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SCHOOL OR NO SCHOOL?



Superintendent Claudia Bach talks with Doherty Middle School students before they get on bus to go home after school.

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Cancellations 'not a perfect science' for superintendent

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

As the majority of town residents lie fast asleep during a morning snowstorm, the clock is ticking loudly for Superintendent of Schools Claudia Bach. Should she cancel school? Delay the opening?

Ninety minutes is all Bach has on a typical snowy morning to make her decision.

Bach wakes around 4:15 a.m. and methodically begins her routine, which starts with a phone call to the town highway department. No matter her decision, Bach said she must come to a conclusion by 5:45 a.m. at the latest, when many teachers begin their trek to the school district.

"I get less sleep during the winter. I'm always wishing for an easy call and it seems recently like they haven't been easy."

— Superintendent Claudia Bach

"I get less sleep during the winter," said Bach. "I'm always wishing for an easy call and it seems recently like they haven't been easy."

With more than 30 inches of snowfall recorded in town already this winter, Bach has made several tough calls — and heard about them from parents upset with her decisions.

On Dec. 13, Bach declined to call for an early release as a storm dumped more than 6 inches of snow on the area. As a result, school buses were caught in the wide-spread gridlock and some students didn't get home until 5:30 p.m.

Then a week later, on Dec. 20, Bach ordered an hour-long delayed opening before increased snowfall and a change in the forecast forced her to call for an additional early release. After arriving between 8:45 and 9:45 a.m. that morning, some students were on buses home by 11:45 a.m.

Winter hadn't even arrived yet, Bach pointed out, but the weather associated with the season had been in full force for

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► Landfill closing

New plan, more money

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Under pressure from the state Department of Environmental Protection to cap the town's former landfill, Andover officials are proposing a new solution to the decades-old problem. But to cap the Ledge Road landfill once and for all, they need voters to approve a plan different than the one previously sold to them.

The town will need Town Meeting to approve millions of dollars more, may need to use some of this money to buy contaminated land around the landfill and will not add any new playing fields in the area as a result of the work. Until last year, the plan was to add more playing fields next to Deyermond Field once the old landfill was capped. Deyermond Field rests atop one part of the old landfill.

A new \$7.4 million appropriation would fully pay to close the more than 20-acre landfill, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. The town has approved more than \$2 million already.

Residents at Town Meetings

first approved planning money to close the landfill in 1997 and 1998 and added another \$2.2 million in 1999 for the construction work. No capping has occurred.

With landfill capping costs on the rise in recent years, town officials now believe they'll need the additional \$7.4 million to complete the job.

However, before Andover can attain a state permit to cap the landfill, it must deal with arsenic found at the landfill and on an abutting farm. Some of the \$7.4 million would pay for this.

"We've got a significant environmental problem that has to be dealt with," said Selectman Alex Vispoli. "I think the longer you go, the more the cost."

The new plan and removing arsenic

The landfill was closed in 1973 and capped by the town later in the decade before state regulations were developed. Now Mass-DEP has ordered the town recap the landfill to meet its current standards.

This fall, the town scrapped its initial two-phase approach that

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Peter Riley, a coach for the Andover Little League, hits fly balls to some players at the Deyermond Field, which was built on top of a landfill that needs recapping. The fields should remain for at least a few years.

Town Meeting: A banner day for Andover?

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Hanging overhead banners to advertise civic events is a century-old New England tradition, says business owner Mark Spencer. So is Annual Town Meeting.

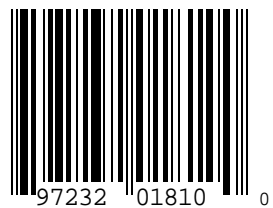
If members of Andover's downtown business community have their way, the two traditions will meet this April.

Spencer and two other members of the Andover Business Center Association hope to pro-

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SCHOOL: Canceling classes always a tough call

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weeks by then. With the first day of winter falling on Dec. 22, town plows had been called out four times.

"Mother Nature has not been very kind to school superintendents," said Bach. "It looks like it could turn into being a heavy winter. And, you know, in a minute that could change."

Difficult season already

With more than half of its budgeted \$1.3 million already spent this year on sand, salt, calcium chloride, private plow service and employee overtime expenses related to clearing Andover's roads, the town highway department expects to use reserve funds to keep up with the snowfall in 2008 if the weather continues to be severe.

According to Highway Superintendent Christopher Cronin, as many as 180 pieces of equipment are put to use by the Department of Public Works during a full-fledged snowstorm.

Cronin said that of the 31 inches of snow measured in town so far, the two storms on Dec. 13 and 20 were "unique events" that posed particular challenges to Bach as she made her weather-related decisions.

"Those are tough calls. Superintendents all over the country and all over the state have to make them. I wouldn't want to be in her position," said School Committee member Deb Silberstein. "I think she's done a wonderful job communicating with parents and the community."

After 13 years as a superintendent, 10 of them in Andover, Bach said she had never dealt with a situation where school buses were trapped in bumper-to-bumper traffic for as long as they were on Dec. 13.

"With so many buses delayed

it was impossible at some schools for principals to call parents," said Bach, who received multiple e-mails from parents informing her that they were also stuck in the gridlock coming home from work.

"I don't like the idea of kids home alone," she said. "The last thing I'll do will be to have an early release."

Numerous parents did complain about the decision to keep kids at school, prompting Bach to send out a letter on Dec. 17 explaining her rationale for the move.

Then on Dec. 20 came Andover's first early release in a decade, according to Bach, who earlier that morning had decided against a two-hour delayed opening and settled for a one-hour delay.

Bach said the forecast that morning called for between one and three inches of snow.

"By the time it was all over we had eight inches of snow," Bach said.

Afternoon preschool and kindergarten were also cancelled on Dec. 20.

"The weather changed as the day progressed, so we had to make adjustments as we went along," said Bach. "It's not a perfect science by any means."

The decision for the early release that day was made during a principals' meeting as weather worsened, Bach said. One of the topics she discussed with principals was how to best deal with weather-related decisions.

"It was an opportunity for us to review, and we did do that," said Bach. "We discussed it, and then literally put the decisions into practice within minutes."

Bach said she later received dozens of e-mails in support of the release. No buses were caught in traffic, she said.

MAKING THE CALL

Superintendent Claudia Bach's typical morning schedule after or during a snowstorm:

4 to 4:30 a.m. - Wake up, turn on computer and television, call town highway department, take a walk outside or go for a drive to better determine weather conditions.

5 a.m. - Check local television network reports, consult with town-specific weather reports available on computer through Public Works Department, call and confer with superintendents in North Andover, Methuen, Lawrence and at the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

5:30 a.m. - Make decision to either cancel school or have a delayed opening. Call secretary, school technology director, transportation coordinator, six television stations, multiple radio stations, record new phone message

"I didn't expect a response," said Bach. "I got a wonderful, positive, just a slew of e-mails. All the children did get home safely and that's what counts."

"No matter which way you go, you get people who are upset," said School Committee member Arthur Barber. "No matter what she does, there are people who think it's the wrong decision."

Though often difficult, Bach said her weather decisions take a back seat to departmental budgets, hiring and curriculum work when it comes to the hardest aspects of her job.

"It's a very, very minor part of my job," she said. "I have to be sensitive to the safety issues. That's very important. Making a snow decision is more nuts and bolts. I will make mistakes, obviously, but it's not the hardest part of my job by a long shot."

Contractor to remove vinyl siding, house is historical

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A Dracut contractor turning a 107-year-old Florence Street home into three condominiums has been told to stop work and take down the vinyl siding and doors he installed because the street is part of Andover's historic district.

The house will instead be painted. Last month a town building inspector told contractor Diogo Femendes of View Point Contractors in Dracut to stop working on the site until he met with Karen Herman, chairwoman of the town's Preservation Commission. Well on his way to spending some \$317,000 renovating the property as plumbing, heating and a back elevator were already complete, Femendes met with Herman. He says he did not know the home was in a historic district.

Femendes said he will make some changes, including removing the vinyl siding two brand new front oval-glassed doors and he has put up. He has not been at the site for weeks. He said he will return when the weather improves as he has already spent thousands of dollars on the project.

"He threw out stained glass windows and doors from that era," Herman said of the renovation on the former multi-family house at 8-10 Florence St. "And, with the (new) windows and vinyl siding. ... The historic fabric is gone."

Now, front doors that fit with the historic area will be installed instead. While numerous new windows are in, Femendes said he will add trim to make them fit in with the area, too.

As for the stained glass windows, those are long gone. Femendes said he threw them out and the windows broke into pieces.

Town records say the house was built in 1901 and has a garage. Femendes filed his building permit last April, paying the town \$4,181. By August, the building permit had been signed by various town officials including the fire department, health department and a building inspector. Work began, but was

HOW DO YOU KNOW IF A PROPERTY IS HISTORICAL?

You have to ask the town. The best time to do that is when you or your contractor is pulling the building permit necessary for any changes to a property. Building inspector Ronald Wetmore of the Community and Development & Planning Department, said there are three registries on file in the department. Staffers will check to see if your property is in a historical district, he said.

stopped in mid-December, which came as a surprise to Femendes.

"My partner asked the town twice if this house was in a historical area," said Femendes, who said he typically steers clear of building in such districts because of the rules. "He was told by the town that it was not in a historical district."

His partner, Al Couillard, is currently on vacation and could not be reached for comment.

Building inspector Ronald Wetmore said the developer knew about the home's historic location. But he's just glad the situation has been "rectified," he said.

Herman is also pleased that the situation has been worked out.

"It was just the wrong design for the period of the house," she said.

What is being used now will fit in better with the neighborhood, which is located close to downtown, she said. Herman said all of Florence Street is considered part of Andover's historic district.

"He started (renovating) in the rear of the property. It didn't need my review," Herman said.

Then, work on the front of the house started and it was very noticeable.

"Work stopped, I reviewed it," she said. "It's all set now."

IRS leads way on toys

Employees of the Andover Internal Revenue Service Center again exceeded Toys for Tots expectations with their generosity.

Following the Andover IRS's 20th annual Toys for Tots campaign, Andover IRS employees donated almost \$42,000 and 4,100 toys to the U.S. Marines' program. The employees raised the money and collected toys for needy children in the community in just four weeks.

"It's very heartwarming but also staggering especially this year with so many charities in desperate need pleading for help because their donations had decreased considerably due to the economy," said Peggy Riley, IRS media relations specialist, in a release. "The IRS family did not falter — they rallied behind this campaign once again and the Marines are very, very grateful."

The IRS is responsible for 80 percent of the donations collected locally, according to the release.



Kathy Francisco, the Andover IRS Toys for Tots coordinator, presents a check (made by the kindergarten children at the IRS's child care center) for \$43,941 raised by Andover IRS employees to Marines Gunnery Sgt. Brian Pratt and S/Sgt. Robert Jones during their 20th annual Toys for Tots campaign. The local IRS workers also donated 4,100 toys.

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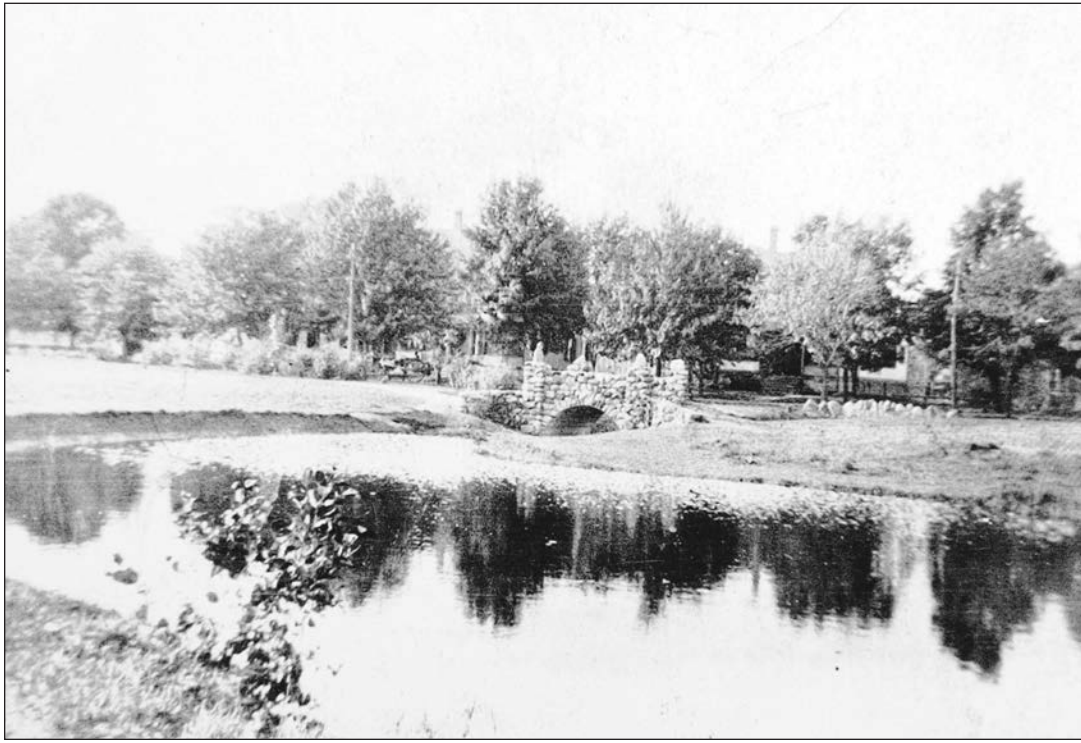
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PAST & PRESENT



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NOW: A small plaque on this bench in the Park says that Roger's Brook is named after a "Native American living in the region when Andover was incorporated."

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Chris Gabrieli to speak at breakfast meeting

Service Club of Andover will welcome Chris Gabrieli to speak at its Jan. 16 breakfast meeting beginning at 7 a.m. at the Andover Inn. Gabrieli, the former gubernational candidate, is an entrepreneur and cofounded Massachusetts 2020, an educational nonprofit focused on expanding the economic and educational opportunities for children and families across Massachusetts. There is no cost to attend this event but reservations are required. To make a reservation, call Len D'Innocenzo at 978-470-0409. For more information, visit www.serviceclubofandover.org.

Andover Parent to Parent presents Dr. Michael Thompson, author of "Raising Cain: Exploring Underachievement in Boys," on Jan. 17 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Greater Lawrence Technical School, VPAC Auditorium, 57 River Road, Andover. For more information, visit andoverp2p.com.

Andover Parent to Parent presents Carol Plotkin, LICSW, executive director of behavior health services at Cape Cod Health Care, on Jan. 30 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover. This presentation will address the importance of giving your children the information they need to make responsible decisions for themselves as they mature and grow.

The American Red Cross and the Andover Community will host a blood drive Jan. 15 from 2 to 7 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road. Anyone 17 years of age or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood. For more information, call 800-448-3543 or visit www.newenglandblood.org.

AHS Counseling Department invites the public to attend the College Admission Process, a program for juniors and their parents on the college search and application process. Guest speaker will be John Mahoney, Director of Admission for Boston College. Schedule: Session I on Jan. 28 at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center for parents and junior students; Session II on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center for parents only. For more information, call Maureen Wholey at 978-623-8607.

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QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



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— Andover resident Bob Frishman on the Addison Gallery of American Art, which will close for two years in July, for renovation and expansion. Story in Arts, page 21.

BECOMING A MAN THERE MADE ME FEEL DIFFERENT. I FELT SPECIAL and I'll never forget it.
— Ben Aronovitz, 12, on having his bar mitzvah in Israel. He was one of several youth from Temple Emanuel to do so during school vacation week. Story in Townspeople, page 13.

AS A GROUP WE NEED TO COME UP with ways to bring people downtown because of the construction... Once we start seeing sidewalks being dug up, that's going to be scary.
— Sharon Breighner, new president of the Andover Business Center Association, on plans to handle the Main Street redesign work that will start this spring. Story in Business, page 12



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Andover Coalition for Education, Butler Bank Andover, community room, 7:30 a.m.

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

Andover Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, 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.

FRIDAY, JAN. 11

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.

TUESDAY, JAN. 15

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 16

Finance Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., plant and facilities conference room, 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Andover representatives Interstate 93/Lowell Junction Tri-town Task Force, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 8 a.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Town Yard Task Force, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

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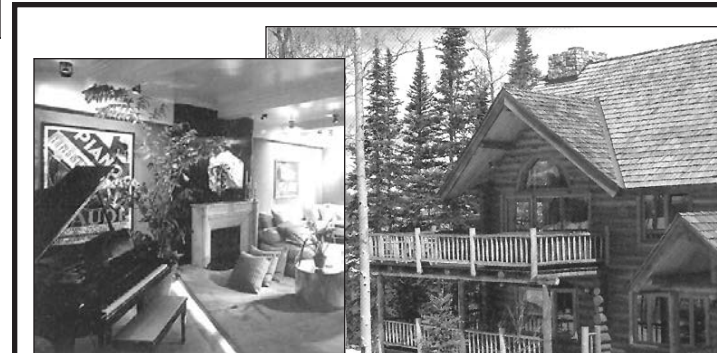
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The Andover Fire Department trained for water rescue at Haggets Pond last week.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Domestic calls increase for police during holiday weeks

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover police have responded to 13 homes in the last three weeks after domestic disturbances were reported.

Typically, the department responds to between 12 and 15 such calls a month, according to Lt. James Hashem.

"Around the holidays we do seem to see an increase in domestics," said Hashem. "They're fairly constant around the year, but during the holidays we do see a slight increase."

"Every case is going to wind up being different," said Hashem, when asked about the increase in domestics in late December and early January. "Whether it's the stresses of the holidays [or] alcohol consumption, I'm sure there's a number of factors that go into that."

Volunteers from the Methuen-based Trauma Intervention Program often respond to the victims of domestic abuse, according to program founder and Andover resident Jayan Landry.

When called by local police and fire departments or area hospitals, Landry said TIP volunteers typically report within 20 minutes to emergency rooms or public safety stations to provide "emotional first aid" to victims.

Landry said the last several weeks have been the program's busiest all year for all types of traumas.

"I think a lot of the issues that I see (involve) unrealistic expectations," said Landry. "You're bound to have problems. Without a doubt, the weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas

and into the new year, it's just an extra burden. The holidays are laden with emotional baggage. The holidays compound peoples' grief."

Landry said this time of year comes with additional inter-personal, emotional and financial stress.

"I think the pressures and the stress and the expectations of doing it right — people are spending," she said. "Usually that backlash happens the week after Christmas. I guess society places an interesting pressure on the consumer."

Both Landry and Hashem said domestic disturbances can involve any gender, age group or relationship.

"It's one of those things that any time, anywhere, it has a possibility of taking place," said Hashem. "You can see just about anything. Fights between spouses, fights (with) kids, fights between brothers and sisters."

Working under a state-mandated domestic violence policy, Hashem said a high rate of arrests are made on domestic calls. Residents will be arrested if there signs of abuse, for assault or for violating a restraining order, he said.

"They're obviously a very volatile situation," said Hashem. "It's usually a disturbance or a family fight that turned physical. It's very automatic, as far as our response goes."

The month of December as a whole saw 14 instances of domestic disturbances reported to police.

Along with July and September, when 14 domestic disturbances were also reported, that total was the fourth highest all year, trailing March (20), January (16) and May (15). November saw the fewest such reports (9) in 2007.

"Around the holidays we do seem to see an increase in domestics. They're fairly constant around the year, but during the holidays we do see a slight increase."

Lt. James Hashem

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Jan. 1 — At 4:02 p.m., Jesse Wittenber, 28, of 90 Eventide Road Southeast, Rio Rancho, New Mexico, was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property over \$250, operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, using a motor vehicle without authority, and possession of a Class A substance, and on three warrants out of Lawrence District Court.

Thursday, Jan. 3 — At 11:39 a.m., Zoraida Gonzalez, 28, of 86 Annunciation Road, Roxbury, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Friday, Jan. 4 — At 12:19 p.m., Daniel McGrath, 44, of 54 Boulder Drive, Londonderry, N.H., was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Saturday, Jan. 5 — At 2:04 p.m., Michael Cushman, 47, of 1392 Andover St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 2:26 p.m., Dean Voyer Jr., 43, of 33 Corbett St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 8:27 p.m., Alex Steeves, 18, of 5 Clinton Court, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

Sunday, Jan. 6 — At 3:44 a.m., Wilfredo Orelana, 32, of 37 Prescott St., East Boston, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 2:32 p.m., James Howard, 28, of 63 Lucerne Drive, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, the motor vehicle violation of giving a false name/address to police, and possession of a Class A substance. After being released on bail, Howard was arrested again outside of Market Basket on North Main Street and charged at 5:58 p.m. with shoplifting by asportation.

At 3 p.m., James Albert, 24, of 8 Henry St., Amesbury, was arrested and charged with being knowingly present where heroin is kept.

At 10:11 p.m., Stacey Bambrick, 38, of 8 Cloverfield Drive, was arrested and charged for assault and battery on a household member.

Monday, Jan. 7 — At 10:43 a.m., Michael

Sone, 23, of 201 Cardigan Road. Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 3:32 p.m., Jose Santos, 45, of 3 Winn St., Woburn, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

INCIDENTS

Monday, Dec. 31 — At 2:43 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Main Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 1 — At 12:21 a.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported on Old River Road.

At 2:39 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Dale Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — At 10:11 a.m., vandalism was reported on Main Street.

At 11:44 p.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported on Park Street. Three males were in an altercation and an ambulance was called for lacerations to one of the male's face.

At 11:44 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on Burnham Road.

Thursday, Jan. 3 — At 3:04 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Iroquois Avenue, where National Grid was on scene doing emergency work.

At 4:48 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Friday, Jan. 4 — At 9:58 a.m., assault of an employee was reported on Tech Drive.

At 2:06 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Memorial Circle.

At 3:53 p.m., fraudulent use of a credit card was reported on Partridge Hill Road.

At 11:29 p.m., a noise complaint was received on Bullfinch Drive.

Saturday, Jan. 5 — At 1:55 a.m., a noise complaint was received on North Main Street.

At 2:14 p.m., domestic abuse was reported.

At 8:15 p.m., fraud was reported on Essex Street.

At 8:45 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Sunday, Jan. 6 — At 12:26 p.m., trespassing was reported on North Main Street.

At 5:04 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Corbett Street when a resident reported five males entering the cemetery wearing black capes. An officer reported negative results.

At 5:08 p.m., missing property was reported on Wintergreen Circle.

At 7:22 p.m., annoying phone calls were re-

ported on Memorial Circle.

At 9:32 p.m., domestic abuse was reported.

Monday, Jan. 7 — At 3:28 p.m., fraud was reported on Lupine Road.

At 9:09 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 10:58 p.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported on High Street.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Monday, Dec. 31 — At 4:36 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Main Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — At 10:13 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Shawsheen Road.

Thursday, Jan. 3 — At 6:58 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on North Main Street.

Saturday, Jan. 5 — At 1:20 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Main Street.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — At 8:19 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

Thursday, Jan. 3 — At 4:18 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Tech Drive.

THEFTS

Friday, Jan. 4 — At 2:30 p.m., shoplifting was reported at The Rugged Bear on Park Street.

At 7:58 p.m., a Morton Street resident reported her iPod was stolen in Costa Rica.

Saturday, Jan. 5 — At 12:48 p.m., a man reported a stolen check that was cashed a year ago.

Sunday, Jan. 6 — At 5:52 p.m., shoplifting was reported from Market Basket on North Main Street.

Monday, Jan. 7 — At 12:11 p.m., larceny of earrings was reported on Andover Street.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Jan. 2 — At 11:18 p.m., breaking and entering of a dwelling was reported on Greenwood Road.

Friday, Jan. 4 — At 5:58 p.m., breaking and entering a dwelling on Nollot Drive sometime after Dec. 14 was reported.

— Compiled by Brian Messenger

Brown-belted mom wins essay contest

It all started with a coupon. For Marilyn Freedman-Rungren it could end with \$5,000.

When Freedman-Rungren found a coupon for granola bars made by Curves Food she decided to give them a try. She noticed a writing contest on the company's Web site while researching the ingredients of the granola bar. Although she had not written much in years, she submitted an essay for the company's "Real Change, Real Women" contest — and won. Hers was one of 12 essays chosen from more than 600 submitted from across the country.

"I guess I was full of myself that day," the normally shy Freedman-Rungren laughed. "I wrote the story on a whim. It's an affirmation that people liked it, so that's good."

Essay readers can vote for their favorite essay through next Thursday, Jan. 17 by visiting the Curves Food Web site (www.curvesfoods.com). The winner gets \$5,000 and her face on the box of Curves cereal.

Freedman-Rungren's essay is about her tae kwon do experiences at Master Shin's studio in Dundee Park and it surely fits the topic. The popular exercise really changed her.



Marilyn Freedman-Rungren

She started out as a bystander, watching as her 8-year-old twins took classes. She eventually took a class for parents. Now, she holds a brown belt — and has dropped some 30 pounds thanks to the exercise and change in her eating habits.

"I went from a size 14 jean to a size 8 jean. I have the knowledge and confidence to build the kind of life I've always wanted. I break boards and write poems, ride bikes and hike with my family. Best of all, I love seeing the expression on people's faces when I tell them I am 52!" she writes in her essay.

This real woman is a content editor, who also has a 14-year-old. She and her husband, Larry Rungren, have lived on Tanglewood Way North, since 1990.

Townsmen readers can read her essay online. Visit www.curvesfoods.com to read the essay and then, of course, to vote for it.

— Judy Wakefield

Silk painting demonstration

On Sunday, Jan. 20, the Andover Artists Guild will host a silk painting demonstration by North Andover's Merry Beninato from 2 to 4 p.m. The meeting will be at the North Parish Church in

North Andover, at the corner of Academy and Great Pond roads. For more information, call 978-475-6399. Meetings are free to members, guests are asked to give \$2.

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Andover's Recycling/Trash Guide for 2007-2008

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LANDFILL: Waiting for arsenic contamination results

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would have capped half the landfill, put playing fields on top, and then close Deyermund Field to recap that area, said Stapeczynski.

Despite the change, however, the old plan remains posted on the town Web site.

The new plan should still preserve the playing fields at Deyermund for three to five years, according to Andover Little League President Sean Hoffman. Hoffman said the league was not surprised when told of the town's change of plans.

Initially a five-field Little League complex was planned for the recapped landfill before the project was deemed too expensive due to construction demands when building atop a landfill.

"The cost to add fields to the top of that is extraordinary," said Hoffman. "In the meantime, in between, we're going to have to replace those fields before those two go off line."

Stapeczynski said the change in approach came after MassDEP urged the town to recap the entire area in one project. By appropriating \$7.4 million for the entire project this spring through general fund borrowing, the town will be eligible for a low-interest loan through the State Revolving Fund.

"That's why it's \$7 million, because we want to do the whole thing. The state wants to see all the money up front," said Stapeczynski. "They want to see the whole plan, not pieces of the plan. And that's what I think they were getting with the original Phase I. And I can't disagree with them. That's the approach to take. Unfortunately, that's a lot more money than we wanted to ask the voters for."

According to minutes from a Nov. 5 meeting about the landfill, \$1.8 million remains from the \$2.2 million appropriation approved in 2002. Officials said at the Nov. 5 meeting that in recent years, landfill capping costs have risen from \$150,000 per acre to between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

"Based on the significant increase in construction costs observed over the last several years, it was realized that the Town did not have available sufficient funds to proceed with Phase I as de-

"We want to find out how much of my land's contaminated. We're going to let them test it and we're going to find out what they're going to do and we'll go from there."

Robert Parks

signed," wrote town consultant engineer Andrew Miller to MassDEP on Aug. 7, 2007.

As a result, the remainder of the 2002 money will recap four acres, with work expected to begin in November. Then, the area used as a public works storage area will be capped.

The new cap will allow the area to be used for public works storage, according to the Nov. 5 meeting minutes.

The second phase of the new plan — or the Deyermund Field portion — will also be paid for through the \$7.4 million appropriation, though no construction schedule has been developed and no definite future use has been determined.

Before the project begins, the town must decide how the land will be used.

Though there is a possibility Deyermund Field could be rebuilt, Stapeczynski said another possibility is to build an open recreation area — a park — in its place. Former landfill land near the West Andover fire station could also be used for a new town yard, if the town decides to relocate it from its current Lewis Street location in the downtown.

"It's really too early to say," said Stapeczynski. "There's no use that has been zeroed in on it yet."

Waiting for arsenic results

The new landfill cap will be designed to isolate landfill waste, minimize and control stormwater infiltration and run-off, prevent erosion, and control the migration and emission of landfill gases, according to town consultant engineers.

The state will review test results expected to determine the extent of arsenic

contamination within the landfill and on an abutting Chandler Road farm, said Stapeczynski.

Robert Park Sr. bought his more than 60-acre farm in 1955 when he was just 25 years old and coming out of the Navy.

Now 77, Park still tends to hogs, cattle, sheep and goats on the property.

Park said he knew for years there were portions of his property that had been contaminated by the town dumping waste at the landfill. Wetlands on Park's farm about the former landfill at two different points, and the town has dumped on a total of four-tenths of an acre of his property, according to a letter sent to him by Stapeczynski during the summer of 2007.

High concentrations of arsenic have been detected on Park's property.

Stapeczynski has asked Park in writing for permission to conduct tests on his property to determine the extent of the waste, which could be capped or removed, and the arsenic contamination. The source of the arsenic has not been determined.

"We want to find out how much of my land's contaminated," said Park. "We're going to let them test it and we're going to find out what they're going to do and we'll go from there."

"Naturally, there's a lot of liability," said Park. "They haven't been very good neighbors to me over the years, believe me. I'm out for my own interest. We're willing to talk with them and listen to what they want to do."

Park also said he was concerned about potential contamination of the town water supply, with Fish Brook not far from his property, located west of the former landfill and east of Interstate 93. Fish Brook feeds into Haggetts Pond, where the water treatment plant gets its water.

Town-hired engineers have taken initial ground sediment tests. They revealed "significant levels of arsenic detected in samples collected in areas tributary to Fish Brook, downstream of the landfill," according to a letter sent by town-hired engineer Andrew Miller to the state on Aug. 7. The conditions were not deemed an imminent hazard.

The landfill's history: From gravel pit to costly fix

The nearly 26-acre Ledge Road landfill parcel lies west of Ledge Road, and less than a third of a mile from the intersection of Interstate 93 and Route 495. Residential properties now abut the site to the south and east.

A wetland system that contributes to Fish Brook, a town drinking water source, also lies to the west.

Merely a gravel pit in the 1940s, 20 acres off Ledge Road were eventually used as a landfill for residential, commercial, industrial and construction waste, according to a plan for the site submitted to the state by a town-hired engineer on Oct. 5, 2007.

Open burning was the primary method of waste disposal for the first two decades at the landfill.

"This was an unpleasant, unsanitary landfill for years and years," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski. "We burned trash, and that was state of the art in the '50s and '60s. This was a problem site."

In November 1961, the state Department of Public Health recommended discontinuation of burning trash, and the town agreed. Then in 1972, the department issued a citation to the town for violating solid-waste regulations, after leachate from the landfill had contaminated the nearby tributary of Fish Brook.

The department ordered the construction of an underdrain system and also told the town to prepare to close the landfill. By 1973, the landfill was closed to

waste disposal.

"We closed it. We complied with the law," said Stapeczynski. "We were the good doobies here."

By the early 1980s, Deyermund Field was built on an eight-acre northern portion of the landfill, after the town capped the area according to "best standards at the time," said Stapeczynski. He said the state DEP did not establish landfill-capping rules until later in the decade.

After the two Little League diamonds and one large soccer field were built, the remaining 18 acres of the parcel were used as a municipal public works yard for storage of brush, street sweepings, catch-basin cleanings and road-construction debris.

Since the landfill closure, other environmental problems have been reported at the Ledge Road site. A 1988 state report identified several hazardous substances — including carbon tetrachloride, naphthalene, resin solutions and mineral oils — that may have been deposited in the landfill.

In 1995, MassDEP concluded that the landfill was "adequately regulated," according to the town's plan.

"The town enjoyed a facility that scarred the environment and now we have to deal with the scar," said Stapeczynski. "We're not the only other city and town in this boat."

— Brian Messenger

Four monitoring wells have been installed for further testing of arsenic in the area. Stapeczynski said he expected results in late March.

Stapeczynski said the bulk of the engineers' research will be to determine the source of the arsenic.

He also urged residents not to worry about the town's drinking water supply.

"Preliminary reports that they've done said it's absolutely no threat to Fish Brook. What it is, is it's sediment that's settled out of the water close to the landfill. It's heavier than water so it settles out."

"The arsenic is not in the water," he said. "The [water] plant tests for a whole array of contaminants on an hourly basis."

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago - Jan. 3, 1908

Andrew Basso has purchased a new horse.

George Burnham has bought out the milk business formerly owned by George Ripley.

During the storm early Tuesday morning, crossed wires made the fire alarm ring.

Miss Margaret Anderson has resumed her duties as teacher in the Dalton High school, after the holidays.

On Saturday morning at 10 o'clock sharp the local fire alarm system will be tested from box 52 situated at the engine house.

Two local young men were before Judge Stone on Monday morning to answer to a charge of disturbing the peace on an electric car between Andover and Lawrence last Saturday night. They were each found guilty and were fined \$10 apiece.

George L. Burnham, for many years superintendent of the local Town farm has again embarked in the milk business, having purchased the route for so long held by George Ripley. Mr. Burnham will move to hi farm in North Andover in the early spring, extensive alterations now being made on the property.

John A. Collins attended the dedication of the new town hall in Halifax recently. This new building was built in place of the old one which was destroyed by fire, March 20, 1907.

The steam heating plant at the new Free church was in operation for the first time on Monday morning and those interested were very highly satisfied with the result. If the work on the new edifice progresses as rapidly as it has during the past few months it will be ready for occupancy by the specified time.

A number of local men have now received the full quota of degrees in Masonry, having taken the 32nd

degree in Boston which was worked in Boston last Saturday.

50 Years Ago - Jan. 13, 1958

Two members of the school board, Mrs. E. V. French and Clifford W. Dunnells, and one member of the Board of Public Works, J. Harry Playdon, will not be candidates for re-election, according to statements made by them to the Townsman this week. Most of the other officers whose terms will expire this year are planning to run again, although a few are still undecided.

The name of Stevens still remains on the Board of Directors of the Andover National bank as a result of the election Tuesday of Abbot Stevens, brother of the late S. Dale Stevens who died last week. The two brothers represent the fourth generation of Stevens to be on the Board of Directors, an ever since the bank's founding in 1826 there has been a Stevens among the stockholders.

Please see YEARS, Page 14

BANNER: The ABCA has been working on bylaw for three years

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pose a bylaw at Town Meeting this spring to establish guidelines for hanging banners across Main Street to advertise upcoming events.

The bylaw proposal has received initial support from the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Main Street Committee, according to Spencer, owner of Carriage House Portraits on School Street.

Under the current bylaw proposal, selectmen would be responsible for the approval or disapproval of banners, which could be hung across Main Street to promote a local event for no longer than a 10-day period.

The board would also determine the location of the banner, which would be held 24 feet above the street by two free-standing poles. The banner would be double-sided and 36 feet in length by 36 inches in height.

Spencer said he and fellow ABCA members Peter Caruso and Jim Kapelson of Kap's Menswear have been working on the bylaw proposal for three and a half years, or ever since the original organizers of Andover Days were told by

the town that they couldn't hang a banner to promote the event.

Spencer said all 16 of the communities Andover often compares itself to have banner policies, adding that having a banner hung across Main Street would provide more awareness for events.

"It's always disappointing and it's usually because people don't know," Spencer said of downtown events that draw poorly. "(Andover's) one of the few towns that doesn't (use banners) and we thought it was a logical solution to have banners to promote our civic events."

If added to the Town Meeting warrant, two warrant articles would address the hanging of banners across Main Street. One would create a bylaw and the other a way to pay for the poles from which the banners will hang.

The cost of purchasing and installing the two poles is estimated to be \$45,000, according to Abby O'Hara, a member of the Main Street Committee. The poles would also be required to go more than 12 feet below the ground and be 30 inches wide to provide adequate support, O'Hara told selectmen, which means significant excavation would be needed.

O'Hara told selectmen she wants the bylaw to read that banners can be hung "across Main Street or along Main Street."

In a letter to the Board of Selectmen dated Jan. 3, O'Hara stating that if a banner were to be hung across Main Street, the Main Street Committee, "unanimously agreed that the poles should be located on the sidewalk at the pocket park (at the entrance to the Olde Andover Vil-

lage parking lot) and at the opposite side of Main Street at the location of the Savings Bank (84 Main Street)."

Ron Hill, ABCA member and owner of Baystate Financial on Essex Street, told selectmen that the business center association was "overwhelmingly in favor" of the banner bylaw.

Contacted after the selectmen meeting, new ABCA President Sharon Breighner said having banners to advertise downtown events would be the boost needed to help local events gain more notoriety.

"I think it's going to be really instrumental in raising awareness of upcoming events," said Breighner. "It will give that community feeling. I just think it's much needed."


"We can pull together and come up with the best decision for the community," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

"Hopefully it's as simple as getting approval at Town Meeting and getting the right poles," said Breighner. "Some things have to be tweaked. Hopefully people will see this as the positive thing that it is. We need to move forward with this. This will really be instrumental in getting the word out."

Spencer planned to meet yesterday, Jan. 9 with the town Design Review Board to hear its concerns about the design of the two poles that would be erected to support the banner.


"We've been absolutely thorough," said Spencer. "If the Design Review Board has some ideas that they want us to consider, we'll hear what they have to say."

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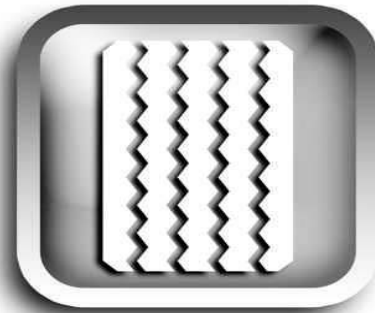
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"So many things have changed in the tire industry in the past few decades that it makes it difficult for the average consumer to make a decision on where to purchase their tires and which of the ever expanding array of choices in tires are appropriate for their needs," said Mary Sullivan a 25 year veteran of the tire and automotive industry and owner of Independent Tire Inc. on Old Clark Road in North Andover.

She feels everyone should have a basic grasp of what the numbers and symbols on the sidewalls of tires tell you about them as well as some other basic knowledge to be able to make an intelligent and informed purchase when replacing your vehicles existing original equipment tires.

Let's start with the basics. To find the size of your tire look for it on the sidewall, immediately after the size you will find the load index and speed rating of the tire. Without this important information you may end up purchasing tires with are incorrect for you vehicle which could cause a simple handling issue, a problem with your transmission, insufficient weight carrying capacity, poor wear or in a worst-case scenario a dangerous safety issue. The tire size, load index and speed rating will look similar to this; 205/60R15 89H, 205

signifies the tire width in millimeters. The second number the 60 also known as the aspect ratio or "series" is the distance from the bead of the tire where it meets the rim to the tread surface and is a percentage of the tires width. So a 60 series tire's sidewall is 60 percent of 205 millimeters. The "R" in the size indicates the tire is a radial tire and lastly the 15 indicates that the tire fits onto a 15 inch rim. The load index, the "89" after the size is an assigned number that corresponds with the weight carrying capacity of the tire. Always replace your original equipment tires with tires of an equivalent or higher load index., The speed rating, which by many is misunderstood, whether your not you would ever come anywhere close to the 130 MPH that the "H" on this tire signifies always replace with a tire again of equiv-

alent or higher speed rating. Dropping the car to a tire of lower speed rating or mixing speed rating can cause erratic handling, and at worst may make the vehicle respond dangerously during an emergency maneuver especially at highway speeds.

The next most important thing when purchasing tires, the salesper-

son should ask you some key questions which will help in determining the correct tire for your needs; the type of driving you do highway or city, how many miles a year you will be driving, do you run snow tires during the winter, do you rotate your tires regularly, what didn't you like about the existing set of tires, etc.

These pieces of information will help the salesperson determine what tire will be most appropriate.

Mary feels that service before and after your purchase are also an important component of your tire purchase which is why she offers her customers free tree mounting, high speed balancing conventional valve stem and tire disposal with all purchases as well as free rotation (the single most important thing you can do to help get the most out of your purchase besides maintaining air pressure) for the life of the tire and free flat repairs. That is why you should always ask what the complete out the door price will be before making your decision.

Once you've made your decision you will need to maintain your tires as you do with the vehicle itself. The three keys to maintaining your tire are; inflate, rotate and evaluate. Under normal conditions a tire can lose up to 1 pound of air pressure per month, additionally tires can lose another pound for every 10 degrees the temperature drops.

You should check your air pressure monthly when the tires are cold (before driving if possible) and fill to the recommended air pressure on the vehicles door placard unless advised otherwise.

Having your tires rotated regularly will not only extend the life of the tires themselves but during the rotation process allow the tires to be inspected for any signs of uneven wear that might indicate either incorrect tire pressure, misalignment or worn parts on your car. Now for one of the biggest changes in the tire industry in the last few years; TPMS or tire pressure monitoring systems. By September of this year all vehicles will have some form of this system as original equipment, if your car is equipped with one of these systems.

Mary and her knowledgeable staff at Independent Tire will test your TPMS valves before servicing your vehicle and notify you of any problems before proceeding and the system will be reprogrammed and confirmed to be working properly before your vehicle leaves.

Under the new law a vehicle's TPMS cannot be disabled or bypassed. Independent Tire also can help with all vehicle service needs. Remember... Inflate, Rotate and Evaluate!



Education

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Courtesy photo

Brittany Wadbrook of Andover was recognized as the Charter Oak Society scholar for the Division of Education at Quinnipiac University. She is pictured with Cynthia Dubea, dean of that division.

Brittany Wadbrook of Andover was recognized as the Charter Oak Society scholar for the Division of Education at Quinnipiac University. Wadbrook has been accepted into the masters of art in teaching program at Quinnipiac and will pursue a degree with concentrations in English and psychology. She is enrolled in the honors program and has been on the dean's list throughout her academic career at Quinnipiac. She is president of the Quinnipiac chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honors society and the Quinnipiac Future Teachers Organization. She is also a certified level one tutor at the Quinnipiac Learning Center. Wadbrook will be awarded her bachelor's degree in May 2008 and anticipates finishing her master's in June 2009.

Sara Christopher, a sophomore at Connecticut College, is a volunteer for the America Reads Challenge Elementary Tutorial. Christopher volunteers through the Office of Volunteers for Community Service at Connecticut College. OVCS plays a key role in teaching students about community engagement and the best practices of participation. Christopher, a 2006 graduate of Brooks School, is the daughter of John and Ellen Christopher of Andover.

Christopher Muscatello, son of Michael and Eileen Muscatello, is a volunteer for the My Brother mentor program. He volunteers through the Office of Volunteers for Community Service at Connecticut College. The My Brother mentor program pairs middle-school boys with male students from Connecticut College. The mentors bring the middle-school students to the college, expose them to college classes and engage them in a variety of educational and recreational group activities, including community service.

John C. Fox, son of John and Karen Fox, is participating in the Bates College Junior Semester Abroad program. Fox, an English and history double major, is studying in Alicante, Spain, with the Council on International Educational Exchange. He is a 2005 graduate of Andover High School.

Emily Evans, a freshman at Connecticut College, is a volunteer for the America Reads Challenge Elementary Tutorial. She

volunteers through the Office of Volunteers for Community Service (OVCS) at the college. OVCS plays a key role in teaching students about community engagement and the best practices of participation. Evans, a 2007 graduate of Andover High School, is the daughter of John and Jennifer Evans of Andover. Elementary Tutorial is a component of the American Reads Challenge, a national literacy program created by Connecticut College. The main goal of the program is for all elementary school students to be able to read at grade level.

Graham Hickey of Andover, a senior at Guilford College majoring in biology and chemistry, presented his research, "Relationship between Pseudomonads and Azotobacteria: Kissin' cousins," at the North Carolina Branch Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology (NCASM), Southeastern Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society (SERMACS) and at the State of North Carolina Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium (SNCURCS). His research was supported by the Department of Biology, Guilford College.

Endicott College is pleased to announce that Kelly Morrissey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Morrissey of Andover, has been accepted to spend the spring 2008 semester studying abroad. Morrissey is currently a junior majoring in interior design. She will be studying at Studio Art Centers International in Florence, Italy during spring 2008. Students may elect to satisfy their degree requirement at overseas colleges and universities where Endicott has collaborative relationships. While abroad, students take courses that count toward their Endicott degrees. Located in Beverly, on 230 acres of oceanfront property, Endicott College offers bachelor and master degree programs in the professional and liberal arts.

Mary Claire Olsheskie, received the degree of Bachelor of Arts with Distinction from the University of Michigan at the April 2007 commencement ceremonies in Ann Arbor, Mich. An organizational studies major, she has begun her career as a Human Capital Analyst with Deloitte Consulting in Michigan. Mary Claire is a 2003 graduate of Andover High School.

"It's interesting when the students can sit in class and then see an earthquake happening. It's been fun to have one when they're in class. It's a little more interesting than my teaching, I guess."

Frank Wroblewski, a teacher at Andover High School



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From left, Carly Golan and Max Verrette, both ninth-grade students in the geology and environmental science class at Andover High School, learn how to read a seismogram from Stacy Moulis, a seismologist at Boston College.

WHAT'S SHAKING AT AHS?

Students studying earthquakes

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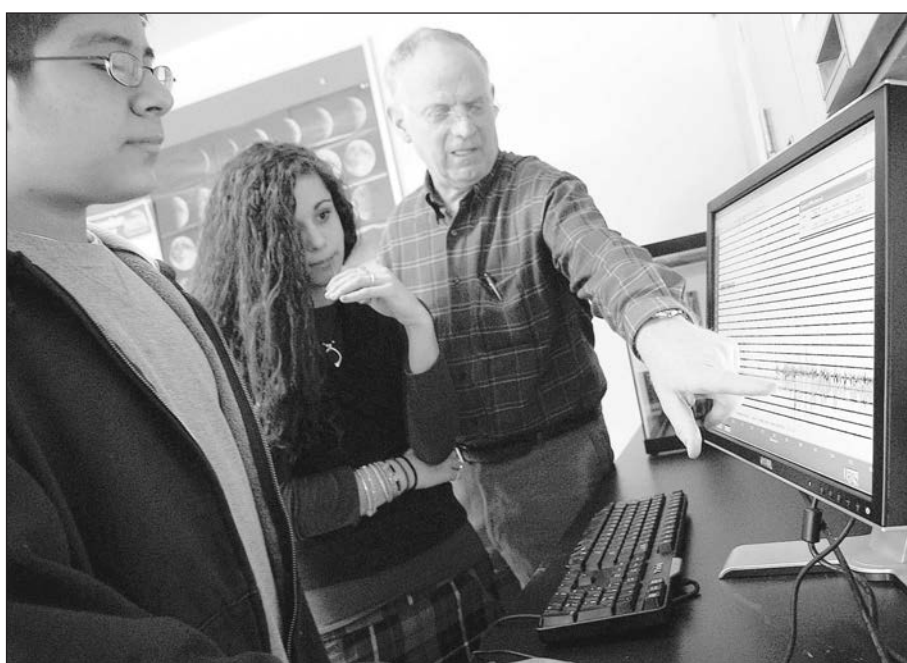
Some Andover High School students have found a legitimate reason to disrupt their science teacher's lectures — observing live earthquakes happening across the world.

Thanks to modern seismology and an \$11,000 grant, that's exactly what happened earlier this fall in senior Scott Pilla's geology class, when a fellow student interrupted teacher Frank Wroblewski's lesson after seeing seismic readings large enough to cause tsunami warnings.

Wroblewski's geology and environmental science classes have been using a seismograph mounted on a lab bench this year to learn hands-on lessons about math, physics, earthquakes and plate tectonics.

"We were talking about something unrelated and the kid looked over and asked if that was an earthquake," said Pilla, 18. "It's pretty exciting... I definitely like studying different earthquakes. I never knew we had so many. We never hear about the small ones, we only hear about the major ones."

Andover High School is one of 26 schools in eastern Massachusetts participating in the Boston College Educational Seismology Project. Through a grant from the Andona Society and Philips Medical, students are able to use the seismograph to detect and locate earthquakes happening virtually anywhere on the globe.



Frank Wroblewski, far right, who teaches geology and environmental science at Andover High School, explains a seismograph to Wilfred Vazquez and Hanna Fitzgerald.

As part of the project, a visiting seismologist from Boston College also gives lectures and works in small groups with the students once a week. Wroblewski's elective geology and freshman environmental science classes are participating.

"It's interesting when the students can sit in class and then see an earthquake happening," said Wroblewski. "It's been fun to have one when they're in class. It's a little more interesting than my teaching, I guess."

It takes between seven to eight minutes for an earthquake wave to get from California to the East Coast, according to

Wroblewski. While some seismographs are buried in the ground to measure small, local events, the one at Andover High School measures long-distance ground movement through interpreting the movement of the actual school building.

Wroblewski's students have picked up readings from Peru, the Indian Ocean and Central America. But because of the nature of the instrument, local readings equivalent to last year's Danversport explosion won't register on the seismograph.

"It's a unique little instrument," said

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Hanna Fitzgerald gets a lesson from her teacher, Frank Wroblewski.

SHAKE: Quakes studied

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Wroblewski. "We'd pick up every bus that drove by and every student walking down the hall. It's designed to filter out the local noise."

Data from the seismographs at each of the 26 participating schools is available on the Internet for comparisons, Wroblewski said. Students are able to plot the epicenter of an earthquake by comparing readings with two information from two other schools.

The timing between seismic waves is an indicator of how far away an earthquake is, Wroblewski said.

"It can be very accurately done and very quickly done," Wroblewski said of the seismographic data, which is processed through a computer program. "It does the calculating very quickly for you."

As a geology major in college, Wroblewski said he once constructed a rudimentary seismograph himself.

One drawback to the older models was that the paper used to record the readings needed regular changing.

These days, Wroblewski said, computer analysis of the data is the most enjoyable aspect for some students.

"They are learning how to read and interpret a seismograph and to plot earthquakes," said Wroblewski. "It's a great example because it's hands on."

Pilla agreed working with scientific equipment is more enjoyable than traditional book work.

"That's definitely one of the highlights of the class," said Pilla. "Any time you can work hands on it's much more interesting than learning something in a book and trying to memorize it."

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SCHOOL LUNCHES

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools from today, Jan. 10, through next Friday, Jan. 18:

Elementary schools

Thursday, Jan. 10: Popcorn chicken with dips and a wheat roll, turkey wrap with goldfish, bagel and string cheese, baked potato smiles, seasoned veggies and chilled pears.

Friday, Jan. 11: Pan pizza, plain or pepperoni, Mediterranean pasta with bread stick, bagel and yogurt, broccoli and carrot sticks with dip, fresh melon and juice.

Next week

Monday: Belgian waffle sticks with syrup and sausage links, chicken Caesar salad with bread stick, bagel and string cheese, chilled mixed fruit, fresh fruit and orange juice.

Tuesday: Oven fried chicken and biscuit, fun fish with roll, sunbutter and fluff with Smartfood popcorn, cole slaw, red bliss potatoes and juice.

Wednesday: Steak and cheese on

roll, beef taco pie, bagel and yogurt, broccoli, kiwi, oven fries and juice.

Thursday: Italian stromboli, turkey pot pie, mashed potatoes, biscuit, egg salad on roll, green beans with cheese sauce, chilled pineapple and juice.

Friday: Baked whole wheat pizza, cheese or pepperoni, chicken fillet on whole wheat, chicken veggie soup, pasta salad, carrots, chilled peaches and topping.

Middle schools

Thursday, Jan. 10: Made to order deli sandwich, shepherd's pie, Papa Gino's pizza, garden salad, green beans, fresh fruit, chilled pears and juice.

Friday, Jan. 11: Chicken BBQ, macaroni and cheese with dinner roll, bagel and yogurt, seasoned veggies, ice cream sandwich and juice.

Next week

Monday: Greek salad, chicken tenders and dippers with rice pilaf, bagel and cream cheese, bean soup, fresh fruit and orange juice.

Tuesday: Pan pizza, cheese or veggie, chef salad, mini pretzels,

sunbutter and jelly with pretzels, chilled fruit mix, fresh pears and juice.

Wednesday: Made to order deli sandwich, bagel and yogurt, chicken Parmesan with pasta, cream of broccoli soup, antipasto salad and juice.

Thursday: Personal pizza, American chop suey, egg salad on roll, green beans with cheese sauce, chilled pineapple and juice.

Friday: Chicken cordon bleu sandwich, deli made to order sandwich, chicken veggie soup, pasta salad, carrots, chilled peaches and topping.

Andover High School

Thursday, Jan. 10: Manager's choice and crispy chicken burger.

Friday, Jan. 11: Cobb salad wrap, cream of broccoli soup in bread bowl, side salad, manager's choice and fresh fruit.

Next week

Monday: Meatball sub on French bread with sauce and provolone, pasta bar, stuffed shells, roast turkey, ham and Swiss sandwich.

Tuesday: Buffalo chicken wrap,

chicken cordon bleu.

Wednesday: Crispy chicken deluxe with lettuce, tomato and bacon on roll, pasta bar, burger with spices topped with provolone and BBQ sauce.

Thursday: Italian sub with the works on French stick, pasta bar, Greek style dinner with oven baked chicken, roasted potatoes, side of green beans, Greek salad with pita.

Friday: Pasta bar.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; lowfat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

At Andover High School, there is a wrap/deli bar with sandwiches made to order with favorite toppings, plus a daily sandwich offering, daily specials, and panini specials.

For prices or other information about lunches, call Gail Koutroubas, food services director, at 978-623-8622.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

St. John's Prep honor roll for the first quarter

Timothy Lynch and Varun Vadlapatla were named to the Headmaster's list. To receive this honor, students must earn a grade of A- or above in all courses.

Peter Casey was named to the Principal's list. To receive this

honor, students must earn a grade of B+ or above in all courses.

Honors: James Bradley, Michael Chan, John Corbett, Matthew Dowgiallo, Michael Kasper, Daniel McKeon, Christopher Newsome, Sean Sawyer, Dante Smith, Eric Struhl, Christopher Sullivan, Joseph Thibodeau and Lucius White. To receive this honor, stu-

dents must earn a grade of B or above in all courses.

Joseph Thibodeau of SwingTown! from St. John's Preparatory School will perform in a concert featuring a capella groups from six area schools on Jan. 18 at 7 p.m. at St. John's Prep in Alumni Hall, 72 Spring St., Danvers. Tick-

ets are \$10 for adults, \$5 students and children and may be purchased at the door.

Lawrence Academy honor roll for the fall trimester

High honors: Tim Caron, junior; Becky Cowie, senior; Jamie Crockett, senior; Jess DeVito, sophomore; An-

drew Gilboard, senior; Sam Grant, senior; Frances Hamilton, sophomore; Mia Huntley, senior; Shannon Muscatello, junior; Jamie Newsome, ninth grade; Jen O'Connor, sophomore; Allison Pouliot, ninth grade; Ali Savely, ninth grade; and Rachel Stern, ninth grade.

Honors: Oaasim Ahmed, junior; Alexander Brown, junior; Amy Caron,

junior; Jenny Caron, ninth grade; Nisreen Dahod, junior; Hayley Finn, ninth grade; Peter Galvin, senior; Sam Gilboard, ninth grade; Kate Gilmore, sophomore; Kelsey Heavey, junior; Bernie Leed, junior; Kate Majike, junior; Marco Raffaelli, sophomore; Joel Sciabarrasi, senior; and Bryce Stocks, ninth grade.

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Opinion

Fickle weather, tough choices

Superintendents are in a no-win situation in trying to decide how to respond to snowstorms. Whatever they do, they are bound to upset someone.

But this winter has been harder than usual on Andover Superintendent Claudia Bach.

Before the official first day of winter, some parents were slamming Bach already for her reaction to powerful storms. On Dec. 13, Bach kept kids in school, a big storm hit and many children, stuck in weather-related traffic, did not get home until late in the afternoon or early evening. (The same, of course, was happening to most of their working parents.) Then, one week later, when meteorologists predicted very little snow, Bach called for a delayed opening. When the town ended up with eight inches, she had to send the kids home early, after about two hours of school.

Bach's decisions proved to be far less than ideal. But she was acting on the best information available and with the safety of the children in mind.

Parents disappointed with the educational results of the town's schools have every right to complain and let their comments be heard. Bach is paid well for her educational expertise. Expecting the superintendent to flawlessly predict the New England weather on days such as Dec. 20 — something local meteorologists were unable to do — is unreasonable.

Parents ought to cut Bach some slack when it comes to snow. We live in New England, a region that has fickle weather more unpredictable than the moods of a prekindergartner.

Rice deserves hall

America's baseball writers have struck out again by failing to elect Andover resident Jim Rice to the Hall of Fame.

Rice, the left fielder and designated hitter for the Boston Red Sox from 1974 to 1989, was among the pre-eminent sluggers of his era. Rice was a fearsome hitter in days before steroids tainted the game.

Rice finished second with 392 votes — 72.2 percent — just 16 votes short of the 75 percent needed. This was the 14th year Rice was eligible for election to Cooperstown. He will appear one more time next year on the writers' ballots. After that, the only way into the Hall is through selection by a committee of baseball veterans.

While Rice's statistics seemed diminished recently by the artificially bloated figures of the steroid era, they support a place for him in the Hall of Fame. A sampling: Rice was named to the American League All-Star team eight times. Six times he finished in the top five in Most Valuable Player votes, winning the honor in 1978. Rice topped 200 hits and 35 home runs in three consecutive seasons, 1977 to 1979, the only player ever to have done so.

The only performance enhancers Rice used were hard work and Ted Williams' book "The Science of Hitting."

Rice may have worn No. 14, but his 15th year of eligibility should prove to be his lucky number.

WEB QUESTION

Historical regulations: What's your take?

Last week's Web question was, "What do you anticipate to be the biggest local story in town for 2008?"

With limited numbers of people responding, the majority, 35 percent, said, "Tearing up Main Street for long-awaited redesign."

Twenty-one percent said, "Something that isn't on the radar screen yet."

Third place, with 14 percent of the votes, was a three-way tie with "The budget: Will we need an override or major service cuts?"; "Youth center progress, or lack thereof"; and "Decision on Interstate 93 ramps and development."

This week's question regards guidelines placed on homes and buildings located in historical districts. A contractor was recently forced to remove new vinyl siding he

installed on a home on Florence Street.

Historic district regulations in Andover: good or bad?

■ They should be kept as they are, to preserve Andover's historical treasures.

■ The regulations are important, but exceptions should be made from time to time.

■ Historic community buildings, such as libraries and churches, should be kept historically accurate, but not private homes.

■ If you own the building, you should be able to do what you want.

■ Other.

Visit www.andovertownsmantown.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page to cast your vote. Those interested in offering longer comments can send them to nfater@andovertownsmantown.com.



DEBORAH HAMMOND/
Staff photo

New parents Joe and Julie Wisniewski stroll along School Street with their newborn Katherine during the unusually warm temperatures Tuesday. "It's awesome," said Joe. "It reminds me of that day in January last year when the temperatures were really warm. It's great to be able to wear short sleeves."

JANUARY THAW

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Community helped family through tough time

Editor, Townsman:

This is a letter to all my friends, and all the others I haven't had the opportunity to meet personally, in Andover.

The past few months for our family had been quite hectic. To save you the gory details — and there are some — I'll leave it to say that we're relieved we have excellent medical coverage.

Our family experienced an early Christmas this year. While those who know us may assume that this must have been the worst holiday season, let me explain to you why it was full of the true meaning of Christmas.

I had surgery in November. From the day I was admitted I was blessed with one-on-one time with my siblings, who live in New York. Each one of the five took two days to help me out with the kids and home. Being in my mid-40s, it has been a good 25 years since we sat together without the 14 nieces and nephews and accompanying sisters- and brothers-in-law. That time spent catching up is priceless.

At the same time, our neighbors on Larchmont Circle, Bailey Road, Pleasant Street, Starr Road, Haggitt's Pond Road, Gina Jo Way and Penbrook Road took turns bringing us dinner. It was such a relief to keep things close to normal, and I recovered. I needed to recover quickly to prepare for my husband's upcoming surgery. Larry's surgery would be much scarier than mine.

We've been preparing for my husband's surgery for the past year. During this time I realized how much our church community meant to our family. St. Robert's Church proved to be more than Sunday Mass and monthly pan-cakes from the Knights of Columbus. Instead, it is a community of support that reaches out and hugs

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you. Larry and I gained such a sense of faith and trust because of the prayers and blessings for the St. Robert's community lead by Father Rick.

During Larry's hospital stay our neighbors, once again, helped out. They drove our children to and from birthday parties, waited for them at the bus stop, shoveled our sidewalk, plowed the driveway and prepared meals.

Both our surgeries were a success thanks to Massachusetts General and Lahey Clinic.

We are truly a lucky family. Thank you to all our friends. We were blessed this Christmas season. We hope you find your blessings as we did this year.

**Christine and Larry Durkee
4 Larchmont Circle**

For democracy to work, we must demand accountability

Editor, Townsman:

You can pick up a newspaper just about anywhere in the country to read about pending auctions on residential property going through foreclosure. Investors are

losing millions, new homeowners are forced to relinquish claim to their property, and inner-city neighborhoods are becoming ghost towns. Inevitably, the issue of responsibility has resulted in finger-pointing and accusations of duplicity and malfeasance by lenders, investors and buyers.

But, ultimately, the responsibility for the current real estate debacle rests with the federal government. Warning signs were identified by the Federal Reserve two or more years ago. But the open market shaman Alan Greenspan gave the financial markets a green light to allow unqualified buyers to buy property at a time of record high prices. Federal banking regulators knew about the boom/bust cyclic phenomenon of real estate prices. How long would the pricing escalation go on? Now the federal government is seeking to mitigate the damage already done. Too little, too late.

Do you recall the energy crisis in California in 2001? In the new world of deregulated energy providers, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission was supposed to guard energy-transmission companies and rate payers against the predatory practices of companies like Enron, AES and Reliant. But FERC blinked and power plants were suddenly being taken off-line for "routine maintenance," in-state generated power was being routed to out-of-state customers, and the power demands of California were then met by expensive sources of electrical power on the spot market. What did FERC do initially? Nothing, but rely on "market forces" to establish stability. Only after billions were earned by Enron and others and the public spotlight shone upon the corrupt practices of the power generators did FERC then intervene. Too little, too late.

Then there is New Orleans, still suffering from the devastation

wrought by Hurricane Katrina. A major hurricane of tremendous destructive power critically damaged the city's flawed levee system, allowing low-lying areas to be flooded. We all remember the images of stranded residents waiting for buses, boats or helicopters. The Federal Emergency Management Agency was supposed to provide resources. The aftermath of the storm demonstrated beyond a doubt that federal officials responsible for the care and protection of thousands of local residents were not up to the job. Too little, too late.

Can we do better to protect ourselves and our neighbors against calamities both natural and contrived? Yes. But our democratic system of government can work only if we, the governed, demand accountability from our government.

**John F. Zipeto
14 Canterbury St.**

To our neighbors: Sorry for beeping in the new year

Editor, Townsman:

We would like to take this opportunity to apologize to our neighbors on and around Pasho Street for disturbing their sleep in the early morning hours on Friday, Jan. 4. We were unaware that one of our automobile horns had malfunctioned due to the extreme cold and was incessantly blaring until the Andover police made a courtesy call to our home to make us aware of the situation.

We appreciate the patience and understanding of everyone who was affected (including the Andover Police Department) and hopefully it won't happen again.

We wish you all a happy (and quieter) new year.

**Michael and Cindy Pilla
38 Pasho St.**

THURSDAY FILE

The Thursday File is available online and contains quotations such as these:

Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things.
— Winston Churchill

In Finland we had a woman who complained that her dreams are boring.
— Oliver Kochta-Kalleinen, co-founder behind the growing "complaints choir" movement

When you've done your duty, you're not afraid.
— Francois Fillon, prime minister of France

A career is a continuum. I still stay in touch with people because after a while that's all that matters. At the end you're going to be looking at relationships and community more than travel and pay.
— Rich Moran

When people do something they enjoy, it gives them energy. They start living in a way that has meaning and purpose. And

just because work is fun, it doesn't mean everything else loses its appeal.
— Maggie Mistal

This whole notion of needing to separate work and life implies that your career, which takes up about 75 percent of your day, is something you simply try to get through so you can go home and do what you really enjoy for the other 25 percent. What a terrible way to live.
— Ryan Healy

Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.
— Martin Luther King Jr.

In my experience, there is only one motivation, and that is desire. No reasons or principle contain it or stand against it.
— Jane Smiley

Odd how much it hurts when a friend moves away — and leaves behind only silence.
— Pam Brown

If you can't describe what you are doing as a process, you don't know what you're doing.
— W. Edwards Deming

Blessed is the man, who having nothing to say, abstains from giving wordy evidence of the fact.
— George Eliot

Political correctness is just tyranny with manners.
— Charlton Heston

Kites rise highest against the wind — not with it.
— Winston Churchill

It is better to wear out than to rust out.
— Frances E. Willard

Everything we do seeds the future. No action is an empty one.
— Joan Chittister

I learned ... that one can never go back, that one should not ever try to go back — that the essence of life is going forward. Life is really a one-way street, isn't it?
— Agatha Christie

If I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.
— Mahatma Gandhi

I didn't drink the coffee and I was never invited back. I thought

it was Sweet 'N Low.
— Shirley MacLaine, recalling how she accidentally stirred a spoonful of cocaine (worth \$1,000) into her coffee at a party, thinking it was a sweetener

The overall prevalence of AIDS may have stabilized, but we are still seeing millions of new infections and it is not time yet to step back from this battle.

— Dr. Paul Zeitz, executive director of the Global AIDS Alliance, on a report that the number of AIDS cases worldwide decreased this year

Anger is a wind which blows out the lamp of the mind.
— Robert G. Ingersoll

Too many people, too many demands, too much to do; competent, busy, hurrying people — it just isn't living at all.
— Anne Morrow Lindbergh

You are the embodiment of the information you choose to accept and act upon. To change your circumstances you need to change your thinking and subsequent actions.
— Adlin Sinclair

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Edward Jones opens additional office in Andover: The financial services firm Edward Jones plans to open another office in Andover. Elaine LeBlanc-Baker has been hired as the financial advisor for the office.

"By opening an additional office, Elaine can continue our tradition of unparalleled personal service to the people of this community," said James D. Weddle, the firm's managing partner.

Baker said she is excited about establishing her business and home in Andover. "The other Edward Jones financial advisors have set an outstanding example for me to follow," Baker said.

Diane Sullivan of Andover, Andover/North Andover Branch board member, was one of the outstanding policy volunteers honored at the Merrimack Valley YMCA's 128th Annual Meeting held on Dec. 14 at the Wyndham Andover Hotel.

Joseph J. Bevilacqua, president/CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, received the Massachusetts Economic Development Council's Member of the Year Award from the chairman of the MEDC Board, Robert Hubbard. Boston Mayor Tom Menino was the keynote speaker at the statewide MEDC's 40th annual meeting held at the new Boston Convention Center, Boston.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley received a \$5,000 grant from the Massachusetts Bankers Association in December. The agency was nominated by Enterprise Bank for its Money Management program, which helps older adults no longer able to manage their personal finances.

New business association president is ready to take on Main Street construction

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Downtown entrepreneurs head into 2008 with the promise of a redesigned Main Street and new leadership at the helm of the Andover Business Center Association.

Sharon Breighner, owner of The Cup Cake Boutique on Post Office Avenue, became ABCA president on Jan. 1 and was expected to run her first meeting with fellow Andover business owners today, Thursday, Jan. 10.

Though the redesign project is expected to enhance downtown shopping and dining by enhancing traffic flow and bringing in new benches, lampposts and wider, more pedestrian-friendly sidewalks to the area, concern remains over how heavy construction will affect business.

Major work by the project contractor, Newport Construction Co., is expected to begin in the spring and summer of 2008. But Breighner said she sees the impending disruptions as an opportunity for downtown shop owners to get creative.

Whether it be through special shopping nights or a public relations campaign, Breighner said the downtown business community must do its part to preserve foot traffic during temporary disruptions due to the work.

"As a group we need to come up with ways to bring people downtown because of the construction," said Breighner. "Once

"We're just small business owners. We can't make it without support."

we start seeing sidewalks being dug up, that's going to be scary. I hope we can see the improvements within the stages of the construction ... so it won't scare customers away. People tend to look at change as a bad thing, but I look at it as a good thing."

Although she opened her shop in May 2007, Breighner said many Andover residents are still surprised when told where The Cup Cake Boutique is located. Other downtown business experience the same problem, she said.

"We're just small business owners," said Breighner. "We can't make it without support."

As a first-year member of ABCA, Breighner said she found the ABCA to be a valuable resource.

"It's been so helpful. We're still trying to bring new members," said Breighner. "It's just a really fun, helpful, professional group of people. We're all in it together."

Breighner grew up in Rhode Island, but lived in Andover during the 1990s while working in Boston. After running a catering and event-planning business in Maryland for several years, Breighner moved back to Andover in 2005 and now has two children in the public school system.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Sharon Breighner, owner of The Cup Cake Boutique on Post Office Avenue, is the new president of the Andover Business Center Association.

The Cup Cake Boutique, which bakes specialty cakes, gourmet pastries and pies, cookies, brownies and 20 different flavors of cupcakes, was inspired by Breighner's Aunt Helena, who would bake every day for her family, Breighner said.

"I loved her baking and I loved the memories of her as a child," said Breighner. "I just started playing around with recipes."

The year ahead

As ABCA president, Breighner hopes to continue the growth of the association, which occurred mainly under the leadership of former association President Betsy Powers, Breighner said.

Powers, owner of Culinary

Concepts and ABCA president from August 2006 to December 2007, also said the Main Street project will force downtown business owners to find new ways to attract prospective shoppers.

"I think we're going to have to be, as a team, creative in our approach of getting people downtown while there is disruption," she said. "This project is crucial. It needs to go smoothly. The end product needs to be beautiful."

Powers said she expects Breighner will bring her own leadership style to the association, and that one immediate challenge for Breighner might be fielding complaints during construction from both residents and business owners.

"She may hear about it," said Powers. "That's always a challenge. That's going to be a biggie, is getting through the Main Street project."

Getting town officials and departments more involved in special events downtown will be a priority for Breighner.

Another priority for her during 2008 will be to run a large-scale event downtown that leaves an impression on people.

"(I want to) bring more people together and have a really memorable event that makes everyone want to be in Andover," said Breighner. "People know to go to Newburyport, they know to go to Concord, but they don't know to go to downtown Andover."

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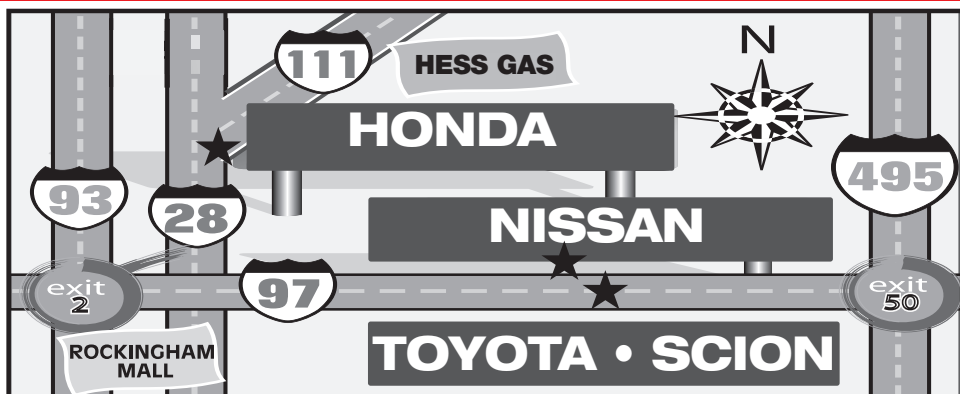
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TOWN TALK

For selectmen, 10 is the limit

It took selectmen all of 30 seconds to pass a motion that could save the board time all year long. In the spirit of the new year, Selectmen Chairman Brian Major asked the board to take on a resolution that all meetings in 2008 be adjourned by 10 p.m. Without deliberation, the motion was passed 5-0 on Monday night.

— Brian Messenger

Give a pint, get a pound

Not only will folks who donate blood at the Jan. 15 American Red Cross blood drive at Temple Emanuel help save lives, they'll also receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin' Donuts coffee.

The coffee retail chain has paired with the Red Cross, donating the coupons to sweeten the deal for donors.

The drive is Tuesday, Jan. 15 at the Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Donor hours are 2 to 7 p.m. Walk-in donors are welcome; appointments can be made by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

The Red Cross states that nearly 2,000 units of blood are needed each day to help those in need locally. It is a constant challenge to collect enough blood to meet the needs of hospital patients year round.

It only takes about an hour of time — and one small pinch — to become a hero to someone in need. Anyone 17 or older, weighing 110 pounds or more and feeling in good health may be eligible to donate blood. Call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.newenglandblood.org for more information or questions about donating blood.

— Bethany Bray

Got books?

Lots of kids received new books this holiday season, meaning families are looking for places to put them all.

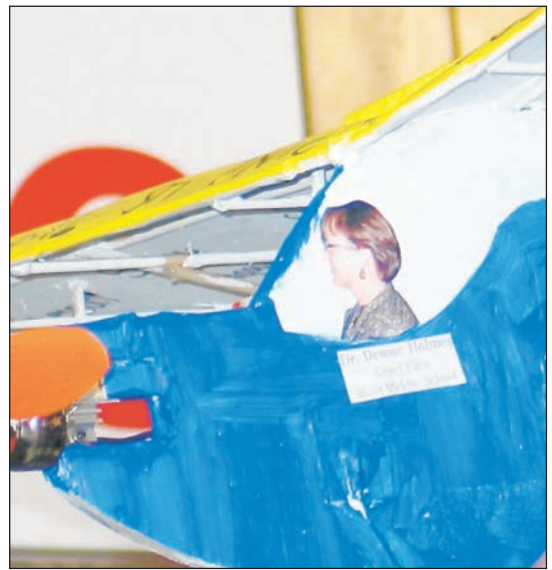
Zoe Gates of Andover has a great solution. The Pike School sixth-grader is collecting used children's books, which she donated to a national program that distributes books to underprivileged children, so people can make some space for their new books and help a good cause.

Zoe donates the books to Reach Out and Read, and her previous book drives have helped Children's Hospital in Boston.

Two years ago, she collected 500 used books. Last year, she wrote to the elementary schools in Andover and the students at the schools donated nearly 5,000 used books to her book drive.

Zoe is at it again. She's teamed with Girl Scout troops in Andover and North Andover to collect used books. If you have used children's books, contact Zoe and her mom, Joan Gates, at bookdrive100@yahoo.com. They will arrange a time to pick up your volumes.

— Judy Wakefield



Courtesy photo

Outgoing West Middle School Principal Denise Holmes "pilots" a radio-controlled electric plane she received as a parting gift from West students.

Oh captain, my captain

West Middle School students gave outgoing Principal Denise Holmes a unique and fitting retirement gift on her last day: a radio-controlled electric plane that they designed themselves. Under Holmes' watch, the school added an engineering lab in which students use planes to study science.

A close look at the plane showed that Holmes is pictured at its controls. The plane is signed by teachers and administrators and includes the message, "Thanks for helping us take off."

Assistant Principal Steve Murray has taken Holmes' place at the helm of West Middle School. His first day as principal was last Wednesday, when students returned to school after the winter holiday.

Do you have a Town Meeting idea? Get it ready this week

Although Town Meeting isn't for several months, time is running out for normal townspeople who want to have something voted on during the affair.

The warrant for the Annual Town Meeting will close Friday, Jan. 18. Call the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257 for information on how to obtain private warrant article forms or go to the town clerk's office at 36 Bartlet St., Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. A copy of the private warrant article form and information on how to file a private warrant article can also be obtained on the town Web site, www.andoverma.gov, under "Town Meeting."

Handling the multitudes

With the advent of e-mail and electronic cards, the traditional Christmas card might be slightly less popular than before, but mail volume is still heavier around the holiday season, according to the Andover Post Office.

While letter volume has gone down in recent years, Internet shopping has kept package count high.

A postal supervisor estimated that nearly 10,000 packages were shipped through Andover during the three weeks leading up to Christmas this year. He said approximately 80,000 other pieces — including holiday cards, advertisements and bills — were handled.

— Angela Marie Latona, correspondent

"Today, it seems like we hear only about conflict in Israel. This is a place where Jews, Arabs, Catholics and anyone else can come together peacefully. It was important for the boys to see that."

Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel

Bar mitzvahed in Israel

Six Andover boys trek to world's holiest place for Jews

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It was not a typical bar mitzvah scene. There were no busloads of teens heading to some sports event or to a cool arcade somewhere after the ceremony.

Rather, the bar mitzvah on six Andover boys, who all attend Temple Emanuel Religious School in Andover, was officiated at what their rabbi said is the holiest place in the world for Jews — the Western Wall in Jerusalem.

The boys and their families joined Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel and his family on a journey to Israel during the school break that ended last week.

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Adam Gerber, 11
Max Baron, 13

The boys skipped the typical fanfare following a bar mitzvah, as there was none of that. This bar mitzvah ceremony focused on truly connecting to their religion. The boys said the experience of becoming a man at the Wall's southern tip was a greater experience than any ceremony in the United States.

"Becoming a man there made me feel different," said Ben Aronovitz, 12. "I felt special and I'll never forget it."

"There was a kind of connection to their roots," said Goldstein. "It was Spartan ... about connecting oneself to faith."

All six boys gathered at the Temple after school on Monday to talk about the 10-day trip last month, agreeing that a bar mitzvah in Israel did indeed make them feel special.

"It was nothing like Hebrew



Courtesy photos

From left, Bryan Riemer, Max Barron, Ben Aronovitz, Andrew Meshnick, Max Novick and Adam Gerber, all from Andover, were bar mitzvahed at the Western Wall in Jerusalem, Israel, recently. The boys attend Temple Emanuel Religious School in Andover. In back are Rabbi Robert Goldstein and Idan Irelander, Temple Emanuel's music director.

school because we were right there, not studying from a book in a school. I think we got a better understanding of what it (a bar mitzvah) really means," added Max Novick, 12.

Goldstein said the trip showed these boys and their families that prayer can bring people of different religions peacefully together.

The Western Wall attracts visitors from around the world. The Wall is a surviving remnant of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, considered by many the center of the spiritual world. The Holy Temple was destroyed, but the Wall has remained. Arab occupation of

Jerusalem closed the Wall from 1948 to 1967, but Jews have been faithfully journeying there ever since.

"Today, it seems like we hear only about conflict in Israel. This is a place where Jews, Arabs, Catholics and anyone else can come together peacefully. It was important for the boys to see that," Goldstein said.

A bake sale at Temple Emanuel helped finance the trip.

The boys brought along Red Sox and Patriots shirts and hats, and handed out the home-team attire to kids they met when stopping at the Jaffa Institute. The institute provides support programs to kids in

poverty-stricken parts of Israel. Its programs are similar to the Boys and Girls Club programs in the United States.

The Andover group also played pick-up soccer with their new friends at the Jaffa Institute. Goldstein said you couldn't tell which kids were Arabic or Jewish and that was also a great experience for those involved.

"It was just kids being kids. It was great to see," he said.

Soccer-kicking skills were the only giveaway, according to the boys. The kids from Israel kicked harder, as soccer is a top sport in Israel. Andover lost the special game, 1-0.



After the six boys were bar mitzvahed, they posed with their families at the Western Wall.

Lanam Club, many residents will always remember Bob Phinney

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

"He was a guy who always had a smile."

Thomas Sager, president of Holy Family Hospital, about Bob Phinney



Courtesy photo

Robert "Bob" Phinney died on Dec. 27, 2007. He was a lifelong Andover resident.

The former managing director of Andover's Lanam Club, a private fine dining social club, was used to dealing with high profile customers, including a U.S. president. But Robert "Bob" Phinney never forgot about the little guys, said those who worked with him. Staffers at the club on North Main Street said he still kept in touch even though he retired in 1996 after 15 years at the helm.

Phinney, a lifelong town resident, died at home after a short illness on Dec. 27, 2007. He died just days shy of his 80th birthday, which would have been last Wednesday, Jan. 2. Services

were held locally over the weekend, including a mercy meal at the Lanam Club.

"He always kept in touch with his girls in the office. That meant he would take us out to lunch on a regular basis and always had us to dinner at his home at the beach every summer," Sandy Harnisch wrote in an e-mail.

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SENIOR NOTES

Activities run by the Andover Senior Center include:

Energize with Exercise: Energizing workout regimen, focused on building flexibility and strength with a buffet of exercise options on Thursdays from Jan. 10 through Feb. 28 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Cost is \$45 for 8 weeks. No prior exercise experience required.

Serenity Yoga: Gentle yoga practice, featuring postures that emphasize strength, balance, flexibility and serenity of mind and body on Thursdays from Jan. 10 through Feb. 28 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 for 8 weeks. Suitable for all levels. Participants should bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow.

BoomerVenture Book Club will be held every second and fourth Thursday night, with rotating leadership, beginning Jan. 10 from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Free.

BoomerVenture Campus is located at 30 Whittier Court, on the ground floor.

For more information, call 978 823-8381 or visit www.boomerventure.com. BoomerVenture staff are always looking for ideas and involvement. Send your checks payable to The Town of Andover, 36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA 01810 c/o BoomerVenture.

Book Club will meet on Thursday, Jan. 24 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss "The Curious Incident Of Dog In Nighttime" by Mark Haddon. Copies of the books are available

for check-out at the center and all are welcome. Group will be led by Evelyn Retelle.

Movie matinee: The next movie day will be held on Monday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. to see "Man Of The Year." This is the tale of a quick witted talk show host (Robin Williams) whose fanciful bid for the presidency becomes a surprising reality. Reservations are not necessary.

Women Artists Speak Out on Wednesdays, Jan. 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. Cost is \$15. The course will focus on the lives and works of six female artists who struggled to continue with their work through very difficult times. The course will cover their amazing work by listening to

recorded interviews and diaries as well as looking at slides of their paintings and sculpture.

"Going Green" Community Forum on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. Preregistration is appreciated. Come find out about options for "greening" your home and your town. Speakers will be Candy Dann, regional recycling coordinator; Denise Boucher, Andover homeowner, and Paul Materazzo, director of planning for the town of Andover.

Jewelry design workshop on Monday, Jan. 14 at 1 p.m. with instructor Kathy Crawford. Preregistration is appreciated. Cost is \$10, includes all materials. Learn to make your own necklaces, bracelets or earrings, using a va-

riety of beads including freshwater pearls, glass and semiprecious gemstones. Easy on-and-off styles will be available. Use material provided, or bring an old favorite to repair or redesign into something new a new piece.

Massage therapy demonstration on Thursday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m. Preregistration is appreciated. There is no charge for this event. Learn more about the beneficial effects of upper body chair massage. Dave Schwedler, licensed massage therapist, will be on hand to share information about this wellness option. Complimentary "mini" massages will also be available as time allows.

"Chowda Fest" on Sunday, Jan. 13 from noon to 3 p.m. Enjoy an

afternoon of fun, food and entertainment. Menu includes clam chowder, chili, salad, hot dogs, pizza, beverages and dessert while enjoying the foot stomping music of the New Orleans Jazz Band. Advance tickets only.

Lunch Trip to the Wayside Inn on Wednesday, Jan. 16. Cost is \$39. We'll start with a delightful full luncheon in the beautiful colonial setting of Sudbury's Wayside Inn. Choice of entree plus soup or salad, beverage and dessert. Following lunch, we'll visit the Old Tyme Country Store known as "the most interesting candy store in the nation" where they've been selling candy since 1929.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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The last day for filing petitions for special articles for warrant for annual town meeting has been set as Thursday, Feb. 9, 1933 at 5 p.m.

A balance amounting to only 10 percent of that a year ago would have been left in the town accounts this year had it not been for frequent recourse to the reserve fund, according to figures compiled from the town books yesterday. If it had not been for the reserve fund, only \$2,079 would have been left as a balance compared with \$21,326 a year ago.

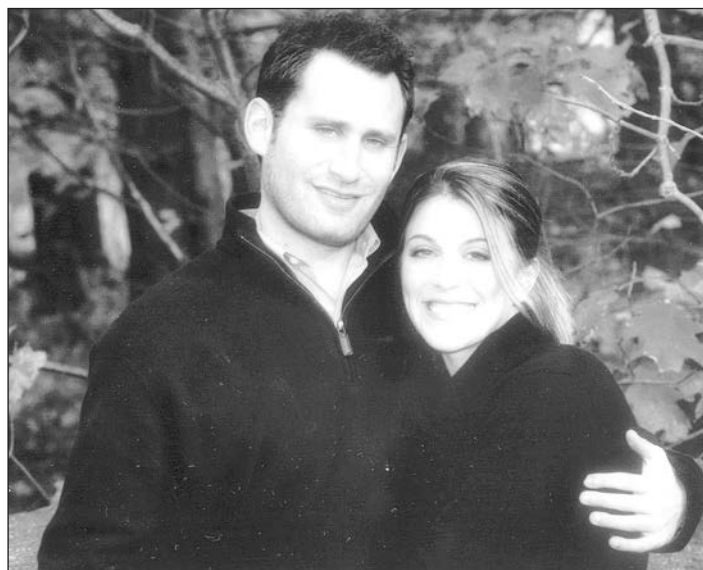
The Andover Parent-Teacher Association will meet in Pynchard hall Tuesday, Jan. 17. Miss Florence Piper Tuttle will talk on her method of reading, which has been introduced in the Andover schools this year. The teachers of Andover who are using this method are particularly interested and hope to receive much help and direction from Miss Tuttle's lecture.

The matter of newspaper reporting of the school board meetings, which has been under discussion since last November, was again brought before the committee last Friday evening. The committee took up a letter written to the secretary by the editor of the Townsman, asking that he secure permission from the board to give out the opinions of the members as expressed at the meetings and also the final votes on the matters. After some discussion, the letter was tabled for further consideration.

Work on the Stowe school library is rapidly advancing, and it is expected that soon ample space will be available for the books. Andover's Board of Selectmen yesterday decided to call a special town meeting on the insistence of the petitions for the reconsideration of the state school matter.

Mrs. Charlotte Baker of Argilla Road observed her 95th birthday Tuesday. Many of her friends dropped in during the day to extend their felicitations.

ENGAGEMENT



Rogers-Pearlman

Judy and Norman Rogers of Andover announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Rogers of Andover, to Eric Pearlman of Framingham, son of Rosanne and Arthur Pearlman of Framingham.

Ms. Rogers is a graduate of the University of Rhode Island and is employed by the TJX Companies.

Mr. Pearlman received his Master of Business Administration degree from Boston University and was an undergraduate of Syracuse University. He is employed by Standish Mellon Asset Management. The couple plan an August wedding.

PHINNEY: Ran Lanam

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She has worked at the Lanam Club for 27 years.

Harnisch said he was a "wonderful father and loved his children and later on his grandchildren very much, and spoke proudly of all of them. He kept us amused with stories of the grandkids."

An Andover High School graduate who attended Merrimack College, Phinney joined his late father, Harold Phinney, in his radio and television business in Andover. Family members wrote in Phinney's obituary that he later founded R.W. Phinney Associates, a commercial real estate business.

When he learned of Phinney's death, former resident Paul Gilday offered the following memory:

"I first met Bob, in the late 1950s while purchasing my first color TV from Phinney's TV in downtown Andover. He not only sold me the TV, he delivered it to my home on Linwood Street and installed the antenna on my chimney in time for my children to watch the first color broadcast of 'The Wizard Of Oz.' To this day my kids remember that event."

"Also, as a long time member of the Lanam Club (Raytheon sponsored) my wife [Carmen] and I had the enjoyment of Bob's company during many lunches, dinners and special events — such as kids Christmas parties, complete with Santa and presents, and my parents' 50th anniversary. We still talk about those times to this day," he wrote. "Even though we left Andover years ago we will sadly miss him and wish his family our heartfelt sorrow."

Phinney worked at the Lanam Club through the 1980s and early 1990s. Founded in the 1950s, the Lanam Club gets its name from the communities of Lawrence, Andover, North Andover and Methuen. Its goal is still to promote business and social networking across Merrimack Valley.

Family members wrote that former President George H.W. Bush, former U.S. Defense Secretary Alexander Haig, Jay Leno and Wang Laboratories founder Dr. An Wang were among the luminaries who visited. Scenes in the movie "School Ties" were filmed at the Lanam Club.

Phinney was well known locally for his civic involvement. He served as president of several groups including the Men of Merrimack College, Holy Family Hospital's Men's Guild and the Big Brother, Big Sister Association of Greater Lawrence.

"He was president of our Men's Guild from 1980 to 1982," said Thomas Sager, president of Holy Family Hospital. "He was a guy who always had a smile."

He enjoyed golf as Mr. Sager knew him from Abenaki Country Club in Rye, N.H.

In fact, family members reported that Phinney was an avid sportsman, having lettered in four sports while at Andover High — football, basketball, baseball and track — in one year. That accomplishment landed him in the AHS Hall of Fame.

"He will be missed," Harnisch said. "Everyone who knew him, liked him."

The widower of Joyce D. Phinney, Phinney leaves four children, eight grandchildren and a brother. He was also the father of the late Mary Kay Phinney.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Courtesy photo

At the Museum of Science's 10th Anniversary celebration of its Women in Science Luncheon Series are, from left, Jaishree Deshpande of Andover, Museum of Science trustee and Women in Science Committee co-chair; Parris Sabeti; Linda Griffith; Ioannis Miaoulis, Museum of Science president and director; Paula Johnson; and Beth Miaoulis.



Andover resident Jaishree Deshpande welcomed an audience of over 270 women leaders, scientists, engineers, researchers, students and other professionals to the Museum of Science's 10th Anniversary celebration of its Women in Science Luncheon Series at the Westin Boston Waterfront last fall. Deshpande is a 2007 co-chair of the Women in Science Committee with software engineer Beth Miaoulis. President and director of the museum, Ioannis Miaoulis, spoke as well.

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Sports

Flanagan strikes late, gives Andover win

BOYS HOCKEY

George Flanagan's goal with three minutes left in the contest gave Andover a 2-1 victory over Billerica on Saturday.



George Flanagan

Flanagan had two goals on the day, giving the Phillips Andover transfer a team-best four for the year. John Hyslip and Riki Retelle each had an assist for the winners.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Freshman Gomez-Martinez explodes with 17 points

Freshman Natalie Gomez-Martinez put together the game of her young career with 17 points as Andover bested Notre Dame of Hingham 60-45 last Wednesday. Laura Renfro had 19 points while Lauren Hughes chipped in with 13 as they helped pick up the slack for injured standouts Meghan Thomann and Ilana Cohen.

BOYS TRACK

McConnell continues his record run

Sophomore Chris McConnell set the Auerbach Freshman-Sophomore Large Schools meet record with a 6.53 in the 55 meters to beat the returning runner-up by 0.14 seconds. The old mark of 6.55 was set last winter. A few days earlier, McConnell broke the conference 50-yard dash record with a hand-timed 5.3 seconds.



Chris McConnell

Other Golden Warrior placers Saturday at the Reggie Lewis Track were Jake Ponti (fourth, hurdles), Andrew Pallotta (fifth, hurdles), Kerrick Stevens (fifth, 300), Mark Vetere (fifth, 600), Chris Goodwin (third, 1,000), Nick Schumacher (third, two-mile) and the 4x400 team placed second.

Steve Lattari won the shot put with a throw of 40-10/16, helping Andover best Chelmsford 55-31 last Wednesday. Mike Primes took the 1,000 while Brendan Crawford won the 300 for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK



Christina Muccio

Muccio, Warriors run past Chelmsford

Christina Muccio took the 50-yard dash in 6.3 to lead Andover past Chelmsford, 50-36 last Wednesday. Kayley Pettoruto took the 600 and Jess Forster soared an

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Girls hockey shoots for team approach

There is plenty of talent to go around in the North Metro League, and with a 5-2 record (1-1 in league play) to begin the season, the Andover Lady Warriors' roster clearly belongs. But the Andover girls ice hockey team is worried about much more than raw talent. Their goal is to play as a team, and thus far, the Lady Warriors have succeeded.

Team is the message that Andover High School head coach Bill McCarthy has been preaching to his team every day, and the girls look to be hearing his message loud and clear.

"If we start thinking about individual accolades, that's where trouble creeps in," said McCarthy.

It's hard to avoid some of those accolades, though, especially on a team with an individual performer such as sophomore Sarah Oteri. The forward led the varsity team in goals scored last year as a freshman, and she again leads the team in goals and points this year with five goals and three assists.

Coach McCarthy said of Oteri, "We have a certain approach offensively and defensively, and she really buys into it. She's got a lot of maturity for a sophomore." McCarthy is grateful to have an offensive powerhouse like Oteri on his team, but makes it clear no one wins hockey games on her own. "She's one of 11 or 12 players," said McCarthy.

The remainder of the team are also doing what they need to do to win games. That includes having solid team chemistry.

"In girls hockey there's always drama, but we've pretty much kept that to a minimum this year," said McCarthy. "Win or lose, I'd go to battle with this group of girls over a team where you're constantly battling personalities, and winning all the time."

Fortunately the Lady Warriors have been both winning frequently and working as a team. The squad has 15 total goals on the season, and nine different players have contributed to those goals.

Notable Andover performers include forward Heather Paonessa (four goals), defenseman Danielle Paonessa (two goals, one assist), and goalie Megan Petteruto (two shutouts and only 12 goals allowed in seven games). Captain Tricia Martin has played well as the only senior on the team. She has four goals and two assists as a defenseman. Andover is in prime position to make the State Division 2 Tournament, as it needs only 10 points in its 12 remaining games to qualify.

— Andrew Kanell, *What's Up* contributor

"When it's open heart surgery and he was only 16, nothing is minor."

Denise Russell, Brian Russell's mother



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Brian Russell of Andover has excelled in basketball and soccer at Phillips Andover while battling a heart problem that has required two open heart surgeries.

PERSEVERANCE PERSONIFIED

Russell battles through multiple heart surgeries

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Andover's Brian Russell knows better than most the twists and turns life can take.

The Phillips Academy junior looked the picture of health on Dec. 8, 2007 when he erupted for a career-high 21 points for the Big Blue against Kimball Union.

Four days later he was at Children's Hospital Boston undergoing his second open-heart surgery in nine months.

"It felt pretty good to (play well in my final game)," he said. "It would have felt better if we had won, but it was good to go out and play one more time."

A healthy child growing up, Russell's health problems started in the seventh grade. After an illness, it was found that bacteria had gotten into his bloodstream and landed in his heart.

He was diagnosed with a "regurgitation" in one of the valves in his heart. This results in small amounts of blood leaking back through the valve.

"It wasn't an emergency," said his mother, Denise Russell. "The major concern is to preserve his ventricle and keep it healthy for life. You want to time (the surgery) so you put it off as long as you can, but do it soon enough that there is no

Age: 17

Sports: Soccer/basketball

Field: Stood out as a back on the soccer team.

Earned job as starting guard on the basketball team, scoring a combined 42 points in his first three games of the season.

Health: Diagnosed with regurgitation in a valve in his heart in the seventh grade. Had

damage to the heart."

Russell began a routine of seeing the doctor every six months to check on the status of his heart.

During that time, Russell continued to excel in sports. He made the decision to follow his brother Steve to Phillips and quickly stood out at the JV level for the Big Blue in soccer and basketball.

But, during a routine check-up in March 2007, it was determined that the valve had finally gotten to a point that it had to be taken care of.

"They said they had to fix it," Russell said. "It was about the (active) lifestyle I wanted to live, and they wanted to make sure nothing could go wrong. At first I was nervous. But I knew everything was going to work out for the best. They went in and built up the valve with some of the outer

open heart surgery to repair it last March, then again in December. He also had knee surgery in April.

Family: Sister Jenn started last year as a freshman lacrosse player at North Carolina. Brother Steve played baseball, hockey and soccer at Phillips while sister Megan played basketball at Brooks. Mother is Denise and father is Tom.

THE BRIAN RUSSELL FILE

lining of my heart."

After the procedure, Russell spent five days in the hospital. He then could not leave the house for a week because of the increased risk of illness due to his weakened immune system. He was also barred from contact sports for a month due to the risk of a stitch coming loose in his sternum, which had to be broken during the surgery.

He had a second surgery six weeks later, this time on his left knee due to overtraining. He had scar tissue removed and small holes drilled in his bone to help regeneration.

"It was crazy," he said. "It was a lot all at once.... It was pretty frustrating, but my siblings were at home and we played a lot

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THROUGH THE YEARS

10 YEARS AGO

Charlotte Muller scored 17 points and added six assists to keep Andover undefeated with a 53-40 win over Bishop Fenwick. Laura Orlando added 10 points for the Golden Warriors (6-0).

Andover's Julie Mullane earned the all-around title with a score of 34.3 by winning the even bars and vault to lead the Golden Warriors over Masconomet

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C.J. Lustig won the 200 and swam on a pair of winning relays to help Andover down Haverhill 94-85. Alex Cronin of Andover won the 500 to lead St. John's Prep past Bishop Fenwick.

25 YEARS AGO

After missing the Christmas tourney while on a family vacation, A Better Chance student Carnel Cooper returned

to score 18 points and grab 13 rebounds to pace Andover in an 80-48 drubbing of Chelmsford. Scott White added 14 points and a game-high 15 rebounds and Jeff Alexander had a team-high 21 points.

Andover hockey pulled into the lead in the MVC with a 6-0 drubbing of Chelmsford. Scott Seero had two goals while Bob Farnham, Cal Smith, Ken Hubbell and Mike Murnane each had one tally.

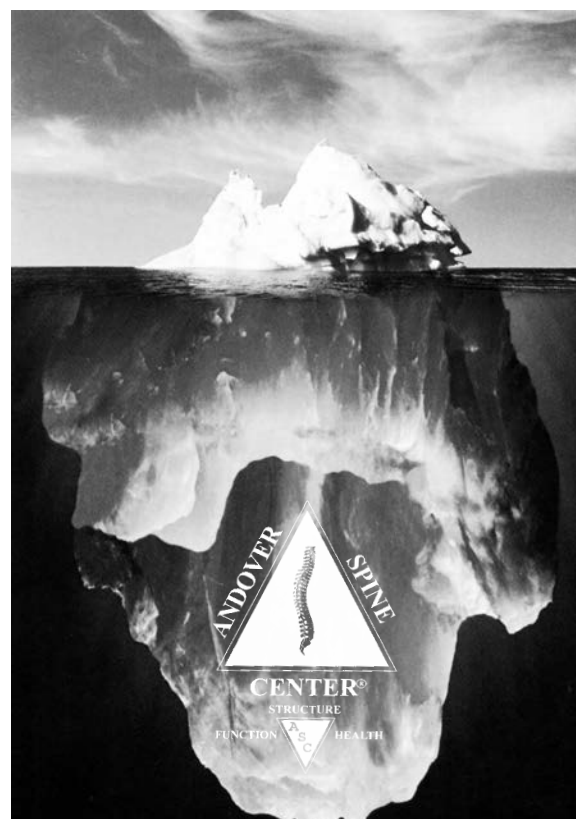
Dave Hubbell had to make only 10 stops for the shutout.

50 YEARS AGO

Glen Williams and Johnny Giovinco teamed up for 48 points to power the Andover Blue Devils to a 66-59 win over Amesbury.

An NCAA rule allowing the 2-point conversion in football was adopted for Mass. high school play.

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ROUNDUP

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impressive 5-3 to win the high jump for the winners.

At the Auerbach Freshman-Sophomore Large Schools meet, **Emily Shields** placed third in the 55 meters, **Vanessa Singleton** took fifth in the 300, **Molly Van Doren** grabbed a third in the two-mile, **Abbey Pettoruto** and Singleton went 2-3 in the long jump and the 4x400 team finished third.

BOYS SWIMMING

DeLisio, Andover crush Central Catholic

Andover took first in every event on its way to besting Central Catholic last Wednesday. **Luke DeLisio** won the 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle and swam on the winning 200 medley relay team along with **Yubo Liu**, who also won the 100 butterfly and 100 backstroke.

GYMNASTICS

Tsoinos, Andover down Methuen

Andover topped Methuen, 137.6-130.85. **Jenn Quirnbach** took second in the all-around (33.95), freshman **Emily Belluche** scored a personal-best 9.05 in the floor exercise and **Leah Tsoinos** posted her personal high on the beam.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Paonessa tallies a pair

Heather Paonessa scored twice to vault Andover to a 3-0 victory over Wilmington-North Reading last Wednesday. **Tricia Martin** added her third goal of the season while **Megan Pettoruto** recorded her third shutout of the season.

Andover fell to Chelmsford, 5-0, on Saturday.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Cook's efforts for naught

After leading for the better part of three quarters, visiting Andover struggled in the fourth and fell to Central Catholic 50-43 on Friday before a full house of nearly 2,000 at Memorial Gym. **Greg Cook** had a big night with 17 points while **Zach Burdeau** banged with the Raiders' towering front court (6-9, 6-6, 6-2) on his way to eight points. It was an inspired effort by Andover, which was pounded by Central, 57-30, in the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney semifinals.

Boys Basketball

Central Catholic 50, Andover 43

Central Catholic (50): KB Oshodi 3 0-0 6, Billy Marsden 2 9-12 14, Adrian Gonzalez 1 8-10 10, Carson Desrosiers 3 3-3 9, Wilfredo Pagan 3 4-4 11, Tim Wheeler 0 0-0 0, Michael Garcia 0 0-0 0, Michael Alvarez 0 0-0 0, Benny Fernandez 0 0-0 0, Totals 12 24-29 50
 Andover (43): Tristan Shannon 4 0-1 9, Derrick Beasley 2 1-2 5, Zach Burdeau 4 0-0 8, Peter White 1 0-0 2, Sam Hutchins 1 0-0 2, Greg Cook 6 1-2 17, Chris Abreu 0 0-0 0, D.J. Fazio 0 0-0 0, Kevin Polanco 0 0-0 0, Totals 18 2-6 43
 3-pointers: CC — Marsden, Pagan; A — Shannon, Cook 4
 Central (5-0, 2-0 MVC): 7 8 11 24 — 50
 Andover (5-2, 2-1 MVC): 8 12 9 14 — 43

Girls Basketball

Andover 60, Notre Dame of Hingham 45

Andover (60): Gomez-Martinez 7-1-17, Hughes 6-1-13, Driscoll 3-0-6, Renfro 7-1-19, Fantini 0-2-2, Shoemaker 1-1-3, Miller 0-0-0, Totals 24-6-60
 Notre Dame of Hingham (45): Reilly 1-0-2, Kelley 0-1-1, Aruda 4-3-11, Kennedy 1-0-2, T. Aruda 1-0-2, Reardon 5-5-15, Calvoys 5-2-12, Totals 17-11-45
 3-pointers: A — Gomez 2, Renfro 4
 Andover (6-1): 22 12 14 10 — 60
 Notre Dame of Hingham (5-2): 14 4 13 14 — 45

Boys Hockey

Andover 2, Billerica 1

Goals: A — George Flanagan 2

Stout defense carrying the load for Andover boys

Offensive production hasn't come easy for the Andover boys hockey team as of yet, so they have been forced to rely upon solid defense to win games. Luckily for the Golden Warriors (5-2, 2-1), their defense has shown the ability to handle the burden.

Goaltender Nick Drew is a major part of Andover's stout defense, boasted a minuscule 1.29 goals against average. The senior did not get significant time in net last year due to the superb play of Dan Abreu, but he has been at the top of his game from day one of the 2007-08 hockey season.

In addition to his new goalie, coach Mario Martiniello considers junior center Cam Smith as a surprise of sorts. Smith showed flashes of brilliance last year, but has matched his goal total from last year already, through seven games, with two goals and five assists.

"He worked really hard in the off season, and he's been tremendous up to this point," said Martiniello of Smith.

The Golden Warriors' Kevin Hitchko, Matt Rayner and George Flanagan are first-year upperclassmen who have contributed positively to the team. Despite being seniors, Hitchko and Rayner



File photo

Goaltender Nick Drew is a major part of Andover's stout defense.

are experiencing hockey at the high school level for the first time, with Hitchko delivering two goals and two assists. Flanagan is a transfer from the Phillips Academy Andover hockey program who has quickly developed into a star performer for Andover High. The forward leads the team in scoring with four goals and four assists.

Captain John Hyslip and assistant captains, Kevin Drew and Ricky Retelle, were asked to hold the fort for the Warriors at the be-

ginning of the season as Andover underwent its moderate transition.

"[The captains] have done a great job at setting an example for the newer guys and the younger guys of what we're about," said Martiniello.

The captains have also delivered nine points between the three of them.

The Golden Warriors have had their problems finishing offensive opportunities, but Martiniello is grateful that the team is doing

such a quality job of protecting its own net. Fluke goals are possible, especially in high school hockey, but not fluke defense.

"If you're not playing sound defensive hockey in the Division 1 League, [opponents] can put a lot of points on the board pretty quick," said Martiniello.

The 2007-08 season is Andover boys ice hockey's inaugural season in Division 1. Playing in the top division means bigger, stronger and faster opponents, so it was essential for Andover's confidence that they gained some momentum early in the season.

The Golden Warriors have proven early that they can skate with the best teams in the state. The team feels that it made a statement with a dominant 4-1 victory over a solid Chelmsford program.

Andover has played exceptionally well in penalty kill situations this year, allowing only two goals in 33 power-play chances. But the Warriors have struggled just as much on the power play as they've succeeded on the penalty kill, converting four power plays out of 30. Three of those four power play goals were scored in Andover's last two games.

— Andrew Kanell, What's Up contributor

Assists: A — John Hyslip, Riki Retelle
 Saves: A — Nick Drew 16; B — Steve Dalioia 16
 Billerica (3-5, 1-2 MVC): 0-0-1 — 1
 Andover (5-2, 2-1 MVC): 1-0-1 — 2

Wilmington-North Reading (0-5-2): 0 0 0 — 0
 Andover (5-2): 1 1 1 — 3
 Goals: Heather Paonessa 2, Tricia Martin
 Assists: Alicia Nader, Paonessa, Katie Shields, Meghan Pierce
 Saves: W — Amelia Woodbury 53; A — Megan Pettoruto 11

HJ: Osborne 5-5
 Records: Andover 3-0, Chelmsford 1-1

Girls Hockey

Chelmsford 5, Andover 0

Saves: A — Megan Pettoruto 21; C — 20
 Chelmsford (6-2): 2-2-1 — 5
 Andover (5-3): 0-0-0 — 0

Boys Track

Andover 55, Chelmsford 31

Andover winners:
 50 yard dash: Chris McConnell 5.3; 50 hurdles: Andrew Osborne 7.2; 300: Brendan Crawford 36.7; 1,000: Mike Primes 2:33.1; 5P: Steve Lattari 40:10.7;

Girls Track

Andover 50, Chelmsford 36

Andover winners:
 50 yard dash: Christina Muccio 6.3; 300: Melissa Knapp 39.5; 600: Kayley Pettoruto 1:34.6; HJ: Jess Foster 5-3; 4x400: (Knapp, Vanessa Singleton, Laura Cody, Pettoruto) 4:31.9
 Records: Andover 3-0, Chelmsford 1-1

Swimming

Andover downs Central Catholic

Andover winners:
 200 medley relay: (Abe Iyengar, Tim Russell, Yubo Liu, Luke DeLisio) 1:58.51; 200 freestyle: Adam Miller-ick 2:03.35; 200 IM: Peter Belander 2:24.28; 50 freestyle: DeLisio 25.11; 100 butterfly: Liu 1:01.45; 100 freestyle: DeLisio 56.94; 500 freestyle: Devon Mullen 5:19.24; 200 freestyle relay: (Craig Schwarz, Mullen, Mike Bakies, Paul Hunter) 1:41.81; 100 backstroke: Liu 1:07.07; 100 breaststroke: Belander 1:13.59; 400 freestyle relay: (Russell, Schwarz, DeLisio, Iyengar) 3:56.88
 Records: Andover 3-1

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Andover's Brian Russell has plenty of talent on the hardwood. The junior swingman scored 21 points in his final game of the year before undergoing season-ending heart surgery.

RUSSELL: Athlete refuses to give in

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of board games and video games. And I read a lot."

After two months of rehab on his knee, Russell was allowed to go back into full training for the upcoming sports season, often with the help of his sister Jenn, a University of North Carolina lacrosse player.

"She helps me a lot with running," he said. "I try to run about two miles a day and she had to get in shape, too. We played basketball against each other a lot and with my other sister (Megan, a former Brooks athlete) and brother (Steve)."

The workouts paid off, as Russell put together a breakout season on the soccer team. At the end of the season the fullback was voted co-captain for the 2008 season.

He then turned his attention to basketball. The 6-footer earned a starting job for the rebuilding Big Blue, playing both guard positions and small forward.

He opened the season with 16 points against Cushing. He had only five points against Tilton, but then tallied 21 against Kimball Union.

"He's a very creative player," said Phillips coach Leon Modeste. "He can create off the dribble and score from the outside. And he's a hard-nosed kid that

"It was frustrating because it looked like I would see a lot of playing time this season. But you have to accept what you can't change."

Brian Russell

will give you all he can every time."

But the season came to a halt after the Kimball game when it was discovered that the procedure in March had not been a total success.

"They found out the surgery didn't work as well as it could," he said. "They had to fix the valve again so it was the best possible situation."

"It was frustrating because it looked like I would see a lot of playing time this season. But you have to accept what you can't change."

It also caused concern for his family.

"When it's open heart surgery and he was only 16, nothing is minor," said Denise Russell.

"You have to keep in mind that you are doing what you have to keep him healthy. And the doctors have followed him carefully, and that makes you feel better."

The Phillips team also rallied around their teammate, buying him a jersey of his favorite Red Sox player: Manny Ramirez.

"They have embraced him and have been very supportive," said Modeste. "He is a very courageous kid and we know he will bounce back from this."

Russell is now back in the recovery process, once again barred from physical activity. But he has rejoined the basketball team as a manager and de facto assistant coach.

"I'm still at all the practices and all the games," he said. "I want to be part of the team because I love basketball. Hopefully soon I can throw a few passes and set a few picks."

A member of Indian Ridge Golf Club, he is planning to try out for the golf team in the spring. Then it will be back to training for soccer.

"Everything should be fine now," said Denise Russell, an English teacher at the Doherty Middle School. "He should be healthy. It's his positive attitude that has helped. I don't think he thought for a second he wouldn't get back to where he was."

Players of the Fortnight

Once the Andover High boys and girls basketball teams concluded play in the annual area Christmas tournaments, all that was left was for the coaches to name the Players of the Fortnight.

Coach Jim Tildsley's nominee for Player of the Fortnight is Lauren Hughes. "Lauren is a real team leader. She's playing good defense, and is a team leader in rebounding. Lauren is also a fighter, and we're going to need her spirit this season," he said.

Coach Dave Fazio nominated Connor Arnold as his award-winner. "Expectations for Connor were not high coming in, but he's totally exceeded them. He's a fine complementary player, and a team-first guy. We're looking forward to a great rest of season from him," said Fazio.

Earning their black belts



Courtesy photo

Four local residents recently earned black belts and other ranks at the American School of Karate in North Andover. Pictured are, front row from left, Neal Sarver of Methuen, Jamie Evans of Boston, Ross Cerami of Boxford, Arthur Lauretano of Andover and Ross Hardy of Andover; back row from left, Rishi Vangapalli of Andover, Louis Rodriguez of Methuen, Asa Seeley III of North Reading, Kevin O'Brien of Andover, Michael Quinn of North Andover and Asa Seeley II of North Reading.

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Obituaries

Lorenzo Casha, 85

ANDOVER — Lorenzo Casha, 85, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 at Sutton Hill Nursing Center in North Andover.

Born in Naples, Italy on Jan. 18, 1922 to the late Mariano and Elisa (Tumulto) Casha, Lorenzo graduated schools in Italy.

He was employed with the Long Inland Railroad as a structural engineer until his retirement.

Lorenzo enjoyed cycling and reading.

He is survived by his wife Tina (Esposito) Casha of Andover; his son Lawrence M. Casha and his wife Mary of Andover; and three brothers, Salvatore Casha of Italy, Vincenzo Casha of Venezuela and

Angelo Casha of Spain; and one sister, Josephine Esposito of Italy. Also among his survivors are his grandchildren, Salena and Nysa Casha, also of Andover; as well as several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be offered on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will follow in West Parish Cemetery, also in Andover. Family and friends called on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Dewhurst Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to Dementia Care, 69531 213th St., Darwin, MN 55324-6602. To offer online condolence or for directions, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Roy E. Dehm, 77



ANDOVER — Roy E. Dehm, 77, a 33-year resident of Andover, died Monday morning, Jan. 7, 2008 at his home surrounded by his loving family.

Mr. Dehm was born in Syracuse, N.Y. to the late Albert A. and Ethel (Kopper) Dehm.

Roy was an electrical engineer for 40 years at RCA/GE Aerospace until his retirement in 1992 and soon became a member of the RCA Retirees.

He served as a Eucharistic minister for many years at St. Augustine's Church in Andover and had many interests especially traveling with his wife and family, enjoying his pipe over a good book and making home movies and watching old movies, however his greatest passion was baby-sitting his grandchildren.

Mr. Dehm is survived by his wife Helen M. (Praetz) Dehm with whom he shared 52 years of mar-

riage after meeting at RCA in 1954, his children, Diana L. Dehm of Huntington Beach, Calif., Catherine A. Anusauskas and her husband George of Auburn, Mass., Douglas L. and Kenneth A., both of Andover; his four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Allison, Samantha and Joseph, and his sister, Florence Mercer of Tonawanda, N.Y., as well as many additional relatives and friends. Roy was predeceased by his son David L. Dehm.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend his funeral Mass on Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 at 10 a.m. in St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Dewhurst and Conte Family Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. For those who wish, Roy may be remembered through donations to the Dr. Carlos Fernandez Surgical Research Fund for Pancreatic Cancer and GI, 55 Fruit St., Boston, MA 02114. For the family online guestbook or for funeral home directions, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Leonard J. Goodman

SAN ANTONIO — Leonard J. Goodman, formerly of Andover, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007 in San Antonio.

Born Jan. 11, 1932 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the late Eddie and Sadye Goodman.

Upon an honorable discharge from the United States Navy, Leonard went into the packaging business. He and his father founded the Eddie Goodman Company in 1960 on Lincoln St. in Boston. The business grew and the company moved to the greater Merrimack Valley and remained there until the early 1990's.

In the mid 1990's Leonard opened River City Paper in San Antonio. He remained active in his business dealings until 2005.

Leonard was an avid angler. He spent many years fishing off the coast of the Bahamas. He truly enjoyed the peace he found on the open waters and all the friends he

made along the way.

His sister, Ruth Oser, preceded Leonard in death. He is survived by two sons, Eddie and his wife Michele of Destin, Fla. and Ralph Doughty and his wife Denise of San Antonio; one daughter, Laura Goodman of Westford; eight grandchildren, Rebecca, Adam, Melvin, Kelvin, Edward Tyler, Taylor, Jessica and Madison; nephew, James Oser and his wife Jo-Ann; cousin, Aaron Rosenthal and his wife Nicole. Finally, he leaves behind a very special friend, Diana Sherman, whom he loved very much. Leonard will be dearly missed by family and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Leonard J. Goodman to the Joslin Diabetes Center, Joslin Diabetes Center, One Joslin Place, Boston, MA 02215. You're invited to sign the guestbook at www.porterloring.com.

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ANDOVER — John J. Sartory, 80, a 30 year resident of Andover and formerly of Oyster Bay, N.Y., passed away Monday morning, Dec. 31, 2007 at the Caritas Holy Family Hospital in Methuen after an extended illness.

John was born in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the late Otto and Margaret (Stanton) Sartory.

After graduating high school in January, 1945 he proudly served in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II, instilling a lifelong patriotism and love of country.

Following discharge he continued his education at Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute where he graduated with a Master's Degree in electrical engineering and was a member of Eta Kappa Nu and Tau Beta Pi.

John was a devoted family man, especially proud of his seven grandsons.

He was also devoted to his church and served for over 20 years as Eucharistic Minister at St. Augustine Church in Andover.

John had a great sense of humor, which will be missed by all. His many hobbies included reading, gardening, and a love for "classic" movies dating back to his New York childhood with its many theaters. On weekends he took great pride and care in

the personal maintenance of his cars and home. Following retirement from Digital Equipment Corp. in 1992, he was able to travel more often, visiting both family and friends, and also included trips to Australia, Ireland and Italy.

Mr. Sartory is survived by his wife, Jo (Josephine L. Timilty) Sartory with whom he celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this past April; their children, Christopher J. Sartory (Jennifer) of Houston, David J. Sartory (Uma) of Los Angeles, and Mary M. Woodward (Don) of Littleton; seven cherished grandsons; his cousin; and many nieces, nephews and their children as well. John was predeceased by his son, Andrew E. Sartory and siblings, Peter Sartory and Regina Geneve.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend his funeral Mass on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 at 1 p.m. at St. Augustine Church in Andover. Interment will be private. Calling hours will be on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Dewhurst and Conte Family Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. In lieu of flowers, John may be remembered through donations to the Minuteman Arc for Human Services, 1269 Main St., Concord, MA 01742. For the family online guestbook or for funeral home directions, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Rev. Mark R.P. Welch Jr.



ANDOVER — The Reverend Mark Richard Paul Welch Jr., of Andover and formerly of Hartford, Conn., died at his home on

Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008 surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Burlington, Iowa on May 30, 1937 to Bernice and Mark Welch Sr., he is survived by his wife, Beverly Morgan Welch; and daughter, Alexandra Morgan-Welch of Andover; daughters, Deborah Bieringer and husband Len Bieringer, Dominique Soto and husband Ricardo Soto; and son, Michael Welch, all of West Hartford, Conn. and son, Mark Welch III and wife Raquel Welch of Windsor, Conn.; grandchildren, Christine and Melissa Piquette, Matthew Bieringer, Kelli and Mark Welch IV, Wolfgang, Tyler, and Mason Welch, Stephanie, Steven and Seyenah Soto; great-grandchildren, Auburn and Orchid Pitkin and

Jonathan Aponte; and sisters, Lynda Coffin and Pamela Molander of Burlington, Iowa and Diane Witherbee of Buffalo, Minn.

Graduating from the University of Chicago Divinity School in 1964, he was ordained a Minister in the United Church of Christ Congregational in 1972.

He served as Senior Minister of West Parish Congregational Church in Andover and Horace Bushnell Congregational Church in Hartford, Conn. and also in various capacities as a minister in Massachusetts including the Union Church in Waban, Melrose Highlands, North Congregational in Woburn and Acton Congregational Church and in Hartford, Faith Congregational Church and Warburton Community Congregational Church.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held on Saturday, Jan. 5, 2008 at 1 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Clergy were asked to be present by 12:30 p.m. to robe. Donations in lieu of flowers should be sent to the Museum of African American History, 14 Beacon St., Suite 719, Boston, MA 02108.

Richard Hornidge, 92

ANDOVER — Richard Hornidge, 92, of Andover, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007. He led a full and adventurous life.

Born in Ireland in 1915, he spent his childhood as an only child living at Tulfarris, a Hornidge estate with many acres of farmland. In the early 1700s, land in Ireland was given to English men who supported Cromwell, and these English families were known as the Anglo-Irish. It was during this time that the first Hornidge came to inhabit Tulfarris.

When Richard was a young adult the farm and house were sold. Breaking the Hornidge tradition that had lasted over 200 years seemed a tragedy, but the estate was no longer supportable. During Richard's childhood, the Irish Civil War was in full swing. IRA soldiers, who wanted complete independence from England, burned down his grandmother's home, Tinode, but they drank tea in the Hornidge kitchen knowing Katie, the cook, would allow them to stay rather than to have Tulfarris burned.

Richard recognized many of the IRA soldiers as they were faithful workers on the Hornidge farm, and some of their children were his friends. Confused by where his loyalties should lie, it took until adulthood for his dilemma to be resolved. His heritage was Anglo-Irish, but his heart was with the Irish in his home country. As a child, Richard was educated by his nannies at Tulfarris. At the young age of 9 years-old, he was sent to Castle Park boarding school in Ireland after which he attended the Oundle preparatory school in England where he specialized in science, a subject Richard greatly enjoyed.

After preparatory school, he followed in his father's footsteps by enrolling in Cambridge University and choosing Trinity Hall as his residents. "The Hall" was known for its top rowing records. His father received the high honor of becoming a "Blue" which meant rowing with the crew that represented the entire university. Richard, himself, set a record in sculling that has never been broken even to this day. Richard graduated with honors from Cambridge University with a degree in mechanical engineering, and because jobs

in his field were more available in the United States, he decided to join his two uncles in California.

After several years of working as an engineer, he was admitted to Stanford University where he earned a master's degree in mechanical engineering. Since he spent many years in England, and England was so drastically involved in World War II, he was compelled to join the Merchant Marines with which he sailed up and down the Pacific Coast. Following the war, he taught at the Maritime Academy in Alameda, Calif. Skiing in the Sierras became his recreation, as well as the place where he met his wife, Marta Travis. They married and had two children, Richard Jr., and Patricia, and then moved east, finally settling in Andover where they have lived for 57 years. During that time, Richard worked as an engineer, started several successful businesses, and wrote Tulfarris, a book telling the story of his unusual childhood in Ireland.

The Hornidge family belonged to the North Andover Country Club, a local book club, the Appalachian Mountain Club and AVIS (Andover Village Improvement Society). For many years Richard and his wife were wardens of the Skug Reservation, clearing trails, and in his best engineering fashion, building a sturdy bridge across the Skug River, which is today named for him. Living within an easy commute to the ocean, sailing became his passion. With the help of various crews, he sailed around Newfoundland several times and even reached Labrador.

He taught his children and grandchildren, Jessica and Jonathan to sail, and they thought it a great honor to be chosen as crew. They will always have fond memories of whales following their boat, of weathering storms so fierce that no other boats would leave the port and of the fun they had playing with French-speaking children when they sailed to the Magdalen Islands. Skiing and sailing were not Richard's only hobbies, with his wife, he visited all seven continents, biking, kayaking, hiking and cross-country skiing. Richard's life was full.

Paul A. Groezinger, 89

ANDOVER — Paul A. Groezinger, 89, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Wingate of Andover.

Mr. Groezinger was born on March 8, 1918, in Weymouth, the son of the late Paul B. and Bertha (Olbrich) Groezinger.

He attended local schools in Weymouth and was a graduate of East Weymouth High School, graduating with the class of 1936. Mr. Groezinger attended Burditt in accounting and then went to the Boston University, for two year course in accounting and commercial law.

He went on active duty for the Coast Guard, Dec. 14, 1942, and was discharged from regular re-

serve as a Boatswain Mate 2nd Class in Oct. 12, 1945.

Mr. Groezinger worked for Stone & Webster, and later was employed at Carters Ink for 15 years. Later he worked in real estate at Borkm & Land from 1975 to 1978, until his retirement.

Family members include his wife, Helen (Christenson) Groezinger of Andover; two sons, Scott Groezinger of Tewksbury and Ronald Groezinger of California; and three grandchildren.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours at the request of the family. The Cremation Society of New Hampshire assisted the family with arrangements.

SUPPORT GROUPS

BLOOD PRESSURE/STROKE

Free clinic, first and third Friday each month, 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the atrium at Merrimack Valley Hospital in Haverhill. Community Education 978-521-8550.

Stroke patient support group, first Wednesday of the month, 6-7 p.m., Paula Hartwell-Bell 603-887-5769, after 6 p.m.

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 PFLAGinAndoverMA@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 Dan-

vers, 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.merrimackvalleymotam.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 Aman-

da Preston or Dana Hayward 978-475-8737, bpparents@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 bpparents@comcast.net.

PSORIASIS

Support group sponsored by National Psoriasis Foundation, meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover; Patricia Wood 978-475-2774.

SINGLE

Separated and Divorced nondenominational support group, meets every Monday, 7:30 to 10 p.m. in the Center for Education and Ministry of St. Augustine's Parish, second floor, 35 Essex Street, Andover. All welcome. Call John Matera at 978-852-7827, e-mail jmatera@comcast.net or call the Parish Office at 978-475-0050 and ask for the ministries coordinator.

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Healthy Living

Bye bye blues: Expert advice to chase away winter woes

Darker days and colder nights affect all of us this time of year. In fact, nearly two thirds of United States adults feel down during the winter. How do people deal with these feelings?

According to a new survey commissioned by Nature Made Mood-Plus SAM-e and conducted by researchers at Harris Interactive, adults who experience low mood are more likely to turn to comfort foods (42 percent) and sleep more (39 percent) than they are to eat a healthy diet (20 percent) or take a vitamin or supplement (28 percent).

In addition, women were more likely than men to find healthy ways such as diet and relaxation to cope with winter blues (65 percent versus 55 percent).

"It's easy to turn to unhealthy habits when our bodies are stressed, but this can have a negative impact in the long run," says leading wellness expert and registered dietitian, Elizabeth Somer, award-winning author of, "Food & Mood." "The good news is that regulating mood doesn't have to be hard. There are simple ways to replenish the body that make a big difference in our overall wellness." Somer shares some of the most frequent mood questions she receives and offers her expert insight:

Why are so many people's moods affected by winter?

The reasons why mood slips and appetite runs rampant could simply be from boredom, restlessness and feeling cooped-up.

It can also stem from a lack of sunlight from the winter months, which can cause a decrease in serotonin and an increase in melatonin, the sleep, mood and hunger-regulating chemicals found in the brain.

Why do people tend to crave comfort foods when they are stressed?

Comfort foods like ice cream, french fries and cookies offer a quick emotional fix. When the body is stressed, appetite control chemicals get out of whack.

Eating comfort foods temporarily raises levels of endorphins and serotonin, which calms the body, but can lead to weight gain and mood crashes in the long run.

Can food help improve our moods, and if so, which foods do you recommend?

Diet and mood are highly intertwined. The omega-3 fatty acids found in fish, complex carbohydrates like whole wheat pastas and breads and antioxidant rich



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Instead of eating healthy and exercising, people who experience low moods often turn to comfort foods and sleep.

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Elizabeth Somer, wellness expert and registered dietitian

fruits and vegetables are a great for lifting mood and overall health. It is helpful to increase your consumption of these healthy foods in times of low mood to replenish levels of the vitamins and minerals in the body.

What about supplements. Do they really work?

Certain dietary supplements can help. One dietary supplement receiving a lot of attention is SAM-e (S-adenosylmethionine) which is naturally produced in the body and helps regulate mood.

Due to stress and dietary factors this compound may tend to decrease. Numerous studies have

shown that supplementing with SAM-e can help improve emotional well-being with no major side effects.

Go with a trusted brand like Nature Made's SAM-e (www.mood-plus.com) — it contains a well-studied, high-quality grade of SAM-e.

Everyone should also take a multivitamin to help fill any nutri-

tional gaps they might have in their diets.

Can anything else help?

Studies have shown that regular exercise may play a role in healthy mood-enhancing processes in the body.

Try to get outside to enjoy the fresh air even if it's a quick walk during a lunch break or a yoga class after work. However, anyone dealing with low mood should consult a medical expert to develop a personalized treatment that's right for them.

For more mood-boosting tips, information about vitamins and supplements or to ask Somer a question, please visit www.elizabethsomer.com.

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Tart cherries: The tiny fruit with huge benefits

Cherries have pleased the palates of food lovers for centuries. Their ruby-red color and tangy taste won cherries a place on the tables of Roman conquerors, Greek citizens and Chinese noblemen. Ongoing research suggests the cherry not only offers great taste, but huge health benefits.

From old wives tales and folklore, this tiny red fruit has been credited with an array of natural health benefits, including helping people get a good night's sleep, keeping joints healthy and functioning well. However, with 21st century research technology we now know those folklores and tales are more than mere legend.

As more people are searching for natural remedies, the tart cherry is fast becoming a favorite of those who want to enjoy an active lifestyle. So what makes cherries so special and why are we only starting to hear about them now?

Finding reliable tart cherry research.

Ongoing research from several leading universities and global organizations offer supporting scientific evidence regarding the amazing benefits of the tart cherry. According to research conducted at the University of Vermont, a tart cherry juice blend helped soothe muscle soreness due to physical exercise.

In addition, research results from Michigan State University

(MSU) have shed light on the ability of the tart cherry to help maintain healthy joint function.

The "Dean of Melatonin," Dr. Russel Reiter, professor of neuroendocrinology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, has conducted research on the tart cherry and melatonin. Based upon these research results, tart cherries are found to be a natural source of melatonin. Since melatonin helps regulate the body's natural clock, tart cherries may also help many get a more restful sleep.

Your daily dose of tart cherry. Eating fresh tart cherries daily is an ideal way to get the health benefits of this fruit. Research from MSU suggests that by eating just 20 cherries a day a person could realize the health benefits provided by the tart cherry.

However, during the cold winter months finding fresh cherries may be extremely difficult. Until recently, one remedy for those looking to enjoy the antioxidant-rich benefits of cherries during the winter months was to wait until the summer harvest.

Fruit Advantage has solved this seasonal cherry dilemma. The company offers tart cherries in a convenient tart cherry capsule. Visit online at www.fruitadvantage.com

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Research supports the health benefits of eating tart red cherries.



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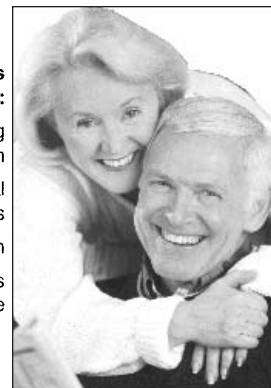
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Heart screening: Preventing sudden cardiac death

Identifying young athletes with heart abnormalities

By LINDA GREENSTEIN
SPECIAL TO ANDOVER TOWNSMAN

At age 15, Michaela Gagne was an apparently healthy young athlete when she suddenly collapsed during a high school track and field meet due to an undiagnosed heart abnormality. Gagne is lucky, she survived, but it took two years for doctors to diagnosis her heart condition.

Gagne went on to become Miss Massachusetts 2006, and now uses her prominence to help prevent sudden cardiac death in young athletes. Today, she is actively working with HeartScreen America bring a simple, potentially life-saving cardiac screening to high school and youth sports programs nationwide.

"Preventing sudden cardiac death in young athletes is my mission, my passion," said Gagne. "I feel privileged to work with HeartScreen America to save lives. When I tell my story it makes the problem real to others."

Based in Andover, HeartScreen American provides a simple inexpensive way for parents and schools to screen young people for potentially fatal cardiac abnormalities.

"Our over arching goal is simple," explained Curtis Muldrew, HeartScreen America CIO, business development director. "We screen hearts and save lives."

While not common, sudden cardiac death does occur in young athletes.

"The problem is rare, but real," remarked Muldrew. "The facts speak for themselves. Over 5,000 active and apparently healthy young Americans are dying every year in the United States from sudden cardiac arrest. Young ath-



Bert Vining, left, president and COO of HeartScreen America demonstrates an EKG screening with Michaela Gagne, the chairwoman of the advocacy board and former Miss Massachusetts 2006.

letes, ages 6-18, and college athletes, ages 19-25, suffer sudden un-

expected death at a rate thought to be two to three times greater than their less-active peers."

HeartScreen America works with local athletic programs and booster clubs in 48 states to make their screening program available

to young athletes. They are the Official Wellness Partner of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

"Typically, healthy young athletes are not screened for heart abnormalities. We offer a simple in-

expensive, self-pay option for parents," explained Muldrew. "Our non-invasive screening includes a personal and family cardiac health history, a blood pressure reading, and an electrocardiogram (ECG) screening. These are all performed

"Knowing your risk factors is important, conditions like mine often have no symptoms. These screenings do save lives."

Michaela Gagne, advocate for HeartScreen America

by a certified technician. The results of each test are sent to the parents to share with their child's physician. The results of all ECGs are also over-read and signed by a Board Certified Cardiologist."

HeartScreen America also makes the tests, which are recommended by the American Heart Association prior to participation for competitive sports programs, accessible by bringing the screenings to the athletes. According to Muldrew, the company conducts screening events at community sites for specific youth sports programs.

In addition, they offer screenings at their Ballardville Street headquarters in Andover twice a week.

The cost for the youth screening is \$49.

"HeartScreen American has removed the barriers of access and high cost of cardiovascular screening, enabling individuals to take unprecedented control of their cardiac health. It is our mission to screen hearts and save lives — providing peace of mind by knowing that everything has been done to minimize the risk of sudden unexpected death," stated Bert R. Vining, president, COO of HeartScreen America.

"When we screen young athletes, we often get parents so impressed with how simple it is, that they decide to set up their own screening," added Muldrew. "We offer an adult screening program too that includes a blood test for cholesterol and glucose. The adult screening cost \$69."


The adults screening are also offered in cooperation with corporations and major employers.

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EVENTS CALENDAR



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The work of Andover Artist Nancy Grice will be part of an opening reception tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 11 at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence.

THURSDAY, JAN. 10

Empty Bowls Dinner Party, 6 p.m., St. John's Preparatory School, Memorial Dining Hall, 72 Spring St., Danvers. Hand-made bowls created by students may be purchased to fill with delicious soup and breads donated by local restaurants, food shops and bakeries. A minimum donation of \$10 per bowl is suggested. Entertainment provided by SwingTown!, St. John's a cappella group. The evening is open to the public and all proceeds will benefit Haven from Hunger in Peabody. Snow date will be Jan. 11 at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.stjohnsprep.org.

Women Returning to School Information Fair from 6 to 8 p.m. at Northern Essex Community College in the Technology Center, 110 Elliott St., Haverhill. The fair is designed to help ease common anxieties and apprehensions about returning to school after being away from the classroom. In case of inclement weather, the event will be rescheduled for Jan. 14. For more information or to reserve a space, call 978-556-3722.

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. Reservations are not required. Information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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.

Drop-in art activities, 1 to 3 p.m., Art Studios, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This program is designed for children ages 6 and up with accompanying adult. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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.

Annual First Grade Daughter-Father "Snowflake Dance", 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational Church, 72 Elm St., North Andover. Girls and their dads will dance to a live DJ, participate in craft activities, and feast of delicious food. Cost is \$25 per couple, with proceeds benefiting TCC and its local ministries. Tickets may be purchased at the church from 9 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Sunday or at the door the night of the dance. For more information, call 978-689-2436 or email snowflake@verizon.net.

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 mem-

bers; \$9 nonmembers. 978-685-3541 or www.mymca.org.

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

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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.

Special Andover Neighborhood Program: Stories from the "High Street-Elm Street Triangle," 2 to 4 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. The program will include an exhibit of photographs of the neighborhood and local memorabilia. Among the stories will be the development of Cheever Circle, Carmel Woods, Johnson Acres and Burton Farm. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-475-2236.

"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

Mad Doc Software hosts Red Cross blood drive, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 100 Burt Road, Andover. Follow the signs to the conference room to donate. "Give a pint, get a pound" - all presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free pound of Dunkin Donuts coffee. All blood types are in urgent need; the Red Cross is in great need of blood type O. To make an appointment, call Daniel at 978-409-6276 x138 or email dsprout@maddocsoftware.com; walk-ins welcome. For more information, visit www.newengland-blood.org.

Nature Tots: Wintertime Fun: Introduce your preschooler, ages 3 through 5, to the wonders of wildlife in winter through stories, songs and fingerplays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so dress for the weather. Free but space is limited. Advanced registration required. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Participants should meet at the Visitor Center.

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 "IQ: A Smart History of a Failed Idea." Open to the public. Admission is free.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

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Brian Allen, museum director of the Addison Gallery of American Art



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos

Brian Allen shows one of the gallery's storage rooms. More storage space will allow the entire collection to be stored on site.

ON THE SHELF

Art museum to undergo two-year, \$30 million renovation

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

One of Andover's jewels will be pulled from its crown this year for a lengthy resetting. The Addison Gallery of American Art, the Main Street home to priceless paintings, photographs and other works, will close in July for nearly two years of construction. The gallery plans a \$30 million renovation and expansion. It will reopen in the spring of 2010.

"In 75 years, the Addison has gone from 600 objects to 16,000 objects, and we have not picked up one additional square inch of space," said Brian Allen, museum director.

The project will change that, providing enough storage space for the Addison to keep all of its art collection within the museum building. Currently, many works, including about 95 percent of the museum's sculptures, are stored at other locations.

The project will also create a new learning center, allowing even greater public access to the museum's art and its library. New office space, technology upgrades and an \$8 million endowment are part of the project.

The new space will be created to the left of the entrance, in what is now a combination sculpture courtyard, entrance for handicapped people and loading dock. Allen says of the need for a bigger loading dock: "It's not sexy, but it is essential."



Gallery space will be restored during the project, according to Allen, above.

Over the years, the original gallery space has been "cannibalized" to create office and other space, said Allen. While the renovation and expansion will not add any new exhibition space, the creation of office space will allow the galleries to return to the sizes intended when the building opened in 1931 through the gift of Thomas Cochran.

The Addison Gallery faces Main Street and is on the campus of Phillips Academy, across Chapel Avenue from the Andover Inn. Two of its most recognizable works are Winslow Homer's "Eight Bells" and Edward Hopper's "Manhattan Bridge Loop."

Currently, Andover teachers

can request for their classes to have access to any of the Addison's works of art, regardless of whether they are being displayed at the time. When the project is complete, a large library and computer spaces will make the museum even more assessable to the public. The learning center will be open to all, including art scholars and Phillips Academy and Andover public school students. There will be room for two separate classes to study various works.

"The riches at the Addison are amazing. I wish more people would use us. Everything we do is free and all of our programs are open to the public," said Allen. "The place is so intimate that, unlike the Museum

of Fine Arts, you can have a real sense of ownership very quickly.

"I wish the schools in Andover would use us more. It's haphazard," said Allen. "It's the very best in American art that's on the doorstep of every school in Andover and North Andover."

Andover residents who regularly attend the Addison shows, such as Bob Frishman and Jeanne Schinto of Poor Street, are aware of what the Addison provides. While they lament the loss of the facility until 2010, they say they are looking forward to its improvements.

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Bringing the classics — and classicists — to life

By ANGELA MARIE LATONA
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Some say Latin is a dead language, but Andover resident Paul Properzio disagrees, and even plans to breathe new life into the bones of a departed Latin scholar, at a performance at the University of New Hampshire.

Properzio, a Boston Latin Academy classics teacher, will portray Alston Hurd Chase, a former Phillips Academy of Andover classics chairman and teacher as part of the 61st Annual Institute of the American Classical League from June 27 to 29. He will adopt the persona of Chase as part of "Representing Our Ancestors: A Roundtable Discussions and Workshop."

"People say to be a good teacher, you have to be a good actor," Properzio said. "Hopefully I will be as good as an actor."

Properzio, who has taught Latin and Greek for 33 years, said his portrayal will include dressing from the time period Chase lived in

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Paul Properzio

(Chase was born in 1906) as well as speaking through the perspective of the former classicist, who died in 1994.

"I'm a pretty good actor myself, pretty much of a ham, and a lot of people thought I would be the perfect match for Chase," said Properzio, who is also editor of The American Classical League Newsletter. "So when (organizer Judith Hallet) asked me to do it, I said sure. But it's going to take a lot of work to do this."

While acting may not be completely foreign to this former high school Thespian Society member, "I had no idea I would be doing this, no," he said.

Properzio, the only high school teacher slated to perform at the event, found many reasons to call his casting a "perfect match," including the fact that he and Chase were born in New Hampshire, lived in Andover and worked as classics teachers.

Altogether, six or seven characters will be portrayed at the June performance, which will be followed by an audience question-and-answer session. The UNH audience, he said, will likely consist of up-and-coming classicists, those already established in the field, and college students.

"So we really have to know what we're talking about," Properzio said.

The idea to put on the performance started this past October, when Properzio attended an event to honor the centennial of the Classi-

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ADDISON: Museum to close for two years

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"We make full use of it and know we have an incredible gem that doesn't cost anything to use," said Frishman, a former trustee of the White Fund, a Lawrence charitable trust. "We are kind of wondering what we'll do during the few years it isn't there."

"It is too bad, but it will be great when it reopens," said Schinto. "It is time for them to get out of their teeny, tiny offices. I'm not sick of 'West Wind' or 'Eight Bells' or any of the other [famous Addison standbys], but I'd like to see some of the other things we've heard about."

There will be no exhibitions while the Addison is closed. The staff will plan future classes and offer a lecture series and in-school slide presentations. Some of the collection will be stored in Andover and some of the museum's greatest works will travel to other sites, said Allen.

"I can't imagine what it will be like because so much of my work involves visitors and showing to people," said Allen. "In my career — as a curator — I have never been without a ready supply of art, of great art."

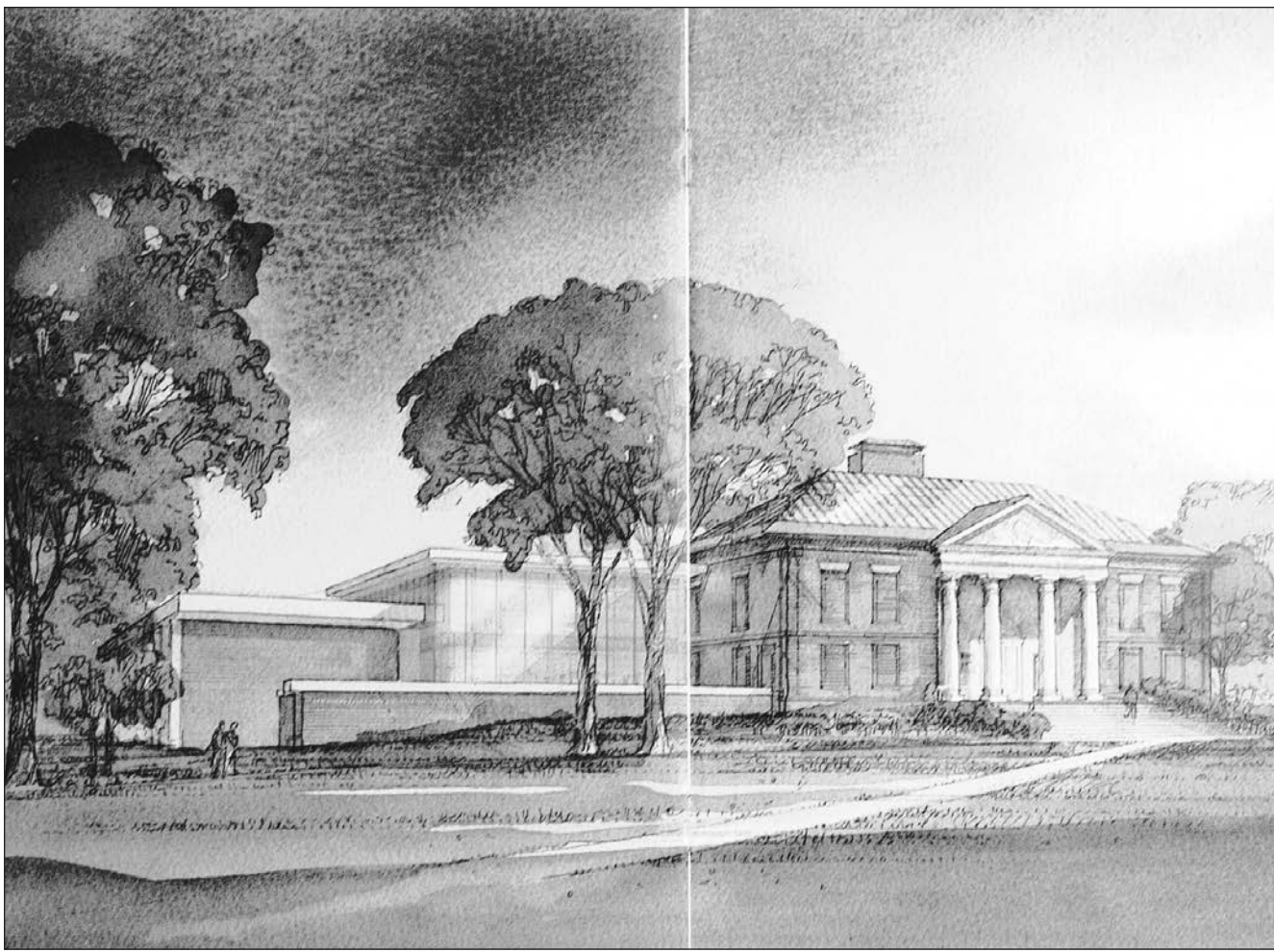
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The Addison has never been closed this long. In 1993 it was empty for the summer while a heating and air conditioning system was installed.

"This will be a longer impact, and it's going to cause a lot of inconveniences," said Allen. "The [Phillips Academy] reunion class that comes in, in 2009, they are not going to have anything to see, but there's no way around that."

Before the Addison does close in July, Allen expects to throw one last big party, which he suspects will be a special exhibition of the permanent collection.



An artist's rendering of what the Addison Gallery of American Art will look like when work is completed.

Courtesy image

CLASSICS: Teacher to play role

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cal Association of the Atlantic States in Washington D.C., he said.

After watching the portrayals of several well-known classicists, he spoke with event organizer Judith Hallet, a professor at the University of Maryland.

"I said, 'It would be really nice to have the portrayals repeated,'" he said. "She said, 'Well that's a great idea. Let me contact all of the actors from the Washington meeting and see

"Loving this stuff to begin with is half the fun."

Paul Properzio

who can come."

"Their books are still being used to teach the classics, so to see these personalities come to life as characters, it's really an amazing thing," he said.

It turned out only two classicists-turned-actors could attend,

when "all of a sudden, a lot of people gave my name (to play Chase), since I'm fairly well-known in the field and since I live in Andover and since, she said, I have the skill set," Properzio said with a laugh.

He said Hallet has since mailed him a copy of Chase's book *Time Remembered*, that he must use with other works by the author to create a script to best represent his character.

"Loving this stuff to begin with is half the fun," he said.

After studying Chase's manuscripts, Properzio said he will find anecdotal information that will include familiar knowledge as well as obscure facts and character traits.

"If you're teaching this stuff," he said, "it's not going to be difficult to make that little leap to really performing whoever that teacher is, because you're doing what these people have already done."

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The big chill

The big chill is on across the nation as winter moves in. Winter storms have already hit many areas.

The Kid got caught in a winter storm just before Christmas. The weatherman predicted rain turning to freezing rain. The Kid went to bed listening to the sound of raindrops on the roof. The next morning was a surprise. Everything was covered with ice.

The heavy ice coated the branches. The trees couldn't stand up with the added weight. Broken limbs and trees filled the yards and blocked streets. Then, the power went off.

Life would not be normal for several days: no color TV, no video games, no computers and no school. The Kid decided a winter campout inside the house might be fun.

What can you do when you have a lot of time on your hands and no electricity? The Kid came up with this list.

- Read books and newspapers.
- Put together puzzles.
- Play board games with the family.
- Write in your journal.
- Ask your parents about their childhood.
- Organize your family photos.

The Kid also learned about surviving with no electricity. Here are some tips:

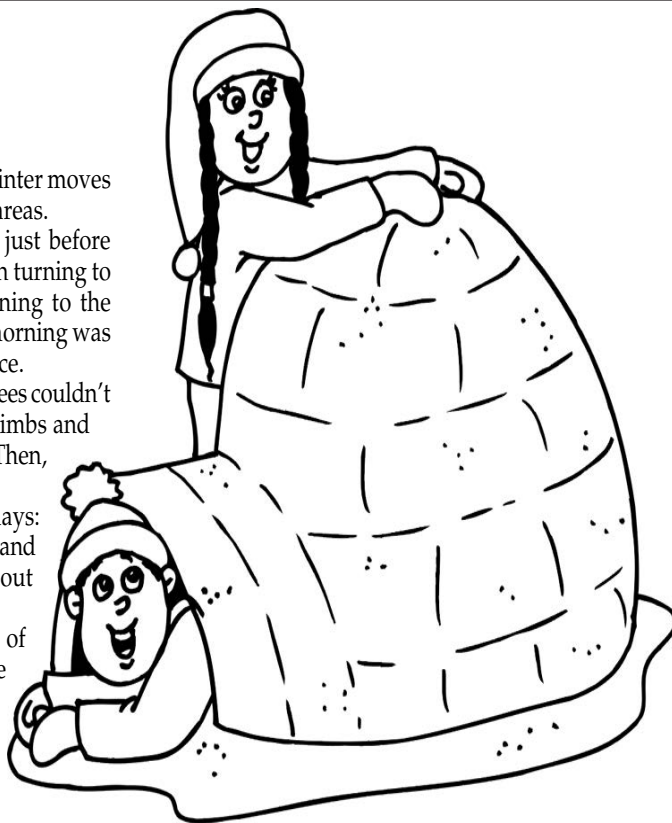
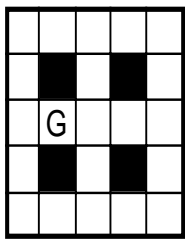
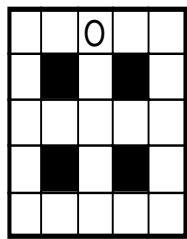
- Dress in layers to keep warm.
- Stay dry. Wet clothes can make you cold.
- Make sure it is safe before you go outside. Do not play outside if limbs are still falling or power lines are down.

Cross Five

Use logic to place the six given words in the grid to complete the crossword.

FINCH, INERT
MATCH, OCEAN
STORM, SNIFF

DOLED, IGLOO
ODORS, RADIO
RAINS, SIDES



- If your family has a generator, don't run it inside the house or garage. The exhaust fumes can cause carbon monoxide poisoning.
- Use care with candles, lanterns and fireplaces. You don't want to catch your house on fire.

The Kid's family had some emergency supplies on hand, but had to find other supplies. Here are things that are helpful in storms and power outages.

- Flashlights and lanterns.
- Battery-powered radio and television. Some emergency radios can be recharged by cranking a handle.
- Batteries.
- Bottled water.
- Food that does not require refrigeration or cooking.
- A camping stove or grill and a supply of fuel.
- If you live in a cold climate, make sure you have gloves, hats, sturdy shoes or boots and warm coats.

After a few days the power came back on at the Kid's house. Others were not so lucky. They lived without power for more than a week. The Kid learned it is easier to live in a house with electricity than one without.

The pretend campout was not so much fun after all.



Newspaper in Education activity

Look through your newspaper for stories about weather-related problems. Winter storms, hurricanes, tornados and floods can all lead to power outages. Make a list of items shown in your newspaper that you would put on your emergency supply list.

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to the wonders of wildlife in winter through stories, songs and fingerplays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so dress for the weather. Free but space is limited. Advanced registration required. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Participants should meet at the Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.parkerriver.fws.gov.

St. John's Prep will hold a **concert featuring a cappella groups from six area schools** at 7 p.m. in Alumni Hall, 72 Spring St., Danvers. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 students and children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds will benefit Peabody's Haven from Hunger.

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

Winter Birding: Join Refuge Volunteer Sue McGrath to explore the different habitats of the refuge and search for wintering birds 9 to 11 a.m. at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. All levels of bird enthusiasts, including children accompanied by an adult, are welcome. Dress in layers for the weather, including warm and waterproof boots. Free but space is limited. Advanced registration required. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Participants should meet at the Maintenance Area parking lot. For more information, visit www.parkerriver.fws.gov.

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.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

"At the Green Line" will be shown as part of the Human Rights Film Festival, 1:30 p.m., Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. No cost with museum admission. Reservations are required by Jan. 18. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

"Suffering and Smiling" 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. 18. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Convivium Musicum: "Josquin Was Here — Franco-Flemish Musicians in Italy," 4 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St.,

Andover. Program includes works by Ockeghem, Giaches de Wert and more. Tickets are \$15, \$8 students, seniors and low income. For more information, call 617-773-6913 or visit www.convivium.org.

MONDAY, JAN. 21

First annual unity brunch, 10 a.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St. A celebration of the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. with guest speaker Reverend Charles Stith, former U.S. ambassador to Tanzania and director of the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University. Free and open to the public; a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call 978-475-0166.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

Andover Women's Club Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Steven's Memorial Library, North Andover. The public is welcome to come and learn history and general information about the General Federation of the Women's Club and what it brings its members. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 978-689-4172.

Author Jonathan Eig presents "Heroes in Baseball and Life," 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. Copies of his books will be available for signing, through Book Ends of Winchester. Free and open to the public. Information, call 978-664-4942.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

Sesame Street Live "Live for Action," 7 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell. Tickets are \$12 for this night only. A limited number of \$27 Gold Circle seats are also available. A facility fee of \$1 will be added to all ticket prices over \$18. Additional fees and discounts may apply. For more information, call 978-454-2299. For tickets, call 978-454-2299 or 617-931-2000 or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

Boston Artists Ensemble concert, 8

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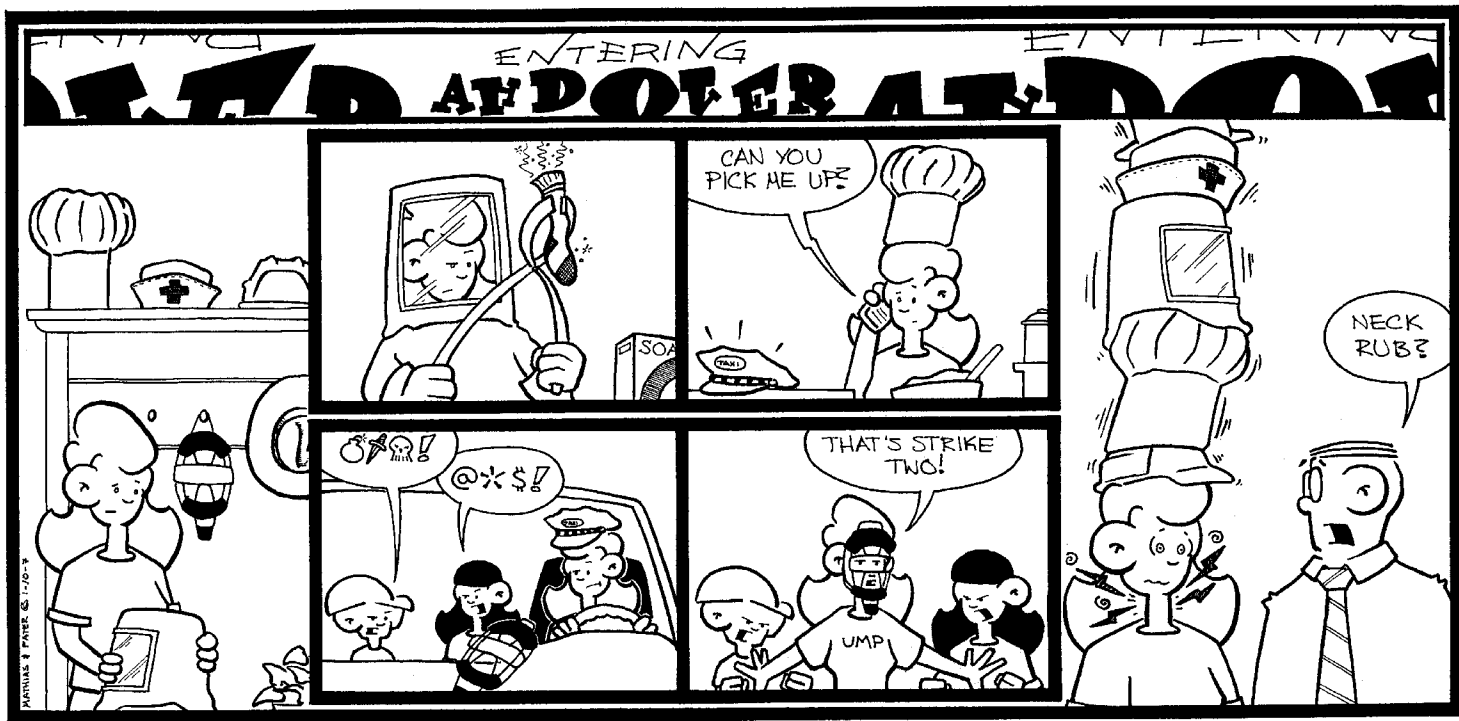
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p.m., East India Marine Hall, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$24 nonmembers, \$12 students with valid ID. For tickets, call 866-745-1876 ext. 3011.

FRIDAY, JAN. 25

Sesame Street Live "Live for Action," 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell. Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$23. A limited number of \$27 Gold Circle seats are also available. A facility fee of \$1 will be added to all ticket prices over \$18. Additional fees and discounts may apply. For more information, call 978-454-2299. For tickets, call 978-454-2299 or 617-931-2000 or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

Sesame Street Live "Live for Action," 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell. Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$23. A limited number of \$27 Gold Circle seats are also available. A facility fee of \$1 will be added to all ticket prices over \$18. Additional fees and discounts may apply. For more information, call 978-454-2299. For tickets, call 978-454-2299 or 617-931-2000 or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

Whose Clues?: Follow the animal tracks and become a wildlife detective in this fun educational program for ages 6 through 9 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so dress for the weather. Free but space is limited. Advanced registration required. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Participants should meet at the Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.parkriver.fws.gov.

Japanese New Year: Kamishibai Storytelling and Koto Musical Performance in the Japanese Art Gallery, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Schedule: Hats for the Jizo at 1:30 p.m.; Koto performance at 2 p.m.; Tongue-Cut Sparrow at 3 p.m. No cost with museum admission. Information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Storytelling group, 7:30 p.m., Cornerstone Books, 45 Lafayette St., Salem, with Jim and Maggi Dalton. Participants are encouraged to bring a story or poem to share with the group. For more information, call 978-744-4833.

Symphony by the Sea concert, 8 p.m., Atrium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. A talk with conductor Jonathan McPhee will begin at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$31 members, \$35 nonmembers, \$10 students with valid ID. For reservations or more information, call Symphony by the Sea at 978-745-4955 or visit www.symphonybythesea.org.

SUNDAY, JAN. 27

Sesame Street Live "Live for Action," 1 and 4:30 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell. Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$23. A limited number of \$27 Gold Circle seats are also available. A facility fee of \$1 will be added to all ticket prices over \$18. Additional fees and discounts may apply. For more information, call 978-454-2299. For tickets, call 978-454-2299 or 617-931-2000 or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

Homeschool Tracking Program: Introduce your homeschooler, ages 6 through 10, to the art and science of tracking wildlife from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so

dress for the weather. Free but space is limited. Advanced registration required. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Participants should meet at the Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.parkriver.fws.gov.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

E.C.O.C. Program: A Boat Trip through Time on Lake Umbagog, 7:45 to 9 p.m., Phillips Library Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Explore the history of Lake Umbagog and its environs along the New Hampshire-Maine border with noted naturalist and birder Robert Quinn. Cosponsored by the Essex County Ornithological Club. The E.C.O.C. meeting will be held from 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Bowfire in concert,

8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, presented by Mill City Management, Inc. Tickets are \$29.50, \$45.50 and \$55.50. For tickets, call 978-454-2299, 617-931-2000, 603-868-7300, at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium box office at 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, or www.ticketmaster.com. Information, www.lowellauditorium.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

Tour Fest, noon to 4:30 p.m., Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Join PEM docents on 45-minute, interactive tours created to help visitors see and think about works of art in the museum's collections in new ways, made possible by New Trade Winds/ECHO. Schedule: Sailors' Souvenirs at noon and 2:30 p.m.; Contemporary Connections at 12:30 p.m.; Tales from the Sea at 1 p.m.; Phenomenal Women at 1:30 p.m.; A Sense of Place - Decorative Arts in Early New England at 2 and 3:30 p.m.; Portraits at PEM at 3 p.m. Reservations are suggested by Jan. 31. Cost included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. To make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Family night Mardi-Gras celebration, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, St. Michael's Church, North Andover. Event includes dinner, music, games and crafts. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance at the Pastoral center. For more information, call 978-683-5982.

World-jazz group Natraj in concert at 6:30 p.m. at Chinmaya Maruti, 1 Union St., Andover. In collaboration with guest vocalist Vinay Mishra, this program features bhajans and film songs, and Natraj's signature Indo-Afro-jazz fusion. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors, \$2 discount for advance purchase, age 6 and under free. For tickets, call 781-729-9170.

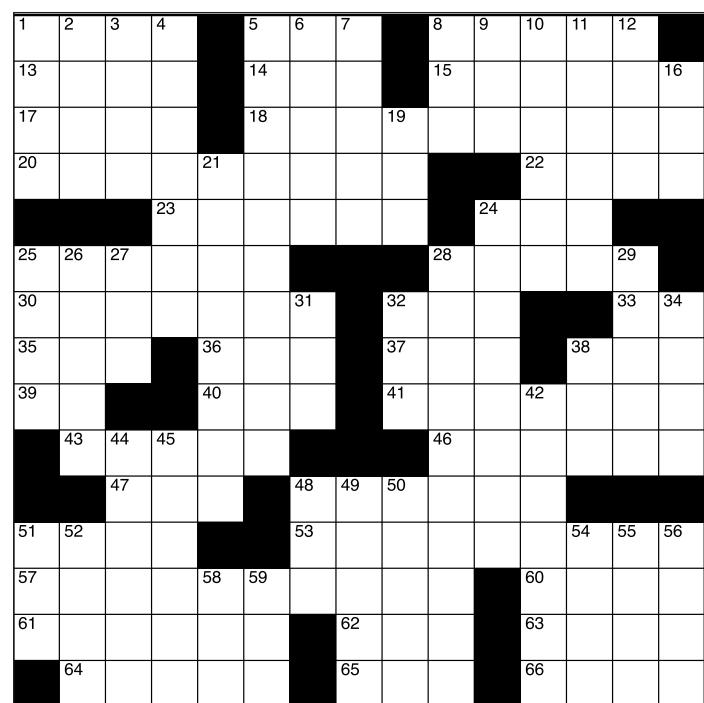
SATURDAY, FEB. 3

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," 1 and 4 p.m., UMass Lowell Center for the Arts, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell. This production will be performed by the Lille Kartofler Figurentheater from Germany. Tickets are \$12 and are limited to 150 each performance. For tickets, call 978-934-4444 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.uml.edu/centerforarts.

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

McIntire Lecture Series: "An Elegant Brick House: Samuel McIntire's 1787 Salem Courthouse" by Dr. Martha McNamara, 7:30 p.m., Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Free. Reservations by Feb. 5. Made possible by the Lowell Institute. To make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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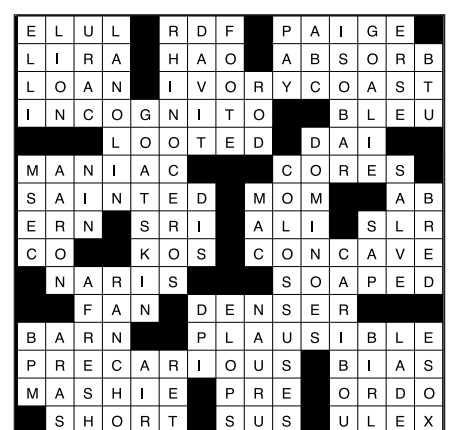
- 1. 12th Jewish month
- 5. Radio direction finder (abbr.)
- 8. Pitcher Satchel
- 13. Old Italian currency
- 14. Vietnamese currency unit
- 15. Engulf
- 17. Money owed
- 18. Former capital: Abidjan
- 20. With one's identity concealed
- 22. Cheese containing a mold
- 23. Stripped of anything of value
- 24. G. _ _ _ mer: engine inventor
- 25. An insane person
- 28. Apple centers
- 30. Morally admirable
- 32. Mama
- 33. One of the blood groups
- 35. Grey sea eagle
- 36. _ _ Lanka: formerly Ceylon
- 37. Prizefighter Muhammad
- 38. Single Lens Reflex
- 39. Atomic #27
- 40. Browns QB 86 - 93 B. _ _ ar
- 41. Curving inward
- 43. Opening to the nasal cavity
- 46. Lathered
- 47. Agitate the air
- 48. Thicker in consistency
- 51. Farm building
- 53. Apparently reasonable and valid
- 57. Affording no ease or

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Norse goddess of old age
- 2. Big cat
- 3. Russian card game
- 4. Wool grease
- 5. Ceratotherium simum
- 6. Crane
- 7. Andrew _ _ Union commander
- 8. Cancel or discharge a debt
- 9. National Network
- 10. Isopiestic
- 11. Man who guards the net
- 12. Av. _ _ : antipathetic
- 16. British thermal unit
- 19. A long thin implement

- 21. Type of leather
- 24. Table game
- 25. Millisecond
- 26. Moses' elder brother (Bible)
- 27. _ _ compoop
- 28. Behemoths
- 29. Ointment
- 31. Roman god of the underworld _ _ Pater
- 32. A waterproof raincoat
- 34. Mated
- 38. Raw material for maple syrup
- 42. Am. arctic deer
- 44. Once more
- 45. Spanish farm
- 48. Dots per inch
- 49. P. _ _ : son of Tantalus
- 50. Pacific island republic
- 51. Beats per minute
- 52. River in NE Turkey
- 54. Spin a floating log
- 55. Take on cargo
- 56. Genus of the family Escoidae
- 58. What we breathe
- 59. Moistened or soak

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This 8 room, 4 BR, 2.5 bath home is sited on a beautiful acre lot with an apple orchard! It features A/C, new sunroom off kitchen, and a lovely deck. Great curb appeal!
Ask for Gretchen Papineau



ANDOVER - \$514,000
10 year young Colonial on an acre lot near commuter routes & schools! 4 BR's, 2.5 baths, family room with gas fireplace, 2 car garage, C/A, HW, walk-up attic.
Ask for Carla Burns



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ANDOVER - \$649,900
Historic Shawsheen Village is the location for this quality built home on an acre lot. 2 Fireplaces, 2.5 baths, central air, 2 car garage, town services. Nearly 2,500 sq. ft. of living space!
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Well maintained & extremely private 10 room Tudor home near the Old Center. Seasonal lake views, gorgeous yard with heated pool, partially finished lower level!
Ask for Kristen Hart



ANDOVER - \$989,000
Loaded 11 room Colonial with 6,800 sq. ft. on over 2+ acres of land. 5+ bedrooms, 4.5 baths, central air and vacuum, sprinkler & security system. Cul-de-sac location.
Ask for Kathy Tarro



NO. ANDOVER - \$1,249,000
Commanding Tudor home punctuated with exciting details. Impressive 13 room home features dramatic 3-story foyer, 3 FP's, incredible grounds, tennis court.
Ask for Linda Parker or Barbara Grasso



NO. ANDOVER - \$209,900
Energy priced 3 BR unit at popular Village Green. 6 rooms, 1.5 baths. Great amenities including excellent access to commuter routes and shopping.
Ask for Nuala Boness



ANDOVER - \$324,000
Charming 3 BR Bungalow with big front porch on nearly a half acre private lot in convenient Shawsheen Heights. Move-in condition. HW floors, gas heat, adorable!
Ask for Ann Marie Fogg



ANDOVER - \$369,900
Classy & spacious 1500+ sq. ft. penthouse with 2 BR's, 2.5 granite baths, laundry, new appliances, new w/w carpet and tile, skylights, extra storage, 2 garage spaces!
Ask for Ellen Yurko



ANDOVER - \$499,800
Classic Colonial near Phillips Academy. Large FP living room, recently updated kitchen, 2.5 baths (new master bath), screened porch overlooks private backyard.
Ask for Sandy Bolway



NO. ANDOVER - \$549,900
Convenience, charm, updates galore! Fully appointed 11/4/3.5 sun-drenched home, sun-room with hot tub, granite & stainless kitchen, 2 car garage, inground pool, sprinkler system!
Ask for Terry McAnally



NO. ANDOVER - \$649,900
Open floor plan Cape featuring vaulted ceiling family room with gas fireplace, granite kitchen, 1st floor master bedroom, set on 1.5 acre lot near the Olde Center.
Ask for Coletta Fanuele



NO. ANDOVER - \$799,900
Under construction! Beautiful open plan 10/4/2.5 Colonial with approx. 3,400 sq. ft. of living space on .92 acre lot on cul-de-sac convenient to Old Center and Rte. 114.
Ask for Roger Richard



NO. ANDOVER - \$990,000
Walk to Sargent School! New 3,700 sq. ft. Contemporary Colonial! Palladian windows, 2 FP, architectural columns, dream granite kitchen, HW, circular staircase and more!
Ask for Roger Richard



Past makes present more interesting

The Back Page

Bill Dalton



My wife, Katharine, and I were in the research center at the Andover Historical Society. The room has a lovely smell of old paper and, except for a computer here and there, you wouldn't know what decade it was. The place re-

minds me of many such places in past times, places where I am comfortable and doing something I enjoy. At the Historical Society there are 10,000 photos of Andover dating back to the earliest days of photography. I could spend years looking at them. I wished I lived in Andover so I could be in this place more often.

Several years ago, perhaps 25 or 30, I was on the Historical Society's board of directors. It was a good board and the members worked hard. Genny Killorin held a top position, perhaps secretary. Much of any meeting seemed to involve her, and her opinion was highly valued. When there was a problem she'd often lead the discussion. She had a thick green notebook on her lap and we knew that notebook contained many things, including reports she'd give at each meeting. Her reports were a time to sit back, relax and listen. Not a significant detail was missed by her. She'd sit quite upright and speak in a deliberate manner that did not invite interruption.

Genny and Karl, her husband, came to Andover in 1939. They bought "Brae Loch," that interesting property that sits on a small point at Haggetts Pond. You see it on your left as you drive toward Shawsheen. There was a main house and two smaller ones. The Killorins lived in the main house and turned the smaller two into private residences, eventually occupying one of them. Karl named the little roadway into the property Geneva Road; Genny's proper name is Geneva. Karl was in the real estate business and developed Karlton Circle and Timothy Drive.

According to their son, Eric, Karl was the first developer in Andover to use cluster zoning. The Killorins acquired several other Andover properties including Dr. Blake's old house next to the His-



File photo

The Andover Historical Society will have a reception on Sunday, Jan. 13.

torical Society. Eric says one of his chores growing up was to mow the Historical Society's lawn.

In 2004, shortly after his mother passed away, Eric gave all his mother's notes to the Society. Eric says his mother was very thorough, and even her personal art collection included thorough documentation of each piece. Eric, who graduated from Andover High in 1972 and Merrimack College in 1977, now lives in Middlebury, Vt. with his wife, Betsy, and three children. They moved there because it has a lot of the qualities Andover had when he was growing up. He still manages the former Cross property at 36 Central St. and is in town on a regular basis.

My wife and I finished our research. As we were leaving, we ran into Don Robb, who is the current president of the Society. Don's a pleasant man who is always doing something positive for the community. When we left the building it was midday and very beautiful, a bit warmer than you expect in late October. We walked along the recently repaired, white fence in front of the property. It's long been an Andover landmark.

A man who was painting the fence introduced himself. His name is Jim Sellers, and he's in charge of finding new members to join the Historical Society. He's one of several volunteers who have chipped in time to paint the fence. We talked for a few minutes and later exchanged e-mails. He said he'd lived out of town for a long while but had moved back in 1967, because he and his wife

both loved it here. His dad and my dad had played hockey together a long, long time ago. I explained to him that I grew up hearing his father's name mentioned often, so our dads must have remained good friends after their hockey days.

Jim's grandparents William and Mabel Sellers moved to Andover in 1896 and bought 40 acres on Highland Road. William was an editor for the Lawrence Evening Tribune (which would later merge with the Lawrence Daily Eagle and eventually become The Eagle-Tribune). Mabel kept cows on the property and sold milk from a horse-drawn wagon. Their house, which no longer exists, was at 167 Highland Road. They had 10 children, including Jim's father and nine daughters. The last of the daughters, Ruth Hooper, died in 1999, 101 years after the first daughter died. In the past few years, house lots were sold and houses built on the portion of the land on Highland Road. The family still owns land off the street.

After we said goodbye to Jim, we went to get some lunch. While we ate, we talked about the Historical Society. I said I thought it was one of the town's major assets and was particularly well-located downtown. The historic house it occupies at 97 Main St. is the Blanchard House, named after Amos Blanchard, who built the house in 1819. He owned a paper mill and was a deacon of South Church. A few years later he was the first secretary and cashier of the old Andover National Bank (now Bank of America). The Blanchard House is on the

National Registry of Historic Places and has been occupied by the Andover Historical Society since 1929.

The Society has existed since 1911, and its first president was Dr. Charles Abbott, the physician who played an important role in the murder trial of Bessie Mae Skeels in 1919. Through the years, the Society has held many events that support its mission to encourage interest in the history of the town. It supports itself through membership and private donations.

Those not familiar with the Society can confuse it with the Andover Preservation Commission, which some people call the Andover Historic Commission. That group's purpose is to advise the town and use the law to protect historic places and settings. It is created by statute and serves the town's interests. The Society and the Commission occasionally work together, within their own missions, for a common interest, but they are not the same.

By e-mail, Jim told me about two ongoing programs. One is for the town's third-graders. The children come to the Blanchard House and see life as it was in the 1820s. Society members dress in period costumes and explain how people lived and made a living almost 200 years ago. The other program includes a number of neighborhood receptions that highlight people, buildings and artifacts from an area in town. There have been two receptions so far: one for Ballardvale, the other for Shawsheen.

There will be another reception this Sunday, Jan. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. The area to be examined is what the Society calls the High Street-Elm Street Triangle, which runs from Elm Square to Haverhill Street and the North Andover line (see related story, this page). Among the many buildings, past and present, will be a place where George Washington stopped for breakfast. (In fact, I'm told that "George" may drop by the reception.) They will have on display collections that Fred Cheever left to the Society. Mr. Cheever developed Johnson Acres and was a man who loved his town.

Well, we enjoyed our stop at the Historical Society. Visiting it reminds one of how much more interesting the present is if you know something about the past.

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Learn your house's history

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Here's a bit of tavern trivia to stump your Andover friends the next time you belly up to the bar:

The Isaac Abbot Tavern at 71 Elm St. became the first post office in town in 1796. This happened just six years after George Washington ate breakfast at the tavern.

Those two items are interesting bits of trivia to local history buffs — amateur historians who seem to be growing in number.

As new homeowners move into town, some visit the Andover Historical Society wondering about the history of their homes and neighborhoods.

"They really seem to enjoy learning about their houses," said Elaine Clements, director of the Andover Historical Society. "And we have the resources to answer their questions."

The Andover Historical Society is running an Andover Neighborhood Program to remind homeowners of those resources. Ballardvale's historic district kicked off the program a few months ago. Since then, Shawsheen area homeowners have flocked to the program.

"We had over 150 people for that one," Clements said.

This weekend, the discussion will focus on the High Street-Elm Street Triangle, which runs from the High-Elm intersection in the downtown up these streets to the North Andover line. The development of Cheever Circle, Johnson Acres and Burton Farm will be discussed.

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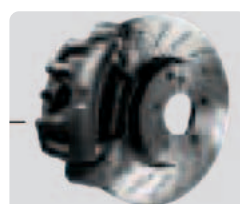
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