of the week-long all sorts of artists who tell it Forward," is based on a event, parents were invited to listen to their children Also involved were AJ share their own creative

The event is sponsored

■ EDUCATION NOTEBOOK

Virtual school holding information session

TEC Connections Academy Commonwealth Virtual School, the state's newest full-time, tuition-free public school for students in kindergarten through grade 12, is now enrolling for the 2015-2016 school year.

Interested families can learn more about how virtual school works and if it's the right fit for their children by attending one of the school's information sessions over the coming weeks. One session for prospective students and their parents is planned for Wednesday, March 18, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Wyndham Andover Hotel at 123 Old

Families will have the opportunity to meet with a TECCA faculty member or representative, explore the program and curriculum, and ask questions about the enrollment process. Those interested may also attend parent-to-parent meetings to speak with currently enrolled families in a more casual setting.

The school can enroll up to 1,000 students for the 2015-16 school year.

For those unable to attend an information session, real-time, interactive online information sessions and an ondemand session accessible 24/7 are also available. For more information, call 800-382-6010 or visit www.TECConnectionsAcademy.com.

Andover Montessori launches scholarship program

Andover School of Montessori is introducing a new Foundation Scholarship Program available to prospective students entering sixth, seventh and eighth grades. The program is intended for students with a strong academic standing and excellent citizenship.

Up to two full-tuition and two halftuition scholarships will be awarded to students with exceptional academics and strong financial need.

Scholarship awards will be made without regard to race, religion, age, gender and political beliefs. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of funds available. The school has the right to not award any scholarships in any year.

The application deadline is April 15, but early applications are encouraged. Visit http://www.andovermontessori.org/pdfs/Foundation_Scholarship. pdf for details on the application process or call Yvonne Howard at 978-475-2299 or email admissions@andovermontessori.org for more information.

Shawsheen preschool screening dates on tap

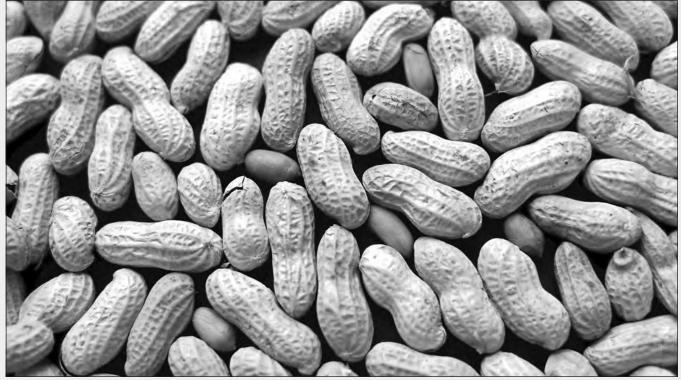
Shawsheen School at 18 Magnolia Ave. will remain open as a preschool next year, while the school's elementary students are redistricted elsewhere in

Appointments for screenings and tours for students who will be enrolled in the preschool in the half-day or fullday 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@andovertownsman.com.

ADVOCATING FOR ALLERGIES



Parents push for greater awareness in face of life-threatening conditions

By Tim Lima tlima@andovertownsman.com

Parents of local students with life-threatening food allergies say their children face a unique set of challenges.

has been working in recent they say." months to raise awareness about Every week since the start of gic reaction symptoms and it is his or her responsibility to the conditions affecting their the school year, the group has appropriate action, and encour-supervise that table in accorchildren and change how they're been sending emails and talk- aging that school celebrations be

old daughter off to kindergarten allergies, Kennedy said. to tree nuts.

Kennedy said the response she said. got surprised and concerned her. She said she was told that children are expected to advocate for themselves.

nor should be, developmentally manual updated by the Massaready to advocate for herself and chusetts Association of School since this was a life-threatening, Committees. documented condition, I was asking for more support," she

though more had to be done to said. Casper said that the guideschools deal with children with able in the online School Comallergies.

She reached out on Facebook for insight from other parents. posted on the School Depart- is some confusion about proto- with allergies. After hearing from 15 people ment website for easier accessiwhose children were in similar bility, "rather than have to comb situations, she launched a group through the (School Committee) in hopes of creating a "common policy manual."

"The group was formed to have a common voice — to work allergies in schools, to promote website, lists the responsibilities better at the procedures than

tective practices and strategies, allergies. and increase public knowledge, she said.

from that common voice of par-

handled by the school district. ing with school administrators, food-free. Karen Kennedy said that as including Superintendent Mari-

youngster's dangerous allergy on the School Department's elementary school level. website in January, Kennedy

A list of protocols and guidelines was developed in August 2008 and they underwent Kennedy said she felt as an update last August, she

mittee policy manual all along.

Allergy guidelines

The four-page document, to build the district's commit- available under the "Nursing" ment to effectively manage food tab on the School Department's she believes some schools are View/6288

consistency, to outline the pro- of various parties toward food others, and is hoping for more

The School Department is a system-wide emergency plan members. ents was 'for the schools to say for addressing life-threatening,

The schools also are responsaid in a written statement. she prepared to send her 5-year- nel McGrath, about the issue of sible for implementing "no food last fall, she wrote to the School At the parent group's request, utensil sharing" procedures training class for management Department explaining her a set of protocols was published with a particular focus at the of allergies "because we recog-

food allergy aware table, iden-Andover schools, the district ria. The tables are to be cleaned has had a life-threatening allergy and sanitized by assigned school allergic reaction, she said. "I replied that we were talking policy since 2007, when the personnel. Students may invite allergy aware table, though nuts or fish.

Is it enough?

cols and how closely they are monitored.

Kennedy said students with allergies aren't required to sit for everyone from school staff at the allergy aware table and to parents to school transporthat staff do not always monitor tation employees, visit http:// who is sitting at the tables and ma-andoverpublicschools.civwith what foods. She added that <code>icplus.com/DocumentCenter/</code>

consistency.

According to Casper, the assigned 10 guidelines. The allergy aware tables are "One of the first statements district is charged with creating monitored by assigned staff

"The principal assigns a staff A group of those parents what they do, and then do what food-based allergic reactions, member to oversee students training all employees on aller- sitting at an allergy table and dance with the health care plans of the students at the table," she

> She also said that Andover trading and sharing" and "no nurses have developed a student nize that many of our students In addition, a life-threatening need to be educated as they become more independent." The According to Rita Casper, tified by a universal symbol, is free class, which begins in the director of nursing for the designated in each school cafete-fourth grade, is meant to teach students how to recognize an

"In all that we do, the safety about a 5-year-old who is not, School Committee had its policy a friend to sit with them at the and well-being of our students is our utmost concern which is parents of those children will why we continue to educate our be asked to pack lunches that entire community and continue do not include foods containing to make progress," Casper said. "In Andover, I believe we are doing a good job."

As the various groups con-While some parents have tinue to work on the issue, Kenimprove and develop district- lines have been on file in the been pleased with how their nedy said one of the benefits wide protocols for how the superintendent's office and avail- child's school handles aller- that she believes has arisen is gies, Kennedy said others in that parents now have a supher group feel more still must portive network to turn to as Now, she said, they have been be done. She noted that there they advocate for their children

"We are not alone in this jour-

ney," she said. For the full list of guidelines



Dreams do come true

South Cooperative Theater wrapped up a successful weekend of its fully staged production of "Peter Pan Jr." The cast, featuring more than 60 performers, performed a modern version of the Disney classic about a boy who won't grow up to three packed houses at West Middle School.

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Iverson Guo, center, owner of Karma in Andover, celebrates his restaurant's victory for Best Appetizer with KISS 108-FM personality and celebrity guest host Billy Costa, left, and event chairman Jonathan Brody at the annual "An Evening of Sweet Indulgence."

A savory victory for Karma

Karma restaurant in Karma got the nod for the Andover took home the night's tastiest appetizer for crown for Best Appetizer at its tuna and salmon entry, the fifth annual "An Evening with Lowell's 50 Warren of Sweet Indulgence, and claiming the Best Dessert More!" last month at Tewks- title for its fresh lemon curd bury Country Club.

More than 250 people had The judges included tickets to sample desserts Suzanne Giaquinto, pastry and appetizers from 19 chef from L'Andana Grill in vendors spanning seven Burlington; Scott Whitley communities. Radio and from the Pat Whitley Res-TV personality Billy Costa taurant Show; and Kevin returned to host the event Soucy, winner of the night's and conduct the live auction auction to be a guest judge.

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BUSINESS BRIEFCASE

Solectria renews Riverwalk lease

pleted a four-year, 85,000-square- left the electric vehicle busifoot lease renewal with Solectria ness and set out in a small, 46-acre Riverwalk Properties Riverwalk Properties to develop campus in Lawrence.

president at Jones, Lang, occupies 85,000 square feet LaSalle, brokered the deal. In of space in the same building anticipation of the impending where they first opened. lease renewal, Solectria retained that its current facility was the at the Lawrence location, It is a best fit for the operation.

satisfied is key to our success. manufacturer in Japan. Maintaining positive tenant relations is critical to retention Companies Real Estate Division, and paramount to our strategic visit www.lupolicompanies.com tenant/landlord partnerships," or www.riverwalkmills.com. For Gerry-Lynn Darcy, vice presimore on Solectria, go to www. dent of real estate for Riverwalk solectria.com. Properties, said in a release.

Ten years ago, Solectria cofounders Anita Worden, James Worden, Aybike Crott and Lupoli Companies has com- Michael Zuercher-Martinson A Yaskawa Company at its 5,000-square-foot office space at a company to be a leader in PV Brian Tisbert, senior vice inverters. The company now

Today, Solectria is the third-Tisbert to research various largest commercial inverter options in the Merrimack Valley. manufacturer, producing all of However, the company decided its three-phase central inverters wholly owned subsidiary of Yas-"Keeping clients happy and kawa, the fifth-largest inverter

To learn more about Lupoli

Unexpected kickstart

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Andover startup scores \$1M in backing for home monitoring system

By Shannon Flynn Staff Writer

What began as a \$200,000 crowdfunding campaign turned into a million-dollar project for a technology startup in Andover.

Immedia Semiconductor created Blink, the first in-home monitoring system that is completely wireless. To support development of the product, Immedia used the crowdfunding website Kickstarter as a "restarter" for the company, Peter Besen, its chief executive officer, said.

The original goal was to raise \$200,000 in 45 days. The Kickstarter campaign, which began last July, raised \$500,000 in three weeks. By the end of August, the campaign had raised just under \$1.1 million and gained a community of approximately 7,000 backers.

"It's not unheard of what happened to us," Besen said. "There's obviously amazing things on Kickstarter."

According to Kickstarter's statistics, only 40 percent of projects get funded, technology having the lowest rate at 23 percent.

If Immedia had not met their Kickstarter goal, Besen said that would have been the end of the company.

"I think that realistically funding, we would've just shut received a lot of feedback on

unique to the market. Blink alarm for an extra \$25. is a little white box housing a disturbance. The app also pro- processing chips. vides access to live video of the perature sensor.

product. Since there's no direct specialty.' competition right now, and it's



company used Kickstarter to raise funds to develop the home security system, eventually raising five times the money it needed to launch the product.

ABOUT BLINK

- Current pricing is \$69 for one camera or \$169 for a set of three.
- Only available to Kickstarter backers at the moment.
- Will be sold on Amazon

other products by itself." During its crowdfund-

The founders of Immedia

other features include an arm-reduce the amount of noise," fever again." ing/alert mode, HD video and Besen said. "We were able to

U.S. investors stopped putting chip making.

market vanished for us."

ucts, rather than just chips. it works properly. Blink is the first creation of series of products to come.

Blink next. Immedia is also and deciding the rewards for down," he said. "It was close Blink from backers, which looking to create an alarm different levels of contribu-Besen said his product is ponents, including a wireless \$15 a month to undercut incentives. competitors.

camera and motion detector. never expected they would be the third start-up company for is just to expect that the actual The way it works is that once creating a product like Blink Besen and his Massachusetts work to get a quality product motion is detected, it sends a when the company launched in Institute of Technology col- out is going to take a lot of message to the homeowner's October 2000 with the mission leagues. Their last start-up was effort," he said. "It's going to be cellphone as an alert to the of developing video and image acquired by Broadcom. Besen much more complicated than said he worked for a few years you imagine.' "We actually focused on selling BluRay solutions, "and home at any given time. Some very clever algorithms to then we got entrepreneurial said he would use crowdfund-

audio, night vision and tem- make the image good even the market yet, its creators watching and tracking the though the sensor and lens are already looking toward numbers each day. "It's really an interesting were so small. That's our enhancing the next generation. The majority of Immedia's data usage so Wi-Fi will not be process was fun," he said. in a space that's growing so work was within the computer required for receiving alerts,

were not a priority, Besen said. not just iOS and Android.

The "alpha" deliveries of their money into expensive Blink are just a few weeks away. Besen said it will be the That was a bad place for us very first release to the backat that point," Besen said, "The ers. Although Blink will not be completely functional, it That's when the company will allow Immedia to receive began to create its own prod- additional feedback and see if

Besen's advice for other what Besen hopes will be a companies looking to crowdfund is most importantly to Smoke detectors and win- know it's going to be a lot of speaking, if we hadn't raised ing campaign, the company dow alarms will be added to work, from targeting the pitch for us, but it was a slam dunk." led to some additional com- system where users can pay tions, to other marketing

"I wouldn't discourage any-Immedia Semiconductor is one, but I think that the reality Despite all the work, Besen

ing again to launch other prod-Although Blink has not hit ucts. Besen said he enjoyed

'On top of everything else, This would include cellular it was a lot of fun. The whole

"The only downside, maybe, wildly, we're pretty excited industry, but about a year ago, and weatherproofing Blink for a company like us, where about it," Besen said. "Our that market began to go dry so it can be used outdoors as you have a lot of funding, is product can do things others when PC makers decided high- well. Lastly, Blink would be you're kind of tipping your hat can't. That separates it from all quality computer cameras available for Windows users, to your competitors," he said.

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Attorney Marybeth McInnis grew up in North Andover and continues to live in the community with her husband. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the Boston Bar Association's Estate Planning Committee, and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. She is also a Director of the Friends of Merrimack College, Trustee of the James W. O'Brien Foundation, Inc., and is also licensed to practice in New Hampshire as well as Massachu-

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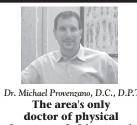
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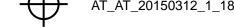


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18 Thursday, March 12, 2015 THE TOWNSMAN



Compiled by Susan McKelliget

Here's a look back at what was happening in town this same week at key points over the last 100 years, exactly as reported in the pages of the Andover Townsman:

100 Years Ago March 12, 1915

A bakery sale under the auspices of the Andover Historical Society will be held at the store of J.H. Playdon on Main Street on Friday afternoon March 19, from three to six o'clock. Ladies are invited to come and buy in advance of their Saturday baking.

Jerome W. Cross has purchased the Harrington Farm located on Salem Street directly west of his own residence. He will at once begin the remodeling of the barn and will make such additions as will be necessary to fit it for a first-class riding school.

Bradlee Hall was filled to capacity last Wednesday evening by those who attended the concert given by the Colombian Orchestra of Lawrence, assisted by Paul Barnaby, natural comedian.

75 Years Ago March 7, 1940

Tomorrow night at seven o'clock, there will be a recount at the Town Hall of the votes cast

on Monday for Board of Public Works, John B. White having nosed out George R. Cairns for second place by eight votes. This was the closest election since the contest between Town Clerk George Winslow and Charles Bowman in which Mr. Winslow won by three votes, a recount giv-

ing the same result.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

The turkey supper held in the South Church vestry Tuesday evening proved that the men in the parish are nothing short of artists, culinarily speaking, when it comes to roasting turkeys. Carl E. Elander was chairman of the Kitchen Committee, aided and a-birded by John Erving, Arthur Bassett, Charles Hill, Clifford Marshall, George Zink, William Edwards, Robert Lawrence, Tyler Carleton, Gordon R. Cannon, Chester Abbott and Cleveland Gilcreast.

50 Years Ago March 11, 1965

Just 10 years after Town Meeting voted to delay construction of a \$375,000 Colonial-styled Town Hall on the Shaw property and three years after it dumped urban renewal with its \$1 million police station and town house, Andover has approved construction of \$700,000 quarters for the police and municipal offices.

Andover's DASA Corp. announced at a Boston press

conference Wednesday that it will "substantially" expand its operation here, bringing employment to 150 to 200 by the end of 1965. The company reported also that it has completed arrangements with the New England Telephone and Telegraph Co. for distribution on a tariff basis of its automatic telephone dialing equipment.

25 Years Ago March 8, 1990

Teachers voted Wednesday morning to accept a contract with an 18.5 percent increase divided over three years. The contract will cost the town \$48,000 more in the first two years than the offer the School Committee made two weeks ago.

Limited Editions, a gift store at 93 Main St., will close its doors March 31, according to an employee at the store. A hike in the rent was the reason for leaving, according to the employee. The Elephant's Trunk Inc., at 13 Main St. is also calling it quits. The establishment, a women's clothing store, will consolidate its operations back into its main store in Newburyport by the end of the month, the employee reported.

All Those Years Ago is compiled by Susan McKelliget with cooperation from the Andover Historical Society.

This postcard sent to Miss E.M. Sochrens On Sept. 6, 1906 shows off the new B&M Train depot at 100 School St. A special Town Meeting that year discontinued a portion of School Street to make way for this new station.

Greetings -

The first depot in Andover back in the mid-1800s stood on what was then the dirt road of Essex Street - on a spot that became Walsh's Store, then the Andover Playhouse and now the part of Essex Street where the Memorial Hall Library extension

Courtesy image

This message reads, "Pleasant today. Met Edith last night." Cheers -

Postcards from Home is an occasional feature developed and produced by Susan McKelliget, first vice president of the Andover Historical Society, using postcards to offer a window into Andover's past. Do you have a postcard to share? Fmail us at townsman@andovertownsman.com

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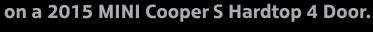
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PLANNING BOARD

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, March 31, 2015, beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the Doherty Middle School Auditorium, 50 Bartlet Street, the Planning Board will convene public hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws on the following proposed amendments to the Andover

Zoning By-Law, Article VIII:

1. Amend Section 2.1 (District Boundaries) and 2.3.1 (Map Amendments) and make the appropriate changes to the Zoning Map of the Town of Andover to rezone to Single Residence A (SRA) from Industrial D (ID) that parcel of land located off of Fleming Avenue, (known by the Assessor's Office as 0 Fleming Avenue). Said parcel of land being a portion of Lot 4A on the Town of Andover Assessor Map 35 and it is the intent of this article that the entirety of Lot 4A on Andover Assessor Map 35 would be zoned SRA.

2. Amend Section 2.3 (District Boundaries) and 2.3.1 (Map Amendments) to rezone to General Business (GB) from Industrial A (IA) the parcels of land designated by the Town of Andover as 10, 12 and 16 Haverhill Street and 7 Tantallon Road and comprising Assessor's Parcels 5, 5A, 6 and 7 on Assessor's Map 35.

And further that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this

by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format of the Andover Code of Bylaws, or take any other action related thereto. The full text of the proposed

amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD

Zachary Bergeron, Chairman

AT - 3/12, 3/19/15

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ITEM

IFB No. 043/03-15/301 Water Main Improvements for Bancroft, Chandler, Highland and River Roads, Andover, MA BID OPENING

April 1, 2015, 11:00 AM
Bid Documents and bid forms may be obtained at the Office of Central Purchasing, Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, MA, or on the Central Purchasing Department webpage located at http://andoverma.vt-s.net/Pages/An-

doverMA_Procurement/index.

A bid security in the amount of 5% of the total bid will be required.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held for all interested parties on March 24, 2015, at 10:00 AM at the DPW Water Treatment Plant, 397 Lowell St., Andover, MA.

Andover is an affirmative action/equal opportunity purchaser. The Town reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, any or all bids or take whatever, other action may be deemed necessary to be in the best interest of the Town. Thomas P. Watkins

Purchasing Agent AT – 3/12/15

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Legals

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Essex Probate and Family Court

45 Congress Street
Salem, MA 01970
(978) 744-1020
Docket No. ES15C0028CA
NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR CHANGE OF NAME In the matter of: Grant Russell Cole

Of: Andover, MA To all persons interested in peti tion described: A petition has been presented by Meghan Dowgiallo on behalf of Grant Russell Cole re-

questing that:
Grant Russell Cole be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

name as follows:

Grant Joseph Dowgiallo

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THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Salem ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON:

03/30/2015 WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sa-hagian, First Justice of this Court.

Date: February 19, 2015 Pamela Casey O'Brier Register of Probate

AT - 3/12/15

ADMINISTRATIVE

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Legals ANDOVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
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mittee will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed budget of the Andover Public Schools on Thursday, March 19, 2015 at 7:00PM in the SC Room of the School Administration Building, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover. The proposed budget is for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. This hearing is held in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 38N. The proposed budget is posted on the school's website (www.aps1.net) and also available in the Superintendent of School's office and at Memorial Hall Library during nor-

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Marinel D. McGrath, Ed.D

Superintendent Annie Gilbert Chair, School Committee AT - 3/12/15

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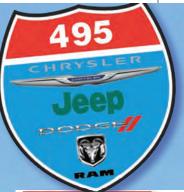


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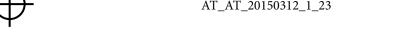
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Sports

Andover Day at Fenway South

Batting gloves, a signed ball and memories from JetBlue Park

By BILL BURT bburt@andovertownsman.com

It was Andover Day at Jet-Blue Park in Fort Myers, Fla. last Tuesday. Or at least it

felt that way. Three longtime Andover residents — Red Sox catcher Ryan Hanigan and Northeastern University baseball players Michael Geaslen and Dustin Hunt — participated in the annual Red Sox-Northeastern exhibition game at the Sox home park to open spring.

Hanigan was acquired by the Red Sox over the winter in a trade for Will Middlebrooks.

"A great experience," said Hanigan, who played against Boston College in the second game of the day. "Andover's got some pretty good baseball.'

A year ago, Hunt was the starting pitcher against the Red Sox, not allowing a run over two innings. He sat this one out as he pitched on Sunday against Kentucky, striking out nine in only five innings. On this day, he enjoyed the scenery.

"The best part is interacting with the players in the very beginning during their batting practice," said Hunt, a sophomore who was named to the Colonial

Athletic Association All-Rookie team last year.

"I just focused on pitching (last year) and didn't get to take everything in as much," he said.

"It was awesome watching Aaron (Civale) strike all those guys (four). I was happy for him. I really enjoyed talking to Hanley (Ramirez) and (David) Ortiz. Hanley was a real good guy who signed a ball for me and took a picture. It was another great experience."

For Geaslen, a freshman, it was extra special.

"My main goal while being at Fenway South and playing the Red Sox was to enjoy

every minute." Geaslen said. "From the moment I got there. I took out my phone and took pictures of everything, and tried to take pictures with everyone.

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"The batting practice and warm-ups were amazing, just the fact we got to watch and learn from the pros," he said. "It was great to see how friendly and talkative they were. They were all willing to take photos with you and chat.

"I talked to Shane Victorino for most of the batting practice. He was a great guy and ended up giving me his batting gloves I can't wait for next year."



Andover catcher Ryan Hanigan, center, who was acquired by Boston over the winter, poses with fellow Andover ballplayers Michael Geaslen, left, and Dustin Hunt last week when they traveled to JetBlue Park in Fort Myers, Fla., for Northeastern University's exhibition game against the Red Sox.

CLOSING SHOT

Merinder, Giribaldi cap off AHS careers in North semifinals

By David Willis It wasn't supposed to end this way, not after four years on the Andover High varsity basketball

From the time they were freshmen, now-seniors Connor Merinder and David Giribaldi were front-and-center for the Golden Warriors, the All-Scholastic scoring machine and the big man that was as dominant on the defensive end as he was with the ball in his hands.

But after all the games and the nearly countless points, the two stalwarts and their teammates came up a little short in their hopes of extending their

season just a bit longer.
"It's sad," coach David
Fazio said. "These are great kids that I could not have asked for more from for the last four years. I have been blessed to coach guys like these, and they gave it everything they could."

Despite a fierce comeback, Andover could not earn a return trip to the Tsongas Center for the North final, falling to topseed Cambridge Rindge & Latin 78-62 in the Division 1 North semifinals last Wednesday, March 4.

The loss meant the end of an era as the Warriors said good-bye to superstars Merinder and Giribaldi along with the rest of the 2014-15 senior class, which included Reid Bryant, Jonathan Rodriguez

and Griffin O'Connor. "It's so tough," Fazio said. "This is a very special class. Reid fought through so many injuries to be here, Gabe was a spunky guard and Griffin always gave it his all. And of course Giri and Merinder. It's going to be strange

next year.' It will certainly be a different Warriors team without Giribaldi, who entered the elite class of 1,000point scorers last month. and Merinder, the All-Conference forward who will continue his basketball career at Trinity College in

Hartford, Conn. "They fought so hard, and they have for four years" Fazio said. "Connor just epitomizes what every high school coach dreams of. He is selfless, he cares about his team and coaches so much and he has given everything he could to the

"In Giribaldi, you have an All-Scholastic who has played the whole year with a torn abductor muscle and the second quarter had never missed a game. He was playing with 10 percent of his athleticism and he was still terrific.'

The two stars very nearly led Andover back against Cambridge as Merinder scored 14 of his game-high 25 after halftime while Giribaldi scored 12 of his 17 following the break.

Cambridge raced out to a 26-11 lead after one quarter, and by late in



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Captain Connor Merinder attempts a shot in traffic during the Division 1 North semifinals against Cambridge Ringe & Latin last week. Merinder scored a game-high 25 points, but the Golden Warriors were eliminated from post-season play with the loss.



David Giribaldi drives to the hoop surrounded by Cambridge Rindge & Latin defenders. Giribaldi scored 17 points in his final game for the Golden Warriors.

extended the advantage to 38-18.

But the Warriors ended the first half with a flurry. First Merinder hit a jumper, Giribaldi followed that with a three-pointer, Merinder added a slashing layup and Jonathan Rodriguez stuck a jumper to make it 40-28 at the half.

Giribaldi and Merinder continued that run into the second half, delivering a

10-2 run of their own, and with 3:30 left in the third, the advantage was down to

"When we cut it to six, we felt very confident," Fazio said. "But then they come back with a couple of three-pointers, and suddenly the lead is back to

The Warriors were able to cut it to single digits one more time, when Rodriquez Reach him on twitter at @ nailed a three-pointer to

make it 60-52 with 6:03 left in the game. But it would get no closer.

"They were just too athletic, and the way they drove to the hoop really put us on our heels," Fazio said. "We tried to recover, but we came up short."

David Willis is a sportswriter/videographer for The Andover Townsman. DWillisET.

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Goalie Nick Scarpa was on task with 30 saves, including this save in the second period, but Andover High fell 3-0 to Arlington Catholic last week in the Division 1 North

Final face-off for AHS boys' breakout hockey season

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It was already a breakthrough season, the best for Andover hockey in seven years and best ever in Division 1.

But the Golden Warriors were not ready to say good-bye.

"We weren't ready for the season to end," firstyear head coach Chris Kuchar said. "We wanted to play a few more rounds."

A season after missing the playoffs, Andover hockey advanced to the Division 1 North semifinals for the first time since the program joined the Division 1 ranks.

But that is where it ended. Despite a monster effort by goalie Nick Scarpa, the No. 4 seed Golden Warriors fell to No. 8 Arlington Catholic 3-0 last Thursday, March 5, at the Chelmsford Forum.

"We're upset with the loss, no question," Kuchar said. "But being here really was quite an accomplishment for these kids. No one other than this team thought we could make it this far."

It was quite a turnaround for the Golden Warriors, who finished the 2013-14 season just 5-12-3 and did not qualify for the state tournament.

It also marked the Golden Warriors' deepest playoff run since joining Division 1 in 2007-08, a year after they advanced to the Division 2 state title game.

"We ran into a very good team," Kuchar said of Arlington Catholic, which upset top-seed Burlington in the North quarterfinals. "We knew that we had to play a flawless game to beat them. We had a couple breakdowns and they

took advantage. Our kids played their hearts out, but that is one big, strong hockey team.'

Arlington Catholic used its speed and size advantage to hold the puck in the Andover zone for nearly the entire night, firing 33 shots on Golden Warrior netminder Scarpa.

Scarpa, a senior cocaptain, held Andover in the game throughout the fierce attack. The senior made 10 saves in the first and 16 in the second period, allowing a single goal in each.

"Nick has just been outstanding for us," Kuchar said. "He has carried us all season. He has been the best player in the MVC all season. But also seniors like (Zach) Walker and Conor (Silk) also did an amazing job bringing us here.'

It was Walker that nearly tied the game late in the first, taking the puck in on a 1-on-1 and firing a shot that looked destined for the goal. But Cougars goalie Dylan Morris turned him away.

The Warriors' next best chance came with just over seven minutes left in the game, when Kuchar pulled Scarpa on a power play for the 6-on-4 advantage. But once again, Andover could not crack Morris.

Arlington Catholic went ahead with 5:12 left in the first, then added to the advantage 1:39 into the second on a goal assisted by Methuen's Ryan Tierney.

"They were very good on defense," Kuchar said. "We really couldn't generate many chances on offense. But they fought."

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Warriors rule the North

Girls basketball delivers three thrillers en route to Division 1 North title

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With just three seconds remaining on the clock, the North title and a trip to the TD Garden were still very

much hanging in the balance. Then in stepped Rachael Cormier and Alyssa Casey, and all that was left was celebrating for Andover High.

The senior point guard and her sophomore star teammate each stepped up with decisive free throws in the final seconds, clinching Andover's 41-38 thrilling victory over Billerica in the Division 1 North title game last Saturday.

The win earned the Warriors a berth in the Division 1 semifinals, held on Monday at the Garden (see story, Page

"It's just unreal," Cormier said after Saturday's game. "I don't even remember the final second. I just remember running and jumping and celebrating. We knew it was going to be a hard game, and that we would have to battle. To win this is just surreal."

The title marked the Golden Warriors' first North crown since the 2011-12 team that won its third straight Division 1 state title led by Nicole Boudreau, Ally Fazio and Jackie Alois.

"I have never experienced anything like this before," said Casey, who scored a team-high 15 points. "It's incredible. I'm overwhelmed. I can't even describe how much fun this is."



DAVID LE/Staff photo The Andover High girls basketball team poses with its Division 1 North championship trophy after its 41-38 victory over Billerica in the North title game on Saturday.

But it certainly was not easy against a gritty Billerica team that Andover had gone 1-1 against in the regular season.

Andover led 24-19 after three quarters, and sophomore center Jillian Webber gave Andover some rhythm early in the fourth, making a move in the paint and sinking a smooth hook shot. One possession later it was Cormier, playing with four fouls, who drove for a layup. Casey added a jumper and Dellatto, Caveney and Carissa Reming each hit free throws.

But Billerica rallied back and with just three seconds remaining in the game hit a three-pointer to make the score 39-38. Cormier was then fouled and went to the free throw line.

"I was freaking out and I looked at Rachael and you could just tell how focused she was," guard Talia Dellatto said. "The same for Alyssa when she got to the line. They were so calm and so focused. When you are that determined, special things happen."

Cormier knocked down

a free throw, then Casey grabbed a rebound and was fouled with just over a second Caveney chipped in with 12

"You can't let the moment overwhelm you," said Casey, a 5-11 forward who was named MVC Division 1 MVP. "I know I can hit free throws. I have made a million in my life. I just had to do it."

Casev did just that with a swish. Billerica launched up a final shot, but it came well after the buzzer and the Warriors could celebrate a North title.

"We had to fight and stay

tough mentally through that," Webber said. "We were nervous, but we could not let down for a second."

Added an overjoyed Dellatto: "It was crazy. Winning is the best feeling ever. I was tearing up it was so emotional. I am so happy to do this with my team.'

ANDOVER ADVANCES TO NORTH FINAL

Rachael Cormier chose a fine day for her most dominant performance.

The senior point guard scored 16 points, the most in her three-year varsity career, to lead Andover to a 56-48 victory over Chelmsford in the Division 1 North semifinals last Thursday, March 5.

"We were confident coming in, but not cocky," Cormier said. "We've grown so much and become a much better team since the last time we played them (Jan. 20, a tough 45-41 victory), and Colleen did an amazing job (on Chelmsford star Claire Markey)."

The always-reliable points while Alyssa Casey, despite battling the flu, scored 10 points and Carissa Reming had seven points.

"Oh my gosh, (our guards) did a phenomenal job on her," Casey said. "She (Markey) is one of my best friends so I feel bad for her that her season is over ... but I'm glad we're still playing.'

WARRIORS ROLL OVER NORTH **ANDOVER**

sounded, the Andover High

starters had turned to cheerleaders, rooting on their teammates as they finished off the final minutes of a truly dominant performance.

"I thought we were going to outplay North Andover, but I didn't think we would outplay them by this much," point guard Rachael Cormier said."We knew that we could do this because we were so determined. We just want to

keep the season going." Behind 22 points by forward Alyssa Casey, Andover cruised to a 64-40 victory over North Andover in the Division 1 North quarterfinals last Monday, March 2.

"It just feels incredible," forward Jillian Webber said. "We have worked so hard, we took the right mind-set and we just wanted this game so bad. It is really surreal to win like this."

Webber added 14 points and dominated the boards (15 rebounds) along with Casey. Colleen Caveney chipped in with 15 points and the likes of Talia Dellatto, Cormier and Carissa Reming led a dominant defensive effort.

"North Andover is a great team who has battled us each time we played them this season," Reming said. "We knew them, and they knew us, and we knew how hard we hard to work to prepare for them. So to win like this is amazing."

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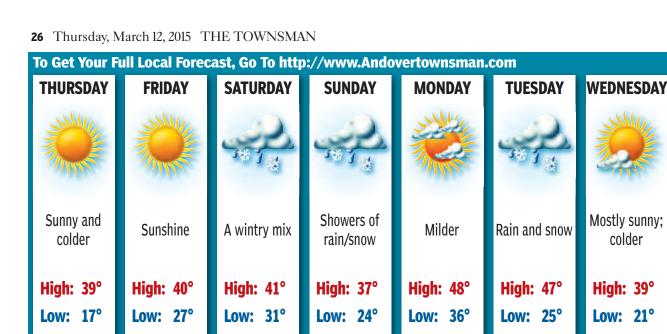


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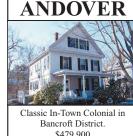


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