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Workers will continue installing new sewer pipes this year, bringing the town service to hundreds of new residents.

Pipe dreams

Rogers Brook area to have sewer when weather warms

By Laura Selima

With all the recent snow, it's easy to forget that Andover roads have been scarred from the aggressive digging of workers laying sewer pipe. However, between storms, crews are continuing to dig the \$34 million sewer expansion that will bring sewer to hundreds of residents.

While the Ballardvale and Cross Street areas are already online, the Rogers Brook area is anticipated to be online in the late spring/early summer of this year after pumps have been installed. Construction is set to begin Feb. 1 in areas including South Main Street, Arcadia Street, Sunset Rock Road, and Charlotte Drive. Crews will have to dig anywhere from eight to 25 feet deep to connect sewer pipes to provide enough slope so sewage can pass freely.

Sewer construction will soon begin in the South Main Street and Sunset Rock Road areas and is expected to take a year.

Resident property has also been used to extend sewer lines. Currently, 70 to 80 property easements have been performed out of the approximately 200 the town expects will be needed, says Department of Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

Residents should expect their betterment payments to begin this year if they will be able to connect to town sewer within the year. Residents have the option of paying in full or paying in installments within a 20-year period. Once residents start using the sewers, they have to pay a sewer fee, as well as the betterment. The sewer fee is based on the consumption of water, so the more water used, the higher the bill.

The cost of the sewer expansion is paid this way, according to Petkus: two-thirds will be paid by those hooking into the sewer, and one-third will be paid by those already on town sewer.

Petkus says taxpayers do not pay for the expansion. "This only makes it fair because not all residents will have access to the sewers. For example, those living on the other side of Route 125 will rely on their own septic tanks," he says.

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Looking to lower home taxes

Tax abatement eyed by 24 already, with 200 requests expected

By Judy Wakefield

Following skyrocketing home assessments, Andover's average single-family homeowners have received their largest tax bills of this fiscal year or any other. In an effort to lower their tax bills, many homeowners now are expected to question the value of their homes.

In a typical reassessment year, about 200 homeowners question

their assessment, asking for a tax abatement that will lower the amount of tax they pay. Homeowners can argue that the town has made a mistake by comparing their home to similar homes. Twenty-four homeowners already have done so, although

Tax breaks

Exemptions available to seniors, others

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people usually wait longer to file abatements, said Bruce Symmes, town assessor.

How assessments work

Andover property values are reassessed every three years in accordance with state law. Fiscal year 2003,

which started in July 2002, marks the time for town-wide "revaluations" of homes. The value of the average single-family home jumped more than \$100,000 as a result.

Just eight months ago, the average single-family house in Andover was \$353,000, according to the assessor's office. With a tax rate of \$14.13 per thousand, that home-

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THE COST OF CLEANUP

Snow jobs

Despite all the storms this winter, Andover seems to be spending less on snow removal than it has in recent years



A town sanding truck spreads its load downtown.



David Flanagan, 12 West Knoll Road, clears snow from his driveway last Saturday, after another storm dumped about a foot of snow in Andover.

By Ben Hellman

Despite all the snow that's been dumped on Andover this year, the town has spent only \$188,157 to date on contractors to get rid of the white stuff.

The snow-contractor cost last winter - a light snow year - was \$322,506. That figure doesn't include related town snow-removal costs, salt, sand or overtime for town employees.

Town officials are expected to keep a close eye on the amount of money spent on snow removal during this tight budgetary year. Both the Strategic Planning Task Force and the Finance Committee expect reports on these costs this month.

It's part of a general effort to save money where possible, given the known town budgetary short-

falls. (The town received more bad news this week when the state reported it might not fund its share

of special-education costs.)

"Everybody's very conscious of cost," says Joanne Marden, Finance Committee chairwoman. "What the manager's asking all of his department heads to do is to do more with less. That's always on their mind."

A total of \$735,000 has been

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PAYING THE COST

Andover spent more than \$1.1 million on the 2000-2001 winter's snow removal. Last winter, by mid-February though there had been only 19 inches of snow, the town had spent about \$600,000, said DPW Director Jack Petkus at the time. Though this winter's costs are incomplete, here's what the town has spent on contractors so far:

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Water plant, budget, senior center fill thin '03 warrant



Residents at Town Meeting this year may decide if construction money should be given to create an improved water treatment plant.

By Judy Wakefield

Except for the budget, money to build an improved water-treatment plant and to plan an expanded senior center are expected to be the key warrant articles at this year's Town Meeting, barring a surprise high-profile article submitted during the next two weeks. Selectmen are expected to discuss the plant and center next week.

The town warrant, which opened last Nov. 4, closes in two weeks on Friday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m. Residents can submit private articles to be voted on by their fellow residents at Town Meeting, set for the last week in April and the first week of May, if needed. As of *Townsmen* press time this week, no residents had submitted any private articles, said Town Clerk Randy Hanson. Town Meeting takes up the warrant on April 28 and 29 at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center. It will convene again on May 5 and 6, if necessary.

School Committee seat

Eccles to step down

By Ben Hellman

A School Committee seat will be open in March as two-termer Frank "Skip" Eccles announced Tuesday night that he will not seek reelection.

Eccles, who turns 78 this year, said that he didn't think it was wise to make a multi-year commitment. He made his announcement at Tuesday night's School Committee meeting.

John Roberts, a Vision 21 Committee member, has expressed interest in the seat, attending a forum on running for office. Louis Velazquez, 12 Bridle Path Road, attended the School Committee meeting Tuesday and has also expressed interest, discussing the idea with member

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Coming this week in the Sunday Eagle-Tribune

In Sports. Who are the next New England Patriots? As the playoff field narrows to six teams, see who's likely to be victorious in this year's Super Bowl.

In Business. What are the newest resume trends? What's appropriate to wear to that important job interview? Find out in JOBS, the Merrimack Valley's biggest employment section of the year.

In Lifestyles. It's not caffeine or cigarettes — the fastest growing addiction is spending time in front of the computer screen, and many addicts are children. What happens when logging on means logging off from life, and ways addicts are getting treatment.



More homes connecting this year

SEWER COMING

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Although the construction can be an inconvenience, Petkus commented that many Andover residents have been complimentary about the construction workers.

Salem Street resident Nancy Morehardt was deeply touched by the workers' efforts to make her feel at ease when her husband unexpectedly died at their residence one evening last May.

"They were like big brothers to me," she said. "They found out my husband had died the night before because the same police officer that responded to my 911 call was also directing traffic on my street in the midst of the sewer construction last spring. They told me 'Anytime we can help, you let us know.' They were so courteous, so kind, I really felt cared for. They were lovely men."

Road repairs

Roads that were torn up and then patched prior to the winter season will be repaved in the spring. The roads are not immediately repaved because there tends to be residual settlement during the winter season, says Petkus. Therefore, it is best to wait till the patched roads have been "wintered-over" for one complete winter season, he says.

Despite bureaucratic procedures within the state highway



Workers will continue working on Route 28, Andover's Main Street during the next year. The entire sewer expansion won't be complete for nearly three more years.

department that delayed Main Street construction by four months, the construction portion of the project is expected to be completed near the end of 2005, says Petkus.

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Sewer contractor uses town seal, letter in ad, draws DPW's ire

By Ben Hellman

Andover is refusing to grant a license to a sewer-connection contractor that used Andover's letterhead and the public works director's name to advertise its services, pending an investigation by the attorney general's office.

Jack Petkus, public works director, said that if no action is taken by the state against Boston-based company Scott and Scott Sewer Connection Service, it will be given a license, but Petkus will give a bad recommendation about the contractor to residents who call his office.

John Scott, of Scott and Scott, admits he took a letter to residents that was written by Petkus and reprinted it, adding his name and phone number at the top of a list of Andover officials. Scott said he then put these letters in the newspaper boxes of 40 Andover residents on New Year's Day and Thursday of last week, along with a flier advertising his company.

In Scott's reproduction, the DPW's street address and Andover's zip code were incorrect. Five other town officials names were added to the form — topped by Scott's name and number. Otherwise, the letter is a close match to Petkus' original, and includes the Andover town seal. The reproduced letter includes Petkus' signature,

which looks as if it was darkened with a magic marker. Petkus had harsh words, going so far as to say "That's forgery. If that's the way they look for business, (then I don't support them)."

Scott also included in his detailed reproduction a small notice from Petkus' letter that it was printed on 100-percent recycled paper.

Scott said he didn't believe there was anything wrong with using the town letter. He said he's done the same thing in Acton and other towns and never had any problem. He also said that he's tried to apologize to Petkus numerous times. "I was just trying to drum up work. I wasn't trying to hurt anybody," he said. "I just don't buy it," said Petkus. "He said it was an accident. I don't know how you can accidentally change a letterhead."

Petkus said residents should be aware of the letters, as Scott is not licensed to do sewer work in the town and couldn't do the job if he was contracted.

Scott's partner, Scott Ferullo passed the test for receiving a drain layer's license and was up to receive the license on Mon-

day night, before Everett Penney, Andover health director, heard about Ferullo's partner's actions. Penney said that health directors from Everett and Acton, and a private company,

gave Ferullo good references. But Scott's actions have thrown a wrench into the works, with Penney delaying the drain layer's license to work in town.

"I've taken them off the agenda based on advice from town counsel," said Penney. Penney said this decision will put Scott and Scott's license on hold until February, barring action from the attorney general's office.

Petkus lodged a complaint to a consumer protection agency in the attorney general's office against Scott and Scott Sewer Connection Service, after receiving complaints from three Cross Street residents last week about letters in their mailboxes.

If there isn't further action from the attorney general's office, Scott and Scott could work Andover.

All residents who wish to tie into sewer must contract a private company to do the work. Petkus says that residents interested in tying into sewer should call his office to learn that potential contractors are licensed.

"I don't know how you can accidentally change a letterhead."

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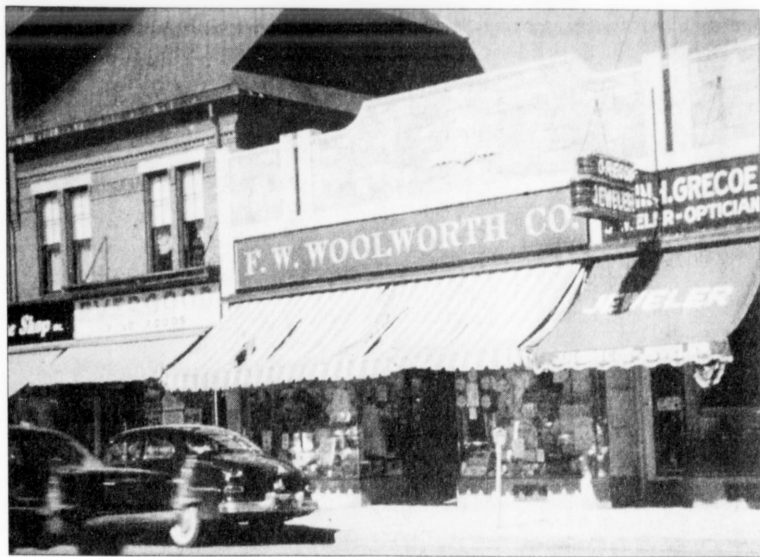
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IN BRIEF

PAST AND PRESENT



The top photo was taken of Main Street in the 1950s, according to the Andover Historical Society. The bottom photo was taken of the same location this week.

Burning season starts

The open air burning season will begin Jan. 15 and end May 1, according to an announcement by the Andover Fire Department.

Permits will be issued from the following three fire-department buildings:

- Ballardvale Station, at the corner of Andover Street and Clark Road;
- Spring Grove Station, the cemetery building, at the corner of Abbot Street and Spring Grove Road; and
- West Andover Station, at the corner of Greenwood and Chandler roads.

Senior needs survey

Recently, the Andover Council on Aging distributed a survey designed to assess the needs of the town's senior citizens. The open-ended survey included questions like: "What are the major needs of senior citizens?"; "What can the senior center do to improve its services?"; and "What can the town of Andover do for seniors?"

Andover Council on Aging Chairwoman Marlies Zammito says the council is still analyzing and collecting survey data and expects to release the results sometime next month.

In the meantime, the deadline to respond to the survey is Jan. 20. Copies of the survey are still available at the senior center.

— Andy Ravens

Low-vision support group

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Memorial Hall Library will host a support group for visually impaired and legally blind adults. Participants will be able to share information about support services, new adaptive technologies and the group says it "hopes to chase down all rumors about miracle cures for bad eyesight."

The meeting will be held in the activity room on the lower level of the library from 6 to 8 p.m. For further information, call, Sally Sami 978-475-6846.

Health clinics

The Andover Health Department will have mini clinics on Monday, Jan. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Jan. 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. There will be senior-center clinics from 2 to 3 p.m. on each Wednesday. No appointment is necessary.

Tax bill mailed

Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2003. Third quarter payment is due Monday, Feb. 3. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent. Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessor's office. Applications for abatements must be received in the assessor's office no later than 7:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox in front of Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

Quote, unquote . . .

IT'S A VICIOUS CYCLE. The elderly generally stop driving and they find it hard to get to the center. If they cannot get there, they lose out on the lunch and nutrition program. This obviously raises health concerns.

— Marlies Zammito, on a number of issues affecting seniors, including the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority raising its one-way bus fee from \$1 to \$3. (Story, page 5)

THIS BIG BURLY GUY, he says, "My wife won't let me have one of these."

— Merrill Clark, on a police officer who stopped to talk to him about looking through a telescope late at night in Andover. The officer wanted to look through the telescope too. (Story, page 11)

News Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 9

Council on Aging, Town Offices, third floor, 8 a.m.

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Monday, Jan. 13

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, second floor, 6:30 p.m.

Budget forum, West Middle School Media Center, 7 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 15

Finance Committee, Town Offices, third floor, 7 p.m.

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, first floor, 7:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 p.m.

GUIDELINES FOR HIRING A CONTRACTOR

(Recommended by Jack Petkus, public works director)

• Get together with neighbors. Residents have the opportunity to get a volume discount. And, with more than one pair of eyes and ears, they are more likely to weed out any fraudulent contractor.

• Get more than one estimate and be sure that it is a written estimate so all of the details can be reviewed.

• Get a breakdown of the cost of the services. See what buyers are actually getting for their money. Also, find out how the contractor expects to get paid.

• Ask for references and be sure to call some of them.

• Be on alert for any bids that appear very low in comparison with others. Question that company about why its prices are so low.

• Call the health department to be sure the worker has a permit to perform services in Andover.

• Check his/her license to be sure that it is valid.

• Find out how long the contractor has been performing sewer-connection services. A recent business formation can be suspicious.

• Never pay any money up-front. Most likely, a binder is not required. Rather, pay in progress payments to be sure that the work is being completed.

Calling on more performers for youth-center telethon

There are still time slots available for anyone wishing to perform during the Andover Youth Foundation Telethon at the end of the month. Any kind of performance is encouraged — singing, dancing or playing in a band as well as performing martial arts, comedy or juggling. The "30 Seconds of Fame" spots might be perfect for those

who don't feel they will last through a full three-minute song or dance. The Raising the Roof Telethon will be televised live on local cable Channel 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 28 through Friday, Jan. 31.

Entry forms are available in all school offices, the lobby or DCS office at Town Offices, Memorial Hall Library, the

Town House and the senior center. People can also sign-up over the phone by calling Nomi Yount at 978-470-2921.

The form may also be submitted online from Andover Youth Services Web site at www.andoveryouthservices.com. From the home page, click on "Youth Center," then "Telethonapp."

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Town spending less on snow?

■ SNOW JOBS

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budgeted for all snow-removal costs this year.

Last year, though there had been only 19 inches of snow by mid-February, the town had spent about \$600,000 on snow removal, said DPW Director Jack Petkus at the time. Department of Public Works business manager Dennis Sheehan says that about \$250,000 was returned to the town's general fund last year because it wasn't used. The previous winter, the town went over its \$1.1 million budget on snow removal, thanks to an early March storm.

This winter

Sheehan says that more bills will come in from this December from Andover's more than 60 snow contractors. But, even with them, DPW director Jack Petkus says it's been an easy winter for plowing.

Petkus says that during the biggest storm this winter, on Dec. 25, several factors helped

make snow removal easier – and less expensive. Because it was Christmas, schools were not in session and people were generally staying off the road.

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A plow clears South Main Street this week.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Some owners eye tax abatement

■ PROPERTY TAX

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owner paid \$4,987 annually in taxes. Now, the average single-family house in Andover is assessed at \$470,000. Though the current tax rate of \$11.63, approved by selectmen last month, may be lower, the home's assessment pushed up the average annual tax bill by \$480 to \$5,466. That's a 9.6 percent increase.

Plus, this quarter's tax bill will be the largest of the year.

Symmes explained that the first two quarterly tax bills for fiscal year 2003, which homeowners paid in July and October, 2002, were "estimated bills." Those tax bills were based on the previous year's tax rate.

Now, Symmes said, "It's catch-up time."

He said the third quarterly bill is the highest of the four quarterly tax bills because the new tax rate is used to calculate the bill for the first time. Any under-payments from last July and October also must be paid with the current tax bill, which was issued on Jan. 1 and is due by Feb. 3.

Appealing assessments

Homeowners who believe the town has valued their house too highly can appeal to the assessor's office. Symmes said it was very early in the abatement process as homeowners can file an abatement until the Feb. 3 tax bill deadline. Abatements are typically filed closer to the tax bill deadline, Symmes said. He expects about 200 abatements to be filed by then, which is a typical amount in a revaluation year.

But, these homeowners will not know for three months about an abatement decision. The Board of Assessors has three months from the date of an appeal to make a decision. The Board looks at other properties in the neighborhood and reviews

Exempted from taxes

Andover offers programs to shave tax bill for some seniors, residents

Andover taxpayers over age 70 who meet certain income criteria have the right to file for a tax exemption through the assessor's office. Such an exemption would reduce an Andover tax bill by a maximum of \$1,000 a year.

So far, about 12 seniors have applied for an exemption through the assessor's office. Assessor Bruce Symmes expects more as the deadline for filing is Feb. 3.

In addition, Andover offers seniors the Senior Tax Voucher Program through the senior center. It's another way to shave off money from a senior's tax bill. Andover was one of the first towns in the state to set up the program, according to Kathy Urquhart, assistant director at the center.

It was about eight years ago, she said, when Andover launched the program that matches local seniors with a wide variety of volunteer jobs. Hundreds of Andover seniors have taken part over the years. Currently, about 150 have applied to take part in the program this year,

Urquhart said. Seniors can save up to \$500 annually on their tax bills, in exchange for working 100 hours.

"Seniors are on a fixed income, and I think the program is fantastic," Urquhart said. "It says Andover values seniors and believes they have a lot to offer."

Seniors do work such as mentoring in schools, serving lunches at the senior center, staffing the local compost site, producing a local cable television show called "There's Something About Andover," and providing rides to doctor appointments for seniors who need it.

"It's an amazing range of programs," Urquhart said, adding that Andover has about 5,300 folks over age 60.

Seniors taking part in these two tax programs must meet a list of criteria to qualify. For more information, seniors can contact the assessor's office at 978-623-8264, or the senior center.

Other exemptions are available for veterans and the blind.

— Judy Wakefield

comparable sales and assessments to determine if an abatement will be granted.

Most abatements are granted on the basis of corrected or new information about a house submitted to the Board of Assessors. Examples of past abatements granted show that homeowners corrected the town about the number of bathrooms in the home, the size of the home, its age, or discussed location fac-

tors. A tax-bill increase is not a valid appeal basis. Property value is the basis of an abatement.

Symmes said his office will be open late on the tax-bill deadline day, Monday, Feb. 3. His office will be open until 7 p.m., as will the tax collector's office.



Dan Viscosi, 7 Shipman Road, cleans snow off his wife's car for her. While residents are seeing – and clearing – more snow this year than last, the Department of Public Works is reporting less of a hit on their pocketbooks so far.

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School, selectmen address expanded senior center



Gus Lohrey shares a laugh with two friends who did not want to give their names at the senior center on Tuesday. PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

By Ben Hellman

The School Committee has cautiously welcomed a plan to expand the Andover Senior Center where it is. The Senior Center Task Force has investigated 15 possible locations for a new senior center, but wants the center to remain where it is.

Selectman Mary Lyman and Don Robb, representing the task force, soothed nerves Tuesday with repeated assurances that they are only looking at the ground floor of the senior center building off Whittier Court, and aren't considering the second and third floors presently occupied by school offices.

"The second and third floors are not up for grabs," said Robb. They offered a similar assurance about plans to usurp field space for parking.

Robb said that parking will need to be reconfigured, but taking over field space wasn't on the table. At Monday's selectmen's meeting there had been discussion of using the elevated playing field to the south of Doherty Middle School for park-

ing if space for a new field could be found elsewhere.

School chairwoman Tina Girdwood suggested the task force look at the building's basement and offered the adjoining Memorial Auditorium when it wasn't being used by students.

The task force presented its recommendation to selectmen on Monday. Brian Major and John Hess both discussed creating a community center. But when presented with seniors' support for the existing location rather than the West Andover site where a youth center will be built, Lyman said that the task force's recommendation seemed to carry more weight.

"Where do you put a community center when seniors want to be downtown?" asked Lyman.

The next step will be a selectmen vote on whether to approve the recommendation. Lyman said that if selectmen approve the recommendation, the town will draft a warrant article. The article would request \$290,000 at Town Meeting to pay the cost for design plans.

Senior center proponents:

Weather, cuts exacerbate senior space issue

By Andrew Ravens

Not so long ago, Mary Margerison and Mildred Grosser could always count on finding a parking space and a seat in the cafeteria at the Andover Senior Center. Not so anymore, they say.

"We love coming to the center, but the walk from the far parking lot is long and cold," said Margerison, who finds that the few close parking spaces are always taken. "The people here are wonderful, but they need more space."

Margerison and Grosser are among the seniors looking forward to this Town Meeting, when they expect that residents will be asked to spend \$290,000 to design a senior-center expansion.

"The senior-center issue is not just about money for a new building," said Andover Council on Aging Chairwoman Marlies Zammuto, who spearheads the movement for a larger senior facility. "The issue is about having enough space to make programs available to support senior citizens."

"The senior population is growing and we are not ready," she said.

This year, state budget cuts to elder services and the cold weather have exacer-

ated the situation, according to Kathy Urquhart, the Andover Senior Center assistant director.

She says three services — transportation, the in-house lunch program and Meals on Wheels — have been affected by the cold weather or budget cuts.

Last July 1, the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority raised the one-way "EZ Trans" bus fee from \$1 to \$3. Most Andover seniors live on a fixed income and cannot afford the increase, said Urquhart. Some were forced to stay home, putting a strain on the already taxed Meals on Wheels program.

"It's a vicious cycle," said Zammuto. "The elderly generally stop driving and they find it hard to get to the center. If they cannot get there, they lose out on the lunch and nutrition program. This obviously raises health concerns."

The popular lunch program is federally funded, but still relies on a \$2 donation per meal. According to Urquhart, after July 1, some seniors were forced to forego the donation to afford the bus fair.

Some had to stop coming completely. "The ones who stop coming really suffer," said Urquhart. "Without the

nutrition program, they are not well nourished — that and the weather weaken the immune system and lead to illness."

Space problems are also putting a strain on programs the center provides.

Recently, the center had to move its popular exercise program to Old Town Hall. This decision came with a steep price as the center had to split the class into two and pay the instructor twice instead of once. Other programs, like the spirituality class and men's bridge, are now only offered once a week.

"It's a juggling act," said Urquhart. "We try to do enough for everyone, but we lack the space. The biggest problem with the budget cuts is that we cannot offer our programs as often as we would like to."

Zammuto stresses that programs are still available in Andover and can be of tremendous help to senior citizens during this difficult winter.

"This is pretty severe weather we are having and it does not look like it is going to let up," she said. "We say to all seniors, 'Please reach out to us if you need help. Call the senior center and we can make a home visit.'"

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Education



◀ Candace Price, health education teacher at Andover High, is one of the teachers looking forward to taking part in the student/teacher adviser program slated to begin next month at the school. Teachers supported an initiative two years ago — to give the school a smaller feel — by a two-thirds vote.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

CERTIFICATION REVIEW PANEL

Recommending potential teachers

By Ben Hellman

FORMER ANDOVER SUPERINTENDENT DICK NEAL recommends to the state, professionals who didn't necessarily go to school to teach but who want to become teachers.

Neal sits on the Certification Review Panel, which interviews people from other walks of life, who want to become teachers and think they have the qualifications.

The panel began to encourage talented people in other fields to become teachers in the late 1980s because there was a shortage of teachers. "I really think it serves a purpose," said Neal. He said there is no reason why someone with experience should have to return to school to take more courses. "For the most part they've done probably a lot more than they would have done otherwise," said Neal.

By the time candidates are interviewed by Neal's panel they have already gone through a screening process and written a 15- to 20-page explanation of why they believe they've met the requirements. They also need references and college transcripts. "It's not a back door," said Neal. He said that someone coming from another field will often be paired with a mentor teacher.

The review process has been in place since 1987 and Neal has been on the board for 15 years. The panel is strictly volunteer and Neal spends one day every month doing it. He finds it gratifying. "We've gotten a lot out of the profession. We owe it to the field," said Neal.

Neal said that candidates come from a variety of backgrounds and that another rewarding aspect of sitting on the board is getting to meet many interesting people.

The panel also reviews people who have taught in private schools or teachers who are seeking further certification for teaching, or who wish to become administrators.

After reviewing a candidate, the panel can recommend that the state reject or approve the person, or waive requirements that the person take certain courses. The board only makes recommendations. The candidates have to be certified by the state educator, commissioner, although Neal says he hasn't seen a recommendation turned down.

After the panel recommends a candidate, members don't generally know whether that person actually pursues a job in education, or if he or she actually gets one, says Neal.



Dick Neal, of Twin Brooks Circle and former Andover superintendent, has been on the Certification Review Panel for 15 years.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

ADVISORY PROGRAM AT AHS

Helping teens feel connected at school

By Ben Hellman

Teachers and administrators are trying to make Andover High feel like a smaller, friendlier place.

To that end, AHS is piloting a new advisory program to ensure that every student in the building has regular access to an adult who knows him or her well.

Starting in early February, students will meet twice a week with a classroom teacher in groups of 15.

The sessions will last 25 minutes and will combine students from four grades.

"Adolescence is a tough time. It's easy to opt to become invisible," said Principal Peter Anderson.

He said that the "advisories" will form a safety net for students that could avert a Columbine-type incident, and also allow students to discuss more mundane AHS issues with

one another.

Anderson said that the program has its roots in an initiative two years old that seeks to give Andover High the feel of a smaller school. Teachers supported the initiative by a two-thirds vote. Anderson says it shows a commitment that isn't

seen in other schools. "Our first job is to teach kids, our second job is to teach subject matter," said Anderson.

"As a teacher, I'm anxious to give it a try," said Tom Meyers, social studies teacher and the Andover teachers union representative. "The more that you

can relate to students, the more they feel part of the school."

Teachers had an in-service day to prepare and have had training sessions.

Anderson said that the program will be evaluated in June when it could be altered, scrapped or continued as it is.

SEPAC, Parent to Parent to present Brain Gym



Bonnie Hershey

On Wednesday, Jan. 15, Andover SEPAC and Parent to Parent will present: Brain Gym, facilitated by Bonnie Hershey, M.Ed.

Brain Gym, a registered trademark of Brain Gym International, Ventura, Calif., consists of simple movements to accomplish important developmental steps for the coordination of eyes, ears, hands, and the whole body. The Brain Gym movements are for students of all ages and

abilities. These movements have been shown over the years of clinical experience, in field studies and in published research reports, to prepare children with the physical skills they need to maximize their abilities to learn and function effectively in the classroom.

This event is free and open to the public and will be held in the West Middle School Auditorium, at 7:30 p.m.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Jan. 13-17:

Elementary schools

Monday: Roast pork dinner, hot dog on a roll, pizza stick with soft pretzel, mashed potato, peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas with rice, nachos with cheese sauce, waffles with ham slices, green beans, apple and milk. Lucky tray day.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, krispy tenders, pizza ring with sauce, peas, fruit, milk and brownie for dessert.

Thursday: Pot roast dinner, french toast with sausage, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, carrots, pears and milk.

Friday: Meatball sub, baked chicken nuggets, slice of pizza, corn, oranges and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Roast pork dinner, pizza stick with two soft pretzels, two hot dogs on a roll, mashed potato, peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas with rice, stuffed crust pizza, nachos with cheese sauce, green beans, apple and milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, bakery pizza, krispy tenders, peas, fruit, milk and brownie for dessert.

Thursday: Pot roast dinner, chicken McSchool, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, carrots, pears and milk.

Friday: Meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, baked chicken nuggets, corn, oranges and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Roast pork dinner, stuffed crust pizza, chicken, broccoli and ziti, fruit, veggies and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fajitas with rice, bakery pizza, rotini with meat sauce, fruit, veggies and milk.

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti ilio olio, fruit, veggies, milk, brownies for dessert.

Thursday: Pot roast dinner, bakery pizza, american chop suey, fruit, veggies and milk.

Friday: Meatball sub, stuffed crust pizza, spaghetti and meatballs, fruit, veggies and milk.

Menus subject to change. Lunch prices are: Elementary student \$1.50; adult \$2.25. Secondary student \$1.75 or \$2.50; adult \$2.50 or \$3.25. Questions? Call Karen Pappa at 978-623-8623.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Local students named to Pike School honor roll

Pike School announced the names of Andover students who have achieved high honors and honors for the fall 2002 term. The Upper School students on the high honors list have an A-average in their coursework during the fall term.

HIGH HONORS

9th Grade: Benjamin Nelson, Hang Shawn Xu.

8th Grade: Nina P. Cameron, Tawil Contreras, Katie Cormier, David G. Curtis, Courtney Fiske, Min-Jung Han, Courtney Harris, Cecilia Jou, Michael Naughton, Rachel Rauh.

7th Grade: Christian Anderson, Chelsea P. Barnett, Lydia Dallett, Gillian

Evans, Caitlin Feeney, Hannah Jeton, Max LeSaffre, Connor McKinnon, Wendy Mellin, Kate Stover, Jessica Waters, Michael Zappala.

6th Grade: Emme Arnen, Eliza Campbell, Sara G. Finkle, Anne Gianscy, Emma Goldstein, Catherine McManus, Michaela G. Miragliotta, Ryan Morris, Alina Pechacek, Jim Rickler, Molly Rountree, Jen Samel, Parker Washburn, Zoe Weinberg, Robert Whirly, Lauren Wilmarth, Victoria Wilmarth.

HONORS

9th Grade: Daniel Desruisseau, HyunSeo Kim, Laura E. Notini.

8th Grade: David F. Arrigg, Jillian Bargar, Anna

Boylan, Jamey Caron, Meghan Doherty, Gabriella Grasso, Courtney Harkins, Amy Hilman, Joceline Liriano, Tyler L. Magnin, Elizabeth Mainiero, Matthew E. McGrath, Michael McPherson, Matthew Moschitto, Michael Naughton, Susannah Poland, Trevor Sanders, Jillian Schott, Taryn Schott, Hasan Siddiqi, Corbin Tognoni, Alexandra Yuschik.

7th Grade: Julian Azaret, James Campbell, Ali Comolli, Rebecca Cowie, Sarah Cuffs, Caroline Gerber, Samuel Grant, Anna Harrington, John-Henry Heckendorn, Addison Hunt, Jennifer Hyslip, Matthew Krzywicki, Nicholas Letwin, Elizabeth MacMillan, Piers

McNaughton, Lucian Neville, William A. Notini, Anna O'Neal, Trevor Poole, Andrew Ruiz-Henriquez, Bryan Strock, Max Thorburn, Taylor Wallis, Walker Washburn, Lindsey Weiner, Hannah Weiss, Jessica White, Julian Zeng.

6th Grade: Qaasim Ahmed, Annie Barron, Liza Brecher, Elizabeth Cieri, Nisreen Dahod, Daniel Eisenberg, Spencer Harkins, Allison Katz, Bernard Leed, Cassie K. MacInnes, Kate Majike, James Miller, Christopher Newsome, Nick Poland, Zack Rokos, Christopher Sarantos, Eric Stephens.



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West Middle students named to 1st-term honor roll

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 Eugene Chau
 Joseph Cloutier
 Ashley Coffey
 Emily Cogliano
 Kelly Cooke
 Evan Cooper
 Emily DeLacoste
 Samuel Dempsey
 Colin Desko
 Ryan Donahue
 Sarah Drinon
 Alison Fessler
 Eli Grober
 John Hall
 Emma Hauer
 Julie Ingram
 Olivia Joyce
 Michael Kaluzny
 Stephanie Kent
 Leo Lamontagne
 William Lamontagne
 Alexander Lennon
 Yi-Wei Li
 David Lowenstein
 Katherine Lu
 William Mara
 Meghan McDonough
 Elisabeth McGovern
 Daniel McKeon
 Olympia Papadopoulou
 Caitlin Peterman
 Kasey Quinlan

Jillian Ricciardelli
 Nicholas Rowe
 Brian Russell
 Margot Ryan
 Michael Saccone
 Stephanie Stras
 Elizabeth Sullivan
 Michael Todisco
 Matthew Twomey
 Kathryn Uggerholt
 Tony Xia
 Stephanie Xu

HONORS

Lisa Bourgeois
 Heather Brown
 Karissa Bucca
 Danielle Burke
 Michelle Calabro
 Benjamin Canner
 Timothy Caron
 Alexandra Centrella
 Anthony Cerullo
 Suriya Chakraborty
 Colin Champagne
 Sarah Christ
 Vincent Christiano
 Cecily Givens
 Daniel Gusovsky
 Dennis Hacker
 Laura Harker
 Brendan Hudak
 Sabrina Hunzelman
 Sarah Keller
 Steven LaFortune
 Andrea Leahy
 Sun Lee
 Olivia Li
 Caroline Lyle
 Michael Mahoney
 Adam Marget
 John McIver

Gianni Miceli
 Rebecca Morse
 Amanda Ng
 Katherine O'Connell
 Laura Perry
 Emily Peterson
 Megan Pettoruto
 Natalia Przewozniak
 David Righter
 Marissa Risman
 Clayton Ross
 Melanie Saryan
 Skye Schirmer
 Craig Schwarz
 Emily Selwyn
 Katherine Shields
 Nicholas Stapczynski
 Nicholas Stone
 Elizabeth Tverskoy
 Matthew Washburn

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS
 Allison Alwan
 Gregory Arcidy
 Enca Bakies
 Zachary Burdeau
 Katelyn Caro
 John Caveney
 Vicki Chang
 Ilana Cohen
 Kaitlin Debelien
 Allison DiSalvo
 Paul Dimitruk
 Matthew Doherty
 Evan Doucett
 Kelly Driscoll
 Christopher Esch
 Veda Eswarappa
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 Emily Benham
 Christian Bishop
 David Boudreau
 Lauren Brouillard
 Craig Buckley
 Kristina Yu

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David Adams
 Rebecca Adlman
 Padikuor Akufu
 Melissa Alois
 Hans Bardenheuer
 Emily Benham
 Christian Bishop
 David Boudreau
 Lauren Brouillard
 Craig Buckley
 Kristina Yu

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 Hanyin Cheng
 Samuel Clark
 Francis Conway
 Samuel Cook
 James Crockett
 Deana D'Ambrosio
 Elizabeth Diltroia
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 Jessie Eichman
 Michael Freedman
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 Lauren A. Miller
 Satyam Modi
 Hannah Nichols
 Melissa Alois
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 Emily Benham
 Christian Bishop
 David Boudreau
 Lauren Brouillard
 Craig Buckley
 Kristina Yu

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 Michael Tripp
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Grade 8

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 Erik Anson
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 Sarah Dion
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 Ryan Ferguson
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 Alyssa Sloan
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Phillips Academy announces honor roll

Phillips Academy has announced the names of Andover students on the honor roll for the fall term. To be named to the honor roll, students must maintain at least a 5-point grade average on a 6-point scale.

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Opinion

Tax breaks available to savvy seniors

HOUSING PRICES IN ANDOVER continue to go through the roof. This is not news.

But with town taxes shooting ever higher in a tough economic time, even more seniors this year might be tempted to sell these golden homes and move elsewhere. However, seniors who want to remain in town should know that there remain a number of ways for them to get tax breaks.

Anyone can file for a tax abatement with the town assessor and argue that their house is overvalued. Seniors could compare their homes to other homes to do so, either comparing their homes to ones with lower valuations, or showing why their homes are less posh than ones similarly valued.

Seniors can also apply to join the Senior Voucher Program. Seniors in this program donate 100 hours of their time to town projects in exchange for a \$500 tax credit. It helps the town get more accomplished for less. Information is available at the senior center.

Finally, many seniors can benefit from the state's circuit breaker tax credit, a state tax break triggered when property tax payments exceed 10 percent of a senior's annual income. Seniors must fill out a 2002 tax return to claim the credit, worth up to \$790.

Recently, when a group of residents were asked about what they want Andover to be 20 to 30 years from now, they said they wanted it to keep its variety of people and homes. They feared Andover would become a homogenous town filled with mansions.

Andover's seniors are people from a variety of different economic backgrounds, life experiences and world views. Keeping seniors here, in their homes of all sizes, is of benefit to everyone. Even those selfish few among us who do not care about keeping people in their life-long homes can see that seniors rarely add children to the schools, one of the main drivers of taxes. More deserving seniors should benefit from tax breaks available to them.

Web question

Is the night life all right or all wet?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

To what do you attribute Andover's lowering cancer rates?

Of the 29 people who responded:

- 6, or 21 percent, said "Greater public awareness to risk factors, such as smoking."

- 2, or 7 percent, said "The town-wide smoking ban."

- 7, or 24 percent, said "The clean up of polluted industrial areas like Reichhold."

- 12, or 41 percent, said "Normal fluctuations in such statistics with time."

- 2, or 7 percent, said "Other."

This week's Web question is: **How do you feel about Andover's night life?**

- What night life? The pickings are slim so I go to Boston or elsewhere to unwind and have fun.

- There are a few great restaurants, bars and pubs in Andover, but there's not much else to do.

- My favorite places to go are in town. I never have to cross the border to have a great time.

- I wish there were more nighttime alternatives.

- Other.

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsmen.com.

LETTERS POLICY

THE *Townsmen* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

Letters should be received by the *Townsmen* by Monday at 5 p.m. for consideration in that week's paper. They may be sent by mail, fax or e-mail. As a general rule, the paper does not publish anonymous letters or thank-you letters.

It also does not publish letters for candidates in the issue prior to an election.

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COLD COMFORT



PHOTO BY DAVID GROBER

Like the bronze Red Auerbach at Faneuil Hall in Boston, a snowman - created by students on the West Elementary HighPlainers Destination Imagination team - enjoys the view from a bench in the Park.

LETTERS

There's no avoiding tax man

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Dear town of Andover:

You recently mailed to us a pamphlet entitled "Real Estate Assessments and Taxes - Understanding the Process." Instead of using my tax money for this purpose, please reduce my taxes by the costs of the printing and mailing. If a real need for this information arose, I would be pleased to read it on the town Web site, either from home or from our fine public library.

Really, the tax process is more simple than the pamphlet suggests. Each year, taxes are raised as much as possible - with pleas for more via overrides - to address the ever-growing list of "needs" and demands from various special interest groups. Residents' only real options are paying or moving out of town. Even arguing against a particular expenditure requires sitting through a grueling, multiple-day, driveling town meeting; and, even if able and willing to do that, one is most often drowned out by one of the many groups who come en masse for a special need.

Kevin Coffey
1 Stafford Lane

Correcting 'Past' transgressions

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I have been enjoying the "Past and Present" pictures that you have been including in the *Andover Townsmen* on page 3 each week. Being a native Andoverite and a historian of the area, they have been quite meaningful to me. I must comment, however, that I believe whoever researches these missed the mark on Dec. 26.

Carl Elander's and later Carl Elander & Stan Swanton was always located on the opposite side of the street - where the Royal Jewelers is now located. They were next door to Pop Wilson's News Store and to the Andover Book Store when they were on the corner. The main predecessor to the building now occupied by Kaps was Lawrence Gas and Electric. I remember entering their "Reddy Kilowatt" contest back in the 1940s.

Robert A. Domingue
59 Greenwood Road

The information used by the *Townsmen* comes from a former *Andover Historical Society* calendar. According to the calendar, the business occupied three different Main Street locations during its more than 50 years of business. It was reportedly at 7 Main St. - the pictured location - during the early 1920s.

Guest column

My sister, the swan



Elinor Oberlin

When I was a child, the family lived in Shawsheen Village. My sister and I played together, but Alva, four years younger than I, was also a tomboy, and joined the neighborhood boys in loud and boisterous games of kick-the-can, hide-and-seek, squash, and other games. She was a chubby little girl and that was a great trial to her. She was not really fat, but she "felt fat." She was a target for teasing by a few of the meaner boys. Since she was so sensitive, it did not roll off her back as it would have with a more phlegmatic personality, but made her life a torment for a number of years.

As she went to school and took piano lessons, it became clear that she had multiple talents. She had a fine clear soprano voice; she learned to play the piano very well and, unlike me, didn't mind practicing. She could act convincingly, and had stage presence. She soon became featured in some of Miss Sweeney's productions at Shawsheen School. After she graduated from sixth grade, she went to Abbot Academy, where she got additional training in voice and piano and turned out to be a proficient performer who was not afraid to be on stage - the prospect of which terrified me. I took part in performances from time to time, and appeared before an audience, but I was never comfortable on stage, and it showed. It was clear I would never be an actress.

We were sent away to Camp Waukela in New Hampshire each summer, where we learned to swim well, ride horseback, use a bow and arrow

for target practice. We also took hikes and canoe trips, and learned the different types of trees, ferns and other woodland plants. It was a beautiful area of the White Mountains. We took part in musical productions on a somewhat higher plane than those devised by our elementary music teacher, Miss Sweeney. We sang choral music in three parts. For Parents' Day, we put on a simplified version of a Gilbert and Sullivan operetta in which Alva took on one of the solo parts to great acclaim. (I think I was in the chorus.)

As a senior in high school, I would have enjoyed returning to camp. However, I had chosen a liberal arts college, which ensured that I would graduate with no marketable skills. My parents thought I at least needed to know typing and shorthand so that I would be employable in some capacity, and off the family dole. That summer I attended Katie Gibbs Secretarial School in Lawrence.

Alva, now 14, continued to go to camp in New Hampshire. She was gone for three months. When she came home, she was a different person. The baby fat had disappeared. She was slim, with long legs and a shape; she had long, shiny blonde hair. She was knock-em-dead gorgeous! And she still had all that talent! What do you know? My pesky little sister who had felt like an ugly duckling had turned into a swan!

Suddenly the boys who had teased her sat up and took notice! They buzzed around like bees around honeysuckle. They came to the house by twos and threes. She knew just how to flirt and vamp. I was retained as a sort of duenna to see that no hanky-panky ensued. I was an "older woman," so they didn't pay much attention to me except that occasionally one of the boys would say, "Where have you been all my life?" or make

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Area was without power for longer than reported

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I write in the interest of simple justice. In the interest of the many on Highland Road and Marie Drive and Kathleen Drive who are part of your story, "Trees cut off downtown power" (*Townsmen*, Jan. 2, page 3).

Highland Road and Marie Drive and Kathleen Drive were without power for more than 24 hours, not the mere 13 hours reported. During those extra 11

hours, you would be surprised how much colder an already frigid house can get.

Despite the information reported in a photo caption, Highland Avenue and Heather Drive do not intersect. Highland Road and Heather Drive do. Being a most venerable highway and byway, so old even town officials do not know its birthday, Highland Road moans, aghast at this callous error to a road once

the prime way to the Salem, Peabody and Lynn areas.

Kudos and thanks to the Massachusetts Electric Company. Not only for the repair of downed lines, but also for keeping us warm (or cool) and lit up so many other hours of each year. Periodic power loss is good for us: reminds us of the blessings of electricity.

Robert S. Zollner
249 Highland Road

THE THURSDAY FILE

Much as we may wish to make a new beginning, some part of us resists doing so as though we were making the first step toward disaster.

WILLIAM BRIDGES

Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate.

THOMAS JONES

No one who cannot rejoice in the discovery of his own mistakes deserves to be called a scholar.

DONALD FOSTER

He is winding the watch of his wit; by and by it will strike.

WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life.

ARTHUR ASHE

As far as I'm concerned, "whom" is a word that was invented to make everyone sound like a butler.

CALVIN TRILLIN

Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

JOSEPH RUDYARD KIPLING

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.

WOODROW WILSON

It requires more courage not to fight than to fight.

PROVERB

The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation:

Too often the great decisions are originated and given form in bodies made up wholly of men, or so completely dominated by them that whatever of special value women have to offer is shunted aside without expression.

Best quotation sent:

Everyone who got where he is had to begin where he was.

ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - At 11:15 a.m., Fred Shaheen, 38, of 34 Quincy St. Methuen, was arrested at 500 Minuteman Road and charged on 11 outstanding warrants; one warrant for leaving the scene of an accident, one warrant for driving with a suspended license, one warrant for possession of a class B substance, one warrant for disorderly conduct, one warrant for assault and batter on a police officer, one warrant for assault with a deadly weapon, one warrant for threats to commit a crime, one warrant for malicious damage to property over \$250, one warrant for evading taxi fare, one warrant for failure to identify himself while operating a motor vehicle, and one warrant for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Saturday, Jan. 4 - At 1:39 a.m., a resident complained that she was having trouble with her son. The minor was arrested for assault and battery on a household member.

Sunday, Jan. 5 - At 3:35 p.m.,

David McCutcheon, 47, of 32 Beacon Hill Road, Windham, N.H., was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with operating under the influence of alcohol and having an open container in the car.

Monday, Jan. 6 - At 3:06 p.m., James Evans, 47, of 4 Custer Street, Lawrence, was arrested at 76 River Road and charged with driving with a suspended license, a suspended registration, and driving an uninsured motor vehicle.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - At 11:42 a.m., a 16-year-old Methuen female was arrested at 57 River Road and charged with possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute and having a controlled substance in, on or near a school/playground. She had six dime bags of the substance and a knife, according to police.

At 9:49 p.m., Shariff Johnson, 24, of 37 Mountain Avenue, Dorchester, was arrested at 15 Memorial Circle and charged with trespassing.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - At 5:37 p.m., a Chandler Road resident reported having a bird in her living room. A detective was able to "get Tweety Bird out of the house."

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - At 10:03 a.m., an Old River Road resident reported that during the night someone broke into and tried to steal his Dodge Caravan.

Thursday, Jan. 2 - At 1:18 p.m., a North Main Street resident complained that someone kept taking things from him when he put them down. Another male in the house reported taking a bottle of alcohol away from him because he is not supposed to be drinking.

Friday, Jan. 3 - A Conservation Committee member complained that there were snow mobilers on Chandler Road. An officer gave a man "the word."

Saturday, Jan. 4 - At 2:49 a.m., an officer transported a juvenile prisoner to the Boy's Club.

At 8:41 a.m., a man reported being assaulted by a woman on North Main Street. She spat in his face.

At 7:58 p.m., a Danvers police officer reported that a suspect in an armed robbery was believed to be staying in Andover. An officer checked and did not find the suspect's car at his residence, but remembered seeing it earlier.

Monday, Jan. 6 - At 12:24 a.m., a resident requested an officer speak to his son for making verbal threats to the family. The officer reported being flagged down by the family just as he was leaving. The officer requested back up, then canceled the request.

At 11:57 a.m., a subject came into the lobby to report he was harassed over the internet.

At 2:39 p.m., a resident reported his son was making threats against himself and three kids. The father believed medication for wisdom teeth coming in was making his son act this way.

Tuesday, Jan. 7 - At 8:14 a.m., a resident dropped off a set of keys she found at Dunkin Donuts on Main Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 1 - At 1:52 p.m., a Balmoral Street resident reported his motor vehicle broken into during the night.

Thursday, Jan. 2 - At 6:11 a.m., Raytheon security reported a four-car accident on Route 125.

Friday, Jan. 3 - At 9:56 a.m., a tractor trailer was reported stuck on Riverside Drive.

At 5:55 p.m. an employee at Frames Unlimited reported his car was broken into. A window was broken and the stereo was stolen.

Monday, Jan. 6 - At 5:30 p.m., Hewlett Packard security reported an employee's vehicle broken into.

At 6:28 p.m., security on River Street reported a motor vehicle had been broken into.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Dec. 31 - At 10:56 a.m., a Shattuck Road resident reported that someone stole contents from his wallet.

Friday, Jan. 3 - At 2:18 p.m. a shoplifter was caught on Main Street. The officer spoke to the person and the person's parents.

At 7:07 p.m. a Andover Street resident reported gift certificates stolen.

Saturday, Jan. 4 - At 12:44 p.m., a woman reported her purse was stolen at Doherty Middle School.



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Interest in school seat

■ ECCLES LEAVING

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Christopher Smith. Velazquez is a child psychologist and said he is concerned about the special education budget. He said he has developed special education plans for communities in Maine.

Eccles, of Brookfield Road, joined the School Committee six years ago. The retired Phillips Academy dean and math teacher

said he made his decision at an earlier date, but didn't want to make himself a "lame duck." He said this week's announcement should give any potential candidates enough time to mount a campaign.

The last day to file nomination papers for the town election is Tuesday, Feb. 4. To date no one has taken out papers to run for a School Committee seat in the March election.

From tomboy to 'Showboat' sister's spirit sailed

■ COLUMN

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some other inane remark. On me they were just practicing; she was the main attraction.

She was cast as the lead in several Gilbert and Sullivan operettas; *HMS Pinafore*, *The Mikado*, and *Pirates of Penzance*, given at Philips Academy and a new crop of suitors appeared. Nothing serious ever came of any of these connections - except that there was one lad of whom she was fond. Then came the war - and all the beautiful youths disappeared into the service, many never to be seen

again.

She chose not to go to college, but instead went to New York to try her hand at show biz. She did indeed get a number of parts in Broadway shows, including the part of understudy for Mary Martin, in *One Touch of Venus*. But alas, Mary was never indisposed.


Alva soon became disenchanted with stage life. In words from one of Jerome Kern's songs in *Showboat*, "Life upon the wicked stage ain't nothin' like a girl supposes!" After being pinched once too often by a lecherous leading man, she retired

from the stage, having meanwhile met a handsome Navy Lieutenant. He soon proposed, and my parents heaved a sigh of relief when she left New York for a conventional life in the suburbs. They really had no idea what to do with her, or how to guide her talents, being totally conventional people. Her marriage produced three children, all musically talented and handsome.

She now lives in Northern California, after leading an adventurous life, including living in South Africa for several years. Now married to her fourth hus-

band, she still plays and sings, makes tapes, writes and illustrates children's books, works on the computer and has a big garden. You can't keep the creative spirit down!

Elinor Oberlin, a former Andover resident, writes from California.




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OBITUARIES

Ruth A. Sharpe

Former librarian was lifelong resident of Ballardvale

Ruth A. (Davis) Sharpe, 91, a lifelong resident of the Ballardvale section of Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 5 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Born in Ballardvale, she attended Andover schools and graduated from Pynchard High School, class of 1929.



Ruth Sharpe

She was a librarian at the Memorial Hall Library in Andover and was the last librarian at the Ballardvale Library. She was a member of the Ballardvale Congregational Church and was active in merging the Congregational Church and Ballardvale Methodist Church to form the Ballardvale United Church where she was a member of the Women's Guild. She was currently serving as a volunteer at the Andover Historical Society.

As a lifelong member of Ballardvale, she was active in the community and in the Ballardvale Historical Society. She loved to dance and direct plays and minstrel shows at the "Vales" community room. Her last minstrel show was for Pynchard High School class of 1956.

She had many collections, and her favorite was her collection of fans.

Family members said her passion was Ballardvale and she gave talks and tours about the "Vale" whenever she had the chance. She enjoyed talking about Ballardvale's hey days and enjoyed her many friends from Ballardvale.

She was the widow of Ralph N. Sharpe.

Members of her family include sons and daughters-in-law, Ralph N. Sharpe and Audrey Sharpe of Andover, Clifford A. and Monica Sharpe of Derry, N.H., and Roy Sharpe of Rancho Cordova, Calif.; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover.

Arrangements were by Burke

Funeral Home, 390 Main St., Andover. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Arthur E. Fosse

Was land surveyor

Arthur E. Fosse, 74, of Andover and a winter resident of Atlantis, Fla., died Tuesday, Dec. 30 at the JFK Medical Center in Atlantis.

Mr. Fosse was a self-employed registered land surveyor for Dana F. Perkins and Associates Land Surveying Co. until he retired in 1991.

Born in Boston, he attended Tewksbury schools.

During World War II, Mr. Fosse served in the Marine Corps and was discharged in 1948 as a corporal. In 1951, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and was awarded the rank of airman first class.

Mr. Fosse was a member of the Northeast Builder's Association. He was a member of the Andover Country Club, Vesper Country Club of Tyngsboro and the Longmeadow Golf Club of Lowell.

Members of his family include his wife of 51 years, Emma "Bita" (Salcedo) Fosse; daughters, Cynthia A. Fosse of Lowell, Inga M. and her husband, Kevin Burris, of Hudson, N.H., and Lori J. and her husband, Brad Hamilton, of Lowell; son and daughter-in-law, Arthur E. Jr. and Donna M. Fosse of Andover; four grandchildren; sisters, Edith Perkins of Andover and Elizabeth "Betty" Burgess of Orlando, Fla.; a brother, Lloyd Fosse of Bristol, N.H.; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 295 Devonshire St., Boston, MA 02110.

Arrangements were by Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury. Burial was in Tewksbury Cemetery.

Harold Landy

Until recently, worked full-time in Lawrence resale shop

Harold Landy, 75, of Andover, died Friday, Jan. 3 at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston, after a 13-year struggle with renal cell cancer.

Born in Lawrence, he worked his entire life in his shop, the Broadway Second Hand Store in Lawrence, which was filled with thousands of items ranging

from fine antiques to simple household wares. The store was a meeting place for many antique collectors and hobbyists. Mr. Landy worked there full time until a month ago.

Members of his family include his wife, Betty (Weiner) Landy; son, David Landy; daughters, Susan Nirens, and Rabbi Karen Landy; sister, Jeanette Goldberg; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Funeral services were held at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road, Andover.

Burial was in the Children of Abraham Cemetery in Lawrence.

Memorial observance will be through Thursday evening at his late residence.

Claire S. Buckley

Attended St. Augustine Church

Claire S. (Robinson) Buckley, 82, of Andover, died Tuesday, Dec. 31 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

Mrs. Buckley was a member of St. Augustine Church and a graduate of Framingham State College, class of 1941.

Members of her family include her husband of 59 years, John F. Buckley of Andover; daughters, Susan Buckley of Stoneham, Kathleen O'Neil and her husband, Bracken, of Fairfield, Conn., and Linda Ulerich and her husband, Richard, of Newtown, Pa.; a son, John Buckley of Dover-Foxcroft, Maine; sisters, Suzanne Brown of Worcester, Elizabeth Beaudette of Carson City, Nev., and Ruth Ancheta of Maui, Hawaii; four grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Claire Buckley Fund for Parkinson's Research, c/o Anne Young M.D., Mass General Hospital, 55 Fruit St., VBK 915, Boston, MA 02114.

Arrangements were by Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St. Burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery.

Kenneth C. Landry

Optometrist practiced for 50 years

Dr. Kenneth C. Landry, 77, of Bedford, N.H. and formerly of Andover, Lawrence, and Methuen, died Thursday, Jan. 2 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen.

Dr. Landry was an optometrist, practicing in Lawrence and Methuen for 50 years.

Born in Methuen, he lived in Bedford for the last three years.

He was past president of the Methuen Rotary Club, Lawrence Richelieu Club and

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DEATHS ELSEWHERE

ANNESSE - Patrick R. Annese, 79, of Somerville, Falmouth, Holmes Beach, Fla. and formerly of Charlestown, died Sunday, Dec. 29, of complications from Crohn's disease. Members of his family include his son, Patrick M. Annese and his wife, Janice, and grandchildren, Patrick and Jennifer Annese, all of Andover.

CAVANAUGH - Andrew T. Cavanaugh, 22, of Chelmsford and formerly of Dracut, died Monday, Dec. 30 in an automobile accident. Members of his family include his grandmother, Nellie Polichuk of Andover.

DUSHAME - Frank H. "Doc" Dushame III, 60, of North Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 5, at home. Members of his family

include his brother-in-law, Charles Murnane of Andover.

FOUNTAIN - Francis G. Fountain, 55, of Hampton, N.H., died Monday, Dec. 30 at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen. Members of his family include his mother, Geraldine (Bergeron) Patti and his sister and her husband, Cheryl and Dennis McGuire, all of Andover.

VILLARREAL - Usvelia R. Villarreal, 69, of Robstown, Texas died Friday, Dec. 27 at the Bay Area Medical Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Norma Villarreal and Frank Serna, and her grandchildren, Daniel, Martin, and Nicolas Villarreal Serna, all of Andover.

the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists. He was also chairman of the Merrimack Valley Optical Association.

Dr. Landry attended Sacred Heart Church, Manchester.

Members of his family include his wife, Celine (Labrecque) Landry; sons, Pierre Landry of Auburn, N.H. and Stephen Landry of Nottingham, N.H.; and a niece.

Arrangements were by Lambert Funeral Home & Crematory, 1799 Elm St., Manchester, N.H. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Lawrence.

Dorothy G. Smith

Formerly of Andover

Dorothy G. (Livesey) Smith, 96, of North Andover and formerly of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Prescott Home in North Andover.

She was born in Heywood, England.

She was the widow of Axel W. Smith.

Members of her family include several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, and grand-nephews.

Services will be private and under the direction of the Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover.

Gertrude R. Scully

Lived here since 1985

Gertrude R. (O'Leary) Scully, 84, formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 7 at Westford House Genesis Elder Care in Westford.

Born in Boston, she attended Malden schools. She lived in Medford for several years and moved to Andover in 1985.

She was the widow of Robert P. Scully.

Members of her family include sons, George R. Scully and his wife, Elise, of Reading and John M. Scully of Braintree; daughters, Roberta P. and husband, Joseph, Plati of Andover, Patricia Vercellini of Medford, Susan G. and husband, James, Duda of Andover and Anne and husband, Walter, Cutler of Win-

ter Park, Fla.; 10 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Jan. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m. at Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. A funeral Mass will be said tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 10 at 9 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, Andover.

Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

Angela M. Scherer

Worked as a nurse

Angela M. (Cappiello) Scherer, 95, a resident of Academy Manor Nursing Home, died Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the home.

Mrs. Scherer worked in the spinning department of the Wood Mill for about 20 years and then was a licensed practical nurse at Fernald State School in Waltham for 18 years.

Born in Lawrence, she attended local schools and later received a nursing degree.

Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Henry Jr. and Joan Scherer of Union City, Calif.; a sister, Mary T. Elias of Methuen; two grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were private and under the direction of John Breen Funeral Home, 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

Jeannette G. Munroe

Longtime PA community member, married 57 years

Jeannette Granger Munroe, 94, of Andover and a member of the Phillips Academy community for many years, died Saturday, Dec. 14 in North Andover after a brief illness.

Mrs. Munroe grew up in Jamestown, N.Y. and graduated from Jamestown High School in 1926. She attended William Smith College in Geneva, N.Y.

She served as a law clerk to Lee L. Ottaway, Justice of the

New York State Supreme Court, for many years.

In 1945, she married William Munroe, to whom she was married for 57 years. Family members said it was "unthinkable" to say one name without the other. The couple was known as "Jenny and Bill." Mr. Munroe died last year.

The Munroes moved often, from Boston to Delaware to Michigan, before coming to Andover in 1980. At Phillips Academy, while her husband served as associate treasurer of the academy, Mrs. Munroe immersed herself in academy life.

She created the "Morning Coffee Program" with Abby Kemper, the wife of the former headmaster. The program was for seniors and faculty members who gathered for coffee and conversation. Twenty classes of Phillips Academy seniors took part in the popular program.

Mrs. Munroe also created "Jenny's Joggers," a group of Academy women who jogged together. She also created JAM (Jenny, Abby, Martha), which was a cottage industry that produced hand-painted lamps and lamp shades.

She was a dedicated member of Christ Church in Andover for 42 years. She was also a volunteer reader for children at the Breen School in Lawrence. She was a painter, who delighted in giving friends her watercolors of their homes.

She was also a gifted gardener, an avid reader, and a reckless bidder at bridge, her family said. They described her as "funny, wise, and very giving."

Members of her family include her daughter, Rebecca K. Munroe of Sebastopol, Calif.; a son, the Very Rev. James G. Munroe, dean of Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield; and three grandchildren.

A memorial service will held Saturday, Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. at Christ Church, 33 Central St.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Reading Program at John Breen School, Attn.: Principal Lucille Desmet, 114 Osgood St., Lawrence, MA 01843.

UU to host Bible class Jan. 14

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., will begin a class for adults wanting to hone their "religious vocabulary." Beginning Tuesday, Jan. 14 and continuing on Tuesdays from noon to 2 p.m., the group will have an open and ongoing discussion about 19 women in the Hebrew Bible.

It will be a format that will take into account the actual passages of the Bible that are most relevant to the characters as well as Midrash - stories about stories in the Bible - and the unwritten tales that come from various sources.

Organizers said, "This does not involve homework, only reading the appropriate passages ahead of time if you choose. For those who have read *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant or those who have wanted to read it, please do, it will add to the discussion. This is not a women's only kind of conversation for those men who are interested in the tales of these women. It is open to anyone wishing to come. The more, the merrier."

For more information, call 978-425-4454; or send an e-mail to minister@uuanover.org for an outline and schedule.

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TOWN TALK

While the snow flies

'Tis the season for skiing and snowboarding, and more than 200 Andover kids are enjoying those sports this week because of the town's ski program in Bradford.

Department of Community Services runs the program and reports 233 kids in grades 3 to 8 are taking part this year. That breaks down to 101 kids from the three middle schools and 126 kids from five elementary schools. In addition, six special needs students from Bancroft School also take part. The program runs after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays for six weeks. Andover supplies the buses that take students to and from Bradford, which is located in Haverhill. The kids either bring their own gear or rent it.

This was the first week of the program and this year's snowy winter made for terrific conditions, said DCS recreation director Kim Stamas.

That's a far cry from last year when lack of snow made the program less attractive.

Andover has been offering the program, which costs about \$300 per child, for the past 22 years.

— Judy Wakefield

No fish tale

Finishing touches and a Monday health inspection means that Hometown Seafoods will finally make the big move from Barnard Street to Chestnut Street. Owners Gene and Deborah Marshall of the downtown fish market expect to close early on Sunday and reopen at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday at the new location. There will be a fish fry next Friday.

The Marshalls originally planned to open in November, but said that the inspection process and other setbacks slowed the renovation process.

Hometown Seafoods is moving into the former Earth-food Store space and will boast parking and a sit-down eating area. The larger space will allow more varieties of fish as well as a 2,000-pound capacity lobster pool.

— Ben Hellman

Clowning around in Atlanta

North Shore Music Theatre's Youth Performance Academy has been selected as one of three organizations in the country to be showcased at the Junior Theater Festival — reportedly the first national event designed to honor student musical theater performers.

Andover residents Catherine Charlebois and Briga Heelan have been selected from 10,000 potential applicants to perform a 30-minute showcase of *Godspell, Jr.*

The festival will premiere in Atlanta on Saturday, Jan. 18 and close Jan. 19. Closer to home, the students are performing *Godspell, Jr.* at Gordon College (Barrington Center for the Arts, 255 Grapevine Road, Wenham) Jan. 10-12 in preparation for their trip to Atlanta on the 18th and 19th.

Tickets to *Godspell, Jr.* are priced at \$10 (except opening night, priced at \$50 and \$100) and can be purchased by calling the North Shore Music Theatre box office at 978-232-7200. All ticket sales support the cast traveling to Atlanta to perform at the Junior Theater Festival.

Catherine Charlebois is a sophomore at Andover High School, where she played the role of Eponeine in their production of *Les Miserables* this fall. She was last seen at North Shore Music Theatre in the YPA production of *Once on this Island*.

Briga Heelan, who also attends Andover High, was last seen at NSMT in the YPA production of *Once on this Island*. She has performed as Hedy LaRue in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, and is looking forward to playing Hodel in Merrimack Junior Theatre's *Fiddler on the Roof*.



Merrill Clark of Andover and his 10-inch telescope, a Schmidt Cassegrain. It has the equivalent of a 2,500-millimeter lens. At right is his shot of a full moon over Andover. Astronomy.com chose this November full moon shot as its picture of the day Dec. 30. Clark took the photo, one of hundreds of the moon, using a Meade LX200 12-inch telescope and a Mamiya 645j camera using Kodak Ektachrome 200 slide film exposed for 1/500th of a second.

Shooting the Moon

Clark sees persistence pay off

By Ben Hellman

MERRILL CLARK BRINGS new meaning to the term "shooting the moon."

Clark estimates that he's taken 400 to 500 pictures of the moon since he bought his first telescope in September 2000. Last week: a breakthrough. Astronomy.com, the online site of the magazine *Astronomy*, chose Clark's shot of November's full moon as its picture of the day.

Clark didn't find out that his picture was chosen until 11 that

night when he checked his e-mail and found e-mails congratulating him. "I was very surprised. It seemed all my hard work had finally paid off. All those cold nights, rolls of film being dropped off at Andover Photo in the middle of the night. It was really validation for me that I was on the right track when it came to imaging the moon," says Clark.

Clark is an amateur astronomer, but he admits to doing things in a big way. When his wife, Kimberly, suggested he take up a hobby, he



Above, Clark's August half moon. Below: "Extra-crispy." Clark uses a special filter to take pictures of the sun. The shots are taken in black and white and then colored using Adobe Photoshop. He warns people never to look directly at the sun.

decided to fulfill a lifelong urge and take up astronomy. Then he did something he now advises other people not to do. He bought a telescope for thousands of dollars.

Clark's Meade LX200 12-inch telescope is computerized and has global positioning technology. "I bought too much technology. It can discourage you,"

he says. For a beginning astronomer Clark suggests a Dobson telescope, which is a tube with mirrors and a lens.

But Clark didn't slow down after buying his telescope. Two months later, in fact, he launched the Web site www.andovernights.com to share the photographs he takes and his progress as an astrophotographer. There are examples of his work on the site from his three years of taking shots, and he says there is a clear progression.

"For the first couple of months I had horrible results," he says. Clark says he wants people interested in astronomy or astrophotography to see that you don't just take magazine-quality work right away.

But Clark says that the real fun he has with his hobby is sharing it with others, "having people take a pause from their lives (to look through my telescope)."

Setting up his telescope in the parking lot of Town Offices after midnight, Clark meets a myriad of people he probably would not have met otherwise and exposes them to astronomy.

Wandering teens, dog walkers,

just about everyone is curious about a guy with a telescope in a parking lot, says Clark. "No one

ever knew how active it can be in Andover at 2 a.m. People would just show up and not leave," he says.

On the first night a police cruiser pulled up and a big cop got out and asked him what he was doing. When C l a r k explained he

was just looking at the sky, he says the officer completely dropped his tough demeanor and wanted to look through the telescope. "This big burly guy, he says, 'My wife won't let me have one of these.'"

It wasn't long before three other cruisers filled the parking lot. "These big guys with guns were looking through my telescope," he says.

Another night a couple pulled into the parking lot and it wasn't long before the windows steamed up. But then Clark saw a person wipe a circle in his window and a man got out of the car, leaving his girlfriend behind, to look through the telescope.

His girlfriend is just sitting in the car, mad," says Clark.

Astronomy has given Clark a chance to take a break and enjoy himself. "We all work long hours — (astronomy) really energizes me," he says. Clark works in sales at Hewlett Packard and is a family

man, with three daughters, ages 10 and younger. But astronomy doesn't take time away from his family, says Clark, because they are usually asleep when he does it.

TURNING 150



St. Augustine Church of Andover continues its 150th anniversary celebration Saturday, Jan. 11 with "Twelfth Night: A Celebration in Music, Readings and Prayers." Celebration committee chairperson, Wilda Gerideau-Squires, says the program will feature readings from the writings of St. Augustine of Hippo (the church's patron saint), as well as guest performances by flutist, Julia Scolnik, who is the founder and artistic director of the Andover Chamber Music Series, and gospel soloist Leslie Babbitt, accompanied by pianist, Walter Medley III. The St. Augustine Choir (shown in the photo, led by music director Anita Giardullo Massie) will perform selections by Dave Brubeck and renowned liturgical music composer, Denis Wilde, OSA. Representative Barry Finegold, D-Andover, plans to attend and is expected to bring greetings from the State House. The candlelight service will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be open to the public. For more information, call the St. Augustine Parish Office at 978-475-0050.

MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY NEWS

By Norma Gammon
Community service coordinator,
Memorial Hall Library



HERE ARE SOME of the activities coming up at Memorial Hall Library this month.

CULTURAL EVENTS

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Hear WBZ Radio entertainer Mel Simons tell unknown facts and unusual anecdotes about old-time radio, yesterday's magic in a box, at Memorial Hall Library, Sunday, Jan. 12, at 2 p.m., free to the public.

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 9:30 a.m.

SEA GLASS CHRONICLES by author C.S. Lambert

If you've ever wondered about the origin of those time-worn fragments of glass and pottery that wash up on the beach, here's your chance to get some answers. Author C. S. Lambert from Camden, Maine, has collected sea glass all over the world. She will be at the library on Wednesday morning, Jan. 15 at 9:30 to share her knowledge and discuss her informative book.

She will tell how every shoreline offers up worlds of adventure, archaeology, science, and the arts in the form of sea glass and ceramic shards. She will lead you through these worlds, delighting the eye with colors, textures, and creative compositions while entertaining you with fascinating, true tales of the origins of each shard, whether glass or ceramic.

She will tell you the story behind the design of the original Coca-Cola bottle, let you in on the secret behind the formulation of Lea & Perrins Worcestershire sauce, explain the manufacture of shell-edge pot-

tery and flow blue dinnerware.

Sunday, Jan. 26, 2 p.m. THE LAME SISTERS

From the sweet tunes of Tin Pan Alley, to the steamy strains of European Cabaret music, this talented duo presents music of the early to mid-20th century that has largely been forgotten over the years, but is instantly recognized by audiences everywhere.

Each performance rolls into one show the vocal and fashion styles of Josephine Baker, Edith Piaf, Marlene Dietrich, The Andrew Sisters, and The Kit Kat Klub Girls, to name a few.

JANUARY BOOK SALE

Friends of the Library January Book Sale will be held:

- Friday, Jan. 31, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Sunday, Feb. 2, 1-4:30 p.m.
- Hardcover books are \$2, paperbacks cost \$1. There are many adult and children's books. Come in and do your winter shopping.

MORNING BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 27, 10:30 a.m.
EMPIRE FALLS, Richard Russo

GREAT BOOKS

Jan. 14, 7:30 p.m.
A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM,
Shakespeare

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Jan. 13, 7:15 p.m.
BLACK DOG OF FATE, A MEMOIR
Peter Balakian

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES:

Every Monday, 10 a.m.-noon
Jan. 6 through March 24

CHILDREN'S ROOM NEWS

The Children's Room of Memorial Hall Library is offering a drop-in story time celebrating "Winter Wonders." This special program will highlight winter books, songs, activities and a simple craft for children ages 2 and up. Participants are welcome to choose to attend one of the following programs: Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 9:30 a.m. or Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

In addition, the month of January sees the return of Penny Kohut and her Music for Tots program, thanks to the Friends of the Library. Music for Tots is a fun half hour of music, fingerplays and books for the youngest children up to 36 months of age. Music for Tots will be held on three consecutive Thursdays, Jan. 16, 23, and 30 at 10 a.m. in the Library Hall. A limited number of tickets will be available for each week's program on the Monday before (Tuesday the week of the 23rd due to the Martin Luther King holiday).

Make Way for Toddlers storytime for ages 2 to 3 returns in February on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings at either 9:30 or 10:30. The sessions will begin Feb. 4 and end March 6. Each week participants will hear stories, songs and rhymes, as well as do a simple craft. Limited space is available and registration begins Jan. 21 by stopping by the Children's Room. A brochure will be available in the Children's Room in January.

Saturday morning FilmTrips return on Saturday Jan. 18 at 10 a.m. The 10-week session is a half hour of filmstrips based on storybooks old and new. This program does not require registration and will be held in the Activity Room. Pick up a brochure listing the films to be shown each week, in the Children's Room in January.

For more information about Children's Room programs, call 978-623-8401, Ext. 39.



Photographer Shunda Graham of Andover is Memorial Hall Library's artist of the month.

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One of the features of our homepage is the Internet Picks which are recommended sites under subject headings. We have just added new subjects headings of Biography, Child Care, Computers & Technology, and Time & Money. Under Computers & Technology you'll find some good sites recommended by Dean Baumeister for everything from price comparisons for computer hardware to definitions of technology terms. Time & Money has Currency Converter to find foreign exchange rates and World Clock to quickly check the time difference throughout the world. Some of the topics that are difficult to find reliable sites with a search engine are Health and Law.

The Internet Picks are a good place to start when needing information on an illness or a state or federal law. Don't hesitate to ask if you have questions.

Recently, the National Book Foundation interviewed 15 influential American authors about books that had special meaning to them. Authors such as Andres Dubus III, Joyce Carol Oates, and Lois Lowry spoke about the books that influenced them as writers, readers, and thinkers. These interviews were collected in a 2002 publication titled *The Book That Changed My Life*.

Inspired, we at Memorial Hall Library decided to try a similar project. We asked our staff to share their thoughts on books that have meant something in their lives. The choices were varied: historical novels, philosophical discourses, Young Adult stories, and more. We have collected these titles, along with a few words on what made them so special, in a display on the library's main floor. You can also see them on our Web page at www.mhl.org/tr/RecommendedReads/btcm/default.asp.

We invite you to share the books that have been special in your lives. Submit a title at the online address above, or fill one of the forms at the display site the next time you visit the library. We'd love to add your selections to our list.

Seniors to discuss bus-route options

Seniors who are interested in having the option of transportation on Andover Bus 21 every day, instead of the current weekday-only service, are invited to a meeting Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m. at the Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court.

According to organizers, "In the event of a long weekend, from Friday to Monday or Tuesday, people can find themselves out of funds, out of medicine, and out of food. Why can we not have the same service as our next-door neighbors in the city of Lawrence? ... We invite you, your friends, and your family to join us for a meeting on this subject."

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

National Heritage Museum Trip: We have three spaces left for our Jan. 15 trip to view the special exhibit, "Enterprising Women" at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington. Put together by the Schlesinger Library at Harvard University, this exhibit can be enjoyed only at the Heritage Museum before it goes on national tour. Following our museum visit, we will enjoy lunch at Vinny Testa's restaurant along with time to browse the shops in downtown Lexington. Cost is \$30. Reservations may be made by dropping into the center.

Winter Exercise Classes: There are openings available in most wellness classes for the winter semester. Call the center for further information if you are interested in men's exercise, water workout, tai chi, line dance, low-impact aerobics, women's strength training, or senior modified yoga.

Massage Therapy Appointments: The senior center has a licensed massage therapist on site every Monday morning for seated upper body massage including neck, shoulder, and back work. If the winter weather is getting to your joints, be sure to give us a call and make an appointment. Reduced rate of \$12 for a 20-minute session.

Cardio Conditioning Class: A new eight-week session of cardio conditioning will start today, Thursday, Jan. 9. This class meets at the Andover Training Station under the direction of a certified personal trainer. Individual attention on treadmills, exercise bikes, and other fitness machines. Cost of the class is \$50, and registration is held only through the senior center. Class size is limited.

Cards & Dessert Day: The senior center will sponsor a card and dessert party Sunday, Jan. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Ask a friend, grab that deck of cards. Scrabble

or Monopoly game, chess or cribbage board and sign up to join us. Advance reservations necessary; cost is just \$2. Call Bernadette for further information.

AARP: The AARP group will hold its monthly meeting at the senior center Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. Speakers will be someone from Holy Family Hospital's hearing center as well as a representative from Colette Tours.

Parkinson's Support Group: The Parkinson's support group will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. This group is open to caregivers and family members, as well as those living with the daily challenges of Parkinson's disease. This month's speaker will be Diane Blake from Merrimack Valley Hospice, who will speak to the topic of preparing for the future. Call Kristine at the senior center.

Quilting, Choral Group, and Needle Art: Our quilting, needle art and choral groups all resume this week. For more information, call the senior center.

Sociology of Aging Class: We will team up with Professor Ray Dorney and his Sociology of Aging class at Merrimack College this semester for an intergenerational collaboration. We are looking for approximately 20 seniors who would like to participate in several discussions on the issues of aging. Call Pat Becker at the senior center.

Fix-it Shop: Our fix-it shop volunteers will be on hand from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21 if you have an item for them to take a look at.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group will meet again next Monday, Jan. 13 in the lower level activity room at Memorial Hall Library. Our laptop will be available to help demonstrate any problems, questions, solutions that you might like to discuss. All computer users are welcome.

Movie Matinee: Our next

movie matinee will take place Monday, Jan. 13 at 1 p.m. when we will show the recent release *Mr. Deeds*. Adam Sandler stars as Longfellow Deeds, a down-home guy from New Hampshire who inherits a fortune from his uncle.

Alzheimer's Support Group: All caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend our next Alzheimer's support group Monday evening, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

Drumming Circle: Andover drummer, poet and storyteller Jane Gossard will lead a 90-minute workshop for women of all ages at the center next Thursday, Jan. 16 at 1 p.m. Drums and rhythmic instruments will be supplied, and no experience with drumming is necessary. Come help us heat up a winter afternoon. Reservations appreciated; no charge.

Chinese New Year Celebration: Tickets are on sale for our Chinese New Year celebration, which will be held Wednesday, Jan. 22. The festivities will start at 3:30 p.m. with entertainment by Phillips Academy students, followed by a buffet supper. Cost is \$5, by advance purchase only; there will not be any tickets at the door.

Men's Breakfast: The monthly men's breakfast will be held Friday, Jan. 17 at 8:30 a.m. The after-breakfast speaker will be Andrew Gray, who will be showing an IMAX video entitled *The Truth About Wolves*. Reservations are \$3 and may be made by calling the center.

Friday Forum: On Friday, Jan. 24, a program on water conservation in Andover will be presented by Cynthia Vaughn, water resources coordinator for the town. There is no charge for this community program, which will be held at 9:30 a.m. Give us a call if you would like to attend. Morning refreshments will be served.

Center Closed Jan. 20: The senior center will be closed Monday, Jan. 20 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

SOCIAL NOTEBOOK

A total of 250 supporters of Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm in Andover attended the Irish Tenors' Christmas Spectacular concert Friday, Dec. 6 at Lowell Memorial Auditorium. The fundraiser for the non-profit therapeutic riding program at Ironstone Farm included prime seats and catered pre-concert reception and cocktail party. All proceeds went to benefit the programs at Ironstone Farm, which use horses and the farm environment to help people with disabilities.

The highlight of the evening was a visit to the reception by the three visitors: Ronan Tynan, Finbar Wright and Anthony Kearns. The three reportedly delighted Challenge Unlimited supporters with brief chats, enthusiastic handshakes and posing for photos.

Among the guests were members of the Ronan Tynan Fan Club who had previously contributed to Challenge Unlimited in honor of his birthday. The Fan Club sponsored one of the riders in the Challenge Unlimited program to attend the concert. Sharon Townsend of Salem, N.H., a young woman with cerebral palsy, and also a singer, joined supporters for the reception and found a friend in Tynan as they chatted during the reception.

Tynan, an orthopedic physician, a double amputee, and an avid athlete and rider, has



Ronan Tynan, Irish Tenor, meets Sharon Townsend.

become a role model for Challenge Unlimited constituency who face the challenges of everyday life with a disability.

For more information about Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm, call 978-475-4056, or visit the Web site at www.challengeunlimited.org.

The Department of Community Services steps off the New Year with a guided walk Saturday, Jan. 25 at the Harold Rafton Reservation.

According to organizers, "a surprising number of wild animals can now be found in natural areas in Andover. Join us as we search for tracks and signs of deer, coyote, fox, fisher, and other animals."

Patterns in the snow will be analyzed to show gait and behavior to relate animals to their habitats. If there is no snow, they plan to focus on other signs of life (scat, browse, digs, and burrows). The walk is open to adults and school-aged children pre-registered at the DCS office. The walk is \$15 per person and runs from 9 to 11 a.m. Park on High Plain Road, adjacent to the leaf composting area. Come dressed for the weather: wear waterproof boots and bring extra clothes. The guide will be David Brown, a naturalist and animal tracker, who has led this walking group for the past five years. For DCS registration information, call Mary Donohue at 978-623-8274.

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Sports

AHS ROUNDUP

Girls varsity teams are on a roll

By Rick Harrison

Capt. Sheri Bernstein and sophomore Libby Fortier were all-around standouts as the Andover High girls gymnastics team launched its 2003 season by winning the second annual five-team Gloucester Invitational held recently at Gloucester High.

The non-league meet got the Lady Warriors, multi-time defending Merrimack Valley Conference champions and Massachusetts State runners-up last winter, off to a rousing start.

AHS piled up 136.25 points to beat second-place Beverly, which finished third in the state last year, by more than a point as the Panthers registered a 135.15.

Rounding out the participating teams were Bishop Fenwick of Peabody, Woburn and host Gloucester.

"We were invited but shied away from this meet last year," said coach Julie Chapman. "I felt it was too early."

"We gave it a shot this time around and the girls surprised themselves. We were more ready than we thought."

"The new kids were a little apprehensive about competing in a high school meet for the first time. But it was a lot of fun. I'm glad we did it. It was a good way to start."

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Andover also opened the conference season with a convincing 135.00 to 122.90 win over visiting Tewksbury earlier this week at the Dunn Gym.

The Lady Warriors have now won 26 consecutive dual meets since a 135.55 to 133.60 loss to Methuen on Feb. 4, 1999.

They are also 88-5 in their last 93 and 109-13 since the middle of the 1989 season.

Schedule

The Lady Warriors (5-0) return to action next Monday night at Lowell (7 p.m.), and a week from tonight (Jan. 16) the first of two Blue-Gold intra-squad meets is on tap.

The Blue/Gold will be scored just like a regular dual meet with judging by sanctioned officials. The rematch is Jan. 29.

The Shrewsbury non-league away meet has been moved to Saturday, Jan. 18 at 10 a.m.

Gloucester Invitational

This meet was scored like the North Sectional and State Meets. Every school had six gymnasts competing on each of the four events, with the top four scores used to determine the team total.

Although there was no all-around champion, Sheri Bernstein recorded a 34.60 for Andover and Libby Fortier was close behind at 34.55.

Bernstein contributed a team-high 9.0 on balance beam, an 8.8 in floor exercise, 8.5 in vault and 8.3 on the uneven bars.

Fortier, in her first all-around performance for AHS, tied for team-high on bars with an 8.4 and added an 8.8 on beam, 8.55 in vault and 8.8 in floor.

Capt. Katie Cail was sharp in three events with a team co-high 8.9 in floor, team-high 8.65 in vault and an 8.4 on beam.

Freshman Level 9 Katie Infantine posted a team co-high 8.9 in floor, team co-high 8.4 on bars and scored 6.5 on beam.

Sophomore Meghan Harrington was solid with an 8.55 in floor, 8.1 on

beam and 7.3 on bars. Sophomore Annmarie Cashman produced an 8.45 in vault, 7.9 on beam and 6.9 on bars.

Sophomore Jenn Palermo worked three events and notched an 8.5 in floor, 7.85 in vault and 7.0 on bars.

Freshman Ashley Baldwin took a turn vaulting and chalked up an 8.4.

Andover 135.00 Tewksbury 122.90

Sheri Bernstein had an outstanding night with firsts in three events, the balance beam (9.0), floor exercise (9.0) and uneven bars (8.8).

Libby Fortier was tops in the vault (8.6), tied Bernstein on beam (8.0) and tied for third on bars (8.0).

Freshman Katie Infantine also competed in three events, taking second on bars (8.7), second in floor (8.5) and third in vault (8.4).

Katie Cail scored with a second in vault (8.45) and third on beam (8.5), while also competing on bars (7.6).

Earning a fourth-place each were Annmarie Cashman (beam, 8.2) and freshman Ashley Baldwin (floor, 8.25).

"I wasn't sure how many girls Tewksbury had back from last year, when they had a pretty good team," said coach Chapman. "Originally we had 21 kids listed to perform, but it was reduced to 16 because I thought Tewksbury was stronger and we would need the points."

"Courtney Walls, one of their best kids from last season, is gone and they had an ankle injury to a key gymnast in the warmups before this meet."

"The good thing is we got another awesome team score we weren't even going for. That's another one in the bank (for Sectional qualification)."

Freshman Sarah Coneeny added an 8.1 in vault and 7.9 in floor for the Lady Warriors.

Also competing were Andrea Krivelow (7.6) and Heather Barry (5.7) on beam, Ashley Baldwin (8.0) and freshman Stephanie Theroux (7.9) in vault, Lisa Vallera (7.7) and Rachel Goldman (6.55) in floor.

"We did get some first-year kids up for their first high school meet, which should help get the jitters out," said Chapman.

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Andover did not enter an all-around and that enabled Tewksbury's Ashley Montague to place first with a 32.70.

Montague was third in floor exercise (8.3), tied for third on bars (8.0) and fourth on vault (8.3).

The locals went into the meet without sophomores Meghan Harrington (ill) and Jenn Palermo (out of town).

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

The Andover High girls varsity ice hockey team, which has lost only once in its two-year existence, blanked Waltham, 5-0, trimmed St. Bernard's of Fitchburg, 5-1, and rattled Chelmsford, 7-2, in recent non-league and North Cape League play.

Those results boosted the Lady Warrior skaters to 5-0-1 overall.

Schedule

AHS played long-established Lincoln-Sudbury yesterday afternoon, after Townsman presstime, at Valley Sports Arena in West Concord.

The locals return to action Saturday night (8:30 p.m.) against Arlington High with the first of three straight

home games at Phillips Academy.

Andover 7 Chelmsford 2

AHS struggled for the first two periods before breaking the tight 3-2 game open with four straight goals in the final 15 minutes at the Chelmsford Forum in Billerica.

Adrienne Shea's goal midway through the first stanza gave Andover a 1-0 lead, which was quickly erased 58 seconds later when Michelle Crotty connected for a u p s e t - m i n d e d Chelmsford.

Laura Whitehead, who assisted on the Lions' first goal, put the home team ahead 2-1 with 90 seconds left in the opening period.

AHS regained the lead in the middle session when freshman forward Maria Nasta found the net at 1:58, and Ashley Malins delivered the eventual game-winner at the 6:40 mark for a 3-2 edge.

Capt. Katie Stewart produced the first of four insurance goals at 3:11 of the final period.

Scoring in rapid-fire order about two minutes apart were sophomore forward Kim Chandler (7:31), freshman Amy Marlow (8:20) and freshman Samantha Weinberg (9:45).

Senior defenseman and Capt. Jess Leiter passed out two assists, while solo setups went to blueliner/Capt. Jackie Collins, defender Allison Abreu, freshman defender Liz Roda, Capt. Katie Seero, freshman Kristen Costagliola, Malins, Chandler and Shea.

Andover outshot Chelmsford, 28-15, with Lady Warrior goalies Dolly Beechinor and sophomore Elyssa Slovin combining for 13 stops.

EARLIER GAME Andover 5 Waltham 0

Goalenders Dolly Beechinor (37 minutes) and Elissa Slovin combined for the Lady Warriors' first shutout this season and the third of their two-year existence.

Last winter the AHS girls white-washed Gloucester (4-0) and Mt. St. Joseph's of Brighton (8-0).

The offense was balanced as five players netted a goal each.

"We dominated," said coach Bill McCarthy. "We created a lot of scoring opportunities but had trouble finding the handle to finish off the plays around the net."

"We expected a bit of a letdown after our big game against Masconomet Regional (5-4 win)."

Junior forward and team scoring leader Adrienne Shea gave the locals a 1-0 lead just 1:57 into the game against first-year varsity team Waltham.

It remained 1-0 until Ashley Malins connected at 3:29 of the second period, freshman Maria Nasta and Capt. Jackie Collins collecting the assists.

Andover finally found some breathing room in the final stanza, adding



Liz Pallotta drives to the hoop for the Lady Warriors.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

three insurance goals against the stubborn Lady Hawks.

Nasta's unassisted goal at 6:27 was followed 39 seconds later (7:06) by a Jacqui Munro tally, which came off a crisp passing play with Shea and Capt. Katie Stewart.

Stewart took a pass from Shea, circled the net and fed the puck to Munro who was stationed at the bottom of the slot.

Freshman forward Amy Marlow capped the scoring with her first varsity goal, unassisted, with 21 seconds to play in the game (14:39).

Munro contributed an assist on Shea's game-winning goal.

INDOOR TRACK

The Andover High girls track team rolled to an 80-6 Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet crossover win against Notre Dame Academy of Tynngboro recently, while the boys nipped Lawrence High, 46-40, on the strength of a mile relay victory by the quartet of Robert Kaufman, Ryan Durkin, Vin Errico and anchorman Phil Shaw.

With the triumphs both AHS squads improved to 3-0 overall this season.

Schedule

Yesterday afternoon at the AHS Field House, after Townsman presstime, the boys hosted Methuen and the girls faced Tewksbury in their first MVC Division I dual meets.

**Andover boys 46
Lawrence 40**

Trailing 40-32 with two events left, the Golden Warriors rallied by sweeping the mile and winning the 4x400 relay.

"We never left the meet until the mile," said coach Art Iworsley. "But that race, the relay and our 1-2 finish in the 1000 were the biggest keys."

In the clinching relay, first runner Robert Kaufman gave the locals a nice lead which was extended by Ryan Durkin on the second leg.

Vin Errico and anchorman Phil Shaw stayed several strides ahead on the final two legs as the Andover quar-

ter finished in 3:49.9.

"Lawrence never really challenged after Kaufman took the lead," said Iworsley. "Shaw crossed the finish line four or five yards ahead of their last runner."

The Lancers were timed in 3:51.2.

All four members of the relay were named MVPs and received the popular plaques sporting a white snowflake (with a footprint in the middle) on a blue background.

Earning the crucial sweep in the mile run were winner Shaw (5:13.0), runner-up Pat Twomey (5:14.4) and Brad Sherman (5:14.7).

Shaw's time was about 30 seconds slower than usual — and with good reason.

"We told Phil to run just fast enough to win the race," explained Iworsley. "The mile relay was right after and we needed him to conserve as much energy as possible for the anchor leg."

Placing 1-2 in the 1000 were junior Jeff Sawyer (2:32.3) and sophomore James Primes (2:40.4).

Ryan Durkin was the only other winner for the Golden Warriors, remaining undefeated this season in the two mile (10:17.8).

Contributing additional seconds were Errico in the 50 hurdles (6.9), Kaufman (300 dash, 35.7), Capt. Taylor Hender (600 run, 1:26.0), high jumper Dan Calderon (5'5") and shot putter Jason Shoemaker (36'7").

Adding third places for the locals, who won on superior depth, were freshman hurdler Adam Comeau (7.6), freshman speedster Jason Sheldon (50 dash, 6.0), Bruce Hillman (300 dash, 36.3), sophomore two-miler Sasha Seletsky (11:12.1) and high jumper Anthony Camilo.

Andover girls 80 Notre Dame Academy 6

In addition to being a much stronger team, the AHS girls benefited from the absence of several key NDA athletes who were either injured or away for school vacation.

"We had no intention of running up a big score," said Iworsley. "It was a combination of circumstances that made the meet so one-sided."

The locals placed first in all 10 events and swept the 300, 600, 1000, mile and two-mile races.

Capt. Carolyn Berberian was the meet MVP as she once again scored in two events, winning the 50 dash (6.7) and running the first leg on the victorious relay.

Allison Kerivan duplicated that feat by placing first in the 50 hurdles (8.0) and handling the third leg of the 4x400.

Other individual winners were Amanda Carlson (300 dash, 42.1), Capt. Stephanie Casper (600 run, 1:35.7), Amanda Buchholz (1000 run, 3:10.0), consistent miler Michelle Pirro (5:45.5), two-miler Jazzy Dingler (13:34.0), high jumper Becca Fink (4'8") and sophomore shot putter Felicia Thompson (37'7 1/2").

Joining Berberian and Kerivan on the relay (4:51.9) were freshmen Kelly McGowan and Risa Kent.

Runners-up included freshman Caroline Pierce (50 dash, 6.8), Capt. Ashley Faulk (300 dash, 43.4), Emily Gentile (600 run, 1:42.3), Amy Palmieri (1000 run, 3:12.4), miler Bristol Konjoan (6:17.5), two-miler Chrissy Nigh (14:19.1), sophomore high jumper Corinne Walsh (4'8") and shot putter

Erica Durie (26'9 1/2").

Completing sweeps were freshman Brittany Pierce (300 dash, 43.9), Emily Pearson (600 run, 1:45.6), Emily Farmer (1000 run, 3:21.9), miler Anne Galebach (6:22.8) and two-miler Maggie Putnam (14:37.3).

Jamie Meltz added a third in the hurdles (8.3).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Starting off the game like a true thoroughbred, the Andover High girls basketball team exploded to a 24-4 lead midway through the first half and was never challenged thereafter in another convincing victory, 65-36, over Merrimack Valley Conference crossover rival Billerica Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

The win boosted the undefeated Lady Warriors, who last played eight days earlier, to 7-0 overall and 4-0 in conference play.

After two reasonably close games to open the season, AHS has won its last five by wide margins of 25, 25, 21, 23 and 29 points.

"We played another outstanding first half," said coach Jim Tildsley. "And when it got physical in the second half our second group came in and did a fine job. It was an encouraging performance all-around."

Schedule

The Lady Warriors return to Merrimack Valley Conference play tomorrow night at the Dunn Gym versus Division I foe Lowell (7:30 p.m.). The Red Raiders enter with a 7-2 overall record, the losses to Central Catholic and Merrimack, N.H. High.

The Andover girls have won 20 straight MVC games since a 54-53 loss to Central Catholic on Feb. 5, 2001.

They are also 45-1 in conference games since the beginning of the 1999-'00 season.

Leading scorers

Jenny Muller is the top scorer through seven games with 128 points (18.2 ave.), while Ashley McLaughlin has 101 and Jackie Powers 46.

Andover 65 Billerica 36

The Lady Warriors were once again paced by Capt. Jenny Muller and Ashley McLaughlin, the former with a game-high 19 points and the latter 14.

Muller also had seven assists, five rebounds, two steals and two blocked shots, while A-Mac pulled down nine rebounds and blocked three shots.

Jackie Powers netted seven points, Merry Fish six and Colleen Haugh six. Fish also had five assists, three steals and Haugh seven rebounds.

"Fish played her best all-around game and Haugh, (Kerri) O'Dea and (Arianna) Miliotis at point-guard were very effective," said Tildsley.

Rounding out the scoring were junior guard Liz Pallotta with five points, Matta Kostakis four, O'Dea two and Meagan Merinder a pair of free throws.

Kostakis collected a team-high 10 rebounds and blocked two shots, while Merinder had five boards and Samantha Hughes three steals and a block.

Erin Moseley was the lone player in double figures for Billerica (3-4) with 10 points.

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AHS ROUNDUP

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BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Those results left coach Bill Cullen's Golden Warriors at 2-1-2 overall, including 1-0-1 in the league, and extended the club's unbeaten streak to three games.

Schedule

AHS battled Division 1 Central Catholic last night in a MV/DCL crossover game at the Merrimack Valley Forum.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Chris Vetrano, Kevin Barrett and Jack Barrett combined for 46 points as the Andover High boys varsity basketball team shook the cobwebs from a 10-day layoff to defeat stubborn Billerica, 64-59, in their Merrimack Valley Conference crossover game Tuesday night at the Indians' Ed James Gym.

The triumph hiked the Golden Warriors' record to 5-1 overall and 2-0 in conference play.

Schedule

Coach Dave Fazio's AHS crew is back on the road tomorrow night to battle Lowell (5-3), which placed third in the recent Greater Lowell Holiday Tournament.

The locals then host MVC Division 2 powerhouse Lawrence High (6-2) for a rare Sunday night game at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.).

Next Tuesday night surprising Greater Lowell Holiday Tournament champ Dracut (4-2), sparked by Tourney MVP Brian Zukowski and All-Tournament Team selections Tim Grady and Frank Otero, hosts Andover (7:30 p.m.).

Scoring leaders

Chris Vetrano has 120 points through six games (20.0 ave.), while Jack Barrett boasts 80 points and Kevin Barrett 75.

Andover 64 Billerica 59

AHS raced out to a commanding 19-2 lead at the beginning of the game, and appeared ready to run the host Indians out of their own gym.

But BMHS regrouped and closed the deficit to 27-21 at the half following a 19-8 run of its own.

Billerica, better than its 1-6 record, managed to hang around for the entire second half and cut the deficit to three points with five minutes to play.

Vetrano hit one of his four three-pointers at this juncture, and when Billerica missed at lay-up at the other end the Golden Warriors took charge for good.

Capt. Vetrano, who was called for four offensive fouls and fouled out with about four minutes to play, finished with 16 points and four assists.

Capt. Kevin Barrett shared game-high honors with 16 points, and he added eight rebounds (five offensive), while Jack Barrett tossed in 14 points.

Tyler Richards and Jon Deleo contributed six points each, with all of Deleo's coming from the free throw line.

Drew Watts and freshman forward Bob Hughes completed the attack with four and two points respectively.

Christian Tirella sparked Billerica with 15 points and 10 boards, while John Martell had 14 points. Rory Ellis 12 and freshman point-guard Matt Mastrollo distributed five assists.

Both teams finished with 21 field goals, while Andover converted 16-of-26 free throws and

managed a 6-3 advantage in three-pointers.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High boys swim and dive team, competing for the first time in three weeks, had a double win from Sean Geary while falling from the unbeaten ranks with a 99-82 Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet setback to Chelmsford Tuesday afternoon at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool.

The Golden Warriors dropped to 2-1 overall while perennial MVC and state power Chelmsford improved to 5-1 overall and 3-4 in the conference.

Schedule

Andover is back in the water next Tuesday with a home meet against Haverhill at the Vo-Tech pool (3:30 p.m.).

A meet originally scheduled for tomorrow against Nashua has been changed to Saturday, Jan. 18 with a 2 p.m. start.

A second meet with Nashua is now set for Jan. 22, and no new date has yet been announced for last Friday's snowed-out meet against Central

Catholic at the Lowell High Riddick Field House pool.

Chelmsford 89 Andover 82

The Lions had too many guns for Andover — but no answer for junior standout Sean Geary who touched first in the 200 and 500 free races.

In the 500, defending state champ Geary won his showdown with Chelmsford distance ace Charles Kinnett. Geary finished in 4:55.75 with Kinnett almost seven seconds behind (5:02.28).

Geary cruised in the 200 where he was clocked in 1:50.03.

Junior Nick Saunders registered the other AHS victory in the 100 butterfly (56.88), and he was also second in the 50 free (23.22).

Sophomore Jonathan Meltz played second in both the 200 IM (2:18.10) and 100 backstroke (1:02.78), while other runners-up were sophomore Chris Mullen (100 free, 56.84) and sophomore Tom Avila (100 breaststroke, 1:17.16).

Also second were the 200 free relay of Saunders, Mike Avila, Mullen and Geary (1:40.69), along with the 400 free relay of Geary, Mullen, Meltz and Saunders (3:39.63).

AHS PREVIEWS

By Rick Harrison

The Townsman today continues previews of the 11 Andover High varsity sports teams for the 2002-03 winter season with a look at girls gymnastics and boys gymnastics.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The 2003 Andover High girls gymnastics team is out to prove there is life after Kristin Elsmore and Becky Hass.

The graduation of All-Scholastics Elsmore and Hass, two of the best girls gymnasts in the history of the AHS program now diving for the University of Vermont and Tufts University women's swim teams respectively, will obviously be felt.

Also missed will be grads Jackie Barry (Providence College) and Diana Vining (UPenn).

All four were on Lady Warrior teams that won three Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet titles and swept to both the North Sectional and State Meet championships as well in 2000.

This year's new group of 27, which includes nine new freshman gymnasts, is striving for its own identity.

The locals have already taken several strides in that direction, sweeping to victory in the five-team Gloucester Invitational and opening the Merrimack Valley Conference season with a 135-00 to 122-90 win over Tewksbury at the Dunn Gym (see AHS ROUNDUP, page 14).

"We're the favorite to win the MVC — and I expect us to compete for the whole thing (Sectionals and States) again," said coach Julie Chapman, who begins her 15th year with the program and 13th as head coach.

"We obviously lost a big 1-2 punch in Becky and Kristin, which will hurt us most on bars where both consistently scored 9's."

"But we still have so much depth. Now some of the other girls have a chance to step into the spotlight. It's their turn," said Chapman.

"We showed our strength throughout the lineup right away in the Gloucester Invitational. A couple of our freshmen, Katie Infantine and Ashley Baldwin, are ready to step in immediately and place for us."

"We could be stronger on balance beam this year, and we'll be outstanding again in floor and vault."

The Lady Warriors have won 26 consecutive dual meets since a 135-55 to 133-60 loss to Methuen on Feb. 4, 1999.

They are also 88-5 in their last 93 and 109-13 since the middle of the 1989 season.

Last year Andover placed a close second to Barnstable in the State Championship Meet (138.775 to 138.025), and runner-up to Beverly in the North Sectionals (138.45 to 137.225).

The 2003 team has five seniors, four

juniors, nine sophomore and nine freshmen.

Leading the way are senior Capt. Sheri Bernstein and Katie Cail, both all-around and standouts at the Gloucester Invitational where Bernstein competed in all four events and Cail in three.

Other seniors are Heather Barry (beam, floor), Rachel Goldman (floor) and Lisa Vallera (bars, floor).

Juniors are Ashley Dias (beam, floor), Andrea Krivelow (beam, vault, floor), Laura Lamontagne (beam, floor) and Jenn Mason (vault, floor).

The sophomore group is led by all-around Libby Fortier, who scored 34.55 at Gloucester in her first time as AA for AHS.

Other sophomore leaders are Annmarie Cashman (bars, beam, vault), Meghan Harrington (all-around) and Jenn Palermo (bars, vault, floor).

Also ready to contribute are Bryanna Casey (beam, floor), Andrea Coiro (beam, vault, floor), Danielle Lemire (beam, floor, vault), Aja Nicholson (beam, vault, floor) and Lauren Reed (beam, vault).

At the freshmen level, Level 9 all-around Katie Infantine is ready to step in as a top performer. Other frosh AA's are Ashley Baldwin and Sarah Cooney.

Completing the ninth-grade group are Sheila Tayebi (vault, floor), Siena Brooks (vault, floor), Donna Lamontagne (beam, vault, floor), Sonai Mehta (beam, floor), Jennifer Pavelka (beam,

floor) and Stephanie Theroux (vault, floor).

Lindsay Rudolph, a former AHS standout and UMass Lowell senior, returns for her third year as a volunteer assistant.

Chelmsford may be the only team in the MVC with a remote chance to give Andover a run for its money in the conference.

At the statewide level, old reliables Danvers (four top returners), Baenstable and Beverly figure to be challengers along with Andover for top honors once again.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

The future may be now for the Andover High boys gymnastics team, whose original turnout of 42 candidates is among the highest in the state this year and could be the largest ever at the school.

Sheer numbers do not always translate into wins or success, but veteran coach Jack Gleason looks for the Golden Warriors to be competitive against a small but traditionally strong group of opponents.

He hopes to equal or surpass last year's won-lost ledger of 3-6, with the wins coming at the expense of Salem, N.H. (twice) and Revere.

"We should be better in floor exercise and vaulting," he noted. "We have six gymnasts who can all do the hand-

spring vault, and there is depth in floor although we need to make up the points lost with the graduation of Todd Putnam."

Putnam and Mike Morrissey were the key grads last year.

Returning seniors are all-around Rob Ginsberg, Dan Booth (vault, floor, parallel bars), Dave Fielding (vault, rings), Greg Hartwell (floor, high bar, vault, parallel bars), Justin Ho (floor, pommel horse, high bar, rings), Dan Jaffe (horse, parallel bars, high bar), Kevin Lai (horse) and Mike Zammuto (floor, horse, parallel bars).

Juniors hoping to play key roles include Lyle Brewer (horse), Austin Kastaldi (parallel bars), Scott Ebner (high bar, floor, parallel bars), Josh Kelley (parallel bars, horse), Steve Schade (high bar) and Steve Wong (horse, parallel bars, rings).

Sophomores expecting to place are top floor exercise performer Alex Bergeson, Brad Day (parallel bars), Shaheen Ghanchi (rings), Justin Kumpf (horse) and Geoff Stevens (parallel bars).

Promising prospects among a talented group of freshman are Seth Putnam, Todd's brother, and Mike Fortier whose older sister Libby is a standout on the AHS girls team.

"We did some exhibitions at the middle and elementary schools last year," said Gleason. "It helped create

interest and curiosity in the program."

This is Gleason's 38th year as either a gymnastics coach or judge, and his ninth year in a second stint as AHS head man.

His staff consists of Steve Sirosi, billed as co-head coach, Rick Jaffe and George Walsh.

Sirosi, a private contractor and former AHS gymnast who was the Golden Warriors' sole leader for several years, does double duty as head coach for the fledgling Lowell High boys team.

Jaffe graduated from AHS in 1975 and was also a past head coach for two years, while Walsh is a George-of-all-trades volunteer doing whatever is required.

"Most of the coaches feel Braintree, with everyone returning from last year, will be the team to beat," said Gleason.

Defending state champ Attleboro should also be strong — and that's who Andover opened the dual-meet season with yesterday evening (after Townsman presstime) at the Dunn Gym.

The locals have a non-league meet at Salem, N.H. tomorrow (4:30 p.m.), and tentatively will face Sirosi's Lowell squad next Monday at the Dunn Gym (5 p.m.).

The annual State Coaches Individual Meet is set for Feb. 10 at Attleboro High, with the State Team Championships on Feb. 14 tentatively listed for MIT in Cambridge.

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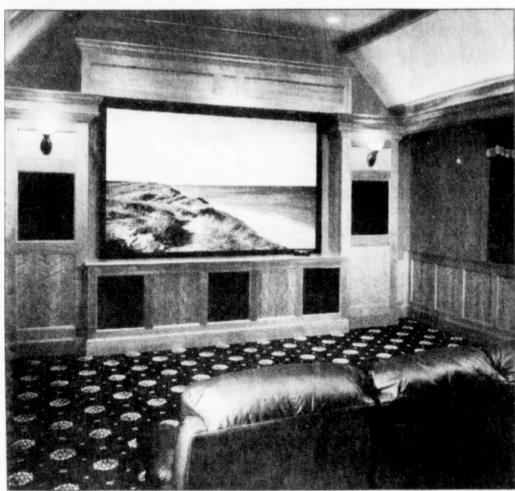
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Pierro tabbed a health-care leader

Andover resident Colleen Pierro has been selected to participate in a "Health Care Emerging Leaders" program with Suffolk University and the Home and Health Care Association of Massachusetts.



Colleen Pierro

Pierro is the director of rehabilitation at the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, and was nominated by the VNA. The program of intensive study at Suffolk University was created by the Association to "give opportunities for middle managers to become health-care leaders of the future," according to the association.

Pierro joins 20 other managers from across the state who were nominated by their agencies because of their commitment, skills, motivation, and potential for advancement.

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Doherty is W&C technical leader

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Customers absorb the tunes in the comfort of a leather couch set up in the store's makeshift home theater, complete with pillows, French doors and track lighting. Future plans call for tossing the couch and offering customers viewing chairs that will be available for customization.

The store is Extended Networking at 63 Park St. in the Park Street Village area.

The feel of Extended Networking is movie theater-ish, appealing to the growing number of homeowners who want a home-entertainment room.

People are staying home more than ever and spending big bucks for at-home entertainment as a result. Media rooms or home theaters featuring giant televisions and surround-sound speakers for the digital video disc (DVD) players are sprouting up in upscale communities. So three 25-year-old high-school friends from Chelmsford with backgrounds in comput-

er networking have joined with one of their fathers to serve Roger Ebert types in Andover.

Company founder Jim Raras Jr. said his company's three other stores - in Bedford, Concord, N.H. and York, Maine - focus on customizing entertainment

rooms. His cozy business scene is a lot different from the scene at the home-entertainment retail giants, and people like it, he said. He said the store's approach to

solving "real life" technology problems, like hiding cable wires behind a wall or combining three remote controls into one, are just as important as the much bigger jobs of installing complete home theaters in people's homes.

"Someone may want to watch a movie in the living room and check the weather on the Internet in the kitchen. We can get them set up," Raras said. "We do it all, from consulting to full-blown theaters."

Design and installation of home-entertainment packages in the \$10,000 to \$50,000 range are typical of what the store has been doing since it opened in late November.

It sells some home-entertainment products, including that 50-inch Plasma-vision Slim Screen by Fujitsu (which sells for \$10,000), cell phones and a line of modular home-entertainment furniture. Viewing chairs for theater seating are expected to be available in a few months.

Jim Wholey is also one of the Chelmsford trio and he flipped open his top-of-the-line Nextel cellular phone, which is sold at the store. He noted how it's customized so he can check game scores on ESPN.com.

The experience of his father, Jack Wholey, who has an extensive background in computer networking, helps these 20-something techies with the business.

"It's all about customization," Raras emphasized. "The demand is out there. And we think a lot of people in Andover are ready for a customized home theater."



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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, January 9

One-act play, *Behind the Mask*, by Andover High School chapter of Students Against Destructive Decisions, free, 6:30 p.m., Collins Center at Andover High, Shawsheen Road; 978-623-8600.

Fundraiser, Empty Bowls Dinner Party, one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls created by students and faculty can be purchased, \$10 each, soup and breads donated by local restaurants and shops, proceeds benefit Haven from Hunger in Peabody, 6 p.m., Milano Dining Hall, St. John's Preparatory School, 72 Spring St., Danvers; 978-774-6727.

Open mike, poetry, free, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescent-dragon.com.

Friday, January 10

Live music, the Music Department of Phillips Academy presents a guitar recital featuring Carles Pons Altés from Barcelona, Spain, works by José de Azpi-

azu, Enrique Granados and Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, free, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy Campus, 180 Main St.; music department, 978-749-4263, www.andover.edu.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, TJ Griffin, James Patterson, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Retreat, the Franciscan Center will hold a Charismatic Retreat, the Greater Obligation, presenters Jerri Lou Buffo and David Thorp; 978-851-3391.

Live music, singer songwriter



Marcus DeLoach



Thomas Bagwell

Vanessa Tien, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Live music, Mark Erelli, \$10-\$12 at the door 8 p.m., Capo's, 98 Middle St., Lowell; 978-453-5755.

Live comedy, Andy Campbell, Jack Lynch, 9 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE.

Saturday, January 11

Candlelight service, St. Augustine Church of Andover continues its 150 anniversary celebration with "Twelfth Night, A Celebration of Music, Readings and Prayers" performances by flutist Julia Scolnik, gospel soloist Leslie Babbitt, with pianist Walter Medley III and the St. Augustine Choir, 7:30 p.m., open to the public, St. Augustine Church of Andover; 978-475-0050.

Live music, the Music Department of Phillips Academy presents a voice recital featuring baritone Marcus DeLoach and pianist

Thomas Bagwell, music by Copland, Bernstein, Gershwin and Sondheim among many others, free, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy Campus, 180 Main St.; music department, 978-749-4263, www.andover.edu.

Workshop, Mindful Listening, four two-hour sessions, Jan 9-31, once a week, led by Rebecca Shafir, MA, 1-3 p.m., the Hallowell Center, 21 Center St.; 978-287-0810.

Fundraiser, the Merrimack Valley YMCA's "Earth Service Corps" is holding a 24-hour rock-a-thon fundraiser beginning at 11 a.m., students are raising pledges by rocking around-the-clock in rocking chairs located in the YMCA's lobby; funds raised support the Earth Service Corps Environmental Summit; Robert Benedict or Danyelle Dutton, YMCA Earth Service Corps advisors at 978-685-3541.

Live comedy, Steve Bjork, TJ Griffin, James Patterson, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live music, two a cappella groups, Duwende and All About Buford, \$12, 8 p.m., doors open at 7:15 p.m., Crossroads Coffeehouse, North Parish Church, North Andover; 978-687-3960, 978-687-7948.

Live music, Marty Berk Trio, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill; tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Live comedy, Andy Campbell, Jack Lynch, 8:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m., R-rated hypnotist Joey Devito every Sat, 10:30 p.m., Jokemavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE.

Sunday, January 12

Live music, the Music Department of Phillips Academy presents a faculty piano recital featuring Duncan J. Cumming, performing works of J.S. Bach, Frédéric Chopin and Carl Maria von Weber, free, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy Campus, 180 Main St.; music department, 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

Auditions, the Colonial Chorus Players of Reading are holding auditions for *HONK*, 1 p.m., for children over six, 7 p.m., for adults, 1249 Main St., Reading; 781-944-9780, www.colonialchorus.com.

Lecture, American Textile History Museum presents, *Tiny Tears to Tea Parties*, slide lecture by Deborah Kraak, co-curator of *Reflections: Fashions, Dolls, and the Art of Growing Up*, on classic dolls, discussion on fashions of dolls and their owners, free with admission, 2 p.m., 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Live Music, Barbara and Al Boudreau Quartet, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill 24-26 Hammat St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

Monday, January 13

Training, Northeast Independent Living Program is hosting the Arts/Cultural Centers ADA Training, to promote access to the arts, culture and community for people with disabilities, Cultural Access Training provides information and technical assistance for accessible cultural programs, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m., NILP, 20 Ballard Road, Lawrence; 978-687-4288.

Workshop, Career Development Center at Northern Essex Community College is holding a workshop on job searching, designed to help create effective resumes, cover letters, interviewing techniques, salary negotiating and more, \$20, 5-8 p.m., Haverhill Campus; 978-556-3722.



All About Buford



Duwende

Auditions, 7 p.m., adults only, see Jan. 12 entry.

Tuesday, January 14

Talk, AARP hosts Holy Family audiologist Deirdre Anderson speaking about hearing problems, free, 1-30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court.

Meeting, Join Andover seniors to talk about the need for public transportation to be available on Saturdays, everyone is welcome, 10 a.m., Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court; 978-623-8321.

Meeting, Newborn Connection Meeting, sponsored by the Mother Connection, a non-profit support organization for families with children up to age 5, will host a meeting for mothers of newborns at 7:30 p.m., Tracy Callahan 978-474-0575.

Storytime, January is story time for children, Tewksbury Public Library, 309 Chandler St., Tewksbury, call for dates and times; Noelle or Karen in the Children's Room; 978-640-4490, Ext. 204.

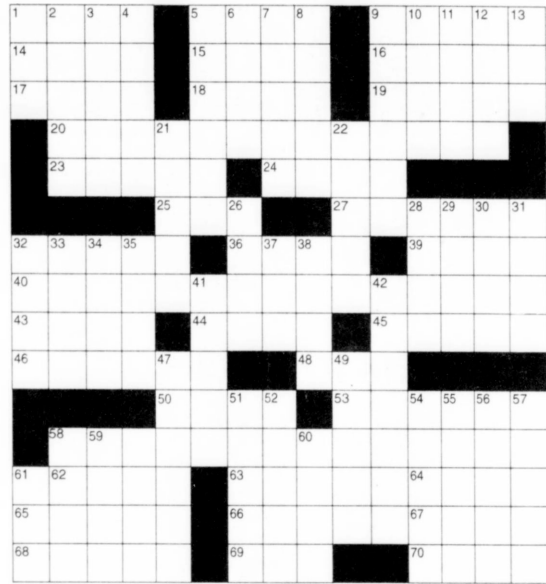
Boating Courses, Newburyport's Merrimack River Flotilla - 83, US Coast Guard Auxiliary presents two programs, Boating Skills and Seamanship, 8-week course, ages 16 through adult, Basic Coastal Navigation, 8-week course for mariners who have already completed Boating Skills and Seamanship, both courses 7 p.m., Pentucket Regional Middle School, Rte. 113, West Newbury/Groveland town lines, registration; 978-346-8408 or 978-462-0275, www.Flottilla38.homestead.com.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

1. Adventure story
5. Flightless birds
9. Pulsate
14. Selfs
15. Corrode
16. French river
17. Dabs
18. Laugh unrestrainedly and heartily
19. A former gold coin in US worth 10 dollars
20. 1962 Zanuck's WWII film
23. Consumer
24. Epic
25. Wood residue
27. Adorned
32. ___ Evert, tennis champ
36. Baseless
39. He fiddled
40. Conrad novel
43. Forearm bone
44. Northeast China city
45. Yellow-fever mosquitos
46. White (Spanish)
48. Grand __, vintage
50. Imitated
53. Removed
58. No win situation
61. Instruct
63. Monetary unit of Western Samoa
64. Square measures
65. Correspond
66. Controls size of aperture of the lens
67. Body language



68. Amphibians
69. Toffs
70. Jells

CLUES DOWN

1. Calendar month
2. A playing marble
3. E. German city
4. Valuable or useful possession

5. Mistakes
6. Lepton
7. Accepted practice
8. ___ throat, illness
9. Blood-sucking African fly
10. Projects away from the rest
11. Capital of Latvia
12. Sole
13. Bumble or queen

21. Fewest
22. Withdraw from drugs
26. Sound system, abbr.
28. ___ Frank's diary
29. Transfer property
30. Goidelic language of Ireland
31. Cheap lodging (slang)
32. European freshwater game fish
33. Any place of pain and turmoil
34. Frog genus
35. Asian country
37. Tooth caregiver
38. Worldly rather than spiritual
41. Similar to the giraffe but smaller
42. Dammar pine
47. Hoards
49. A space set back or indented
51. Coal tar product
52. Spanish River
54. Mounts
55. Sloping mass of rocks at the base of a cliff
56. Choose
57. Tables
58. Linear unit
59. Frosted
60. Latch a window
61. To create from raw material
62. Consciousness of your identity

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Wednesday, January 15

Presentation. Andover SEPAC and Parent to Parent present: Brain Gym facilitated by Bonnie Hershey, M.Ed.; program consists of simple movements to accomplish important developmental steps for the coordination of eyes, ears, hands, and the whole body, free, 7:30 p.m., West Middle School Auditorium; 978-623-8700.

Support Group. the Memorial Hall Library will host a support group for visually impaired and legally blind adults, share information about support services, adaptive technologies and rumors about miracle cures for bad eyesight, 6-8 p.m., activity room on the lower level of the Memorial Hall Library; Sally Sami 978-475-6846.

Thursday, January 16

Dinner and Film. American Textile History Museum presents *Break-*

fast at Tiffinay's, dinner 5:30 p.m., film 7 p.m., reservation required, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org

Lecture slide lecture by local writer Raymond Potvin, author of *The Scalp Hunters: Abenaki Ambush at Lovewell Pond*, 1725, book signing to follow, light refreshments \$4 members; \$5 non-members, 7 p.m., The Buttonwoods Museum/Haverhill Historical Society, 240 Water St., Haverhill, 978-374-4626, www.haverhillhistory.org.

Friday, January 17

Live comedy. Kevin Knox, Greg Boggis and EJ Murphy, \$12, 9:30 p.m., Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Live comedy. Tony V. Tom Portland, Shane Kinney, 9 p.m., Joke-mavens Comedy Club, Guest House Inn and Suites, 159 Pelham St., Methuen; 866-404-JOKE.

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mance, 8 p.m., First Parish Church, Wakefield; tickets call New England String Ensemble office 781-224-1117.

Live music. singer songwriter Steve Hurl, \$8, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Artists reception. Essex Art Center, 5-7 p.m., Main Gallery, *Kyogen*, Works by Leika Akiyama, Hiroko Kikuchi, and collaborative work by Steve Arshman and Ben Sloat, Elizabeth Beland Gallery, *Art as Poetry*, works by Gwendolyn Lanier, Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; 978-685-2343.

Saturday, January 18

Live music. the Music Department of Phillips Academy presents a violin recital featuring Helen Chang and pianist Andrew Goodridge, music by Mozart, J.S. Bach, Stravinsky and Gemmani., free, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy Campus, music department, 978-749-4263, www.andover.edu.

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Reception. held for students, artists, teacher parents and the public for, *Artwork by Youth from Lowell's Public Schools*, free, 1-4 p.m., Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

Antiques. the Greater Boston Antique Festival, general admission \$6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., preview \$10, 9 a.m., Shriners Auditorium, Wilmington, 781-862-4039, www.NEAntiquesShows.com.

Live music. singer songwriter Colleen Sexton, \$10, 8 p.m., The Crescent Dragon, 59 Washington St., Haverhill, tickets; 978-372-5441, www.crescentdragon.com.

Live music. folk singer Ellis Paul, \$15, 8 p.m., tickets at the door from 6:30 p.m., doors open 7:30 pm., New Moon Coffee House, Jct. Rts. 110 and 125, Universalist Unitarian Church, Haverhill; 978-373-9259, www.newmooncoffeehouse.org, advance tickets available at Andover Bookstore.

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Arts & Entertainment

Night life? In Andover?

By Ben Hellman

SO — YOU LIKE THE NIGHT LIFE, you like to boogie? Chances are you go somewhere out of town to do that. But with food, music, bars and ice cream, the Andover late night scene attracts people from in and outside the Merrimack Valley.

From the candle-lit ambiance of Glory to the dressed-down regulars at the Park Street Pub, Andover's handful of bars and late night restaurants cater to a variety of clientele, many of whom are traveling from out of town.

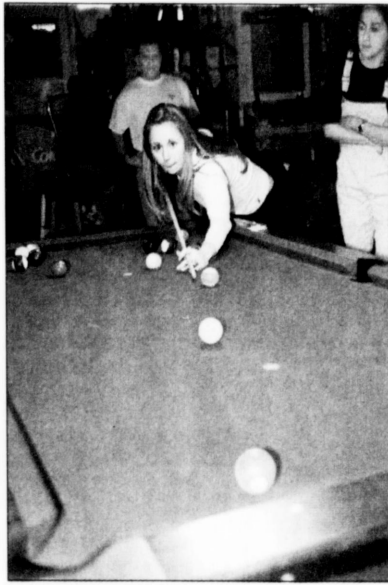
Bartender Kelly Tinkham says that the Park Street Pub is Andover's place where everybody knows your name. "It's very much a neighborhood place. Everybody knows everybody," she said.



Jack Crawford enjoys a pint of ale at Palmers.

But "everybody" isn't necessarily from Andover. The regular crowd draws from Methuen, Reading, and Haverhill at least. Haverhill regular Kristin Durner said that the crowd is generally in their 20s and 30s, and that around 11 p.m. the college students pour in.

Recent UMass graduate Joslyn Evans was there from Reading, where she says there are few bars — and she adds that bars in North Reading are even worse. "There's a lot of



Kristin Abreu lines up a tricky shot at the Park Street Pub.

mullets in North Reading," she said. Glory manager Eileen Eagen says that the stylish, relaxed atmosphere draws people from Boston. On Saturday night she said that four Bruins were sitting at the Essex Street bar.

Others go to chain restaurant/bars such as the 99 Restaurant on Route 133 or the Ground Round on Route 28.

Andover night life seems to be an oxymoron to many residents. Palmers bar manager and Andover resident Joanne Donnelly laughed out loud when she heard the words used together, but then she got serious.

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PALMERS BAR MANAGER AND ANDOVER RESIDENT JOANNE DONNELLY



Palmers bar manager Joanne Donnelly serves up a round of drinks to Edmon Duncan (center) and Wayne Hopkins.



Amy Cressinger and Joslyn Evans bask in the neon glow of the Park Street Pub.

packed," she said. "It's packed when there's music," said Andover resident Wayne Hopkins. Palmers has live groups play blues, R&B, rock and swing Thursday through Saturday. But Hopkins said that Glory, Justin's and Park Street (after basketball) meet his needs. "If you're an old married couple Pasta Village is nice. It's not expensive," said Hopkins.

In a town bereft of mini golf, a movie theater, a bowling alley or a nighttime mall, many teens are forced to flee to neighboring towns for entertainment, but night manager Benny Rios said that Friendly's gets its share of youth's nighttime business. "It was really packed earlier," said Rios on Tuesday night. Rios says that Friendly's is also the post-show destination for theater audiences.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JAN. 9 THRU JAN. 19

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Museum presents, *The French Shops at Filene's, Boston. Bringing a World of Fashion to Washington Street*, explore the history of this Boston institution and its role in the fashion community, free with admission, 2 p.m., 491 Dutton St., Lowell; 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Live Music, Barbara and Al Boudreau Quartet, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill 24-26 Hammett St., Ipswich, reservations recommended; 978-356-7006.

Antiques, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., see Jan 18 entry.

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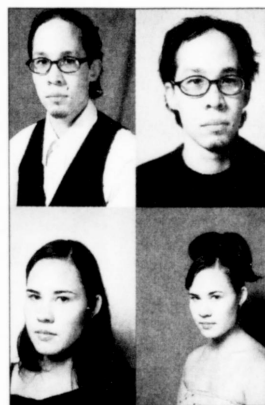
Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; Tour the Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum for a glimpse into life in the early 19th century. Contemporary Andover Artists Series exhibition with paintings of Christine Bobek. The Caroline Underhill Research Library and Archives is open by appointment. The Museum is open

for tours Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 p.m. \$5 admission, students \$3. Call ahead for hours, 978-475-2236 or www.andhist.org.

Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or www.museumofprinting.org.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton St., Lowell; through March 23, *Reflections: Fashion, Dolls, and the Art of*



Photography by Steve Aishman and Ben Sloat is part of the 'Kyogen' exhibit at Essex Art Center. The opening reception Jan. 17 features Vietnamese food; and a Jan. 25 event features the Half Asian Portrait Studio. Call 978-685-2343 for information.

Growing Up, a story about dolls and featuring more than 300 objects from 1810-present; collection of *Four Generations of Sasha Dolls*; photographs of *Dolls & Toys of Native America*; *A Journey Through Childhood*; interaction area for *Playing With Puppets*, play area for *Let's Play Dolls*; fiber and yarn samples for *About Spinning*. Storytime, 2 p.m. a museum educator reads, free with general Museum admission. Followed by an activity January 11 — *King Allie*, Book signing by author Connie Makris. Book available in the Museum Store, Jan. 18 — *The Tub People*, Jan. 25 — *Babushka's Doll*. Museum hours are Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Sunday, and most holidays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission \$6 for adults, \$4 for students, seniors, and groups; free for children under 6 and museum members, parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible, 978-441-0400 or www.athm.org.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John St., Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum,

Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-685-1655.

Custom House Maritime Museum, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

Wenham Museum, 55 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Peabody Essex Museum, The Real Witchcraft Papers, ongoing, The Saltonstall Family Portraits, ongoing; A Folk Art Sampler, ongoing; Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, students; free for children under 16; East India Square, Salem, Mass. 978-745-9500 www.peem.org.

Dracula's Castle, unusual lore of New England focusing on strange ghostly and unexplained events, \$6, \$4 ages 8-14, Saturdays, 7:30 p.m., 90 Lafayette St., Salem, Dan Tremblay 978-777-2711.

Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, gallery hours Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5

Music Together plans free demo class

Music Together of the Andovers will hold a demonstration class Saturday, Jan. 11 at 9:15 a.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.

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p.m., Sun 1-5 p.m.

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Alpers Fine Art of Andover, gallery hours: Wednesday & Thursday 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St., Andover; 978-470-0013.

Town Manager's Offices, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., 978-623-8200.

Essex Art Center, January 17 - February 28, Main Gallery; *Kyogen*. Works by Leika Akiyama, Hiroko Kikuchi, and collaborative work by Steve Aishman and Ben Sloat, in the Elizabeth Beland Gallery; *Art as Poetry*, works by Gwendolyn Lanier, Tuesday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 56 Island St., Lawrence, 978-685-2343.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from the museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century, Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St., 978-749-4490.

Brush Art Gallery, *Artwork by Youth from Lowell's Public Schools*, January 12-February 2, gallery hours Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

McCoy Gallery, at Merrimack College, call for hours, 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

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Whistler House Museum of Art, Wednesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$4, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; 978-452-7641.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Student art work, through January, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Sakowich Campus Center, at Merrimack College, the Fireside and First floor lounges, call for hours; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

McQuade Gallery, at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., closed weekends in January; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

The State of the Art Gallery and Sculpture Garden, Rocky Neck Art Colony, Gloucester, 978-463-8883.

Cape Ann Historical Museum, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., 27 Pleasant St., Gloucester; 978-283-0455.

Memorial Hall Library, Artist of the Month series featuring Monday-Saturday 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m.; 978-623-0400.

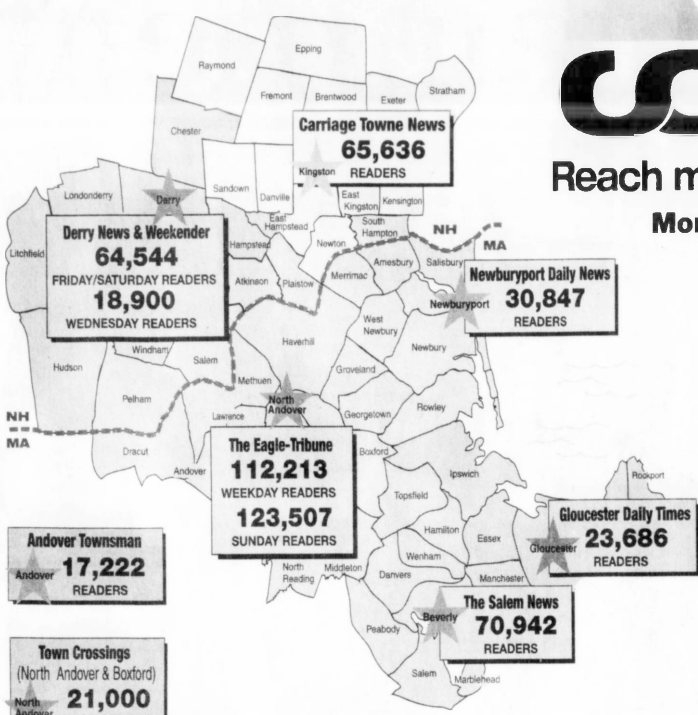
The Saltbox Gallery, fine arts and crafts by 21 artists from the North Shore, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; 49 Main St., Topsfield; 978-887-3844.



Featured in Meredith Willson's "The Music Man" at The Amesbury Playhouse is Ed McGee of Amesbury as Harold Hill, Casey Rose DiDonato of Salisbury as Amariyllis, Bayley Blaisdell of Hampstead, N.H., Andrew Andrade of Lawrence as Winthrop Paroo, and Victoria DiDonato of Salisbury, Melanie Jessel of Boxford, and Carly Miller of Amesbury (lower front) as musicians. The show runs through Jan. 26. Call 978-388-9444 for reservations.

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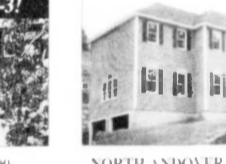
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3 Yardley Road, Methuen! 4 bedroom Colonial, cathedral ceiling family room, 2 gas fireplaces, updated kitchen, 2.5 baths, gorgeous view lot, South School district. Call Ellen Munich 978-475-2201.



ANDOVER - \$559,900
Only a few left! 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath Colonial, granite kitchen, 1st floor study, gas fireplace in family room, 2nd floor laundry, desirable area. Call Jon Maren 978-475-2201.



ANDOVER - \$1,175,000
Above average quality Hip Roof Col on 2.47 ac of land. Located 1 mi from Andover Center & PA. This home offers cul-de-sac safety, country privacy and interior elegance. 104/2.5, 3 fps & much more! Call Coletta Faneole 978-475-8600 x152.



NORTH ANDOVER - \$589,900
Spectacular 9/5/2.5 updated & maintained Col. Hdwds throughout, white kitchen, screen porch, deck, fin LL, c/vac, security. House Beautiful. Coletta Faneole 475-8600 x152.



ANDOVER - \$187,900
Bright & sunny 1 BR mid-level unit at popular Andover Terrace. Very spacious living-dining room, fully applianced eat-in kitchen, generous bedroom w/2 closets. Call Joan Johnson 475-8600 x153.



OPEN SUNDAY 1-3!
NORTH ANDOVER - \$642,900
70 Quail Run Rd, Original owner, 10 room Colonial, beautifully maintained and updated, in prime location! 3 fireplaces, 32' great room with wet bar, granite pool, loaded! Call Elaine Carson 978-475-2201.



ANDOVER - \$647,500
Spacious traditional 8 room Colonial, well maintained, private treed lot, town services, end-of-sac with great commuter access. Call Sally Factor 978-475-2201.



OPEN SUNDAY 2-4!
ANDOVER - \$649,000
9 Marie Drive, 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial, all hardwood floors, 2 fireplaces, screened porch, partially finished walkout lower level to pool. Call Rhonda Goff 978-475-2201.



NORTH ANDOVER - \$799,900
104/3.5 extensively pruned landscaped Col in priv setting. Upgrades include hdwd flooring downstairs, sunroom, serm porch, granite & stainless appliances. Town Services. Call EJ Perdigao 475-8600 x154.



NORTH ANDOVER - \$549,900
104/2.5 garrison in great location! Sunroom w/in-ground pool, lg KIT, FR, front/back master BR. Mature landscaping. C/vac, security, garage. Mary McAlary 475-8600 x165.



NEW PRICE!
NORTH READING - \$319,900
Charming Cape on corner lot. Recent updates include: vinyl siding, roof, appliances, windows, hdwds & tile fls, fin LL & deck. Beautifully landscaped fully fenced yard! Joan Johnson 475-8600 x153.



ANDOVER - \$664,900
Beautiful 10+ room Colonial with hardwood floors, 2-tier deck, sunken family room with Berber w/w, stone fireplace & skylights! Call Libby Webb 978-475-2201.



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!
ANDOVER - \$679,900
19 Avery Lane, Quietest Estates, 9 room Colonial in prime low traffic neighborhood in new school district. Central air, large master suite, 24x24 fireplaced family room. Call Joan Ponti 978-475-2201.



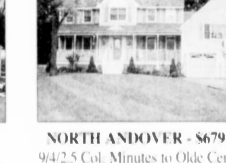
ANDOVER - \$764,900
Updated 8 room Ranch - new fireplaced cathedral ceiling great room, new granite kitchen, 3 new baths, finished lower level, new school district. Call Bernadette Gibson 978-475-2201.



ANDOVER - \$599,900
Antique Cape in PA area! Circa 1705, feats include wide pine fls, fps in LR & DR, spacious master w/full bath, studio w/adjacent storage in LL, gorgeous lot abutting PA grounds! Call Mary O'Donoghue 475-8600 x151.



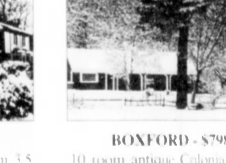
ANDOVER - \$299,900
Attractive 2BR Ranch in nighborhood. Spacious LR, DR & FR. Hdwd flrs, deck, storage shed & garage. Margaret O'Connor 475-8600 x134.



NORTH ANDOVER - \$679,900
94/2.5 Col. Minutes to Old Center, 2 fps, Corian KIT, FR, master ste, hdwds, clair & vac. A must see! Call 475-8600.



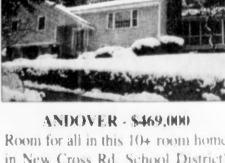
ANDOVER - \$769,000
Johnson Acres! Spacious 10 room, 3.5 bath Multi-level with many custom features, 4 season room, central air and vac, security, oversized 2 car garage. Call Terry McAnally 978-475-2201.



BOXFORD - \$798,000
10 room antique Colonial with stunning cathedral ceiling kitchen/family room/sunroom, 6+ rolling acres with pond, barn, pastures, orchard, 3 car garage. Call Sandra Pinkham 978-475-2201.



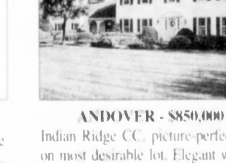
BOXFORD - \$850,000
Gracious 10 room Cape with 9 ceilings, hardwood floors, oversized windows, cathedral ceiling granite kitchen. Private 9+ acre setting with paddock and 4 stall horse barn. Call Anne Gyles 978-475-2201.



ANDOVER - \$469,000
Room for all in this 10+ room home in New Cross Rd. School District! Hdwd flrs, 2 fps, screen porch, town sewer & 2 car attached garage. Cheryl Foster 475-8600 x136.



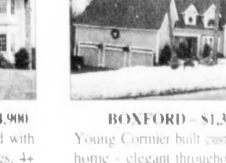
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ANDOVER - \$259,900
Great 2 BR bath condo at The Andover. Easy walk to town & train. 2 parking spaces 1 in garage and 1 outside. Clair & balcony. Margaret O'Connor 475-8600 x134.



JUST LISTED!
ANDOVER - \$850,000
Indian Ridge CC, picture perfect Col on most desirable lot. Elegant w/marble foyer, cherry/corrian KIT, fr, 4 season rm overlooking priv back yard, 3 gar, et/vac & security. EJ Perdigao 475-8600 x154.



NORTH ANDOVER - \$894,900
Contemporary Colonial loaded with quality and details! 4 fireplaces, 4+ bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 3 car garage. Deck with hot tub overlooks conservation land! Call Nuala Boness 978-475-2201.

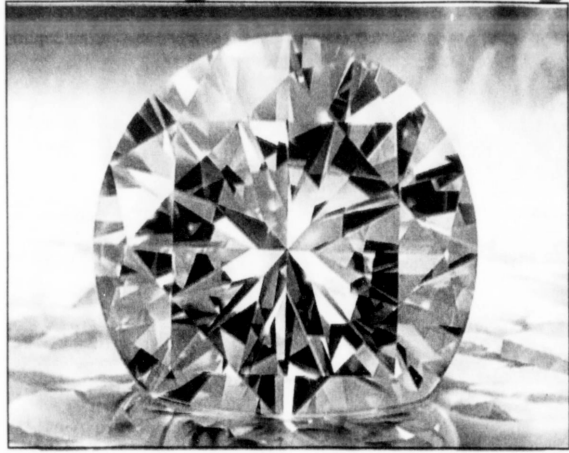


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