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First year under his belt



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Andover Fire Chief Michael Mansfield has been praised for helping to settle disputes and upgrading equipment.

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Michael Mansfield saw a host of issues that needed fixing after being named fire chief in January 2007, from sub-standard equipment to low employee morale as a result of the firefighters' union going more than three years without a contract.

His rookie year nearly complete, Mansfield has earned praise for the progress he's made and for his "open-door policy."

Union President James Landry Sr. said Mansfield has been aggressive in his pursuit of grant money for the department and is always willing to talk with firefighters. The chief often converses with the union members around the station, not just in his office, Landry said.

"He's been good for the department. The communication is there," Landry said. "He's got a lot of good ideas. He wants to be involved."

Rookie year soon behind him, fire chief looks ahead to future challenges

A new union contract was signed in November, ending 40 months of stalled negotiations.

Firefighters have properly-fitted masks and access to eyeglass inserts, which Mansfield said corrected "a huge safety issue." EMS workers now have blood borne pathogen-proof jackets. Manufacturers have repaired equipment that had reflective tape coming off and velcro fasteners failing — at no cost to the town, Mansfield said.

Other initiatives — such as increasing firefighter training and updating the department's standard operating guidelines — are being accomplished, Mansfield said.

On the wall in his office at the Public Safety Center, Mansfield has a dry-erase board with dozens of such tasks listed across two columns. The majority of them have check marks next to them.

Reflecting on his first year as chief, Mansfield said it's about time to wipe the slate clean and make a new list.

After all, a comprehensive study presented to selectmen in December by the chief and a private consultant has identified the need to replace both the west Andover and Ballardvale fire substations. Potential budget cuts threaten departmental services. And this month, negotiations on the next union contract will begin.

First year in Andover
Mansfield said his biggest challenge has been gaining the respect of his department

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THE YEAR AHEAD

Main Street makeover, closed museum in 2008

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

More outdoor dining could be on Andover's menu this year. Page 8.

By mid 2008, the makeover of Main Street's major sidewalks and streetscape should be in full swing. The Addison Gallery of American Art will be closing for a \$30-million facelift. And Andover should have a plan for how it could move its town yard out of the valuable downtown area.

Town planners are hoping 2008 brings progress on several fronts, including a proposal for a highway interchange in Lowell Junction. But according to town Planning Director Paul Materazzo, the most tangible results of the year should occur on Main Street after winter.

"Come the spring and summer [project contractor Newport Construction Corp.'s workers] are going to really ramp up their operation and you're going to really see some changes in the downtown," said Materazzo.

Town Planner Lisa Schwarz has been working "hand-in-hand with business owners for years" as they prepared for the project, Materazzo said. That work should pay off in the form of detailed work schedules made available to business owners.

Schwarz said she expected to meet with the state highway department and Newport again in January before weekly meetings begin. Only 300-foot sections of sidewalk and road are expected to be worked on at a time, limiting the effect of construction on people shopping downtown, Schwarz said.

State highway department crews have begun initial surveying work and Newport is planning to perform drainage work in "spot locations" downtown, Schwarz said.

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Town election not just for candidates this year 2008 is time for Community Preservation Act tax question

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

oped land, create affordable housing and preserve historical buildings and structures.

Andover taxpayers in 2008 will vote on whether to approve a targeted tax hike known as the Community Preservation Act.

If approved, the state will match the money raised, dollar for dollar, so supporters argue it is like doubling the amount of money available for certain projects. Towns must use CPA money only for specific tasks: They can buy undevel-

"We would be getting dollar for dollar with the CPA," said Karen Herman, chairwoman of the Preservation Commission, a group that supports the act. "That money would halve our costs for a restoration project."

Ten percent of CPA money must be used in each of those three cat-

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Youth league's money was used for gambling, guns

Former youth baseball president pleads guilty to stealing \$423,000

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Wilfred Daley used the \$423,000 he stole from the Youth Baseball League of Tewksbury to go on casino trips. He used it to go shopping. He used it to buy rifles and go places in a rental car, according to the district attorney's office.

Now Daley will go to jail. Daley, a 59-year-old Andover resident, former police officer and former president of the Youth Baseball League of Tewksbury, pleaded guilty to two counts of larceny over \$250 on Dec. 20 in Middlesex Superior Court. He admitted to stealing \$423,000 from the youth league between 2002 and

early 2006, and using it for personal items, according to the district attorney's office. He was sentenced to one year in the House of Correction, will serve four years probation and pay \$162,000 back to the league.

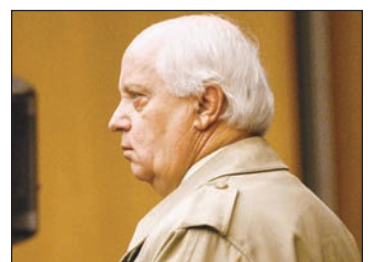
Daley wrote more than 100 checks to himself from the Tewksbury Youth Baseball League account worth approximately \$137,000, according to court documents. He also used the league's ATM and debit

cards to withdraw or spend \$37,700, and wrote more than 175 checks worth approximately \$241,000 to a woman who worked in his Andover law office.

Daley also wired \$4,325 via Western Union to three women in various locations including Las Vegas, Myrtle Beach in South Carolina and Mohegan Sun Casino in Connecticut.

Daley's other purchases includ-

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Wilfred Daley of Andover appears at his arraignment for larceny at Middlesex Superior Court in Cambridge last January.

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2008: Shawsheen Square should see improved traffic flow

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"Andover, one of its biggest attractions it has is its downtown," said Selectman Mary Lyman. "I'm very excited about what I think the outcome will be. It's a long time coming. It's kind of like re-doing your house. You think you're going to get right to it, but then you realize all of the work. But when it happens, you're happy it's done."

Once the Main Street project is completed, Materazzo hopes the planning staff can turn its attention north up Route 28, to the second phase of the Shawsheen Renaissance project.

Shawsheen Square

The goal of the Shawsheen Renaissance project is to improve traffic flow and pedestrian access along the intersection of routes 28 and 133, while also enhancing the area as a go-to destination, he said.

In 2008, Materazzo said a Shawsheen Renaissance advisory board of residents will focus on the Shawsheen Square area between the Tactician building on North Main Street and the Dunkin' Donuts location further north on Route 28.

"The ultimate goal for the planning staff would be that as the Main Street project starts to wrap up, the Shawsheen project starts to get into high gear," said Materazzo.

azzo. "There's been a lot of creative ideas that have spun off the original streetscape project."

Those ideas include: collaboration with the local artistic community and Addison Gallery of American Art to bring outdoor art and landscaping to the area; activating public park spaces for concerts, ice skating, ice sculptures and holiday activities; running public canoeing trips on portions of the Shawsheen River with the Conservation Commission in the spring or summer; and continuing to apply for grant money to make a future Shawsheen riverwalk a reality.

"The group's kind of all over the place because there's so many great ideas," said Materazzo. "Now it's a matter of narrowing down those ideas."

Town yard relocation

Members of the town yard task force are presently analyzing the feasibility of moving the town yard to either 5 Campanelli Drive, a 15-acre, privately-owned property neighboring Greater Lawrence Technical School, or town-owned land off Greenwood and Ledge roads near the former town landfill.

The town yard presently is behind the Public Safety Center, between Lewis, Pearson, North Main and Railroad streets. Materazzo said the task force is expected to

give selectmen a recommendation on where, if at all, to relocate the town yard in either late January or early February.

Upon the selectmen's approval of a new site, Town Meeting action could be needed to enter into an agreement with a private land owner, Materazzo said. The Campanelli Road property, currently zoned for industrial use, is owned and operated by the Burlington-based Gutierrez Co., which contacted the town with interest in a public-private partnership.

Materazzo said he doubted there would be any town-yard related warrant articles at Town Meeting in April.

"You're looking at with the design, engineering and community outreach, at least a year in getting that together," Materazzo said. "As for it to actually be moved, you're talking one to five years. Right now we're only talking about lines on a plan, the preliminary design."

Redevelopment of the current town yard site will also be considered by the town yard task force in 2008.

Materazzo said the space could be used for new office, retail or commercial space or a park-and-ride facility adjacent to the MBTA Commuter Rail station.

"There's a number of needs that this parcel could help facilitate," he

said. "It's expanding the downtown to the transit station, which really would be consistent with the state's sustainable growth standards."

"It's just really an opportunity for the town to take the lead with how they want to sculpt the future of the general business district," he said.

Lowell junction interchange proposal

In the coming weeks, Materazzo said environmental permit applications should be filed with both the state and federal government to develop land surrounding a proposed Interstate 93 interchange in Lowell Junction.

After the permits are filed there is a period for public review and comment.

Materazzo said work will continue between the towns of Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington to determine which interchange design will be used if the project is ultimately approved at the federal level.

"In 2008 I would hope that we have a better understanding of what the interchange design is actually going to look like," said Materazzo. "Hopefully it's a very exciting year."

Town Meeting voters will decide this spring whether to designate 70 acres of land on the west side of the Interstate 93 as a priority de-



File photo

One of the big developments this year will be the closing of the Addison Gallery of American Art in July. The Andover museum, the first devoted entirely to American art, will remain closed until 2010 for a \$30 million renovation and expansion. The project will open up the exhibition areas and allow all of the more than 16,000 objects owned by the Addison to be stored on site.

velopment site, which would expedite the future permitting process on the parcel and open up opportunities for state grants.

With similar proposals also planned in Wilmington and Tewksbury this year, a total of \$450,000 in state funds could be made available under the state's Chapter 43D expedited permitting guidelines, Materazzo said.

"You almost iron out all the con-

cerns ... and say, 'OK, if you want to do business in this development, here's the blueprint,'" said Materazzo of the Chapter 43D process.

Ledge Road landfill

Town Meeting voters will be asked to appropriate \$7.4 million in 2008 to recap the Ledge Road landfill. The current cap over a portion of the nearly 26-acre parcel does not meet state Department of Environmental Protection standards.

"We can't ignore it," Selectman Alex Vispoli said. "It doesn't go away. We're in violation with the state from a DEP standpoint. We have to take care of it as a town and it's the right thing to do."

The landfill — closed to waste disposal in 1973 — is now the home to Deyermund Field, where a soccer field and baseball diamonds were built in the 1980s.

According to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, the first phase of the project will cover all uncapped land, or all areas but the playing fields.

A total of 18 acres are currently used on the site as a municipal public works yard for storage of brush, street sweepings, catch basin cleanings and road construction debris. The next phase will recap eight-acre Deyermund field.

The \$7.4 million appropriation — which follows earlier votes of money dating back to 1997 — should cover all remaining costs for the recapping project, Stapeczynski said.

CPA: Approval will lead to 1 percent property- tax surcharge

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egories. Andover would decide on which areas it wants to spend the remaining 70 percent of the money.

The question will be on the town election ballot on March 25, according to Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

CPA approval will mean a 1 percent tax surcharge for at least five years. For the average taxpayer in town, a "yes" vote would mean paying an additional \$68 next year.

North Andover and Newburyport are among the 120 communities in the state that have already voted in favor of the CPA. Newburyport has picked up \$1.39 mil-

lion in state funds in three years, while North Andover has secured \$4.9 million since 2001.

A "no" vote means you don't support the CPA. The issue was voted down by Town Meeting in 2002, but approved by Town Meeting in 2007. Now, it must be approved at the ballot box.

Communities can choose a CPA surcharge on property taxes from 1 percent to 3 percent. Andover Town Meeting voted to ask residents for a 1-percent tax hike.

Town Assessor Bruce Symmes said the tax rate for 2008 is \$11.69 per thousand of valuation for a single family home in Andover. The average tax bill this year is

\$6,798.53, so a 1 percent annual tax increase on the average tax bill is \$67.99, he said.

If a community votes in favor of the CPA, that tax increase lasts for at least five years. It is expected to bring in more than \$3 million over the five years.

CPA supporters in town have said there are several Andover projects that could benefit from the passage of the CPA. Those projects include renovating Doherty Middle School's Veterans Auditorium, buying undeveloped land for ball fields, improving Memorial Hall Library and building more affordable housing.

Susan Stott, founder of public

housing group Andover Community Trust, said she would love for Andover to join the long list of communities that have signed on. Supporters have established andovercpa.org so voters can learn more about the issue. The town's Democratic Committee is hosting a cable television show next month where the CPA will be

talked about in depth.

However, the CPA passage is not getting support from elected officials in town. Going into Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen did not support the act; the Finance Committee was split 4-4 on the issue.

In 2008, it will be up to taxpaying voters to decide.

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THEN: The Punchard Free School, at 36 Bartlet St, was founded in 1856 by bequest from Benjamin Punchard. The school went from private to public in 1901. In 1957, when a new high school was built on Shawshen Road (now West Middle School), the name was changed to Andover High School.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: The building that once housed The Punchard Free School, is now the home to the Andover Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

Service Club of Andover hosts teen driving forum

More than any issue facing parents of teenagers today, driving is what often sparks the most concern. It's no wonder when nearly half of teenagers in the Commonwealth crash during their first year of driving, according to the Service Club of Andover.

In an effort to inform parents and students about this issue, the Service Club of Andover will host a free Teen Driving Forum at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 16, at the Lucent Facility, 1600 Osgood St., North Andover. Speakers include the Andover Auto School; Debbie Barrowclough, a teen driving advocate who lost her daughter in a 2001 crash; and representatives from Stevens Advanced Driver Training, the founders of Skid School.

"The truth is that, up until recently, our society hasn't been doing enough to prepare our young drivers for a life on the road. Traditional driver education is the first step, followed by involved parents who really take the time with their teens," Brett Bogart, a co-owner and director of Operations at Stevens Advanced Driver Training, said in a release. "The third critical piece to the puzzle is Skid School."

Skid School, a hands-on advanced driver training course, teaches teens how to make panic stops and emergency lane changes; how to avoid tailgating accidents; and how to handle a car in dangerous conditions, such as ice or snow.

"We've worked with Skid

School since 2001, and have encouraged every parent in our area to get their teens trained," said Brad Heim of the Service Club of Andover. "We're convinced that this program makes a huge difference and that's why we put our funding and efforts behind it."

For more information, call 603-296-4094 or visit www.skid-school.us.



Town census

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the beginning of January. Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257 so that they will not be dropped from the census rolls. The census is the only legal way that the town clerk of any municipality can verify residency. Increasingly, the office is receiving requests for residency verification, especially for public school admittance. All registered voters must verify residency each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law, according to the town clerk.

AHS needs museum teachers

Andover Historical Society is seeking volunteer museum teachers who are responsible, friendly, flexible people with an interest or background in history, child care, education, and public speaking. As volunteer museum teachers, participants will teach various programs to local school children on topics ranging from cooking, printing, firefighting, and store keeping. Openings for volunteers begin in September. For information, call Sarah Syez at 978-475-2236 or e-mail ssycz@yahoo.com.

Computer courses

Andover seniors interested in learning more about computers, take note.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley Inc. announces that its SeniorNet Computer Learning Center, at 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence, is accepting registration for fall computer classes beginning the week of Jan. 7.

Course descriptions are as follows:

- Computer Basics II: Mondays, Jan. 7 to Feb. 11, 1 to 3 p.m.

- Basic Graphic: Tuesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 12, 1 to 3 p.m.

- Internet and E-mail: Wednesdays, Jan. 9 to Feb. 13, 1 to 3 p.m.

- Basic One: Thursdays, Jan. 10 to Feb. 14, 1 to 3 p.m.

The SeniorNet Center is designed specifically for senior learners and limited to five students per class. It offers adults over 50, a relaxed setting to learn computer skills.

This session is seven weeks, with two-hour classes scheduled, one day per week. The class fee for SeniorNet mem-

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



My work is from life.

— ANDOVER ARTIST NANCY GRICE talking about her landscape paintings in an upcoming art show. Story in Arts & Entertainment, page 11.

That's what the town needs. We have so many little restaurants. In the nice weather it would be nice to enjoy the hustle and bustle.

— MAUREEN POLLARD, WORKS IN ANDOVER, ON THE IDEA of allowing more outdoor dining, a town effort for 2008. Story in Business, page 8.

We had...the names and a few facts on nine Andover Civil War veterans, whom the records in the Andover Veterans Office told us had been held prisoner (at Andersonville). It was our intent to find any information available on these veterans.

— FRANK RAYMOND OF ANDOVER, a volunteer at the Veterans Service office, writing about his research trip to the National Park in Andersonville, Ga. Story in Townspeople, page 13.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

School Committee special session, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

Housing Trust Fund board of trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, executive session at 6:30 p.m., regular meeting at 7 p.m.

Planning Board site walk, 8 High St., Enterprise Bank, 7:15 p.m.

Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

Board of Selectmen along with

School Committee and Finance Committee Financial Planning subcommittee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 5:30 p.m.

Interstate 93/Lowell Junction interchange task force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

MONDAY, JAN. 14

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

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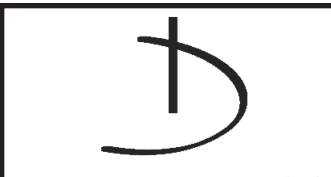
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DALEY: Former league head 'violated trust' of Tewksbury residents

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ed four tickets to Las Vegas for himself and his family, two rifles and hunting equipment, \$525 in expenses at a Maine motel and pub, and items from Coach, Two Guys Smoke and Cigar Shop, Barnes and Noble, Jones NY, Hess gas stations and Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

"All of those involved in youth sports must be counted on to put the needs of our children first," Middlesex District Attorney Gerard Leone said in a recent

press release. "Wilfred Daley violated the trust of all those involved in Tewksbury Little League, serving himself rather than the kids that the funds were intended for."

Daley, a Tewksbury police officer between 1975 and 1984, lived at 9 Fiske St. in Andover near the Tewksbury border until the home was foreclosed in June 2006. He then moved to Seabrook, N.H., with his wife.

In May, Daley was also disbarred by the Suffolk County Supreme Judicial

Court, following a state investigation into his actions while handling a divorce settlement. The investigation revealed Daley still owed a client thousands of dollars dating back to a 2000 marital home sale, according to court documents.

After failing to cooperate with a state investigation, Daley's law license was suspended in June 2006 by the court's Board of Bar Overseers.

The investigation into Youth Baseball League of Tewksbury finances began in

late December 2005, after the town of Tewksbury received complaints from vendors who had not been paid by the league.

According to court documents, in late 2005 an equipment vendor was owed \$40,000 by the league and a Coca-Cola representative \$4,000. Those findings led the Tewksbury Police Department to order the Daleys to provide financial reports or records.

After Daley and his wife Susan Daley, the league treasurer, claimed they did

not keep any obligatory financial records, Wilfred Daley's bank records were subpoenaed. All public, nonprofit sports leagues must also file an annual financial report with the secretary of state, IRS and attorney general's office.

Daley initially pled guilty at a Jan. 9, 2007 arraignment, after being indicted by a Middlesex Grand Jury on Dec. 12, 2006, the result of an eight-month investigation into league finances by the Middlesex District Attorney's Office and Tewksbury Police Department.

POLICE LOG

This log covers incidents from Tuesday Dec. 18 to Monday morning, Dec. 30, because of early production deadlines at the Townsman:

Arrests

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — At 12:56 p.m., Adam Lustig, 25, of 76 Haverhill St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for drug and motor vehicle charges.

At 3:51 p.m., Ross Dunn, 17, of 180 Presidential Drive, Bradford, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

Thursday, Dec. 20 — At 2:40 a.m., Donald Charest, 46, of 147 Haverhill St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 12:25 p.m., Joselino Aiello, 17, of 71 Salem St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 2:03 p.m., Thomas Howe, 43, of 98 Jacques Road, Tyngsborough, was arrested and charged on a warrant for assault and battery and open and gross lewdness.

At 5 p.m., Ariel Atiles, 23, of 454 Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, giving a false name/address to police, and possession of a Class D substance.

Friday, Dec. 21 — At 12:40 p.m., Amanda Haibowicz, 29, of 230 Oakland Ave., Methuen, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

At 1:15 p.m., Robert Dellova Jr., 26, of 2 Crest Drive, Methuen, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 1:55 p.m., Abel Vasquez, 31, of 22 Woodland St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

At 9:44 p.m., Arialka Moya, 18, of 319 Lowell St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for possession of a controlled substance.

At 9:58 p.m., Porfirio Santiago,

48, of 57 Hildreth St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, impeding operation, and having no inspection/sticker.

Saturday, Dec. 22 — At 11:26 a.m., Michael Hamel, 26, of 60 Berwick St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with no inspection/sticker, revoked registration, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Sunday, Dec. 23 — At 2:30 a.m., Christopher Sciortino, 37, of 45 Benton Circle, Reading, was arrested and charged with the second offense of operating under the influence of liquor.

Monday, Dec. 24 — At 10:58 p.m., Carol Groezinger, 59, of 504 South St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with two counts of assault and battery on a police officer, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, trespassing, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 — At 11:37 a.m., Cesar Guerrero, 18, of 1 Hariman St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with contributing to the delinquency of a child, possession of a Class A substance with intent to distribute, and conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

At 12:17 p.m., a 12-year-old male from Lawrence was arrested and charged with possession of a Class A substance with intent to distribute and conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

At 6:35 p.m., Shawn Sullivan, 17, of 135 Autran Ave., North Andover, was arrested and charged with having no inspection/sticker, a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation, and possession of a Class D substance.

At 7:02 p.m., Christopher Rocker, 17, of 287 South Broadway, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 8:02 p.m., Anne Sheehy Ford, 39, of 27 Adam Terrace, Lowell, was arrested and charged with as-

sault and battery on a household member and witness intimidation.

Thursday, Dec. 27 — At 12:54 a.m., Thomas McGinty, 35, of 98 Pleasantview St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

At 7:31 a.m., Yolanda Siguenza, 32, of 57 Basswood Lane, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 11:18 a.m., Keegan Chasse, 19, of 193 Hampstead Road, Derry, N.H., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and speeding.

At 3:07 p.m., Noel Quinones, 25, of 49 Center St., was arrested and charged on a warrant for a motor vehicle violation.

Friday, Dec. 28 — At 3:31 a.m., Kendra Wroblewski, 23, of 73 Stonepost Road, Pelham, N.H., was arrested and charged with a red light violation, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 10:37 a.m., Vanadir Ribeiro, 36, of 900 Central St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 4:11 p.m., Ramon Gomez, 41, of 286 Bartumas Terrace, Nashua, N.H., was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 6:25 p.m., Michael Nugent, 26, of 3 Lamont St., Billerica, was arrested and charged with failure to wear a seat belt, having no inspection/sticker and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 8:30 p.m., Gary LeBlanc, 19, of 190 Hampshire St., Methuen, was arrested and charged as a person under 21 in possession of liquor, a revoked registration, forgery/misuse of a RMV document and driving an uninsured motor vehicle/trailer.

At 11:30 p.m., Peter Ndegwa, 31, of 10 Willard St., Lowell, was ar-

rested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license for operating under the influence.

Saturday, Dec. 29 — At 2 p.m., Robert Sleeper, 20, of 32 Lawrence St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant for receiving stolen property and a license suspension.

At 7:05 p.m., a 16-year-old male from Andover was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

Sunday, Dec. 30 — At 2:24 a.m., Mark Skandier, 24, of 99 Ferry St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with the second offense of operating under the influence of liquor.

At 4:03 a.m., Mark Gabriel, 24, of 13 Copley Drive, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer.

Auto incidents

Friday, Dec. 21 — At 10:33 a.m., larceny of a global positioning system from a motor vehicle was reported on Federal Street.

Monday, Dec. 24 — At 10:59 a.m., larceny of a GPS unit from a motor vehicle was reported on Shattuck Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 — At 10:52 a.m., motor vehicle theft was reported on Rattlesnake Hill Road.

Thefts

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — At 3:55 p.m., larceny of copper was reported on Spring Grove Road.

Monday, Dec. 24 — At 8:49 a.m., larceny of presents from the basement of a home was reported on Abbot Street. There was no forced entry but the resident did have contractors working there recently. Approximately \$300 in toys and tools were taken, said police.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 — At 10:20 a.m., larceny of jewelry was reported on Shandel Circle.

Thursday, Dec. 27 — At 10:13 a.m., larceny of money was reported on Park Street.

Friday, Dec. 28 — At 3:17 p.m.,

larceny of tickets being sent through UPS were reported on Freemont Lane.

At 5:03 p.m., theft of outdoor furniture from a porch was reported on Elm Street.

Breaks

Monday, Dec. 24 — At 9:12 a.m., breaking and entering to a cemetery shed was reported on Reservation Road.

Friday, Dec. 28 — At 6:25 p.m., breaking and entering to a garage was reported on Lowell Street.

Incidents

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — At 7:47 p.m., domestic abuse was reported.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 — At 11:05 a.m., an unattended death was reported on Main Street.

At 5:31 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 8:29 p.m., a noise complaint of loud music was reported on Lowell Street. The noise may have been a vacuum cleaner.

Thursday, Dec. 20 — At midnight, a disorderly disturbance was reported on Haverhill Street.

At 2:11 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 12:07 p.m., domestic abuse was reported.

At 2:33 p.m., mischievous activity was reported on Elm Square.

Friday, Dec. 21 — At 7:56 a.m., an officer suffered a minor injury on North Main Street.

At 11:14 a.m., threats were reported on Main Street.

At 5:21 p.m., counterfeiting was reported on Lucerne Drive.

At 7:22 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Saturday, Dec. 22 — At 10:57 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on North Main Street.

At 11:08 a.m., vandalism to a mailbox was reported on Salem Street.

At 2:25 p.m., shoplifting was reported at CVS on Main Street.

At 4:34 p.m., a missing person was reported on William Street.

At 10:15 p.m., a noise complaint

was received on Hearthstone Place. Sunday, Dec. 23 — At 4:30 p.m., credit card fraud was reported on Smithshire Estate.

Monday, Dec. 24 — At 1:47 p.m., harassment was reported on River Road.

At 4:18 p.m., harassment was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

At 10:24 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on Jenkins Road.

Wednesday, Dec. 26 — At 9:58 p.m., suspicious activity was reported behind La Quinta Hotel and a person was found behind the hotel masturbating.

At 6 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Friday, Dec. 28 — At 1:28 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Lowell Street.

At 7:03 p.m., an officer suffered a minor injury on North Main Street.

At 8:22 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Haggetts Pond Road.

Saturday, Dec. 29 — At 12:04 p.m., a missing person was reported on Salem Street.

At 6:34 p.m., an assault was reported on Balmoral Street.

At 11:35 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Sunday, Dec. 30 — At 3:36 a.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Auto accidents

Tuesday, Dec. 18 — At 7:16 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Shawsheen Road.

At 8:34 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Central Street.

Thursday, Dec. 20 — At 3:18 p.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on Dascomb Road.

At 4:10 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Salem Street.

Friday, Dec. 28 — At 11:58 a.m., a four-car crash with personal injury was reported on Lowell Street.

Saturday, Dec. 29 — At 12:39 p.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on Bellevue Road.

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Obituaries

Evelyn Lewis, 79

ANDOVER — Evelyn (Jacobsen) Lewis, 79, of Andover, died Monday, Dec. 31, 2007 at Beaumont Nursing Center in Northborough after a long fight with Alzheimer's disease. She was predeceased by her husband, William Lewis, who died in 1996; her daughter, Kathleen Chattin of Tampa, Fla.; her sister, Arlene Harrison of Staten Island, N.Y.; and her brother, Stanley Jacobsen of Telemark, N.J.

She leaves her daughter, Lynn Ribeiro of Hampstead, N.H.; her son, William Lewis of Northborough; her sister, Joan Haakonsen of Boonton, N.J.; her grandchildren, Kaitlyn and John Sarantos, William, Melissa, Matthew and Christopher Lewis, Jason and Jes-

sica Chattin; step-grandchild, Jeff Ribeiro; great-grandchild, Angelina Gonzalez; and several nieces and nephews.

Born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y., she graduated from Bay Ridge High School and worked as a secretary for many years.

She was active with the charitable Marines Toys for Tots Foundation. She married William in 1947, moved to New Jersey and later Andover, where she raised her family and worked for 20 years as office manager for the CA Wood Estate.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to call today from 5 to 7 p.m.

DEATHS

**Evelyn Lewis, 79
Nora M. Maroney, 89
Gerry C. Morrison**

at the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover, MA 01845. Her funeral service will be at 7 p.m. following the visitation hours today at the funeral home. Flowers are welcomed but for those who wish memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts, In Memory of Evelyn Lewis, 220 Pawtucket Ave., Lowell, MA 01854. For directions or to leave online condolences, please visit www.confeterialhomes.com.

ANDOVER — Nora M. "Nonie" (Lorigan) Maroney, a resident of Andover for 33 years, died in St. Petersburg, Fla. after a long struggle with Alzheimer's Disease.

She was born in Haverhill in 1918, one of five children, to Michael Lorigan and Elizabeth Murphy Lorigan, who had immigrated to Haverhill from Ireland.

She attended St. James Grammar School and graduated from Haverhill High School in 1937.

Her husband's career in chemical engineering took the family to many different places over the years — Portsmouth, N.H., Oak Ridge, Tenn., Baltimore, Morgantown, W.V. and eventually back to the Merrimack Valley, to Andover.

She worked at Sutherland's Dept. Store for several years and then found her true vocation — she became the house keeper at St. Augustine's Church.

For 25 years, she took care of the priests and of the rectory — cooking, cleaning, organizing, and looking after the priests as if they were her sons.

In 1989, she was affiliated to the Order of St. Augustine, an honor which was accorded to her because of her loving service to the Augustinians for so many years.

The widow of Walter Maroney, she is survived by her three children, Judith Churchman of St. Petersburg, Fla., Mary Corman and her

husband Jim of Schenectady, N.Y. and Walter Maroney and his wife Karen Rosenberg of Manchester, N.H. She was a loving and supportive grandmother to Leigh Percival of Arlington, Timothy Percival of St. Petersburg, Fla., Elizabeth Corman of Seattle, Jennifer Corman of New York, N.Y., Elias Rosenberg-Maroney of Manchester, N.H. and Ezekiel Maroney-Rosenberg of Manchester, N.H.

She was truly loved by her four great-grandchildren, Allison, Jessica, Corey and Martin. She was predeceased by her brothers, Michael (Harpy), and John and her sister, Anna, and she is survived by her brother, Joseph, of Haverhill.

Our "Nonie" was gentle, kind, humorous, non-judgmental, hard working and really giving of herself. We all miss her enormously.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to attend a memorial Mass, which will be celebrated on Saturday, Jan. 12 at 11 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. A private interment service will be conducted at St. Patrick's Cemetery in Haverhill.

Condolences may be sent to the David C. Gross Funeral Home at www.davidcgross.com. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in "Nonie's" memory to the "Nora Maroney Memorial Fund" in care of Mary Maroney Corman, 2222 Budd Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12309.

This fund will be used to provide financial support for the elementary school associated with the Parish of Our Lady of Mercy in Kloof, South Africa, where Father Al Ellis is now located.

For many years, "Father Al" was Nonie's pastor and friend at St. Augustine's Church and supporting his work was always very important to her.

Gerry C. Morrison

WESTBROOK, Maine — Gerry C. Morrison died in her home on Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007.

She was born in Manchester, N.H., a daughter of Edmund and Alice Primeaux Caron.

Gerry moved to Boston where she served as an airline stewardess for Northeast Airlines until she married in 1954.

After raising her two daughters in Andover, she proudly returned to her beloved New Hampshire where she lived her retirement years in North Conway, N.H. She was an avid New England sports fan who rarely missed a televised Red Sox or Patriots game.

Surviving are her husband, Ralph A. Morrison of Westbrook,

Maine; and two daughters, Elise Morrison-Peters of Westbrook, Maine, Marcy Morrison-McCann of Hypoluxo, Fla.

ARRANGEMENTS: Graveside services will be held in the spring. Donations may be made to the Arthritis Foundation: Maine Regional Office, 201 Main St. Suite #6, Westbrook, ME 04092. Arrangements are by Hall Funeral Home, Casco.

BoomerVenture campus means school's back in for baby-boomers

BoomerVenture, the name given to Andover activities for the baby boomer generation (those in their mid-40s to 60s), announces the launch of BoomerVenture Campus on Thursdays from 6 to 9 p.m.

Beginning Jan. 10, BoomerVenture Campus will serve as a weekly extension of Andover's BoomerVenture.

BoomerVenture Campus winter semester includes:

Energize with Exercise — Energizing workout regimen, focused on building flexibility and strength with a buffet of exercise options. Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, 6-7:15 p.m. \$45 for eight weeks. No prior exercise experience required.

Serenity Yoga — Gentle yoga practice, featuring postures that emphasize strength, balance, flexibility and serenity of mind and body. Jan. 10 to Feb. 28, 7:30-8:30 p.m. \$45 for eight weeks. Suitable for all levels. Just bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow.

BoomerVenture Book Club — Interested in a little intellectual stimulation? A newly-forming book group will be held every second and fourth Thursday night, with rotating leadership. Starts Jan. 10, 7:15-8:30 p.m. Free.

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Stroke support group for families and friends, third Wednesday of the month, 7-8 p.m.; Rene Baxter 508-373-2901.

Merrimack Valley Area Easter Seal Stroke Support Group, meets the third Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlett St.; Easter Seals 1-800-922-8290.

CANCER

LGH Cancer Support Groups provide support and education for those living with cancer and for their families. LGH also has support groups for children and teens that have a family member affected by cancer. For information, call 978-937-6142 (for adult groups) or 978-937-6129 (for children's groups).

Breast cancer support group, meets second Monday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Meeting Room, Christ Church, 25 Central St.; 978-475-5094.

Cancer support group, for people who have cancer and their loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-4760.

Cancer support group, WE CARE, meets the first and third Tuesday of every month, 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Merrimack Valley Hospital atrium in Haverhill; group offers support for patients with cancer, and their family and friends; Becky Sweeney, director, case management 978-521-3651.

Cancer support group, for people who have cancer and their loved ones, offered by Winchester Hospital Oncology Services, 88 Montvale Ave., Stoneham; 781-756-4760.

Prostate cancer support group, meets third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium, 70 East St., Methuen; Ron L'Heureux 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

CAREGIVERS

Caregivers support group, sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 978-683-7747, Ext. 423.

Caregivers support group, offering comfort and support for those caring for aging or chronically ill loved one, meets second and fourth Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Merrimack Valley Hospital, in the hospital atrium; Janice Hrenko 1-800-892-0890.

CHRONIC DISEASE

Chronic disease self management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart disease, high blood pressure, lupus, Parkinson's disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. For more information, call 978-937-6038.

DIABETES

Diabetes support group meetings: third Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

DOWN SYNDROME

"Celebrating Our Special Gifts," a Down syndrome LGH Support Group provides support and education for the parents of children with Down syndrome. Parents encourage and strengthen each other, sharing experiences, knowledge and understanding, to enrich the lives of their children so they may reach their fullest potential. Meets the third Monday of each month, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Clark Auditorium at Lowell General Hospital. Parents of children of all ages are invited. (Children welcome.) For information, call group leader Linda at 978-459-6854.

GAY/LESBIAN

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Merrimack Valley Chapter, providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and Rev. Ralph Galen. Call 978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAG@AndoverMA@aol.com.

HIV/AIDS

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

LYME DISEASE

Lyme disease support group, offering information and support, second Tuesday of every month, 7 to 9 p.m., Heritage at Danvers, 9 Summer St., Danvers; Kay Lyon 978-468-6336; www.lymesite.com.

MENTAL HEALTH

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI), Greater Lawrence, meets every third Thursday of the month, 7-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover; 978-475-0875.

Emotions Anonymous support group meetings: Saturday, 10 a.m., First Congregational Church, 25 Woburn St., Reading; Dottie 978-851-7655.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

There are three support groups for multiple sclerosis in the area: Dracut - TW'S Pub, 10 a.m., second Wednesday of month, call Lori 978-441-0515 or Carolyn 978-459-7531; Atkinson, N.H. - Atkinson Community Center, 10 a.m., third Wednesday of month, call Helen 603-382-1222; and Methuen - Nevins Nursing Facility, 10 a.m., fourth Monday of month, call Marcia 978-474-0075.

PACEMAKERS

Pacemaker-Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) Support Group is a support group for Pacemaker and ICD recipients, their families and friends in the greater Lowell area. Sponsored by the Lowell General Hospital with the support of device manufacturers, the group offers a forum for education and network for support. Meets the second Thursday evening every other month at Lowell General Hospital at no cost to participants. To register or for

more information, call 978-937-6326

PARENTS

LGH New Mothers Support Group is a drop-in support group for new mothers. Provides a place to come with questions and concerns or to meet other new mothers. Meets in the Lowell Room every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon. Free and registration is not necessary. LGH Registered Nurses/lactation consultants lead this group. Call Doreen Gallant or Laurie Sanz at 978-937-6334.

ADD/ADHD support group, meets third Thursday of every month, Belleville Church, 300 High St., Newburyport; Lisa Figliola 978-948-7310.

Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger 978-372-2648.

More S.T.E.P., a follow-up peer support group for those who have completed the S.T.E.P. program, 9:15-10:45 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month, South Church, 41 Central St.; Gretchen Keohane 978-475-5711, or Janice Holden 978-475-8293.

Parents Anonymous, meets weekly in Haverhill, Lowell and Lawrence, no fees or dues; 1-800-882-1250.

Merrimack Valley Mothers of Twins, meets monthly on the third Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., in the Forest Street Church, Forest Street, Methuen; Lisa 978-475-4192 or visit the Web site www.merrimackvalleymomta.org.

Mother of Multiples, Nashoba Valley Mothers of Multiples, second Monday of each month, First Parish Church United, Westford; Mary Johnson 978-256-4111.

Mother of Twins Club, meets monthly in Saugus; Allene Crusco 617-245-3556 or Katie Monahan 664-4545.

Parents Helping Parents, Feeling frustrated, overwhelmed, anxious, or isolated as a parent or guardian? Parents Helping Parents offers free, confidential and anonymous weekly support groups for parents throughout Massachusetts. Share experiences and get support and encouragement from other parents. Call toll free 1-800-632-8188.

Parents of Children with Bipolar Disorder, discussion with occasional guest experts, meets on the second and fourth Mondays of each month (unless school is closed for a holiday or other reason), 7-8:30 p.m., no fee, all parents are welcome, Wood Hill Middle School; facilitators Amanda Preston or Dana Hayward 978-475-8737, pparents@comcast.net.

Parental Stress Line - Call toll free, 1-800-632-8188. Free, 24-hour, statewide hot line to defuse parental stress. Telephone volunteers are needed to take four-hour weekly shifts. After training in Watertown office, volunteers have the option to take calls from home via a call-forwarding system. E-mail info@parentshelpingparents.org or call 617-926-5008, ext. 101 for information on volunteering.

Parents without Partners Minuteman Chapter 817, newcomers orientation meeting, second and fourth Tuesdays of month, St. Margaret's Parish Hall, 111 Winn St., Burlington, 7:30 p.m.; 978-667-6834.

Single parent group, meets the second Sunday of each month from 2:30-4 p.m. at First Church Congregational, 4 Georgetown Road, Boxford; Laura 978-978-688-6528.

Parents of Children with Bipolar Disorder, meets the second and fourth Mondays of each month from 7-8:30 p.m., information/discussion format; Amanda Preston or Dana Hayward 978-475-7837 or email pparents@comcast.net.

MANSFIELD: Chief's open-door policy improved communication with union

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through his actions, while also learning the nuances of working in both Andover and Massachusetts. Mansfield was formerly an assistant fire chief in Nashua, N.H.

"I've been extremely pleased with the way things have gone thus far, the way the members of the organization have responded to the change," said Mansfield. "They know that they're going to be included with a lot of the changes that are going to be made in the future."

According to Mansfield, hammering out a new three-year retroactive contract with Andover's Firefighters Union Local 1658 on Nov. 15 was "a huge accomplishment for the entire town." The union's last contract had expired on July 1, 2004.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski called the contract signing "a testament to the new leadership in the department and the new leadership in the union," and also a move that would "pave the way for a smoother future with the department."

"It's a great department," Stapczynski said. "With this we can put to rest some of the labor unrest."

Under the new contract, which expired immediately after being signed, the firefighters agreed to retroactive pay increases of 9.1 percent over three years. Their health

FIRST YEAR RESPONDER

Changes to the fire department during new chief Michael Mansfield's first year include:

■ Signed new contract for union after 40 months of stalled negotiations.

■ Developed a five-year goals-and-objectives list for the department.

■ At the request of union members, revised the department's inspection program. There are now more specific guidelines for firefighters to follow.

■ Establishing an apprenticeship program with the Veteran's Administration. Newly-hired military veterans can receive hundreds of dollars a month in stipends for furthering their education, at no cost to town.

■ Revising and expanding the department's standard operating guidelines. When Mansfield took over there were only 15, now there are more than 50. Mansfield said drafts of the guidelines are posted at all stations for a 10-day

comment period. "We're just scratching the surface on that project," said Mansfield. "It gives them ownership of the changes that are going on here."

■ Found a department chaplain in the Rev. Jack Daniel of the Free Christian Church, who will start in January. "I really believe that the guys and gals need someone that they can talk to, someone they can lean on," said Mansfield.

■ Inspecting the department's more than a dozen ground ladders, which might never have been tested.

■ Sent a firefighter to hearing officer school with the Division of Fire Services, after which he will be able to issue violation summonses — something the department must now call on the state fire marshal to do when a fire safety violation is identified. Once the firefighter is trained, Mansfield said the town will collect fee revenue instead of the state.

health insurance took effect Jan. 1. Selectmen Chairman Brian Major was impressed with Mansfield's approach at the bargaining table.

"His intervention has allowed us to really be clear as to what the firefighters really needed to close this out," Major said. "In reality we weren't far apart. We were close the whole time."

"Mike has brought this openness

into the fire department where if the firefighters have issues, he's very open to discussing those issues and trying to figure out what the right outcome is," Major said. "To be able to have an asset like Mike Mansfield, who has a nice communication style with the department, I think it's setting us up quite well for us to enter into that next set of negotiations."

Mansfield himself was optimistic about entering new contract talks with the union.

"I think there's going to be a different look and feel to the negotiations," said Mansfield after the retroactive contract was signed on Nov. 15. "You always go into negotiations with an open mind and with any process, there's a give and take. The town needs to look at what they can afford and the firefighters need to look at what they deserve."

Mansfield said the contract agreement between management and the union also erased a long list of litigation between the two sides, including several lawsuits and over a dozen charges of discrimination against the town.

"When I got here there was a long list of grievances," said Mansfield. "We were able to come up with some standard operating guidelines that etched things in stone and created a level of consistency that I'm happy with and

they're happy with. It takes away the guess work."

"Those cases were outstanding and that was it," said Landry, who will retire June 29. "We came together and we got it done. Hopefully stuff like that won't happen again."

Potential budget cuts Mansfield said potential budget cuts will be the fire department's biggest challenge in 2008.

Department heads have been ordered by finance and elected officials to prepare a hypothetical \$5.2 million worth of cuts. The fire department's share could be enough to close an entire fire house, Mansfield said.

"The biggest challenge right now is going to be dealing with the budget and trying to find ways to maintain current staffing levels and also come up with some creative ways to generate more revenue," said Mansfield.

Such budget cuts would drastically decrease the department's ability to provide fire and EMS services, he said.

But despite the challenging financial outlook, Mansfield has his sights set on new equipment and programs. He wants mobile data terminals installed in ambulances and fire vehicles, and hopes to establish a pilot program in the schools, teaching fourth graders about risk prevention.

As for his first year, Mansfield said the most important part is he helped establish better lines of communication within the department and between the department, the state and federal governments, selectmen and the town manager.

"That is paying off huge dividends," said Mansfield. "Communication is basically the foundation for everything that happens. If you can't communicate well, you won't be able to achieve many of the goals and objectives that you set out not only for yourself, but the entire organization."

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The Year That Was

Two high-profile convicts were released in 2007

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Residents might remember 2007 as the year of high profile prison releases, as two of Andover's most notorious convicts of recent memory — "Pumpkin Man" David Cobb and a former plastic surgeon James Kartell — both became free men.

Because both men served their full sentences in state prisons, neither of them is subject to any further state supervision.

Cobb, 71, a former English teacher at Phillips Academy, was released from a New Hampshire state prison in Berlin on June 22 after serving 11 years for attempted sexual assault and 321 counts of possessing child pornography.

Kartell, 68, has returned to his 29 Brady Loop home after being released from a Norfolk correctional center on Oct. 2, where he served his full sentence for voluntary manslaughter.

Kartell was convicted in 2000 for killing his then-estranged wife's lover at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, following a struggle in his wife's hospital room. He requested early parole, insisting he shot Janos Vajda, 56, in self defense. His request was denied.

Kartell, who killed Vajda on Feb. 23, 1999 and was sentenced to five to eight years in prison, has returned to the Andover property he once shared with wife, Dr. Suzan Kamm.

Kamm, who still lives in Andover, was granted a restraining order prior to Kartell's release. Kartell has been ordered not to contact her and to stay at least 100 yards from her.

Cobb released

Cobb was also denied early parole. During his time in prison, Cobb refused to take court-ordered sex-offender treatment.

"The New Hampshire parole board historically will deny parole to any inmate who denies the court-ordered treatment," said Jeffrey Lyons, spokesman for the New Hampshire Department of Corrections. "We cannot force someone to take a program. There's no penalty in place other than to deny them parole."

Cobb has registered as a sex offender in South Dennis, Mass., according to police.

Cobb was dubbed "the Pumpkin Man" by authorities after his August 1995 arrest in Farmington, N.H.



James Kartell is escorted to a van for transport to Middleton Jail after he was sentenced in 2000.

At that time, police said, Cobb was carrying a knapsack filled with child pornography, a Polaroid camera, children's underwear, a pumpkin mask and a payout list for "helping Pumpkin."

He was with a 12-year-old boy and wearing a T-shirt from a fictitious camp.

The payout list included tasks-for-pay such as "lotioning Pumpkin" and "assisting in urination," and was used by prosecution as evidence to make the case that Cobb was out to molest the boy.

Cobb was sentenced to at least 8½ years in prison. Two years later, he pled guilty to charges for unlawful sexual contact with a 12-year-old boy and a 9-year-old girl, in relation to incidents that occurred in Maine during 1985. The resulting 18½-month sentence ran concurrently with his New Hampshire prison sentence.

Under New Hampshire's Child Protection Act, which went into effect on Jan. 1, 2007, Cobb was identified by the state as a candidate for civil commitment after his sentence was completed.

"Our job is to look at all sexual offenders," said Lyons. "We're just strictly looking at the law (and) the crime that he was convicted of. It's up to the county to pursue further civil commitment proceedings against him."

Though prosecutors argued in mid-October that Cobb should return to prison because of his refusal to enroll in a sex-offender program, a New Hampshire judge rejected the request to send Cobb back to jail for another year.

"His time was done," said Lyons. "Once a person's sentence is done, we can no longer legally supervise him. He's a free man to do as he chooses."

From front yards to school speakers, 2007 looked at changing the rules

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Proponents of the controversial property maintenance code defeated by Town Meeting voters last spring say they will be back with a new version of their "anti-blight" bylaw in 2008.

So, while Andover spent considerable time in 2007 revising — or trying to revise — its rules to live by, it looks as if some of these rules will continue to be debated in 2008. Here's a look at where the town stands on several issues that received attention in 2007.

Mandatory yard work

Neighbors of 27 Kirkland Drive, a property the neighbors say has been littered with pots, buckets, trash bags and tarps for years, remain unhappy with the state of the unkempt yard — and plan to do something about it.

"It's going to be back at Town Meeting. I don't want a maintenance code. I want anti-blight."

Alfred Sotera, of 22 Kirkland Drive

dents to create a new "anti-blight" bylaw.

"There's been little or nothing done. It keeps deteriorating," said 23 Kirkland Drive resident Cornelius McLarney, who said over the summer neighbors have spotted fisher cats, woodchucks, coyotes and other animals on the property.

Fallen autumn leaves and the more recent accumulation of snow has only partially and temporarily obscured the items scattered about the lawn and driveway, Alfred Sotera, 22 Kirkland Drive, said, leaving neighbors determined to come back to 2008 Town Meeting with a new and improved bylaw proposal. He said it will concentrate less on maintenance levels of a property and more on how properties should not adversely affect neighboring parcels.

"It's going to be back at Town Meeting," said Sotera. "I don't want a maintenance code. I want anti-blight."

Had it been approved at 2007 Town Meeting, the bylaw would have established minimum standards for maintenance and appearance for all residential properties. Selectmen would have had to appoint an enforcement officer to keep track of complaints, investigate alleged violations, and issue and enforce \$100-per-day citations if violations weren't remedied after 30 days.

Both selectmen and Board of Health recommended disapproval.



The yard at 27 Kirkland Drive has prompted neighbors to ask residents to create an "anti-blight" bylaw.

"I think we presented it wrong. It was six pages," Sotera said. "It should have been a paragraph at most."

Kirkland Drive residents said they modeled their proposal last year off a similar bylaw in Methuen.

Cars and trucks

Selectmen targeted the town's employee vehicle policy as an avenue for savings this year.

"We have an opportunity right now to take advantage and we'd like to see that happen," said Selectman Mary Lyman, who together with Alex Vispoli proposed a number of vehicle policy changes to the rest of the selectmen in December.

Lyman said selectmen should decide in January how to implement a new vehicle policy.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski and several town department heads are currently reviewing the suggested policy changes, which include reducing Andover's vehicle fleet and controlling expenses related to fuel consumption, maintenance, mileage reimbursement and insurance costs.

"If we're going through a huge budgeting crisis, this is certainly one step to preserve what services we can for residents. This is a necessary step to keep as many services as we can," Lyman said. "You're talking thousands of dollars with immediate steps. You don't need to wait to feel the benefit of this one."

Crossing guards will stay

With some school department policies written more than 25 years ago, School Committee members Arthur Barber, Deb Silberstein and David Samuels spent more than a year reviewing them.

"It was a very important exercise," said Silberstein, who said the majority of the policies were updated. "It was almost a disgrace that there hadn't been a review and update."

Silberstein said she hopes the committee discusses policy changes on a yearly basis in the future.

Barber said reviewing school policies is one of the School Committee's three major responsibilities, along with working on the budget and supervising the district's superintendent.

A new policy approved by the School Committee in November provides guidelines for the deployment of crossing guards, positions paid by the school department.

The issue of how and where the school department deploys its crossing guards garnered town-wide attention in the fall of 2006, after the School Committee cut a crossing guard assigned in front of St. Augustine School on Central Street.

"I think it was a budget issue," said Barber. "Even though we thought we did the right thing, it turned out that maybe we didn't. I think we fixed something that needed to be fixed. The guards are now back there."

Both Silberstein and Barber said the new crossing guard policy shouldn't change the crossing guard assignment at St. Augustine, a position reinstated during the 2006-07 school year after the matter was settled by lawyers.

"Essentially it codifies the process that the district's followed any way," Silberstein said. "I don't think it should have any impact on it at all."

The purpose of the policy is to "provide a framework to evaluate locations for the appropriate deployment of crossing guards or other traffic control measures," which include road signs and road striping, parking controls and traffic lights.

Under the new policy, concerns over student pedestrian safety are to be referred to the superintendent, who will share information with the town engineer and public safety officer.



After the Wheels of Justice pro-Palestinian group visited Andover High, School Committee member David Samuels (above) helped review school policies.

Principals have final word on speakers

Another new policy written by School Committee members and approved by the board in November calls for all outside speakers invited into schools to be first approved by the principal.

The policy was drafted after controversy erupted in the fall of 2006, when Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson cancelled an appearance by Wheels of Justice, a group some parents considered to be too extreme. Wheels of Justice did come to the school on Jan. 5, 2007, after teachers union President Tom Meyers threatened to sue the school department.

Now the teachers union contends that the approval of outside speakers should be determined by a committee made up of six members — three chosen by the union and three by school administration.

Despite the union's position, School Committee members said maintain that the principal will have final say.

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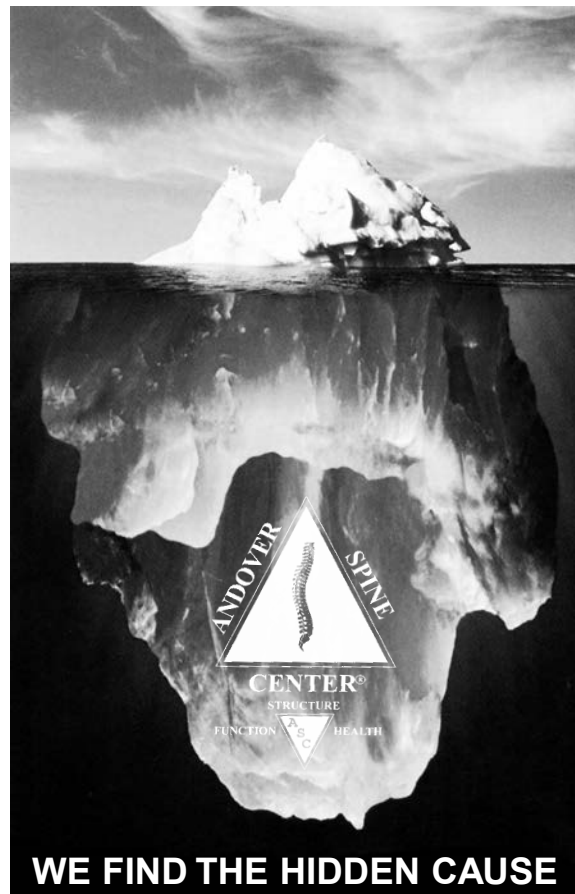
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Opinion

The big focus on downtown

Downtown Andover has long been one of the town's special places. Work and decisions made in 2008 will influence whether it retains the feel of a vibrant New England town center and shopping district.

The most significant change to the downtown will come from construction. The state says its long-discussed reconstruction of Main Street should improve safety, and the flow of traffic and pedestrians. The town has voted to spend additional money on items that will beautify the downtown, giving it a quaint feel through the use of new lights, benches and other items.

Residents will see construction by spring. Anyone who has sat at one of the intersections with Main Street during rush hour, or on Route 28 (Main Street) itself, knows traffic-flow improvements are welcome. The easier it is to drive, park and walk downtown, the more likely people are to shop there.

Another feature that could attract people to the downtown is the addition of more outdoor seating at restaurants. Town leaders are considering regulations to allow more establishments to accommodate alfresco diners during the warmer months. That alone will make the downtown a more interesting place.

Moving the town yard to expand the downtown is a long-range goal, but 2008 should be the year Andover creates a plan. Since the 1980s, Andover officials have searched for a new location for the town yard. In 2007, it identified new areas where it could move it.

If the town yard is moved, its location could be used for new attractions, such as shops, expanding the downtown. Road salt, sand and equipment are stored and vehicles are repaired at the current site, which is within several hundred feet of Main Street and next to the commuter rail station. That is not a good use of prime space. An expanded downtown that connects to the commuter rail would encourage more people to spend their time and money in downtown Andover.

Finally, town planners have said they are keeping the effects on the downtown in mind as they consider the type of development they want to encourage if large tracts of land are opened by a proposed ramp system off Interstate 93 in southern Andover.

Together, all of this work, if followed through, should improve the downtown for both residents and others wishing to shop and eat here.

As much as we may complain about the abundance of banks and lawyers' offices, and the absence of basics such as a hardware store, the downtown remains a place of interest and mom-and-pop stores. This new year should be used to ensure that the downtown remains a strong and popular feature of Andover for decades to come.

SCENES OF LAWRENCE



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Nancy Grice, an artist from Andover, paints a landscape of Lawrence in her mill studio on Canal Street. Grice will exhibit her work at the Essex Art Center from Jan. 11 to Feb. 29.

Good news: Dishpan hands are environment's enemy

The New Hearth

Judith Holt



The Andover Townsman is following the O'Brien family of Wildwood Road as members try to "go green." Several of the family members are taking on challenges to see what they can learn about everyday energy use.

The daily chore of washing the dishes is assigned to middle-schooler Rosalie O'Brien. She says her high school-age sister, Ann Marie, does not like to get her hands wet, but this is not confirmed by Ann Marie — who helps out in other ways.

Rosalie wanted to discover which is more energy efficient, washing dishes by hand or using the dishwasher. A few quick searches on the Web revealed a great deal about dishwashers and water use. Rosalie thought the most important fact was how much water is used by dishwashers of different ages. How many gallons of water does your dishwasher use?

■ 4 if it is current and "Energy Star" rated



MIKE DEAN/Staff photo

Rosalie O'Brien does more dishes than any of her siblings. She has studied whether she can wash dishes by hand more efficiently than a dishwashing machine.

- 9 if it was made after 1994
- 11 if it was manufactured between 1980 and 1994
- 14 if it was built before 1980

Further energy and water savings are now available on dishwashers. Bosch, for instance, offers a dishwasher sensor that determines the soil level of the wash water and automatically deletes fresh water fills if they are not needed. This can save time and cut energy use by 20 percent. The company also offer a feature that adjusts water temperature and cycle length for optimal efficiency. This allows a reduction of energy use up to 25 percent. Some manu-

facturers offer a separate dry cycle. You can save more money by stopping after the rinse cycle and air-drying the dishes.

Rosalie wanted to perform the ultimate test and elected to try to beat the best washer, which uses 4 gallons — two for the wash cycle and two for the rinse cycle. She took a pile of dishes that would fill a dishwasher and washed them in a sink filled with 2 gallons of sudsy water. Then she rinsed the dishes in the same amount with another 2 gallons. The dishes had been scraped clean but had food residue on most of the surface.

It did not take long to realize that she would not be able to get through all the dishes. The rinse water was fine but the wash water became so dirty that finishing the dishes became impossible.

Enzyme detergents used in dishwashers break down food particles. Rosalie used a typical dishwashing soap to wash by hand. It could not keep up. In the end, she was able to do about 60 percent of the dishes. National totals claim it takes some 20 gallons of water to wash dishes by hand. So, even if your dishwasher is old and uses 14 gallons, its better to use the dishwasher.

According to Energy Star, using a "qualified" dishwasher can save 5,000 gallons of water and 230 hours of your time annually. Energy Star also suggests that to save even more water, people should scrape off food and place the dishes in the dishwasher without rinsing them. With the new enzyme soaps, food residue lifts off the dishes quite readily. Rosalie was truly relieved. She can continue to use the dishwasher in good conscience.

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Andover resident Judith Holt founded Holt Design, a residential home-design and project-management firm. She is a certified energy auditor, who was appointed a Smithsonian Associate after getting a fellowship for work in the solar field.

WEB QUESTION

What will be the biggest local story?

Last week's Andover Townsman Web-site question was: "What is your favorite Christmas-related memory?"

12 percent said, "A religious, spiritual or church-related memory."

8 percent said, "Opening a special toy as a child."

19 percent said, "Watching my child open a special toy."

23 percent said, "Visiting the former Brickstone tree."

No one said, "Visiting the former Santa's Mailbox downtown."

No one said, "Wedding proposal."

31 percent said, "Another family-related memory."

No one said, "Another gift-related memory."

4 percent said, "I have none."

4 percent said, "Other." Numbers do not equal 100 due to rounding.

This week's Townsman Web-site question is, "What do you anticipate to be the biggest local story in town for 2008?"

■ The budget: Will we need an override or major service cuts?

■ Tearing up Main Street for long-awaited redesign.

■ Youth center progress, or lack thereof.

■ Decision on Interstate 93 ramps and development.

■ Something that isn't on the radar screen yet.

■ Other.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Student seeks info on Massachusetts

Editor, Townsman:

My seventh-grade geography class is currently studying the United States. I have chosen Massachusetts for my area of study. I am looking for information and artifacts from Massachusetts. It would be extremely — and I mean extremely — helpful for me to gather first-hand information from your readers that could be used in my report. It would be greatly appreciated if you could print my letter in your newspaper for readers willing to help out our class. As I have learned in class, information coming from people is more meaningful than anything I will ever read in a textbook. Thank you to your newspaper and readers for their help.

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Adding units will make street more dangerous

Editor, Townsman:

I read with great interest the Dec. 20 article ("Man hit by cruiser while shoveling driveway," Townsman, Page 1) that describes an accident in which my neighbor, Gerry Lohan, was struck by a police cruiser.

A lieutenant described the accident as an "unfortunate set of cir-

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cumstances." During the end of a winter storm, a police officer driving northbound on North Street presumably lost control and crossed a double-yellow line and hit my neighbor, who was minding his business shoveling his driveway adjacent to the southbound side of the street. Yes, I agree, this certainly was an "unfortunate set of circumstances."

The purpose of this letter is not to partition blame — it was an accident — rather it is to inform the townspeople as to what the greater North Street neighbors know: North Street is very dangerous regardless of weather conditions and something needs to be done.

There appeared to be no exigent

circumstance because the cruiser did not have its siren or lights engaged. Basically, it appears the driver lost control because he was traveling at a speed that might have been under the already too high speed limit that proved to be unsafe given the conditions. I submit that if a trained officer loses control of his car during a storm in a non-exigent circumstance, you can only imagine how dangerous this heavily traveled road is to average drivers irrespective of the conditions. Even when conditions are optimal, drivers of North Street are hyper-aggressive and treat the road like the autobahn. A few months ago, someone drove on our neighbor's front lawn (all four wheels were on the grass) to get around my wife as she waited to turn into our driveway.

What may be the most egregious quotation in the article is the police chief's assertion that "the complaints on North Street have nothing to do with the accident. It had to do with weather conditions." I suggest this accident underscores that North Street is an unsafe road. Snow, rain and ice just make it more treacherous. Residents have long been begging to have the speed limit changed for safety purposes.

Let's put the North Street situation into perspective. Much of it has a speed limit approaching or equal to South Main Street (Route 28) and Lowell Street (Route 133). A vast majority of River Road has

a lower speed limit (35 mph compared to 40) — even though North Street is more thickly settled and residential than River Road, which is an access point for Interstate 93 and has industrial parks.

The majority of North Street residents have children who wait (yes, in driveways) for the school bus and use the sidewalks. Residents also wait on the side of the road for the transit bus.

Regrettably, pleas for a change to the speed limit have continually been ignored.

What may be most alarming is that there is a proposal to add 88 units on North Street. Two months ago, during a zoning board meeting, I suggested that adding one more car to the road was one too many. Considering that most households these days are dual income, 88 units is an additional 176 cars during the morning and evening commutes. Unfortunately, Gerry Lohan being hit by a police cruiser is a prophetic exclamation point to our neighborhood's comments that something must be done immediately to make North Street safe.

Hopefully this unfortunate incident cures the inertia which has plagued the town. Moreover, hopefully it helps the town as it contemplates adding 88 homes on North Street — a street proven to be dangerous. If you don't believe me, just ask Gerry Lohan.

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Business

Town officials like idea of outdoor dining downtown

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover's new year could bring new opportunities for dining alfresco.

Town officials are considering new rules to open up town sidewalks and allow more outdoor dining areas.

Such rules, first proposed to the Planning Board in September, would allow outdoor dining between the months of April and October on publicly owned sidewalks.

Both the Planning Board and Board of Selectmen must approve the rules and regulations, but the general perception of the proposal from members of both boards has been positive.

"We think there's a need for it," said Planning Board member Selena Goldberg. "I think it will bring activity to the streetscape and further enliven the downtown, especially in the nice weather, make it more of a destination."

The Planning Board looked into the proposal in November, and is getting insurance and liability questions answered before taking a vote on the issue, said Chairman Paul Salafia.

Under the proposal, no outdoor food preparation would be permitted. Alcohol-license expansions would be required for restaurants looking to serve such beverages outdoors.

Having traveled in Europe frequently on business trips, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major said outdoor dining probably would be a good fit in Andover, helping to encourage more foot traffic.

"That's everywhere," Major said of outdoor dining in Europe. "It really encourages people to walk and people will kind of look at it more as an evening event, go have dinner and check out some of the shops."

If the rules are implemented, select-

men would have the authority to approve the outdoor dining licenses. Currently, businesses can only serve food outdoors if they own the property surrounding their buildings. Selectmen have not yet reviewed the proposed guidelines, according to Major.

"I love the whole concept," said Major. "I really envision that whole downtown atmosphere. I'm really excited to see what the wording looks like, but I would strongly support that type of an effort."

One downtown establishment with outdoor dining during warmer months already is Bertucci's, which owns the sidewalk surrounding its Main Street location across from Olde Andover Village.

"I like outdoor dining. Bertucci's, it's a good idea," said Ed McKeon, who works downtown. "I don't know so much of doing it on a main strip like that, but in general (I'd) be for it."

Besides those on Main Street, Town Planner Lisa Schwarz said two restaurants within Park Street Village would also likely benefit from new rules and regulations allowing outdoor dining, thanks to wide sidewalks and less traffic density.

"It would make people stop and stay longer," Schwarz said. "Both of those restaurants could have public seating, which would make that whole facade more lively. I think it's fantastic. It would bring more people to that end of town."

Under the proposed guidelines, umbrellas and furniture would have to be removed from the outdoor area by Oct. 31. Such accessories would also require approval to match building design and character. Covered trash receptacles would be removed on a nightly basis.

Selectman Mary Lyman was also enthusiastic about the prospect of outdoor eating areas, but noted the town needs to be careful to avoid limiting wheelchair accessibility in the process. Any outdoor dining areas with more than nine seats would require a fence or barrier to allow 4 feet or more of sidewalk space for walkers and wheelchair users.

"We have to keep it in mind," she said. "Some places might be inviting to do it, but logistically it might be an issue."

Different style for this Stitch



KATIE McMAHON/Staff photo

Courtney Marino recently opened Stitch Boutique, a clothing store for young women, in downtown Andover.

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Andover native owns newest downtown boutique

The pinkish, purplish Christmas tree in Courtney Marino's storefront window is an example of her individuality — and reflective of her style.

Marino doesn't follow the crowd when it comes to decorations, or fashion.

"I like different and this store reflects that," said Marino, 26, a friendly Governor Dummer Academy and Emerson College graduate who sports funky black glasses and long dark hair.

She plans to showcase offbeat, hip, high-quality brands of clothing at her new boutique, Stitch Boutique. Stitch is the downtown's newest women's clothing shop, located at 46 Main St., where Bagette used to be.

Marino's makeover of the space includes new lighting and white paint.

An Andover native, Marino has a degree in marketing retail and her background includes jobs at the Gap and City Sports. She also worked as a buyer for Vera Wang, she said. She formerly lived in Boston, but when she heard about the 46 Main St. retail space becoming available, she created her business plan, signed a 31/2-year lease and moved back to Andover.

"Having my own store has been my

dream forever," she said. "I love clothes, love to shop, and my parents said my first word was 'shoes.' I'm just really happy about this."

Her target buyer is a female between 16 and 30-something years old who likes to dress a bit differently. If you don't want Abercrombie or Gap across the front of your fitted T-shirt, Stitch might be your kind of place. Marino has two round tables full of comfy cotton T-shirts in the \$30 range, and carries Puella, St. Grace and 2&3 Industry brands.

She likes a wardrobe stocked with solid everyday attire, so her shop offers basic black and basic white clothing options along with a small jewelry and handbag selection.

Marino buys her inventory in New York City and typically brings her sister, Caitlin, along.

"My sister is much more conservative when it comes to clothes but I like her style. I still borrow her clothes, and just

do something else," Marino said. "I get new stuff every day as I'm always looking."

Marino missed participating in the recent Holiday Happenings, downtown's holiday shopping event where businesses stay open late and offer sale prices on some merchandise. She did not have all of her inventory in stock yet.

"I joined the downtown business group (Andover Business Center Association) and it's been great. I got some advice and a warm welcome. Lulu and Dot (another downtown business) sent flowers and others stopped in and said hello," Marino said.

Now, Stitch Boutique is ready to go. She offered a 10 percent reduction on all merchandise to several customers who stopped by during the crucial pre-Christmas shopping week, along with holiday cookies and refreshments. A holiday candle scent filled the store. Stitch was a part of the United for Two Nights event the Thursday and Friday before Christmas.

"I am just so happy to be here. I think my store will fit in well with the other women's apparel stores around here," she said.

Stitch Boutique's hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. most days; but it is open until 7 p.m. on Thursday, and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

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Sports

ELITE 8

Memories from an unforgettable year

David Willis
Sports Editor

Anyone who follows Andover sports has to feel blessed. This year kicked off with a historic run by the Andover High hockey team, and saw the girls tennis team finally exorcise its tourney demons. School and state track records fell, as did records in football. And Andover was even represented in Major League Baseball.

Everyone is entitled to their favorite memories for the year. That's the fun part about sports; here are my favorite memories from 2007.

8. Randy Moss and Nick Caro?

ESPN SportsCenter's top 10 list is usually reserved for receivers like Randy Moss and Terrell Owens, but on Nov. 10, Andover's Nick Caro was right in that class.

Nick Caro finished his sophomore season with 16 catches for 278 yards and three touchdowns and ended up on ESPN.

Against arch rival Amherst, the Williams College receiver earned a spot on the ESPN countdown when he went airborne and came down with the ball in the end zone for a touchdown. He picked a great day for the highlight grab, since ESPN filmed "College GameDay" there that day.

The former Governor's Academy standout finished his sophomore season with 16 catches for 278 yards and three touchdowns.

7. Water Warriors

It's been nearly a decade of dominance for the Andover swim team.

With the comfy confines of the Wellesley College pool packed to the brim with Golden Warriors fans chanting "A-H-S," Andover locked up its stunning ninth-straight Division 1 title, besting second-place Chelmsford 245-227 on Nov. 18.

The names may keep changing but new heroes keep popping up for the team that recovered from having its dual-meet winning streak snapped at 99 meets to win its eighth straight MVC Meet title and ninth straight MVC dual-meet title.

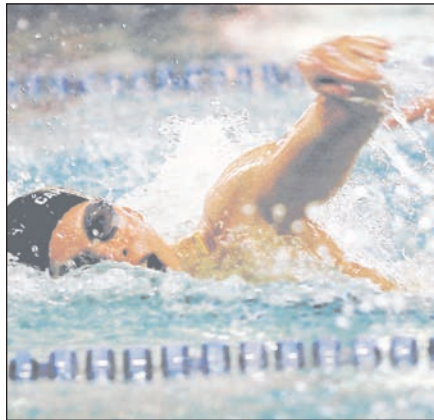
Three-time state 200-freestyle champion Kristi Korsberg is off to Harvard, but two-time Division 1 state diving champion Katie O'Connell and freshman sensation Monica Patterson will be back.

No conversation on Andover swimmers can be complete without boys star Nick D'Innocenzo.

As a sophomore, he set the MVC league meet record in the 100 breast-stroke and broke the Division 1 North Sectional meet record in the 200 IM. He went on to win two events at Division 1 States. In the offseason, he is a standout on the national circuit, winning six events at the New England Senior Championships last month.

6. Moneyball

Want to know the area's pipeline to Division 1 college scholarships? How about Andover girls lacrosse.



Harvard-bound Kristi Korsberg won her third straight Division 1 state title in the 200 freestyle and led the Golden Warriors to their ninth-straight Division 1 state title.

A whopping six players from last year's Golden Warriors team are either off to college on scholarships or have signed a scholarship for next year.

The pack is led by two-time All-Scholastic Rachel Fox. Already having signed on with national champion Northwestern, she capped off her high school career with an 86-goal, 36-assist senior season to give her 256 career goals and 125 career assists.

She was joined by All-Scholastic Lindsay Hegarty, who is now at UMass Amherst. She scored 46 goals last year. Players from the 2008 team that have already earned Division 1 scholarships include Ilana Cohen (UNH), Kelly Driscoll and Jordy Shoemaker (Notre Dame), and Jessica Forster (St. Mary's of California).

Lacrosse players weren't the only ones to sign scholarships. Senior sharpshooter Meghan Thomann recently signed a full scholarship to play basketball at Bentley College. Her former teammate Maggie Cosgrove is now a starter at point guard for Sacred Heart.

And after playing only one year of football at Andover, Gordon DuBois just finished his freshman season at Division 1 Buffalo.

5. Comeback Kids

During her eight-month rehab from major back surgery, Margot Ryan had one goal: make it back into the pool.

After a freshman season that saw her score at Division 1 States, Ryan underwent surgery to insert two metal rods in her spine to correct a 40-degree curvature. That went with an eight-month recovery period, and she missed her sophomore season.

With teammates, fans and coaches holding back tears, Ryan returned to the pool in the Golden Warriors' first meet of the season against Belmont. And when Andover finished off its state title, Ryan was there swimming the 100 butterfly.

Doctors told John Hyslip that his season was over after the then-junior broke his wrist during the Andover hockey team's Jan. 10 matchup with Tewksbury. But Hyslip dedicated himself to rehabbing, and ended up scoring 10 points in Andover's historic five-game tourney run.

No sports award could match the news Wendy Pollack received in July when she was deemed cancer free. She had been diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in March but, with a clean bill of health, she rejoined the Andover soccer team for the second half of the season.

His "comeback" may have been a year ago, but Matt Rayner's return continues



Rachel Fox drives past a Winchester defender. The Northwestern recruit is one of a slew of Andover lacrosse players earning full or partial scholarships.

to pay off. Rayner, who transferred back from Texas, started the year by earning All-MVC honors in lacrosse, and finished it by catching 33 passes for 631 yards.

4. Record-Breakers

Andover has a history of great quarterbacks, but none can match Mike Pierce's gaudy numbers.

The senior signal-caller was so good, Andover coach Ken Maglio and his staff dropped their traditional Power-I offense in favor of the spread, which put the ball in their QB's hands; Pierce did not disappoint.

Pierce finished the 2007 season with 2,179 passing yards and 20 touchdowns through the air — both school records. He also scored a team-record 133 points on 13 touchdowns and a school-record



Kristina Black, left, prepares to return a ball while Rikki Sartor looks on. The two were crucial in Andover tennis overcoming years of postseason frustration to win the Division 1 state title. Black and Sartor also captured the state open doubles title.

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Injuries derail Andover in Greater Lawrence tourney finals



File photos

Andover freshman standout Natalie Gomez, right, reaches for a loose ball during the finals of the Greater Lawrence Basketball Girls Christmas Tourney. The Golden Warriors fell short, 49-35.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Hit hard by the injury bug, Andover dropped a 49-35 decision to Pinkerton in the finals of the Greater Lawrence Girls Christmas Tourney on Sunday.

Senior guard Meghan Thomann left the game in the first quarter with an apparent knee injury. Classmate Ilana Cohen suffered a painful finger fracture soon after. Neither player returned.

Andover (5-1) struggled with the two starters out, committing 21 turnovers. Lauren Hughes led the Golden Warriors with 12 points while Laura Renfro had seven.

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Meghan Thomann scored 24 points — including 18 in the second half with four 3-pointers — to lead Andover over Eastern Mass. No. 1 Lowell, 59-45, in the semifinals on Friday.

While waves of defenders dedicated themselves to Thomann on the perimeter, senior forwards Camille Fantini (10 points) and Lauren Hughes (10 points, 13 rebounds) cleaned up inside.

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With Meghan Thomann sidelined with a quad injury, the Golden

Warriors still rolled past North Andover 69-54 in the first round of the tourney last Sunday.

Laura Renfro more than made up for Thomann's absence, scoring a game-high 25 points. Senior forward Camille Fantini scored 11 points and sparked the Andover attack with accurate outlet passes.

BOYS HOCKEY

Missed chances doom Andover in championship

Andover coach Mario Martiniello knew his team had its shots. "We just missed some opportunities," said Martiniello. "We missed some chances on the power play. But we still played well."

Despite firing eight more shots on net, the Golden Warriors fell to Salem in the championship game of the Salem Blue Devil Holiday Classic on Friday.

Mike Taylor scored Andover's lone goal, an unassisted tally midway through the second period. Nick Drew chipped in with 15 saves.

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Riki Retelle's seeing-eye point shot beat Pinkerton netminder J.J. Solloway at 6:44 of the third



Andover's Matt Rayner tries to go over Salem's Cory Lavallee on his way to the puck in the finals of the Salem Blue Devil Holiday Classic. The Golden Warriors dropped a 3-1 decision to the host Blue Devils.

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period to help the Golden Warriors eke out a 2-1 win over the Astros in the second round of the Classic on Thursday. Cam Smith also had a goal.

Nick Drew was spotless in net with 13 saves to give Andover a 4-0 drubbing of Timberlane in the

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seven field goals. His career marks of 3,826 passing yards, 37 touchdown passes and 225 career points are all believed to be school records.

At times during the season, Pierce was joined in the backfield by Chris McConnell. But it was not on the gridiron that the sophomore has made biggest impact.

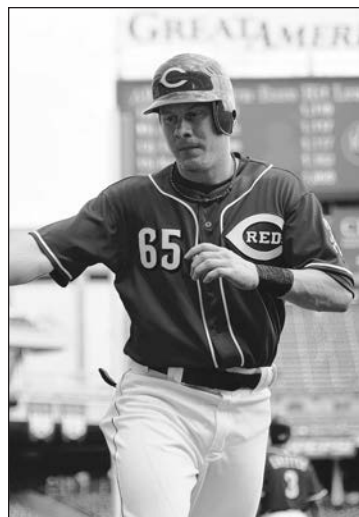
As a freshman in indoor track, McConnell set the Andover High record in the 55-meter dash with a scorching 6.60 at preliminaries for All-States. He ended up taking 10th at New England's (6.62).

The girls 4x100 relay team did one better in the spring.

The team made up of then-juniors Bizzy DiTroia and Christina Muccio, sophomore Melissa Knapp and freshman Vanessa Singleton set the state record in the 4x100 in 48.26 at All-States. They broke the mark held by the 2005 Andover Golden Warriors squad of Jenny Dlesk, Meghan Keefe and Brittany and Caroline Pierce — Mike Pierce's twin sisters.

Dan Godefroi rapped his milestone 100th career hit on April 21. He ended up with 121 career hits, 91 runs scored and a 22-3 record as a pitcher. He will soon start his freshman season for Georgetown University.

No one saw more records



Courtesy photo

Cincinnati Reds catcher Ryan Hanigan trots to the dugout after scoring his first major league run. Hanigan is believed to be the first Andoverite to ever play in the majors.

reached and marks hit by Andover athletes than legendary Townsman sports reporter Rick Harrison, who retired from the paper this year. By his own estimation, he saw about 50,000 athletes go through Andover in his 42 years on the job. Pretty good.

3. FINALLY

The numbers were dubious at best.

From 1988 to 2006, the Andover girls tennis team won 19 straight Merrimack Valley Conference titles, putting together a 255-match MVC winning streak. But in all 19

cases, the season ended in disappointment in the Division 1 North tourney.

However, that all ended on June 13.

JooHee Yoon's 6-3, 6-2 win at No. 3 singles locked up the program's first state title with a 4-1 win over Longmeadow in the Division 1 final. Caroline Koch and the doubles teams of Rikki Sartor and Kristina Black, and Heather Arvidson and Satin Zarkar also tallied wins.

And how did they celebrate?

Two days later, Sartor and Black teamed to down Amanda Fitzpatrick and Caroline Hobert of Longmeadow to win the state doubles title 6-2, 6-0 at Clark University.

The pair, who became the first Andover duo to advance to the finals a year ago, finished 25-0 in their 1 1/2 years as partners. Sartor was a starter on the Saint Anselm soccer team, and will be playing tennis this spring.

2. Give him a Hanigan

One year ago, Andover's Ryan Hanigan could not find playing time with the Double-A Chattanooga Lookouts. On Sept. 9, he received a high five from baseball legend Ken Griffey Jr. after scoring his first Major League run.

The former Andover High star went undrafted out of Rollins College in 2002 and spent all or part of six seasons toiling in the minor leagues. But then he received the news every little boy dreams of

on Sept. 5 when he was promoted to the major leagues by the Cincinnati Reds.

The catcher got his first at-bat four days later, and he promptly delivered a line drive double to left field off three-time MLB All-Star Ben Sheets. He then scored on a wild pitch.

Hanigan is believed to be the first person from Andover to make the major leagues, and the first to play major professional sports since Sid Watson spent three seasons in the NFL (1955-58).

The 27-year-old with the career .289 minor league batting average played in four more games for the Reds, highlighted by a 2-for-4, 2-RBI performance on the final day of the season.

1. Ice dreams

The next time you attend a Boston Bruins game, look up at the Jumbotron when it is showing the history of hockey in Boston. For a moment, you will see a pair of teams in Blue and Gold.

One of those teams happened to be Andover, as it closed out the greatest season in team history with a 2-0 loss to Hanover in the Division 2 state title game.

It may have ended with a loss, but the run to the Garden was amazing.

Paced by the record-setting scoring of Tucker Mullin (school record 33 goals, 29 assists) and goaltending of Dan Abreu (school record seven shutouts), the Golden Warriors outscored opponents



File photo

Andover goalie Dan Abreu knocks the puck away with his left pad in the Division 2 North championship. The netminder was key in Andover's first-ever run to the state finals.

20-3 in the first four rounds of the tourney, including a 7-1 drubbing of Lynnfield in the North finals.

The scene for the state finals at the TD Banknorth Garden was something to be seen. Led by leather-lunged Golden Warriors super-fan Avelino Abreu (grandfather of Dan), the Andover fans

far outnumbered the Hanover supporters, and delivered cheers that seemed far louder than anything at a Bruins game.

The Golden Warriors responded in a big way against the high-powered, once-beaten Indians; it proved a poignant sign of what was to come for the rest of 2007.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Boys Basketball			Girls Gymnastics		
Jan. 4	Central Catholic	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 4	at Methuen	7 p.m.
Jan. 8	Methuen	7 p.m.	Jan. 7	at Chelmsford	7 p.m.
Girls Basketball			Boys Gymnastics		
Jan. 4	at Central Catholic	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 9	Salem	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	Arlington Catholic	7 p.m.	Track		
Jan. 8	at Methuen	7:30 p.m.	Jan. 5	at Dartmouth Relays	9 a.m.
Boys Hockey			Jan. 9	Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 5	BillERICA	4:20 p.m.	Boys Skiing		
Girls Hockey			Jan. 8	Masconomet	
Jan. 5	Chelmsford	8:30 p.m.	(Bradford Ski)	3:30 p.m.	
Jan. 9	Beverly	7:10 p.m.	Girls Skiing		
Swimming			Jan. 9	at North Andover	
Jan. 4	at Central Catholic	3:30 p.m.	(Bradford)	3:30 p.m.	
Jan. 8	at Reading	4 p.m.			

ROUNDUP

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first round of the Classic on Wednesday. **George Flanagan, Cam Smith, John Hyslip** and freshman **Paul Russell** each had a goal while **Matt Perry** had two assists.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Shannon, Andover take third

Eleven different Andover players scored as the Golden Warriors blitzed Methuen 56-32 in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney third-place game on Saturday. **Tristian Shannon** pumped in 14 points, including seven in the



third quarter when Andover broke open a 4-point game with a big 15-0 run. Shannon also had eight rebounds while **Zach Burdeau** chipped in with eight points and **Greg Cook** added six points and six steals.

Andover struggled with the size of Central Catholic, falling to the Raiders 57-30 in the Christmas Tournament semifinals.

"I thought we had a good chance to beat that team, but it didn't happen," said coach **Dave Fazio**. "I thought we could take it right to their big guys, but we went away from them instead of at them and gave them a chance

to block shots." **Zach Burdeau** paced Andover with eight points.

BOYS HOCKEY

Martin vaults Andover

Tricia Martin, the lone senior on the team, scored a goal and assisted on another to lead Andover past Reading, 2-1, on Friday. **Sarah Oteri** added the other goal while **Megan Pettoruto** had 25 saves for the winners.

BOYS TRACK

McConnell runs away with 55 meter

Chris McConnell won the 55 meter

ters in 6.53, leading Andover at the Winter Festival meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. **Santi Costello** added a second in the long jump (18-8) for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Muccio, Andover score big

The state record-holding 4x200 team of **Bizzy DiTroia**, **Christina Muccio**, **Melissa Knapp** and **Vanessa Singleton** won to lead Andover in the Winter Festival meet held at the Reggie Lewis Center. Also taking firsts were **Muccio** (55 meter), **Kayley Pettoruto** (600 meter), **Colleen Shannon** (1000 meter), **Molly Van Doren** (2-mile) and the 4x400 relay team.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

MONDAY, JAN. 7

Rotary Club of Andover meeting, 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., Andover Inn, Chapel Avenue, Andover. Guest speaker is Dr. Deborah London, an award winning coach and educator. Guests are welcome. For more information, visit rotaryandover.org.

Henry Fonda and the Falsettos will perform at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. This A Capella concert is a return engagement for the college students, who sing under the direction of Dave Grossman of North Reading. It is free and open to the public and sponsored by the Friends of the Library in the "Friends Expanding Horizons" series. For more information, call 978-664-4942.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

Legacy of War panel discussion with members of the Laotian community, 1 to 3 p.m., screening room, National Historical Park Visitor Center. Panel coordinator is Channapha Khamvongsa. This event is presented by the Brush Gallery in conjunction with the exhibit "Laos Transpired," open through Jan. 13.

Auditions: The Trinitarian Neighborhood Theatre will hold auditions for its 2008 production of the musical "Peter Pan" at the North Andover Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Children's parts will audition from 1 to 3 p.m. Complete character list and play synopsis is available at www.natrinitarian.org.

Annual Andover High School Alumni Hockey Game, 6:30 p.m., Lawrence Valley Forum. Post game reception at Dylan's with complimentary appetizers, cash bar and annual auction to follow. The auction includes items such as Boston Bruins tickets, hockey equipment, a round of golf at Indian Ridge, Lowell Devils hockey tickets and more.

Guy's Night Out: Boys and their father, grandfathers, uncles or other male friends are invited to make car models from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St. The craft is followed by a snack. There is no cost for YMCA family members. Cost is \$5 nonmembers. Pre-register at the Member Services Desk.

Girls' Night Out: Girls and their moms, aunts, grandmothers or other female friends are invited to make mosaic art projects from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St. The craft is followed by a snack. There is no cost for YMCA family members. Cost is \$5 nonmembers. Pre-register at the Member Services Desk.

SUNDAY, JAN. 6

Free "Introduction to Tai Chi" workshop, 8 to 9:15 a.m., Yang's Fitness Center, 5 Dundee Park. Learn how to reduce stress, increase energy and vitality, and improve balance. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-475-2020.

Art & Nature Story Time, 3 to 4 p.m., Art Studios, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Program is designed for children ages 3 through 6 with accompanying adult. No cost with museum admission. Reservations are required by Jan. 4. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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TUESDAY, JAN. 8

"Jewelry from Plants" workshop with designer Julie Lapham, 10 a.m. to noon, West Parish Church, Andover. Each participant will create a unique piece of jewelry to take home. This workshop is presented by the Andover Garden Club. Cost is \$5, members free. For more information, call Anne Feeney at 978-475-7119.

Friends of Memorial Hall Library will hold a concert of classical music performed by Ms. Deirdre Brenner, pianist, and Ani Kalayjian, cellist, at 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. The program consists of the following pieces: Martinu, Variations on a Slovakian Theme; Taverner, Chant; Schumann, Three Fantasie Pieces, Op. 73; Brahms, Sonata in E-minor, Op. 38. Concert is free and open to the public.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

Essex Needlecraft Guild monthly meeting, 9 a.m., Emerson Center, East Common St., Topsfield. Lecturer is Robin Hughes. Her topic will be in rug hooking, entitled "Photo/Hooked Tote Bag." A workshop will follow the lecture. Guests are welcome for a \$5 donation. For more information, call 978-749-7308.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

Opening reception, 5 to 7 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence, for exhibits "Landscapes," paintings by Nancy Grice, John Mulcahy and Carmelo Polanco, and "Evidences: Footprints, Driplines, Sculpture and Drawing" by Joyce Audy and Zarins. Free and open to the public. Information, call 978-685-2343 or visit www.essexartcenter.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 12

"Dry Stone Walls of New England" with Chris Tracey, landscape design expert, at 10 a.m. at the Boxford Village Library. This talk/slide show is presented by the Friends of the Boxford Town Libraries. Registration is required. For more information, call Bethany Blake at 978-561-1230.

Artist demonstration with Philip Lowe, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Atrium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. The master furniture maker will create rosettes and demonstrate tool on several pieces of furniture. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Tour of the Gardner-Pingree House, noon, meet at the museum information desk, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Reservations are required by Jan. 11. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

American Country Dance performances and workshop at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Performances will be held at 12:30 and 3:45 p.m. in the Atrium. Workshop at 2 p.m. in the East India Marine Hall. Reser-

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Life's landscapes keep artist connected

Works by Andover painter in new show

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

There are never people in Andover artist Nancy Grice's large landscape paintings. Paying closer attention to everyday surroundings and seeing how those surroundings influence people matters most to her.

"The experience of painting what was literally under my nose reminded me that painting from life, painting a scene that pulses with energy, is a doorway for the artist to become intimately connected to the world around her," she says in a statement about how she approaches her work.

She focuses on the landscapes that surround her — such as a city scene from her fifth-floor studio window in Lawrence, captured in "Winter Scene."

"My work is from life," she said. "The closeness to my subjects is a place in time. That is what is unique to me."

Next week, three of her paintings will be at Essex Art Center in Lawrence as she is featured in the new "Landscapes" show opening Friday, Jan. 11.

Paintings by Grice are large, often 4 by 5 feet, as she works hard to present "a beautiful, significant object," she said. That means painting a lot of detail (such as the correct color of the drapes in the windows in her work "Winter Scene") and she needs space for that approach.

She wants the viewer of her paintings to be "transported to a deeper level of perception" and, with larger paintings, that is somewhat easier to do.

Grice has been a full-time artist since graduating from Massachusetts College of Art in 1979, where she earned a bachelor's degree in fine arts. After college, she enjoyed a successful 20-year career in murals and decora-



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover artist Nancy Grice is framed by her paintings of cityscapes of Lawrence in her Lawrence mill studio on Canal Street. The painting on the left shows Marco's Mill Street Restaurant and the City Hall clock tower in the background.

tive painting. She owned Nancy Erving Studios from 1985 to 2005.

Married since August 2006 to local doctor William "Bill" Daly, and with her two children grown, she's returned to landscape painting, as the art form has been the basis for much of her work.

Panoramic city-scapes now receive the attention of her paint brush.

She lives on Sugarbush Lane in West Andover and the couple will soon move closer to downtown, to Florence Street.

About two years ago, Grice opened her studio in the Washington Mills Building on Canal Street in Lawrence.

She never found the time to paint the view from her fifth-floor studio until this year's first snow fell in early December.

Then, she couldn't resist. Not only is the "Winter Scene" in Lawrence an attractive city snapshot, it became Grice's Christmas

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card as well.

"I really enjoy work from life," she said. "That's what attracted me to this painting. It's what I see every day. And I could do it from the comfort of my studio."

For more about Andover artist Nancy Grice, see www.nancygrice.com.

BOOK REVIEW

'Twenty-One Balloons' lifts young readers

BY MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Krakatoa is a legendary island surrounded by a cloud of folklore and mystery. Located next to the Southeast Asian islands of Java and Sumatra, it has been an object of interest since its discovery by the western world in the 1600s.

After the great volcanic eruption on the island in 1883, Krakatoa found itself thrown into the public spotlight. Now uninhabited and volatile, Krakatoa has nonetheless become the inspiration for

numerous movies, plays and books.

One of these books is "The Twenty-One Balloons" by William Pene du Bois. Pene du Bois brings the island to life in the story of Professor William Waterman Sherman who, on Aug. 15, 1883 sets off in a hot-air balloon from San Francisco Bay with the goal of becoming the first man to travel across the Pacific Ocean. Three weeks later, Professor Sherman was found in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, starving, among the remains of 20 deflated balloons.

"The Twenty-One Balloons" presents Sherman's journey, from the start of his fascination with balloons and travel, to his presen-

tation to the Western American Explorers' Club following his travels. Sherman has quite a story to tell. After his take-off, Sherman crashes his balloon into Krakatoa, and discovers a fabulous new society: for in Pene du Bois' world, Krakatoa is a luxurious land, chock full of diamonds. But after Sherman learns the secrets of Krakatoa and the 20 fabulously wealthy and creative families who inhabit the island, he is forbidden to leave. This presents the reader with a mystery: If Sherman was not allowed to leave this paradise, how did he end up in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean?

Pene du Bois explains this and more in his enchanting novel. I

give this book a 9 out of 10. An imaginative tale, "The Twenty-One Balloons" captivates the reader with the author's Krakatoa, a world of immense wealth and incredible inventions. I was immediately intrigued by the story of Krakatoa's inhabitants and the mystery surrounding Sherman's explorations. Though "The Twenty-One Balloons" is written for a preteen audience, it is a story that can be enjoyed by all ages and a great read for the holiday season.

Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and Phillips Academy student who reviews books for young adults.



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- Be clear that they are hiring a caregiver to deal with daily chores rather than focusing on their physical decline.
- Ask for the help of a trusted doctor, minister, or rabbi - someone your parents would listen to - before you hold a discussion. Draw on their respected position as a means to support your concerns and break the ice.

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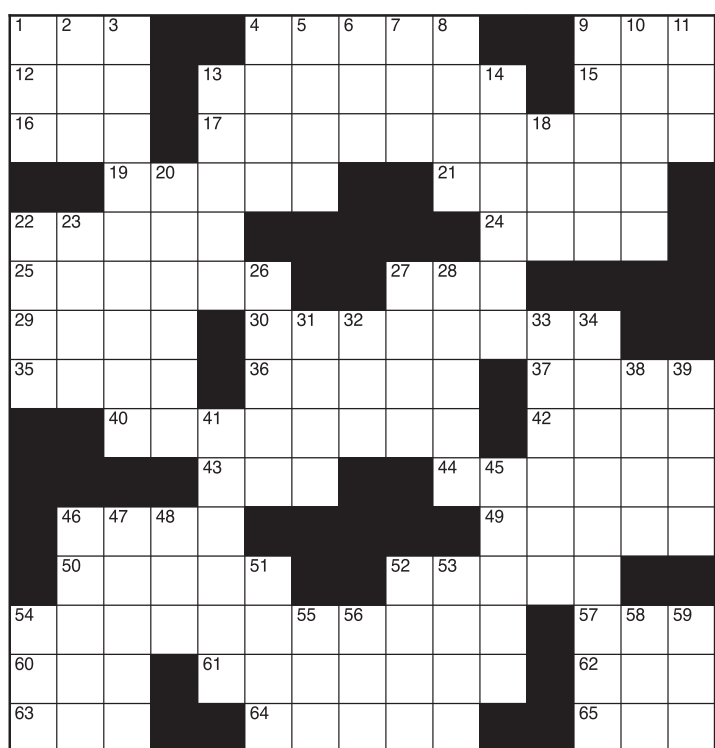
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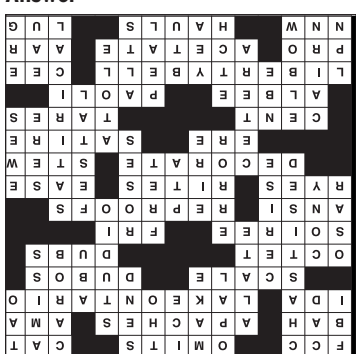


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Open House at the Peirce-Nichols House, 1 to 3 p.m., 80 Federal St., Salem. Information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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Organist Barbara Owen will perform at 1:30, 3 and 4:30 p.m., Barbara Weld Putnam Gallery of American Art. Information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Artist reception from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell for "Deirdre McCullough Grunwald: Daffodil Dreamscapes," on exhibit now to Feb. 16. For more information, call 978-452-7641 or visit www.whistlerhouse.org.

Parents Night Out, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Andover/North Andover YMCA, 165 Haverhill St., Andover. Children ages 4 and older get spaghetti dinner and crafts, sports, games and movies. Cost \$5 members; \$9 nonmembers. 978-685-3541 or www.mymvca.org.

Photo - Caption: Crossroads Coffeehouse will welcome Old School Freight Train back to its stage on the second floor of Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover, on Saturday, Jan. 12.

Old School Freight Train will perform at 8 p.m. at Crossroads Coffeehouse, second floor of Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Tickets are \$18. Advance ticket purchase is available at www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org. Tickets are also available at the door. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call 978-687-3960 or 978-687-7948 the evening of the concert.

SUNDAY, JAN. 13

Tour of the Gardner-Pingree House,

CROSSROADS PERFORMANCE



Courtesy photo

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Music of the Federal World of Samuel McIntire Period-Instrument Chamber Ensemble under Richard C. Spicer, 1:30 p.m. in the Atrium and 3:45 in the East India Marine Hall, Peabody Essex Museum,

East India Square, Salem. Information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

To Fill the Mind with Pleasure: McIntire's Ornamental Woodcarvings by Dean Lahikainen, 2:30 p.m., Bartlett Gallery, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Reservations are required by Jan. 10. No cost with museum admission. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Coro Stella Maris presents "Ahead of Their Time: Renaissance Chromatics," 4 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 385 Essex St., Salem. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors. For more information, call 978-744-2796 or visit www.corostellamaris.org.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Journalist and author Stephen Murdoch will speak at 6 p.m. at the Massachusetts School of Law in the new courtroom, Andover. He will discuss his new book "IO: A Smart History of a Failed Idea." Open to the public. Admission is free.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz Trio, 7:30 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., as the Abbot Academy Association 2007-08 Guest Artist. This is a free but ticketed event. Information, www.markoconnor.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

Weekend seminar: "It Takes a Village: How Samuel McIntire and His Contemporaries Transformed Salem" from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Jan. 20 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$210 for members, \$250 nonmembers. For reservations, call the Furniture Institute of Massachusetts at 978-922-0615. Information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

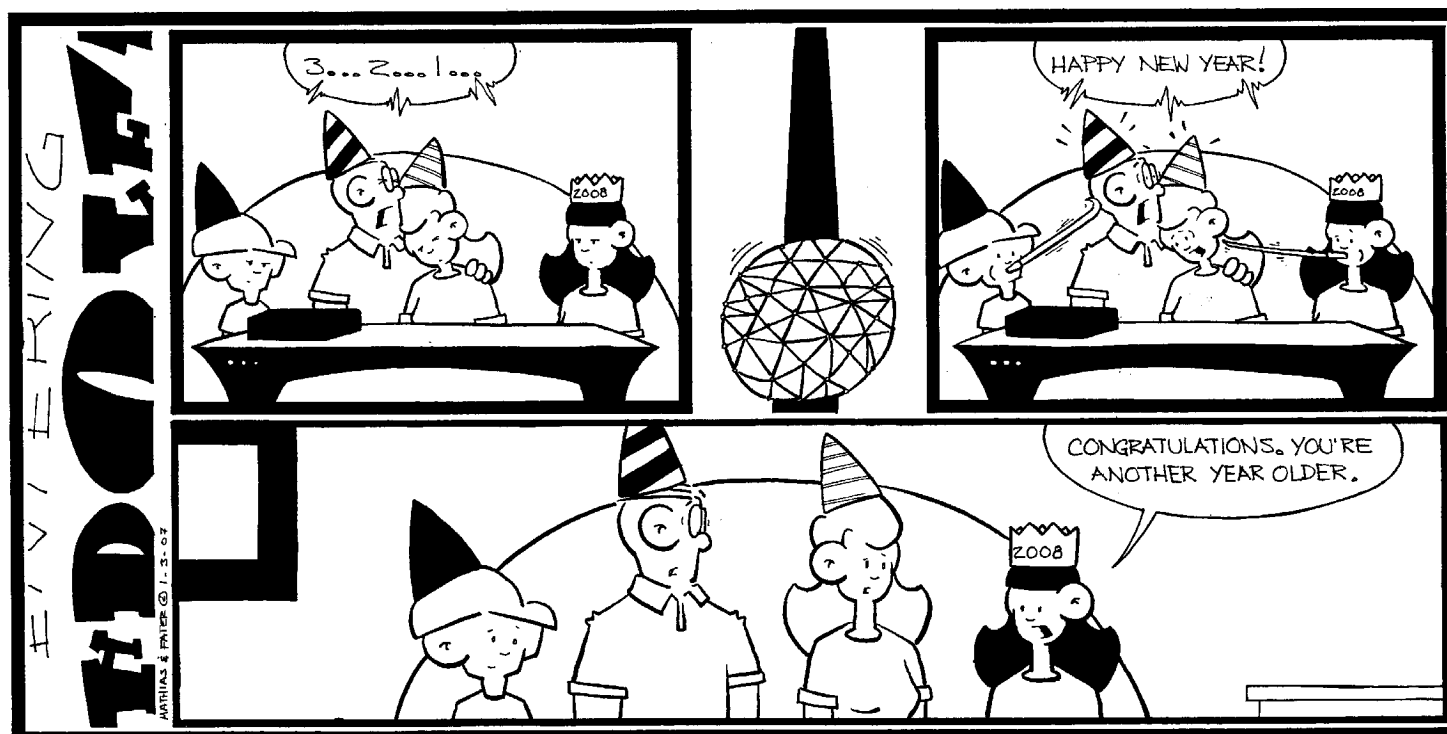
"Sari's Mother" will be shown as part of the Human Rights Film Festival, 1 p.m., Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. No cost with museum admission. Reservations are required by Jan. 17. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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"Election Day" will be shown as part of the Human Rights Film Festival, 3 p.m., Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. No cost with museum admission. Reservations are required by Jan. 17. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

"Strange Culture" will be shown as part of the Human Rights Film Festival, 5 p.m., Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. No cost with museum admission. Reservations are required by Jan. 17. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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FIRST BIRTHDAYS

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Nicholas Daniel Perez



Nicholas Daniel Perez turned 1 on Dec. 6. He is the son of Jennifer Mosher of North Andover and Nick Perez of Westford. Grandparents are Stephanie Miller of North Andover and Jonathon Mosher of Revere, Bonnie Perez of Westford and Manny Perez of Florida. Great grandparents are Larry and Bev Owens of Lexington, Ky., and Hazel Mosher of Andover. Nicholas enjoys playing with his Uncle Steven, Auntie Christie and "Uncas" Ryan and Christian. He is full of energy.

Luke Robert Brezner



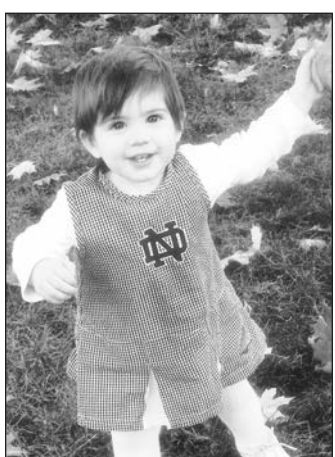
Luke Brezner turned 1 on Dec. 7. He is the son of Howard and Judith Brezner of Andover. Big brother is Jake. Grandparents are Robert and Catherine Kilcoyne of North Andover and Rachelle Brezner of Hudson. Luke loves dancing to YouTube videos and wrestling with his dad and Jake.

Collin James Souza



Collin James Souza turned 1 on Dec. 1. He is the son of Florence and Jamie Souza of Andover. He sends love and hugs to his mother's family in Bourg, France (Mami, Papi, Patov and the Verne family, including Emma); his cousins in Brussels, Belgium; his paternal grandparents and the Souza family; the Mobbs-Jones family in Andover and his "papa," "maman" and big sister Camille.

Kerri Leigh Finneran



Kerri Leigh Finneran turned 1 on Dec. 31. She is the youngest daughter of Rob and Lisa Finneran of Andover. She is a very happy and busy little girl who loves to play with her three older brothers: Ryan, Michael and Connor. She loves to watch them play hockey and loves to dance.

Notorious prison held Andover's veterans

Lest We Forget

Frank Raymond

Editor's Note: The words "Lest We Forget" can be found over the front doors of Andover's Memorial Hall Library, which was built as a memorial to Andover's Civil War veterans. Taken from records kept in Andover's Veterans Services Office, this occasional column by volunteer Frank Raymond shares information about some of the Andover veterans who fought for their country.

The heat of the day was just beginning to be felt as my wife, Mildred, and I drove through the back roads of Georgia on our way back from our winter sojourn to Florida this past spring. It was early April and everything was in bloom. There was little to distinguish this part of the country except for the red clay earth and the orderly rows of pecan trees as they stood in various groves shading their separate laps from the searing sun. We were near Americus, where Jimmy Carter had his home, and peanut farms were everywhere.

Our destination was the National Park at Andersonville, Ga. The visitors center explains in great detail how this park is divided into three parts:

- The visitors center, which is dedicated to the prisoners of war from all of America's wars;
- the Civil War cemetery;
- the Civil War prison itself, which held the initial population of the cemetery and forever branded the name of "Andersonville" into infamy.

We had in our possession the names and a few facts on nine Andover Civil War veterans, whom the records in the Andover Veterans Office told us had been held prisoner there. It was our intent to find any information available on these veterans and then add that data to our records in Andover.

A hellhole

In the summer of 1864, Andersonville was a hellhole, an open prison stockade built to hold a maximum of 10,000 Yankee prisoners; it was jammed with more than 32,000 men. The captured Andover men had become part of this group. Most had been part of Company H of the Massachusetts Heavy Artillery Battery, which had been formed by the citizens of Andover, and they had been taken prisoner at various battles and engagements as Gen. U.S. Grant moved to strangle the armies of the South.

Shelter inside the walls of the stockade was almost nonexistent, save for a few ragged tent shelter halves and holes dug into the ground. Food rations were so low that they

CIVIL WAR VETERANS WHOSE TOWN RECORDS REFERENCE ANDERSONVILLE PRISON

NAME	DATE OF CAPTURE	PLACE OF CAPTURE	DATE OF DEATH
Thomas Bagley	June 12, 1864	Petersburg, Va.	Aug. 28, 1864
Charles P. Barnard	May 19, 1864	Spotsylvania, Va.	Dec. 2, 1864
George S. Farmer	June 22, 1864	Petersburg, Va.	Sept. 12, 1864
George W. Grant*	June 22, 1864	Petersburg, Va.	Sept. 5, 1864
William S. Hall	May 19, 1864	Spotsylvania, Va.	Sept. 29, 1864
Edward A. Newman	Nov. 30, 1863	Plains Store, La.	July 19, 1864
John J. Townley	May 5, 1864	Todds Tavern, Va.	Oct. 1, 1864
Hiram C. Travis	June 2, 1864	Cold Harbor, Va.	Sept. 5, 1864
Elgin Woodlin	Oct. 16, 1863	Unknown	Unknown

*From Amesbury

consisted of a course ground meal semi-baked into rolls and delivered to the stockade once a day.

Water came from a putrid brook or stream, which barely flowed into the northwest corner of the stockade and exited, even more putrid, to the south. Shallow wells had been dug here and there but most were as polluted as the stream or maybe even more so.

There was no shade from the scorching sun, no medicine of any kind. The men had quickly grown weak and haggard. They were down to skin and bones and could barely move. Escape had proved impossible. Their only hope lay in an exchange of prisoners between the North and the South. This exchange, called "parole," had gone on throughout the war up until Grant had found that the South had re-employed many of these exchanged men back into the thinning ranks of the Confederacy, and therefore had placed major restraints on all future exchanges for the duration of the war.

Most prisoners were delivered to the camp by railroad and dropped at the small depot and siding located about a mile away from the stockade. From there, the guards marched them into the camp where they were left to fend for themselves. There was no organization or order within the camp. Men gathered into groups for self-protection from gangs, who roamed throughout the stockade helping themselves to whatever they wished from those no longer strong enough to protect themselves.

Finding the Andover graves

At the National Historic site, we met with a ranger and explained our mission. We were warmly welcomed and they took our meager facts, entered them in their database and provided us with a separate page of information on those prisoners about whom they had records. They were delighted we could fill in some of their blank spaces with unit numbers and other facts, and burial places for those men who were not located in the Anderson-

ville Cemetery.

The park ranger determined the grave numbers and sites for six of our nine men: Thomas Bagley, George S. Farmer, George W. Grant, William S. Hall, John J. Townley and Hiram C. Travis. (Subsequent research by Joan Patrakis of Andover has determined that the George W. Grant whose grave we found in Andersonville was not from Andover but from Amesbury, and that the George W. Grant from Andover died in an Army field hospital on a different date.)

We then visited each site and took pictures of each gravestone and its surroundings for our Andover veterans files. Today the cemetery is reminiscent of Arlington National Cemetery in appearance. Originally the deceased men were numbered and placed in mass graves or trenches dug by the prisoner work crews. In most, but not all, cases their names and units were recorded. The names of 460 remain unknown.

After the war, Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, and others worked for many months to identify and disinter the bodies and rebury them in proper graves with government markers.

Approximately 45,000 union prisoners were sent to Andersonville and more than 12,900 died there, mostly from starvation, exposure and poor sanitation. Needless to say, others who managed to survive Andersonville Prison died premature deaths as a result of the hardships endured at Andersonville, such as Charles Barnard, one of the nine Andover residents we researched. Barnard was paroled from the Andersonville Prison but he died on his way home to Andover on Dec. 2, 1864. Andersonville had no record of Barnard.

Nor did they have a grave listing for Edward Newman. Newman's remains appear to have been reburied in South Church Cemetery in Andover.

The last of our nine Civil War soldiers was

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Front row: Stephen Serrao, Matthew Belluche, Nathan O'Neil, Patrick Hughes, Thomas Manty and P.J. Lorenti.

Middle row: Nicolas Penta, Kyle Getty, Thomas Mapstone, Cameron Schmitt, Michael Reilly,



Courtesy photo

Patrick Keefe, Liam Burke and Charlie Stahley.
Back row: Assistant Coach

Steve Schmitt, Head Coach Mike Reilly and Assistant Coach Scott Manty.

FIRST BIRTHDAYS

Jillian Frances Slotnick

Jillian Frances Slotnick turned 1 on Dec. 16. She is the daughter of Jennifer Sloan and Jeremy Slotnick of Karlton Circle. Grandparents are John and Elizabeth Sloan of Timothy Drive and Lawrence and Anne Slotnick of Rochester, N.Y. Jill enjoys playing with her older brother, Neil, 3. Jill plays catch, loves reading picture books and enjoys stealing the salad dressing from the refrigerator. She has a vivacious personality and is a very busy and sociable girl, said her family. Jill also enjoys climbing up onto anything in sight, throwing toys into the bathtub, mimick-



ing her big brother and pulling ornaments off the Christmas tree.

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Elgin Woodlin. He was not listed as a prisoner by Andersonville but our records showed him to have been transferred from there to other prisons in the South from which he eventually escaped after 13 months. Woodlin survived the atrocities of prison only to meet another fate. Five years after the war, as an employee of the B&M Railroad in 1879, he was killed in a train accident in New Hampshire.

Frank Raymond is an Andover resident and volunteer in the Andover Veterans' Service office.

CIVIL WAR FACTS

- Since his visit to Andersonville, Frank Raymond believes further research has revealed that a total 16 Andover men were held at that prison.
- Of these 16, eight died as prisoners, seven were paroled with one dying shortly after parole, and one escaped.
- The last surviving Andover Civil War veteran was Henry Clukey, who was also the last GAR commander of the William F. Bartlett Post No. 99. He died Nov. 17, 1932 at age 86.
- You can read more on Andersonville and even check out names of prisoners on the National Parks Web site by visiting the Andersonville Civil War Prison Database at www.civil-war.nps.gov.
- Other Web sites are: www.nps.gov/ande, or try www.gsw.edu, then search Andersonville.

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Announcements

3A Lost & Found

Found cat MSPCA
Female brown tiger, pink brided color, no tags, bell, yellow eyes, young, Gilbert St., Lawrence.

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FOUND: Cat, Tabby & white neutered male, Rte. 62 & Poplar St., Danvers, on 12/13. Call (978) 774-8348.

FOUND CAT white/gray/tan domestic short hair, Broad St., Newburyport. Call Newburyport Animal Control 978-463-0549

FOUND DOGS Nov. 28, 3AM 2 older dogs, Storey Ave./Rt. 95, Newburyport. One Golden mix, 1 spaniel. Any info, call Newburyport Animal Control, (978) 463-0549

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FOUND PARAKEET - beautiful, yellow head, green chest, blue tail. Has band on claw. Federal St., Salem MA. Call 978-836-2915

FOUND: PITBULL/BOXER cross. Female, 10-12 yrs old. Brown, wearing pink collar. New Boston Rd area, Kingston NH, on 12/18. Call the Kingston PD at 603-442-5742.

FOUND: Standard Poodle. We would like to thank everyone for their help in finding our dog. Thank you.

LOST BEREET, brown fur, no monetary value, great sentimental value, Dec. 1st. Dale Ave. between Library & Central Grammar, Gloucester (978) 546-8005

LOST BOOK "A Writer's Coach", signed by author, left in Andover north commuter rail. (978) 388-4713

LOST CAT: 15 lb. black & white male, since 11/30, near Plains Park area, Danvers. Call (978) 774-1845

LOST CAT: Grey and black tabby. Since 9/13/07, Fletcher Rd., Windham, NH, 7 years. Neutered male with claws & green eyes. Maybe wearing black collar with ID Tags. (603) 890-3270; 978-239-3639

LOST Cat: light grey with ome white, female short haired cat. Raymond area, but could have traveled through woods. If any info please call (603) 895-6662

LOST: CATS IN VICINITY OF CHERRY STREET, Gloucester, MA any sightings call Feline Rescue of Cape Ann (978) 282-1837

LOST CHIHAUAHUA, MALE, small black with white on chest, brown on face, Smith St. Lawrence MA area. (978) 655-4094

LOST: DOG Bassett Hound, female, sec. 20th, Waverly Rd. No Andover no collar, answers to Molly. Call (978) 258-7690

LOST DOG, Chihuahua, blue collar, reddish brown body, brown eyes, 10 mo old, 10 lbs. Lawrence St., Salem MA area. substantial REWARD 978-314-4092

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TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING
A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, January 10, 2008 at 7:00 PM. on the petition of Marathon Development, LLC, 5 S. Central St., Bradford, MA for variances from Article VIII, §§.1.5, 5.3.3, 4.1.4 to construct a commercial building that will not meet the building separation, parking design standards & buff area requirements of the Zoning Bylaw.
Premises affected are located at 210 N. Main St., Andover, MA in an MU District and are shown on Assessor Map 37 as Lot 31.
STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
AT - 12/27/07, 01/03/08

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING
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Premises affected are located at 60 Canterbury St., Andover, MA in a SRB District and are shown on Assessor Map 87 as Lot 4.
STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN
BOARD OF APPEALS
AT - 12/27/07, 1/3/08

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on **January 22, 2008, at 7:30 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street**, on an application submitted by Standard Duplicating 10 Connector Road, Andover, MA 01810, for a Special Permit for A Change in Parking Space Requirements under Sections 5.1.9 and 5.1.12 of the Andover Zoning Bylaw for the reserving of 33 parking spaces associated with the application for an addition to an existing building located at 10 Connector Road, Andover, MA on property owned by Standard Duplicating, and being more specifically identified as Assessors Map 160 Lots 9D located in the Industrial A Zoning District. The application may be examined in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Paul J. Salafia, Chairman
AT - 1/03, 1/10/08

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3A Lost & Found

LOST DOG CHIHAUAHUA, teacup size, white female, brown spots, at Andover car wash across from Joe Fish on Sun. Nov. 25th. Call (978) 521-2691

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LOCATION: Andover, Tewksbury, and Wilmington
PROPOSER: MassHighway
The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs on or before December 31, 2007.
This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, s.s. 61, 62 62H). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:
MassHighway, Attn: John Fallon - Project Manager, 10 Park Plaza, Room 4260, Boston, MA 02116, Phone: 617-973-7408
Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Andover, Tewksbury, and Wilmington where they may be inspected.
The Secretary of Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.
By MassHighway

AT - 1/3/08

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by **Lauren T. Mell** to Option One Mortgage Corporation, dated April 25, 2003 and recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 7749, Page 256 of which mortgage Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Pooling and Servicing Agreement Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-4 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4, is the present holder by assignment, for breach of conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the mortgaged premises located at **15-17 Stirling Street, Andover, MA** will be sold at Public Auction at **1:00 P.M. on January 29, 2008**, at the mortgaged premises, more particularly described below, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:
A certain parcel of land together with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, said County of Essex, being shown as the lot containing 10,393.00 square feet on Plan of land entitled: "Plan of Land in Andover, Mass., as Surveyed for Ernest Jones, December, 1948, D. J. McCracken, Engineer", recorded with the North Essex District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 2011, said premises being bounded and described substantially as follows:
Westerly by Sterling Street 86.61 feet;
Northerly by land now or formerly of Ernest F. Jones et al. 120 feet;
Easterly by other land of said Jones et al., 86.61 feet, and
Southerly by a right of way 120 feet. All as shown on said plan.
For mortgagor's title see deed recorded with the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 6115, Page 298
The premises will be sold subject to any and all unpaid taxes and other municipal assessments and liens, and subject to prior liens or other enforceable encumbrances of record entitled to precedence over this mortgage, and subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, reservations and conditions of record and subject to all tenancies and/or rights of parties in possession.
Terms of the Sale: Cash, cashier's or certified check in the sum of \$5,000.00 as a deposit must be shown at the time and place of the sale in order to qualify as a bidder (the mortgage holder and its designee(s) are exempt from this requirement); high bidder to sign written Memorandum of Sale upon acceptance of bid; balance of purchase price payable in cash or current funds in thirty (30) days from the date of the sale at the office of mortgagee's attorney, Korde & Associates, P.C., 321 Billerica Road, Suite 210, Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100, or such other time as may be designated by mortgagee. The description for the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.
Other terms to be announced at the sale.
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Pooling and Servicing Agreement Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-4 Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2003-4
Korde & Associates, P.C.
321 Billerica Road, Suite 210
Chelmsford, MA 01824-4100
(978)256-1500
(06-0897)OOCM/Mell/01/03/08, 01/10/08, 01/17/08/100131)
AT - 1/3, 1/10, 1/17/08

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE
By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in that certain Mortgage dated September 25, 2006, given by **ADD 2, LLC**, a Massachusetts limited liability company with a mailing address 65 Central Street, Andover, MA 01810 (the "Mortgagor"), to **OLDE CENTER VENTURES, INC.**, a Massachusetts corporation with a mailing address at P.O. Box 3234, Peabody, MA 01961-3234 (the "Mortgagee"), which Mortgage is recorded with the Essex North County Registry of Deeds in Book 10411, Page 99 (the "Mortgage"), for breach of the conditions contained in the Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same, the Mortgaged Premises (defined below) will be sold at Public Auction at 11:00 a.m. on the 10th day of January, 2008, to be held on the Mortgaged Premises which is located at 21-23 Central Street, Andover, Essex County, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, such Mortgaged Premises being more particularly described in said Mortgage, **TO WIT:**
21 - 23 Central Street, Andover, MA 01810
The certain parcel of land with the buildings thereon, situated in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts being bounded and described as follows:
WESTERLY by Brook Street two courses, 43.88 feet and 189.92 feet;
NORTHERLY by a stone wall now or formerly of Peter F. Fisher and Muriel Fisher, 98.27 feet;
EASTERLY by land now or formerly of the Doherty Trust, 211.00 feet; and
SOUTHERLY by Central Street, 100.56 feet and 24.82 feet.
Being the same premises conveyed to ADD 2, LLC by deed of Anthony D. DiNapoli dated June 21, 2002 and recorded with said registry of deeds in Book 7094, Page 48.
(hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Mortgaged Premises").
The Mortgagee reserves the right to postpone the sale to a later date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the sale and to further postpone at any adjourned sale date by public proclamation at the time and date appointed for the adjourned sale date.
Said Mortgaged Premises shall be sold and conveyed in an "as is" condition subject to and with the benefit of all restrictions, easements, covenants, improvements, outstanding tax titles, mortgages, liens, or claims in the nature of liens, any rights of tenants and parties in possession not terminated by the sale, unpaid taxes, municipal liens and other public taxes, assessments or liens, having priority over the Mortgage described herein, if any, and all existing encumbrances and other matters of record, created prior to the Mortgage or to which the Mortgage is subject, including, but not limited to the following encumbrances:
1. Mortgage and Security Agreement to Southern New Hampshire Bank and Trust Co. (now known as Bank of New England) dated May 19, 2006 and recorded at the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10191, Page 33; and
2. Mortgage and Security Agreement to Southern New Hampshire Bank and Trust Co. (now known as Bank of New England) dated May 19, 2006 and recorded at the Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 10191, Page 50.
Said Mortgaged Premises are being sold subject to all applicable building, land use, environmental and zoning laws (including Title V, if applicable) as well as subject to the rights, if any, of any parties remaining in possession following the foreclosure sale.
The successful bidder for the Mortgaged Premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Sale containing the above terms and any other terms set forth herein or announced at the sale. The deposit paid at the time of the sale shall be retained by the Mortgagee as liquidated damages or for application to actual damages, at the sole option of the Mortgagee, if such successful bidder does not comply strictly with the terms of the Memorandum of Sale.
In the event that the successful bidder shall default on the purchase price check or by bank treasurer's or cashier's check by the successful bidder within thirty (30) days thereafter at the offices of Tarlow Breed Hart & Rodgers, P.C., 101 Huntington Ave., Suite 500, Boston, MA 02199.
OTHER TERMS, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE TIME AND PLACE OF SALE.
DATED: December 17, 2007 MORTGAGEE:
OLDE CENTER VENTURES, INC.
By: TARLOW BREED HART & RODGERS,
P. C., its Attorneys
John R. Blake, Jr.
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101 Baby Items

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101 Baby Items

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HOPE CHEST cedar 1937 Lane, refinished, Altoysisto, VA. 21th, 43" L. \$200. SNOW BLOWER, Ariens, 7HP, pull start, 24" cut...

102 Articles for Sale

SNOWBLOWER Craftsman lawn tractor with 42" snow blower & 42" mower deck. SNOW PLOW Western in-mount 3 blades snow plow...

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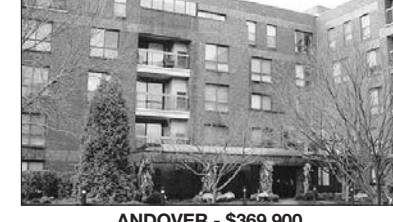
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Growing pains and tax lessons in Andover

The Back Page

Bill Dalton



As the decade of the 1950s becomes the 1960s, Andover's natives are restless. Since World War II the population of the town has been growing rapidly, and the number of school children has jumped from 1,300 to 3,300.

The tax rate is climbing and residential growth is blamed. Growth, taxes and land use are tops on the town's hit parade, and Andover is adjusting to its new, town-manager form of government. The town is moving into the modern era, one of great change in Andover — an era that this column will visit occasionally.

In June 1959, the Board of Selectmen hired Tom Duff to be Andover's first professional town manager. The year before, largely due to the efforts of the League of Women Voters, Andover voted to accept a town manager form of government. Jim St. Germain, a professor at Merrimack College, wrote about the 1958 vote in a booklet published by Andover's "325th Anniversary Committee" in 1971. He said, "Our officials were good, true and trustworthy. On this we all agreed. We wanted to change and we did it peacefully and without rancor. Debate we did, and at times with heat, but ... there was no 'drive the rascals out' story here."

However, one cannot read the Townsman for the year after the new manager is hired without seeing that some people are unhappy with the change. Mr. Duff is under pressure to succeed, and he has strong allies — not only with the League but at the Townsman as well. Although the town manager system will succeed in Andover, Mr. Duff will struggle through one term and leave in 1965. The selectmen/town manager/Town Meeting form of government will prove itself over the years, but there is a period of adjustment that coincides with a time during which significant issues confront the town.

The Dec. 31, 1959, Townsman has a front-page banner headline: "Sound Fi-

nances, Steady Growth Predicted In '60." The story says that in an informal "State of the Town" commentary "Town Manager Duff stressed "the need for continuous planned growth residentially and industrially." He said that industrial expansion is important to increase the tax base. Furthermore, he'd control all of the town's departmental budgets in such a way that better service will be achieved by better planning, not higher budgets. He adds that he wants the town to acquire land for future municipal purposes because "buying land now will save money." His comments appear to be part of an interview with the paper.

The new town manager is making a mistake. The selectmen are elected by the citizens and are the town's policy makers, subject to the Town Meeting and ballot box. The selectmen should be out front on policy issues. Mr. Duff was hired by the selectmen to run daily operations efficiently. It is appropriate for him to say he'll work to keep taxes under control through efficient operations; it is quite another thing for him to be advocating for policy matters such as industrial expansion and the purchase of land. If he has ideas for policy change, he should take them to the selectmen for discussion and let them decide which policy to push, if any. When he speaks directly to the paper and public about policy issues, he is acting more like a city mayor than a town manager. He may be growing impatient with the new board of selectmen, but he gets paid to deal with them; it is a problem a town manager must suffer through or leave.

The paper's editorial is supportive of Duff and his ideas. It asks, "Does the town wish to expand residentially and industrially?" The paper believes most people would respond with the answer, "Within reason." Nevertheless, the editorial continues, many feel that the town imposes restrictions that give it a reputation for being unfriendly to developers. An editorial the next week gives the town manager a strong boost. Under the title, "We're off to a Good Start," it says, "We are in thorough agreement with the new ideas Mr. Duff has expressed and wholeheartedly believe they will stand up under the test of time."

The front page of the Jan. 7, 1960, Townsman carries a story titled,



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The largest reservation owned by AVIS is named in Harold Rafton's honor.

"Rafton Suggests Newcomers Pay Cost Of Improvements." Harold Rafton, well-respected for his land conservation work, proposes stabilizing the tax rate for current home owners by directly assessing the cost of expanded town facilities against new home owners. He reasons that only new home owners should pay because they are causing the additional expenses by moving to Andover. He says, "Everyone has this thing on their minds." Rafton explains that taxes have tripled in the last 15 years and asks if they will triple again in the next 15 years.

The editorial response, titled "Sorry We Can't Agree," says that although Mr. Rafton's plan "results from selfish motives," you can't blame present taxpayers for feeling this way. The editorial concludes that the plan "violates the rule of equal taxation for all" and that a better way to meet anticipated costs is to attract new industry. Mr. Rafton's plan to directly assess newcomers is kept alive for a while due to his legendary tenacity, but it dies in the end. In years to come, however, the concept of municipalities making residential and commercial newcomers pay takes hold,

but it is delivered in more palatable forms by making them pay indirectly, through such ideas as "Developmental Impact Fees." Nationwide, as communities grow, there is much litigation over this subject, and it still continues.

Two front-page stories involving a large parcel of land northwest of the intersection of Route 110 and Interstate 93 appear in the Dec. 31, 1959, Townsman. The description of the property is confusing to a reader in 2008, since I-93 and Route 110 actually intersect in Methuen. The Route 110 referred to in the Townsman was the planned "Relocated Route 110," a road that is renamed Route 495 in 1958, built in the early '60s and opened for traffic in 1965.

A North Andover Planning Board consultant believes the site northwest of the intersection would be a good location for a regional airport, replacing the airport in North Andover. In what must be one of the great understatements in the history of the town, the Townsman politely reports that the plan met with a "cool reception" in Andover. (North Andover officials must have had a good laugh when the consultant sent this suggestion to Andover. I can imagine someone saying to the consultant, "I'll give you 10 bucks if you do it.")

Karl Haartz of High Plain Road seeks support from the selectmen for a plan to turn a 650-acre parcel northwest of the intersection into a giant greenbelt. Mr. Haartz, an active and thoughtful citizen, has done much homework on the project. He demonstrates that his greenbelt idea will save Andover money in the long run because the town will not need to build infrastructure and schools to support new houses that otherwise will be built on the 650 acres. The selectmen refer Mr. Haartz to the Planning Board. The plan does not succeed. However, within a few years, 226 acres of the land will be acquired by Andover Village Improvement Society. It becomes the largest parcel of land owned by AVIS, and will be named the Harold R. Rafton Reservation in 1968.

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"The buck has to stop somewhere," said Silberstein. "The School Committee sets policy. In terms of the response of the union, we are very happy to listen, but that's clearly the School Committee's purview. We listen to the union like we listen to the administration and listen to the parents."

Silberstein said she has also requested that Bach or a designee provides guidelines to principals on how to make their decisions concerning outside speakers.

"I think it's important that the community know what they are," she said.

"While it was determined that the principal's decision would be final, I think it goes without saying that the principal reports to the superintendent," said Barber. "It ties outside speakers to the curriculum, so that you just can't invite an outside speaker for any topic."

Barber also said he was glad a new outside speaker policy was drawn up months removed from the Wheels of Justice controversy.

"There was some upset and very emotional people at that time, demanding that we do something," Barber said. "You don't want to act under emotion."

Take-home tests

Some teachers also expressed opposition to a new policy that requires them to, at a minimum, allow their students to take home corrected tests for a certain period. Students and their parents must agree not to make copies of them or disseminate them before handing them back in.

"Those issues are done, closed now," Barber said. "We did our research and our due diligence."

Most high school teachers allow students to take their tests home, according to Principal Peter Anderson.

But some math and science teachers did not because they often recycle questions, which take hours to create, to better assess student performance over an extended time frame.

The policy, the last approved by the School Committee, was changed to its current form after some teachers expressed disapproval. The initial policy would have required that all tests be given back to students permanently.

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