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Nursing homes, day cares miss safety deadline Guards not up on 'silent killer' BY BRIAN MESSENGER

STAFF WRITER

homes and hotels in town are in violation of state fire codes for failing to install carbon monoxide detectors before a state-mandated deadline.

Several day care centers, nursing violation of the fire code until last Fri- ide detectors installed by Jan. 1. day.

Under a statute known as Nicole's Law, all day care facilities in Massachusetts with attached garages or fos-All six of Andover's public schools sil fuel-burning equipment were rethat have day care operations were in quired to have working carbon monox-

Andover's Shawsheen School for kindergarten to grade two, and its five elementary schools — Bancroft, Sanborn, South, West and High Plain house morning day care operations run out of the buildings' cafeterias. The

detectors were installed by the end of last week, said town Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi.

"Having that type of device installed has saved lives," said Piantedosi. "We do take that very seriously. Meeting deadlines is something that's important on my end. It's not something that

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More school principals leaving

Boomer retirements cost 4 principals in 7 months

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

Four principals, 40 percent of the town's 10 public school principals, have left or have announced their retirements during the past seven months.

West Elementary School leader Charles Friel and South Elementary School head Eileen Woods will leave at the end of this school year. Each has guided his or her school for at least 15 years.

"The perfect storm has hit. We are losing principals, the boomers, because of their age," said Candace Hall, human resources director. "It's been predicted and it's here."

Hall posted Woods' and Friel's job openings this week. The vacancies West Middle School Principal Denise Holmes' retirement on Dec. 31. Holmes, who headed West Middle for $3 \frac{1}{2}$ years, cited medical rea-

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> Candace Hall, human resources director

Former Sanborn

sons.

TO REPAIR OR REPLACE?



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Principal Scott Morrison points to one of four gothic arch-style entrances of the library of Bancroft Elementary School built in 1969 to resemble a castle. School officials will meet with the Massachusetts School Building Authority to find out if the school will be replaced or repaired.

BY BRIAN MESSENGER STAFF WRITER

Bancroft Elementary School built in 1969 to resemble a castle is already in danger of crumbling, school and town officials say.

Because the school's wooden ceiling needs additional support, six shoring towers were expected to be installed inside Bancroft Elementary this week. As several inches of heavy snow piled onto

School officials to meet with state about future of Bancroft

its roof Monday, town workers the Massachusetts School Buildspent the day clearing off por- ing Authority has not yet detertions just to ensure Bancroft mined which route it will support, would open the next day. The school is already on a list

major repairs or replacement, but ing money for school building

according to Superintendent Claudia Bach. The building auto receive state money for either thority is responsible for allocat-

projects across \$5 million the state. override pro-On Jan. 23, posed. Page 16. Bach and other Andover offi-

cials will meet with the state to learn more about what the future holds for Bancroft.

"What I'm hoping we find out is exactly what their plan is for us working together and how much help they're willing to provide

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Elementary School **Principal Stephen**

Jankauskas stepped off first in this retirement parade. He retired on the last day of school last year, after 37 years in the Andover public schools. His last seven years were as Sanborn Elementary's principal.

"You can see the face of change. At this point (once they rehire for West and South Elementary School), every principal will have been appointed by this superintendent, and that's a huge change. All the middle schools principals were assistant principals (in Andover) at one time," said School Committee member Deb Silberstein. "These are very hard people to replace.'

Hall said a school principal shortage is being felt all over the state. Typically, principals are longtime school department employees who work their way up

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BY BRIAN MESSENGER STAFF WRITER

Just moments after 3-year-old Nathan Flagg surrendered his towering snowbank perch high above the corner of Park and Bartlett streets, it became the object of conquest for three high school freshman.

and Conor Davidson, all 14, were

looking to keep busy on Monday afternoon, a snowy day off from school that saw a nor'easter dump between 7 and 8 inches on the region.

Storm brings quiet to downtown

As the snowpile was spotted from a distance, it appeared that a friendly game of King of the Hill was soon to be in order. On a day like this, such fun was far more Mike Galietti, Mike Schneider, enjoyable than hours of video games or television, said Galietti.

"I think that's ridiculous," he said. "You've got to go outside."

Andover schools, Town Offices, library and many downtown businesses may have shut down for the day on Jan. 14, but the area was still alive with bundled-up residents roaming around for much of the early afternoon.

For the Flagg family - Nathan,

Please see STORM, Page 2



Don Walsh, 37, of Argyle Street clears snow from his house after the first snowstorm of 2008. TIM JEAN Staff photo





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There has been no one that said,

'We're not going to do this,' " said Pomer-

leau. "I don't anticipate being at that

complete burning of fossil fuels from heat-

ing equipment like boilers, furnaces,

stoves and hot-water heaters powered by

gas, oil, coal or wood. The gas is less dense

than air and can accumulate anywhere

In the human body, carbon monoxide

impedes the transport of oxygen to cells

through the blood. Symptoms of poisoning

include nausea, dizziness, headache and

In large or multiple-unit buildings, in-

stalling carbon monoxide-detecting sys-

tems can be costly and require engineers,

according to Mansfield. That's why the de-

partment took an active approach in 2007,

Carbon monoxide is a product of the in-

CODE: Deadline for carbon monoxide detectors was Jan. 1

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I'm proud of."

Nicole's Law, passed in November 2005, is named after 7-year-old Nicole Garofalo of Plymouth, who died of carbon monoxide poisoning earlier that year after a snowdrift blocked a boiler vent at her familv's home

"It is truly a silent killer," said fire Lt. Todd Pomerleau of the odorless and colorless gas.

Pomerleau, the department's fire prevention officer, and Andover fire Chief Michael Mansfield said their department conducted an aggressive campaign throughout 2007 to inform and assist all building owners in town affected by Nicole's Law.

Also required to have working detectors by Jan. 1 were hotels and nursing homes. Seven hotels, four nursing homes and five private day care facilities in town were cited by the Fire Department for not meeting the deadline.

Written notices of violation were issued recently to all noncompliant building owners, after multiple letters and phone calls by the Fire Department and a well-attended information session was conducted in April.

Established 1887

compliance of Nicole's Law included the Wyndham Hotel, Marriott Courtyard, LaQuinta Hotel, Staybridge Suites, Comfort Suites, Springhill Suites and Residence Inn, according to the Fire Department. Nursing homes included Genesis Academy Manor, Wingate at Andover and Atria Marland Place. The only three remaining noncompliant private day care facilities were Christ Church, Ballardvale Preschool and St. Roberts Day Care, according to Pomerleau, who said he expected all buildings still in violation to be up to code by Feb. 1.

"As of January, we had to go out and cite people because they weren't in compliance," said Pomerleau. "It was their responsibility to get the problem corrected and they were put on notice.'

Pomerleau said he was surprised by all of the locations that failed to meet the deadline.

"I think it's poor," said Pomerleau. "For all the work we did I was surprised to see so many people behind the eight ball in the last week of December."

He said he did not know of any other fire department in the area that conducted information sessions about Nicole's Law.

If the buildings in violation do not have working carbon monoxide detectors by As of Jan. 16, Andover hotels still not in Feb. 1, a criminal complaint will be filed

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Fire Lt. Todd Pomerleau

against the owners and they will have to Mansfield said. appear in housing court, Pomerleau said.

"This is a very costly thing to implement," said Mansfield. "I wanted to give as many business owners as much time as Andover Fire Rescue could give them to make sure they were compliant with Nicole's Law.'

In the case of Andover's elementary schools, Piantedosi said that the purchase of the carbon monoxide detectors was at first delayed due to confusion over whether battery-powered or hard-wired units were needed.

Though not expensive projects for the schools, the hard-wire installations at the schools still required a fair amount of time to be done properly, he said.

"We certainly have not ignored the law," said Piantedosi. "It's one of those things that with all of the other things going on, it didn't get done when it should have.'

Despite the fire code violation, Piante-

dosi said school building safety has not been compromised.

The town employs a full-time boiler technician who performs weekly inspections at all schools, Piantedosi said. Early warning systems would also notify the town if there were ever a boiler malfunction at a town facility.

"As far as safety is concerned, we do not compromise that," said Piantedosi. "There are safety devices on those boilers that give us an early warning long before (a malfunction)," Piantedosi said. "The reason why laws like this are passed are that other buildings don't have the type of programs that we have.'

The enforcement of Nicole's Law has occurred in stages. The first deadline in March 2006 required detectors in all single, two- and multi-family dwellings and dormitories, including Phillips Academy and Merrimack College.

The recent deadline, bumped a year after first falling on Jan. 1, 2007, covered all "transient residential occupancies," according to Pomerleau.

Pomerleau also anticipated a third phase of carbon monoxide detector enforcement in the future, possibly covering schools and commercial buildings. The law was intended to cover all buildings, he said.

STORM: Police report few cars on roads

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stage.'

fatigue.

within a building.

baby brother James, parents Lisa and Brian and dog Kia — a change of plans was in the works after they discovered Learning Express was closed on Park Street.

"I guess that's understandable," said Lisa Flagg, just before helping Nathan down from the snowbank. "We were hoping the toy store was open. We thought that would be fun. Plan B is hot chocolate."

Around the corner, the wintery weather served as a welcome reality check for Michelle Corey, owner of Carina & Co., on Barnard Street.

Corey, one of only a few local shop owners to open her doors on Monday, said the previous week's warmer temperatures were enjoyable. But she also had no problem with the snow, as long as her customers could make it to her boutique.

"I was so happy that we had a break in temperature last week with readings in the 50s," said Corey in between removing shovelsful of snow from the sidewalk. "We could pretend it was spring for a week. That was enough for me. There's nothing wrong with this."



BRIAN MESSENGER/Staff photo

Michelle Corey, owner of Carina & Co., on Barnard Street, shovels off the sidewalk in front of her business on Monday.

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Earlier Monday morning, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski made falling." the call to close Town Offices for the day — his first such decision in at least five years, he said.

"The idea was kind of safety first," said Stapczynski, noting the numerous town employees who travel significant distances to work. "It was the amount of snow and the rate at which it was

Jan. 14 was the third day in the last two months that Town Offices failed to remain open during normal hours. Stapczynski sent town employees home early during consecutive Thursday storms on Dec. 13 and 20.

"In retrospect we should not have let people go early, because then they got caught in that very long commute," said Stapczynski of the Dec. 13 storm. "You can ask my people, I am the last guy that closes Town Offices."

Affairs Committee will present

"The Annual Merrimack Valley

Mayors and Town Managers

Breakfast" on Friday, Jan. 18

from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the An-

dover Country Club, 60 Canter-

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busy time for local government. "To me, I'm in the middle of budgets, it crunches my budget schedule," said Stapczynski. "It puts pressure on the next few days to get those meetings in, because we're under the gun."

Andover police had an uneventful day on Monday, with only sporadic incidents of cars driving off the road, according to Lt. James Hashem. There were no injuries and little if any damage caused by accidents to report.

loses Town Offices." "Other than that, very quiet. It turned out to be a relatively Stapczynski said winter is a Not a lot of traffic," said easy storm to deal with."

David Cressman.

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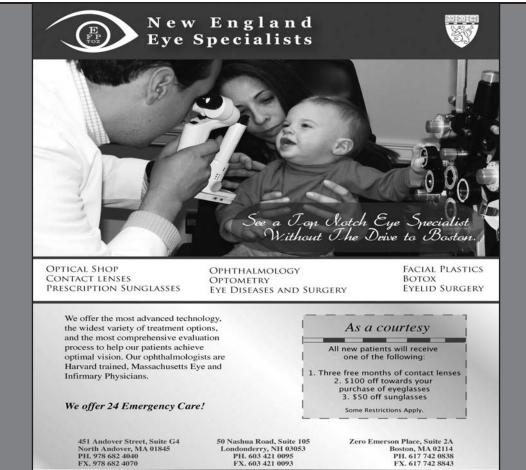
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Hashem. "I think the timing of this storm was a little better. The schools and the businesses had enough notice to cancel the day before.

Town plows were called to respond to the storm around midnight, according to Public Works Director Jack Petkus. "It really hit with a vengeance," said Petkus. "We held our own with it. The good thing about the storm is when it came. It came at night and we were able to get ahead of it. ...



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THEN: A surprise ice storm in December of 1921 brought down many trees in Andover, including several at 18-20 Summer St., above.



NOW: A remodeled version of the house at 18-20 Summer Street.

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File photo

Democrats caucus

Registered democrats in Andover will be holding a caucus on Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Hall Library, third floor, 2 Elm Square, to elect delegates and alternates to the 2008 Massachusetts Democratic Convention. All interested voters and/or delegates must be in the registration line by 10 a.m. Doors will open at 9:15 a.m. The caucus is open to all Democrats in Andover, registered as of Dec. 31.2007.

Those not elected as delegate and/or alternate, who meet the qualifications, may apply to be add-on delegates in the following categories: youth, minority and disabled. Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, sexual orientation or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed with the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 56 Roland Street, Suite 203, Boston, MA 02109 no later than ten days after the caucus date. For more information, call Andover Democratic Town Committee Chair Paul Stolberg at 978-470-2784.

Coats available for needy

Anton's Cleaners' 13th annual Coats for Kids drive has a large assortment of warm, gentlyworn kids and adult-sized coats ready to be picked up by those in need. These coats have all been cleaned at no charge by Anton's Cleaners. The coats are available for immediate pickup at a large network of social service agencies, including Community Teamwork, 167 Dutton St., Lowell, and Greater Lawrence Community Action Council, 305 Essex St., Lawrence. For more information, call 800-659-0069 or visit www.antons.com.

College admission

AHS Counseling Department invites the public to attend the College Admission Process, a program for juniors and parents on the college search and application process. Guest speaker is 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

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

I'M LOOKING AT THE RESIDENCY AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT things I do in my whole year...There could be some real profound, long-lasting results from our visit if it inspires these musicians.

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- Mark O'Connor, who has won multiple Grammy Awards and composed the world's most performed modern violin concerto, on working with local musicians this week. Story in Arts, page 14.

 ${\rm I}$ Just love seeing the kids' faces when they hold a sea cucum-BER or a starfish for the first time. They will never look at the ocean the same way again.

- Andover High science teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz who runs a scuba club for students. Story in Townspeople, page 11.

IT [THE CUTS NEEDED WITHOUT AN OVERRIDE] WILL BE DEVASTATING. Consequently, I applaud the interest by Bill Pennington and his colleagues, starting to organize an override campaign.

- School Committee member Tony James on some residents' effort to pass a \$5 million Proposition $2^{1/2}$ override to pay for the town's operating budget. Story in Education, page 16.

THEY'RE LOOKING TO TAKE ONE-TIME SAV-INGS ACCOUNTS and spending them on operating costs... That's a dangerous, dangerous precedent. People should be up in arms.

– Selectman Brian Major, on the same residents' other idea of tapping into town reserve accounts to pay for this year's budget shortfall. Story in Education, page 16.

NEWS CALENDAR

Andover representatives to the Interstate 93/Lowell Junction Tritown Task Force, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 8 a.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

Merrimack Valley Planning Commission, 160 Main St., Haverhill, 6 p.m.

Housing Authority, Frye Circle Community Room, 256 North Main St., 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

Design Review Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23

Council on Aging, School Ad-Town Yard Task Force, Town

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

MONDAY, JAN. 28

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., assessors conference room, 9 a.m.

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 29

Andover Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 9 a.m.

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

MONDAY, FEB. 4

Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 to 9 p.m.



AVIS ski and hike

AVIS cross-country ski/hike begin-

Andover Parent to Parent presents

Youth" Auction on March 8 at Parent-to-parent talks the Wyndham Andover Hotel. Such gifts can include: skis and

pets are allowed. In the event of rain, the ski/hike will be canceled. For more information, call ski/hike leaders Burt Batcheller at 978-475-3665 or David Dargie at 978-996-4475.

Moonlight excursion

Family moonlight ski/hike beginning at 6 p.m. on Feb. 10 at the Goldsmith Woodlands for all ages and abilities. Participants should bring a headlamp or flashlight. Parking will be available at #491 South Main St. at Goldsmith entrance. No pets are allowed. In the event of rain, the ski/hike will be canceled. For more information, call ski/hike leaders Burt Batcheller at 978-475-3665 or David Dargie at 978-996-4475.

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BANCROFT: Has maintenance issues

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us," said Bach of next Wednesday's meeting. "I'm hoping to hear from them what their longterm ideas are. I frankly think long-term we need to strongly consider replacement."

Historically, the state has refunded the town 60 percent of its school-building related expenses on large projects, which is "absolutely crucial," according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. But a new formula for prioritizing such projects is now being utilized by the state. Stapczynski also emphasized the importance of replacing Bancroft Elementary, as opposed to continuing expensive repair work.

"That's the purpose of the meeting," said Stapczynski. "It needs to be in the replacement category.'

Andover's most unusual school building in terms of appearance, Bancroft Elementary has a wooden roof and "open concept" interior design that utilizes partitions and winter to reinforce the instead of walls between classrooms.

Both aspects of the building have recently led to significant problems from a long-term maintenance standpoint, said town Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi

"I think it's incredible that they built a wooden building like that in 1969," said Piantedosi. "Most large, commercial construction, particularly schools, were being built with fire-proof construction, primarily concrete and steel. It



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Bancroft Elementary School was built in 1969 to resemble a castle.

was done primarily to create this ing of community that comes idea of a castle."

A multi-year roof replacement project was completed at Bancroft this summer, though work has continued throughout the fall school's ceiling, Piantedosi said.

Six temporary shoring towers were expected to be installed this week to provide additional support, according to Piantedosi, with permanent repair work expected to begin during February vacation and continue this summer. Without the shoring towers, Piantedosi and town engineers feared that heavy snow on the roof might compromise the roof's safety and force the cancellation of school at Bancroft.

"Although we all enjoy the feel-

with our open-concept school, the building's large wooden spans and high ceilings have caused it to age at a more rapid rate than a typically designed school." wrote Bancroft Principal Scott Morrison to parents on Jan. 11. "Much like a person may need to temporarily use a cane for support, our school needs several canes to provide additional support as it ages.'

Once the permanent repairs to the ceiling are finished, the shoring towers will be removed, according to the letter. After that work is completed this summer, the town will have dedicated more than \$1 million in the last two years toward repairs at Bancroft, Piantedosi said.

ARRESTS

■ POLICE LOG

Tuesday, Jan. 8 — At 6:59 a.m., Paul Harrington, 44, of 172 Haverhill St., was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member and disturbing the peace.

At 4:03 p.m., Reynaldo Amill, 25, of 150 Willow St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. At 9:59 p.m., Aileen Soto, 34, of 86

Center St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 10:17 p.m., Karen Cody, 40, of 11 Pleasant St., Salisbury, was arrested and charged with failure to wear a seat belt, no inspection/sticker, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Wednesday, Jan. 89 — At 1:04 a.m., Christopher Cho, 20, of 1 Hawkes Brook Lane, Methuen, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 10:59 a.m., Scott McDonald, 27, of 82 Farley St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 11:30 a.m., Hector Sacalxot, 29. of 154 Mechanic St., Marlborough, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 12:21 p.m., Michael Cavic, 21, of 326 Forest St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

Thursday, Jan. 10 — At 10:30 a.m., Marino Garcia, 19, of 9 Ben-

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nington St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with no inspection/sticker and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license. Friday, Jan. 11 — At 3:24 p.m., Constantine Zinzoppulos, 43, of 28 High St., was arrested and charged with larceny over \$250.

Saturday, Jan. 12 — At 2:59 a.m., Victor Gil, 38, of 181 Arlington St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 3:38 p.m., Robert Sleeper, 20, 9 Pearl St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with speeding in violation of a special regulation, no inspection/sticker, and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Sunday, Jan. 13 — At 4:12 p.m., Wemerson De Souza, 30, of 71 Maywood St., Worcester, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, Jan. 14 — At 10:12 p.m., Jeffrey Kimelman, 19, of 4 Kalia Circle, was arrested and charged with violation of a town motor vehicle bylaw and as a person under 21 transporting liquor.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 8 — At 11:11 a.m., a man reportedly provided a fake prescription at CVS on Main Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 9 — At 7:54 p.m., vandalism was reported on Baker Lane.

Saturday, Jan. 12 — At 9:03 a.m.,

vandalism to a mailbox was reported on Woburn Street.

Monday, Jan. 14 — At 6:46 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Woodcliff Road.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 8 — At 12:22 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Main Street.

Thursday, Jan. 10 — At 1:34 p.m., a hit-and-run was reported on Minuteman Road.

Friday, Jan. 11 — At 12:45 p.m., cruiser damage was reported on North Main Street.

Saturday, Jan. 12 — At 2:40 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Pine Street.

Sunday, Jan. 13 — At 5:41 p.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Elm Court.

THEFTS

Friday, Jan. 11 — At 9:11 a.m., larceny was reported on Main Street.

At 12:40 p.m., larceny of a phone was reported at Andover High School.

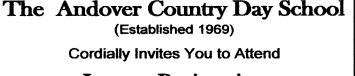
At 12:56 p.m., larceny of a snowblower was reported on Buttonwood Drive.

BREAKS

Wednesday, Jan. 9 — At 4:39 p.m., attempted breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on Winchester Drive.

Friday, Jan. 11 — At 9:44 a.m., breaking and entering was reported on Red Spring Road.

Compiled By Brian Messenger



January Registration Information Night

(Enrolling for September 2008)

Wednesday, January 23, 2008 7:00–9:00 pm

In the School Hall At St. Robert Bellarmine Church 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover

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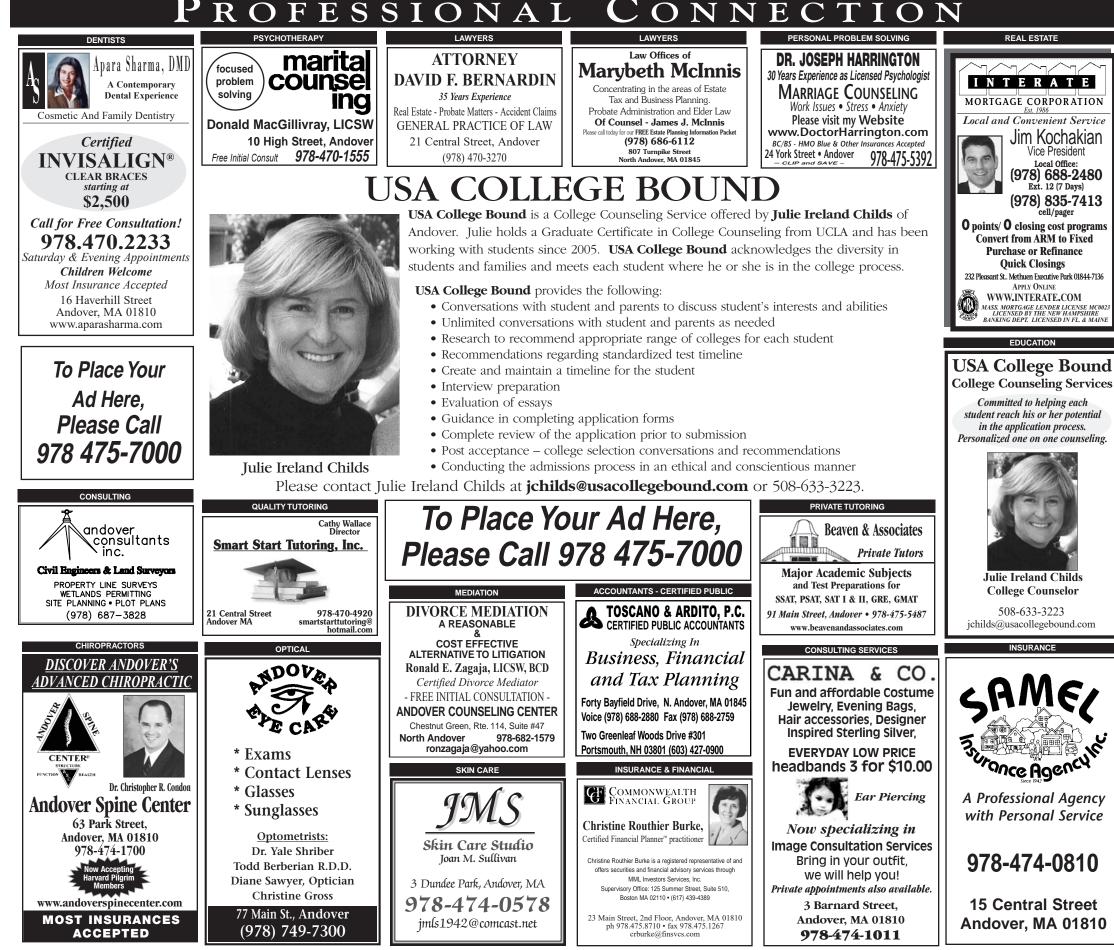
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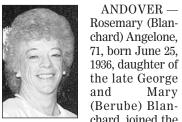
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Obituaries

Rosemary Angelone, 71



chard, joined the Lord on Friday, Jan. 11, 2008 surrounded by her family.

Born and educated in Methuen, she attended St. Theresa's Grammar School, graduating in 1950, and was also a graduate of St. Ann's High School with the class of 1954.

She resided in Marble, N.C. for 17 years where she made many friends. She returned to New England where she would live out the rest of her life with her family.

She was a member of the Berkeley Club Women's Auxiliary, St. Basil's, Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish/St. Theresa's Church and St. Lucv's.

She worked for the telephone company until she married and continued her life as a devoted mother of six.

She leaves four sons and two visit pollardfuneralhome.com.

ANDOVER — Anna T. (Zoglio)

Bonaccorsi, 85, of Andover and for-

merly of North Andover, died

Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

James J. Bonaccorsi and is sur-

vived by her daughter, Joyce

ANDOVER daughters, William C. Angelone Jr. and wife Glenda of Kingston, N.H., chard) Angelone, Donald S. Angelone of Port St. Lucie, Fla., David P. Angelone and wife Marie also of Port St. Lucie, Fla. and John K. Angelone and his Mary wife Linda of Lawrence, Lisa M. Angelone of Jupiter, Fla. and Lynn E. Angelone of Lawrence; two sisters. Dorothy Wood of Andover and Shirley Van Buskirik of Andrews, N.C.; 15 grandchildren; one greatgrandchild; and several nieces and nephews. Rosemary also leaves her former spouse, William C. Angelone Sr. and his wife Denise and also her lifelong friends, Corinne

Lucier and Elaine Gillmette. **ARRANGEMENTS:** Memorials can be made to the American Kidney Fund, 6110 Executive Blvd., Suite 1010 Rockville, MD 20852-9813. Family and friends called Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen, MA 01844. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish/St. Theresa's Church Methuen. Burial will take place at a later date at the families convenience. For condolences or directions

DEATHS

Rosemary Angelone, 71 Anna T. Bonaccorsi, 85 Peter W. Havwood, 52 Mary L. Murphy, 92

Robert B. Rensink, 70 Jean K. Sharis, 91 Thecla I. Verda, 83

Thecla I. Verda, 83

ANDOVER — Thecla Irene "Thelma" (Grena) Verda, 83, of Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 6, 2008, at the Prescott House Nursing Home in North An-

dover. Thelma was born on May 25, 1924 in Amesbury and was the daughter of the late Emile and Caroline J. (Jaros) Grena (Grynasiewski).

She grew up in Amesbury and was a graduate of Amesbury High School, Class of 1942 and received her Seamstress Certificate in 1950.

Thelma enjoyed cooking and having family and friends over for cookouts and birthday celebrations and on the holidays, prepared Polish meals. She was a fine seamstress and enjoyed altering clothing for herself and her daughters. She loved to listen to the Polka station on the weekends and following the polka bands whether on a Saturday night or traveling with them. She loved to not only do the Polka, but just loved to dance. She was a member of the CAAF and the Andover Senior Center. She also enjoyed going on the Andover Department of Community Service trips to Foxwoods, Hampton Beach and many others.

Before she was married, she worked as a machine operator in the Amesbury Mills. She also worked at the Internal Revenue

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., An dover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St.; Easter Seals 1-800-922-8290.

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The widow of Edwin John Verda, she is survived by her fiancee, Gerard "Gerry" Ricard of Lowell; daughters, Cynthia wife of Ron Abraham of Andover, Karen wife of John McQuade of Amesbury, Carol wife of Mark Reilly of Andover and Leslie wife of William Ferris of Andover; grandchildren, Andrea and Kelly Reilly of Sandown, N.H., Shaunalee, Erin and Breann McQuade of Amesbury and Shelby and Michael Ferris of Andover; step-grandchildren, Brenda Soucy of Methuen and William Abraham of Salem, N.H.; great-grandson, Reilly Bibeau; and step-great-grandchildren, BJ and Christopher Abraham of Salem, N.H. and Jordan and Matthew Soucy of Methuen. She was also the sister of Francis Batchelder of Kensington, N.H., Alice Huminick of Haverhill, Mary Charest of Sandown, N.H., Helen Lannan of Kensington, N.H. and the late Jane Piper, Sally Galary and Joseph Grena. Thelma is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

were private. In lieu of flowers, do-

Services of the Merrimack Valley and Low-

ell General Hospital. Meets the second and

fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2

p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. For more in-

DIABETES

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Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Jean K. Sharis, 91

ANDOVER - Jean K. (DiSte- Alpuerto and Nicholas, Christa and fano) Sharis, 91, of Andover, formerly of Everett, beloved wife of the late Nicholas Sharis, died at her home in Andover on Wednesday, Jan. 9, 2008.

Born in East Boston, she was a beloved daughter of the late Salvatore and Jenny (Pappa) DiStefano.

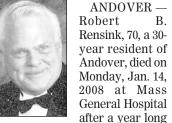
Mrs. Sharis is survived by three loving daughters and three sons-inlaw, Georgine and her husband Michael DiOrio of Andover, Lorraine and her husband Richard Cardoza of North Andover and Jeannie and her husband Robert Ritchie of Westford; one beloved son and one daughter-in-law, George and his wife Marie Sharis of Andover; four cherished grandchildren, Kim and her husband Cario

Gennie Sharis; one dear greatgranddaughter, Madeline Alpuerto: two loving sisters. Mary Maselli and Eleanor Goodine; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend her funeral Mass on Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, at 11 a.m. in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, 198 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Calling hours were Saturday, Jan. 12, 2008, prior to the Mass, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Everett. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jean's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozzi.com.

Robert B. Rensink, 70

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battle with leukemia. Bob was born in Los Angeles, the son of the late Benjamin and Anna Rensink. Beloved husband of Roberta Lane Rensink. Brother of Ruth Penney, Ellen Lawson, Marilyn Christian and the late Katherine Deibler. Father of Linda Keefer of Westford, Nancy Fothergill of North Reading and John Rensink of Andover. Grandfather to Sarah and Emily Fothergill, and Matthew and Megan Keefer. Bob is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends

Bob graduated from California Polytechnic Institute at San Luis Obispo with a degree in mathematics. After college, he moved to

Massachusetts and was employed by General Electric, Honeywell and SBLI in the computer field.

Bob was a veteran of the United States Coast Guard. Bob's winning smile and laughing eyes could be seen working in Andover as a volunteer at the Senior Center and delivering Meals on Wheels. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren, taking long walks with his dog, and talking to the neighbors.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend visiting hours at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, Thursday 4 to 8 p.m. Services will be held at the funeral home Friday at 11 a.m. For directions or to send online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to either Mass General Bone Marrow Transplant program, c/o Thomas Spitzer, O Emerson Place, Boston, MA 02714, or the Robert B. Rensink Memorial Scholarship, payable to ESU Foundation, 1500 Highland St., Emporia, KS 66801.

gram; Lori Maguire 978-475-5556.

Adults, Mid-Years Widow and Widowers, Children, VNA of Middlesex-East offers bereavement support groups for adults Wednesdays 5-6:30 p.m.: mid-year widows and widowers (ages 59-70) Wednesdays 7-8:30 p.m.; children and parent/guardian Tuesdays 5:30-7 p.m., all groups meet for six weeks, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, Lakeside Office Park, Wakefield, 607 North Ave., second floor, door 17: Pat Kumph 781-2234-3399.

Heart of Grief Education, the Merrimack Valley Hospital (MVH) and Farmer &

Casaburri and her husband Neff of Methuen, MA 01844. To leave online North Andover; and her son, condolences please visit www.contefu-James Bonaccorsi of Newton; as neralhomes.com.

Anna T. Bonaccorsi, 85

She was the wife of the late the family. Memorial contributions

ness

Born July 1, 1955 in Stoneham, he was the son of Robert T. and Claire F. Havwood. He attended Andover school and University of Maine. Machias campus. In addition to Massachusetts and Maine he lived in California for several years.

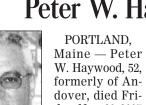
Peter was born with a rare heart defect and was given a second chance at life through a groundbreaking surgery by the excellent

ative, gifted and talented person, virtually in every aspect. He enjoyed carpentry, fishing, landscaping and building ponds and various other outdoor sports and everything creative.

He is sadly and lovingly missed by his mother, Claire Haywood; his older sister, Barbara Risch of Holderness, N.H.; his younger sister, Diane LeBlanc and her significant other, Glen Davis of North Andover; several nieces and nephews, Alana Johanson and her husband Eric of Sandown, N.H., Rich Risch and his significant other Norma of Derry, N.H., April Afonzo and her husband Ron of Haverhill and Joe Risch of Manchester, N.H.

ARRANGEMENTS: A private memorial

Peter W. Haywood, 52



day, Nov. 30, 2007 after a long ill-

North Andover.

before retiring in 1984.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services nations in Thelma's memory may be made to the Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., Andover, MA 01810. For additional information, please www.burkemagliozzi.com.

> port, advocacy and education; services include 24/7 hotline, counseling, court advocacy, support groups, childcare advocacy, education and outreach, Monday through Friday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.: calls to the hotline 978-388-1888 are confidential.

Female incest survivors, confidential meeting facilitated by sexual assault staff member at YWCA of Greater Lawrence, Tuesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., 38 Lawrence St. Lawrence; Bonnie Bruno 978-687-0331.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

Alzheimer's support group, monthly

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well as her beloved grandchildren,

James and Joanna Casaburri of

ARRANGEMENTS: A private funeral

service will be at the convenience of

may be made to the Marsh Corner

Community Church, 317 Pelham St.,

surgeons at Boston Children's Hospital when he was seven years old.

A master craftsman and excellent landscape gardener, he built his own home in Ottisfield, Maine. He was a member of the volunteer fire department in that town for many years. He was a very cre- borough, ME 04074.

service will be celebrated in the spring. Memorial contributions in his memory may be made to Boston Children's Hospital Trust, 1 Autumn St., Mail Box 731, Boston, MA 02215-5301 or Hospice of Southern Maine, Gosnell Memorial Hospice House, 180 US Route One #1, Scar-

Mary L. Murphy, 92

ANDOVER — Mary Louise (Hyland) Murphy, 92, of Andover, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008 at the Wingate in Andover.

She was born in Boston on July 5, 1915.

Mary was a member of St. Augustine Church in Andover, St. Augustine Sodality and a charter member of St. Augustine School Guild.

She belonged to the Andover Skating Club and Historic Neighborhoods of Boston.

Widow of Daniel A. Murphy, she is survived by four sons, Daniel W. Murphy and his wife Barbara A. of Lexington, David F.

Chea of Andover, Dennis C. Murphy and his wife Jenny of Haverhill, and Richard J. Murphy of Andover; six grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren; several nieces and nephews

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were invited to a funeral Mass on Wednesday, Jan. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Calling hours were Wednesday from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. Burial in St. Augustine Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Augustine Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810 or Lazarus House, P.O. Box 408,

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.

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

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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.

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 j.matera@comcast.net or call the Parish Office at 978-475-0050 and ask for the ministries coordinator.

SUICIDE

Safe Place, peer led support group for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, 196 Main St., North Andover. Call Debbie at 978-688-0030.

Samaritans, a suicide prevention center, 430 North Canal St., Lawrence. Crisis help lines, 866-912-4673 and 978-688-6607. Both lines are confidential and operate 24/7. Information, 978-688-0030.

WOMEN

Crisis Center, the Jeanne Geiger Crisis Center (formerly the Women's Crisis Center), empowers community members to live free from fear, intimidation, violence or the threat of abuse by providing supsupport group for caregivers and family members of those with memory impairments, open to the community, meets last Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., featuring a Life Guidance Program for the memory impaired, Atria Marland Place Independent & Assisted Living, 15 Stevens St.; Sara Santiago 978-475-4225.

AMPUTEE

Amputees support group meeting, second Sunday of the month, 2-3 p.m.; Lorraine Stevens 603-893-2900, Ext. 472.

ARTHRITIS

LGH Arthritis Support Group provides a supportive group environment for arthritis sufferers to learn and share information to better deal with their illness. Free group meets the second Friday of each month (except July and August) from 8 to 9:30 a.m. Usual meeting space is LGH's Clark Auditorium. Registration is not necessary. Call group leader Cissy at 978-454-5358.

Arthritis support group meetings, first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Jennie Paulette 1-800-639-2113.

Arthritis support and education group, meets first Wednesday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m., at the Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading; Judy Burgess 781-944-0653, Reading Elder Services 781-942-9056, or Arthritis Foundation 1-800-766-9449.

BEREAVEMENT

LGH Perinatal Loss Support Group provides support and comfort when your family has suffered a loss through miscar riage, ectopic, stillbirth or neonatal death. To help you through this difficult time, we offer free counseling, as well as support from other families who have shared a similar loss. A free support group is held in the hospital chapel the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. If you have suffered a loss and need to speak to someone right away, call the Mother-Infant Unit at 978-937-6324 and ask that Darlene Bennett Sampson be contacted.

Bereavement Support Groups offered by Merrimack Valley Hospice include Adults Grieving the Loss of a Parent, Beginning the Grief Journey and basic support groups. Meetings in Haverhill and North Andover. For information, call Lois Marra at 978-552-4537.

Visiting Nurse Hospice will offer a bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice. Lakeside Office Park, 607 North Ave., second floor, room 17, Wakefield; Kathleen Sawyer, LICSW 718-224-3399.

Widowed Persons Service, an all-volunteers organization co-sponsored by American Association of Retired Persons, seeking men and women of all ages who have been widowed for at least 18 months, for its training pro-

Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center of Haverhill, offer an eight-session bereavement program called The Heart of Grief; group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month in the hospital atrium, participation is free but pre-registration is requested; Nancy Thornton 978-374-9257.

Merrimack Valley Hospice, sponsoring a support group designed especially for the young widow or widower, the ongoing group meets weekly on Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m., exploring the definition of grief, bereavement and mourning, theories about the stages of grief and other related topics, free, open to all, Caritas Holy Family Hospital in the board room, 70 East St., Methuen; 978-552-4572.

Young Widows and Widowers weekly bereavement support, Merrimack Valley Hospice with Farmer & Sons Bethany Bereavement Center offers free support groups designed especially for young widow and widowers, Sacred Hearts Pastoral Center, 48 South Chestnut St., Bradford (Haverhill); 978-552-4376.

Farmer & Sons/Bethany Bereavement and Resource Center and Sacred Hearts Pastoral Outreach are offering a five-week educational and supportive program for adults who have recently experienced the death of a loved one, Wednesday evenings, March 8 thru April 5; Nancy Thornton, coordinator, for more information and to pre-register, 978-374-9257.

Loss of spouse, special support for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, Joslin Conference Room (across from gift shop), Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; Nancy Kidd 978-552-4572.

Perinatal loss support group, for parents who have lost a child through miscar riage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30 to 9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport; 978-463-1175.

Renew, bereavement support group for adults offered by the Visiting Nurse Association of Greater Lowell, third Thursday of each month, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Cancer Center, Lowell General Hospital, 295 Varnum Ave., Lowell; Marie Jennings 978-459-9343, Ext. 2783.

Safe Place, for those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide, meets second and fourth Tuesday of each month. 7-9:30 p.m., The Samaritans, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-6607.

Samaritans, information night, first Wednesday of each month, those who have lost a loved one or friend to suicide meet the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., Samaritan Center, 169 East St., Methuen; 978-688-0030.

Surviving the Death of a Loved One, every Wednesday for four weeks, New Hall, St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, 30 East St., Methuen; Patti at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 800-475-8335 Ext. 4539.

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Last spring rodeo for West Elementary leader

BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER

When Charles Friel began his career with the Andover Public Schools, it was 1972: a year of Volkswagen Beetles, the Watergate scandal, the Vietnam war and the last NASA mission to the moon.

After 36 years in Andover as a classroom teacher and administrator, Friel has announced he will retire at the end of this school year. He has been principal of West Elementary since 1992.

Friel called a special staff meeting Friday to announce his decision and sent an e-mail to West Elementary parents later that day; his job was advertised in Sunday newspapers on Jan. 13.

"Andover has been a great place to work. The town values education, the parents are supportive," said Friel, sitting at his desk, surrounded by paperwork and mementos from over the years. "I will miss the interaction with the students and teachers. No matter how challenging the school day is, you can always cheer yourself up by visiting a classroom."

Friel said he has been thinking about retiring for a few years, and felt that the time was right to make the decision this spring. He knew he wanted to leave while his job was still a joy, before he could get burned out, he said.

"I still love to come to work every day. I love talking to students, parents and teachers. But it's time for me to do something else," he said.

Friel, a North Andover native, has worked 36 years in Andover, starting as a classroom teacher at Bancroft Elementary. In 1980 he moved to West Elementary as a teacher, and later became the school's principal. Before teaching fourth, fifth and sixth grades in Andover, Friel also taught in the North Andover and Medway school systems.

"We've been incredibly lucky to have his service, and he's going to be terribly missed. He's served generations of kids that have gone through the Andover Public Schools. He's worn multiple hats over the years," said School Committee member Deb Silberstein.

Recently, Friel oversaw a fiveyear renovation project at West Elementary that removed asbestos and revamped several ar-



After a long career as a teacher and principal at West Elementary School, Charles Friel will retire at the end of this school year.

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Charles Friel

eas of the school "floor to ceiling," he said.

Friel will treat the next six months as a "normal year," he said, finishing the semester as he has for the last three decades. He gets a little nostalgic thinking how this year will be the last time he registers kids for kindergarten and completes other spring semester rituals, he admitted.

His first year at West Elementary, the school had 975 students and the classrooms were packed, said Friel. Since then, several more elementary schools have opened in town. The school has 681 students this year.

Friel enjoys when former students stop in to visit; he also has seen students whom he taught enroll their children at his school, he said.

Friel earned his undergraduate degree from Northeastern University, his master's from University of Massachusetts Lowell and his certificate of advanced graduate study from Leslie University.

Although he would be happy to host any candidate and show them around the school, Friel said he

will not be involved with hiring his replacement, who he believes will be selected by March.

"People are hired in Andover based on what they know, not who they know. That's always stood out to me," said Friel. "You don't survive in Andover very long unless you're very good at what you do.'

Andover does a good job of filling positions with a combination of outside candidates and promoting staff, said Friel. Of his assistant principal, Liz Roos, with whom he has worked for years, "If I were in charge of the world, she'd take over right after I left," said Friel vith a smile.

Friel and his wife have lived in Groveland for 33 years. The couple have two grown children and three grandchildren; Friel's oldest daughter lives in Andover.

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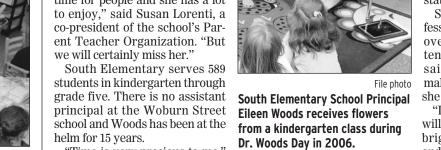
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"Time is very precious to me," Woods said when asked about retirement. "And I'm ready for that next chapter in life.'

Woods' daughter and son-inlaw, both teachers in Andover, recently had a baby girl, her first grandchild. She just bought propto spend more time with her 92-

Woods retiring from South

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

It's been a week of mixed emotions for parents and children at South Elementary School. Longtime principal Eileen Woods has announced retirement, effective June 30.

"We're happy for her ... retirement is supposed to be a happy time for people and she has a lot

erty on Cape Cod. She also plans vear-old mother.



Woods described herself as passionate about education. While she was principal at Sanborn Elementary, the school earned a Blue Ribbon award as one of the best schools in the country for its academic excellence.

Sanborn parents were disap-

Elementary.

She turned South into a district sought after by those moving to town.

"That has happened because of Eileen. The staff enjoys working with her and the kids really like her," Lorenti said.

Woods has hired 99 percent of her staff, she said, and is proud of her school's high performance on statewide tests.

She has developed strong professional teaching teams at South over the past 15 years and listened to those around her, she said. That teamwork is what makes a great school community, she said.

"Life is full of passages. South will endure and continue to be a bright light for both educators and learners long into the future,' she wrote in a letter to parents. "The best good-bye for me is not something that can be wrapped and tied, but the countless cards, notes and memories that I have shared and received from students, parents, staff and teachers over the years. Even though the time has come for me to leave, pointed when she moved to South South will always be in my heart."

RETIRING: Longtime educators leaving

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and 59.

per, she said.

to leadership positions. Such

workers are typically eligible for

retirement between the ages of 57

Andover's job listing for two el-

ementary school principals was

one of 16 Hall saw listed in the pa-

"There were six districts look-

ing for high school principals,"

will be more." Hall said Andover is among several districts seeking special

education, math and science teachers. Hall said the good news is that Andover continues to be attrac-

she said. "And it's January. There its financial struggles, because most towns are dealing with similar budget troubles.

> "The community supports education and people know that," she said.

Staff writer Bethany Bray contive to future teachers, in spite of *tributed to this story*.



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BUSINESS NEWS

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Andover lawyer assumes leadership position at Boston Bar Association:

Jesse I. Redlen-

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was named co-

chair of the Prac-

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Jesse I. Redlener

tee serves as a liaison with the office of the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Massachusetts and considers local practice issues. Redlener is an associate in the business department at Nutter McClennen & Fish LLP. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Boston and Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law.



BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER

tep through the door at **Elements** Therapeutic Massage and the traffic noise of nearby Route 28 dissipates. Graceful curtains decorate the windows, the office is painted in muted colors and relaxing music plays as you sit in plush chairs in the foyer. The relaxing ambiance of Elements, which opened in late November, contrasts with many of the other stores and businesses in Shawsheen Plaza.

That ambiance is just one of the benefits of a visit to Elements, said Andover resident Cheryl Arbia, who started the business with Mark Vieira, her husband.

Arbia and Vieira have lived in Andover for six years and have three children: Zachary, 13, Kathryn, 10, and Matthew, 9.

Although a massage is a great way to relax, it has health benefits, including increasing blood flow throughout the body and lowering blood pressure, said Ar-

"Massage is not something you do once in a while. It's something you should do to feel better. It has so many benefits," said Arbia. "We're focused on wellness. In this crazy world, with all this stress, come in, have a cup of tea and spend some time on yourself ... the energy here is very peace-

ful. These people (working here) are so positive." Elements Therapeutic Massage's 1,650 square-foot facility has six rooms, with two rooms equipped with two tables each

for couples massages. Arbia runs a staff of eight therapists, but she hopes to hire more and eventually have 15, she said. The business has been so busy on weekends that, with only eight therapists, it has had

66 Massage is not something you do once in a while. It's something you should do to feel better. It has so many benefits. **?**?

Cheryl Arbia, co-owner of **Elements Therapeutic Massage**

to turn clients away, she said. The Andover location is a franchise of Elements, a Colorado-based corporation that also owns the Fitness Together chain of personal training centers. There are Elements franchises in Middleton and Stoneham.

Some of the types of massage Elements offers include Swedish, trigger point, deep tissue and prenatal, as well as lymphatic cancer care massage. Each therapist at the facility has a different specialty - from sports massage to Shiatsu - and Arbia tries to match each client with a therapist who specializes in their specific needs or ailments.

'We match each client with their therapist. We want to know what our clients want," she said.

For couples massages — which can be a pair of friends or a mother and daughter, not only a romantic pair — they schedule therapists who work well together and have similar techniques, said Arbia.

The staff at Elements offers personalized treatment, "not cookie cutter," said Alison Cochrane, lead therapist at the Andover Elements, and the members have been sharing tips and learning from each other since they've opened.

"Everyone has hit it off," said



Cheryl Arbia, above, has opened Elements Therapeutic Massage with her husband, Mark Vieira.

ELEMENTS THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE

■ 209 North Main St., Shawsheen

Plaza Owned by Andover husband and wife Mark Vieira and Cheryl Arbia Open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Friday through Sunday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Cochrane. "It's very communityoriented.'

Cochrane previously worked as a therapist in North Andover and knew Arbia through a mutual friend.

Recognizing that some people can be nervous about receiving a massage, Cochrane said the staff Offering Swedish, deep tissue, trigger point, sports, prenatal, hot stone and other types of massage Prices start at \$40 for a half-hour

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will talk newcomers through what to expect and answer any questions before they begin. People disrobe only to their level of comfort, she said.

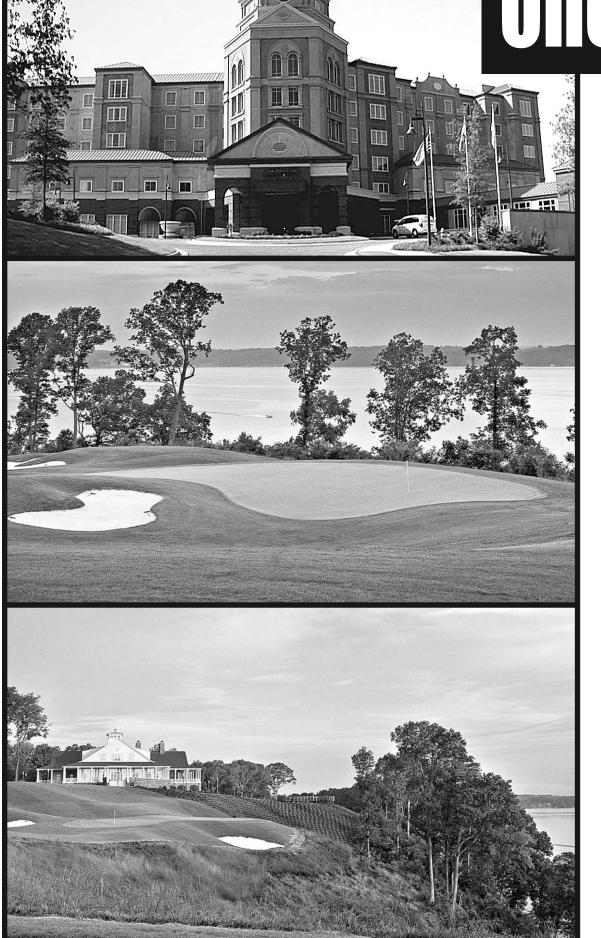
After working years in healthcare administration, Arbia decided she was tired of corporate life and began to make plans to open TIM JEAN/Staff photo

her business last spring. "I was tired of seeing people that are sick all the time," she said. "I realize the benefits of massage, and decided it was the perfect thing (to open my own business).

Arbia bought the rights for an Elements franchise in May, and attended a training course with her husband at the company's headquarters in Colorado.

They signed the lease for the Shawsheen plaza location on Aug. 1 and opened the doors on Nov. 23 after a contractor rebuilt the space to Elements' specifications.

This is the first business Arbia has owned, and she said she hopes to open another Elements franchise in North Andover in April.



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KING OF THE MOUNTAIN

Serious discussion, not drama, needed on budget

Drama plays well in the school theater. That's why each year the image of innocent school children being left without a future by cheap taxpayers is brought out for the one-act play of Town Meeting.

But this year, some residents are seeking an upto-\$5 million Proposition 2^{1/2} override. It must pass the two-step test of Town Meeting and a special, ballot-box election. And the proven reality is that selling an override to a skeptical public takes hardedged financial analysis. Andover people have never voted to override Proposition 2^{1/2} to pay for operating budget expenses.

The way to get voters to consider an override is for town leaders to demonstrate they are serious about controlling spending. That's what a budgetcutting exercise supported by town leaders months ago is about.

Here's how the town stands now: It faces an estimated \$3 million deficit for fiscal year 2009. Town leaders, as a planning exercise, have asked all departments to come up with budget cuts totaling that amount, the better to make the case for an override to taxpayers. The schools have been asked how they would cut their share — some \$1.9 million.

Andover's school budget for the current year is \$57.2 million. Superintendent Claudia Bach says the schools need \$61 million to operate in fiscal year 2009, a \$3.8 million (6.6 percent) increase. That's for a level-services budget with \$506,400 more for nine new teachers and assistants that she says the schools have needed for years.

If the schools lose the \$1.9 million plus the \$506,400, Bach will face a deficit of \$2.4 million. That is, the school department will only have \$58.6 million to spend, or 2.4 percent more than they had for this year. At a recent meeting, Bach called this level of funding "Draconian."

Bach told town leaders that, if the schools can't make up that \$2.4 million, the following cuts might happen: the elimination of the entire athletic program; an increase in class sizes to 30 students and the elimination of all teachers aides or 44 teaching positions. Meanwhile, in a sideshow to the main drama, members of Andover's teachers union marched in the street last Thursday, demanding a new contract. According to the state Department of Education, the average Andover teacher earns \$60,968, which is more than the state average of \$56,369. They will also receive a pension and generous health care for themselves and their family for life after they retire, something not available to most taxpayers.

Youth call for year of action, not words, on youth center

Editor, Townsman:

The year 2008 has been heralded as one of hope and change.

Last year, the citizens of Andover voted overwhelmingly to approve the site change of the vouth center to the Doherty Middle School campus. The Youth Action Council wants to remind the people of Andover that the proposed building of a youth center is still an important issue to be addressed this year.

We hope that the town leaders will follow their unanimous vote with action in support of building a youth center. The Andover Youth Foundation and the Youth Action Council are diligently working towards breaking ground. The people of Andover have repeatedly voiced their support for this project and we need our town leaders to show them that their voices have been heard. Let 2008 bring about a change from eight years of talk to one year of action. The Andover Youth Action Council Evan Carter, 73 Ballardvale Road Adriana Lucci, 3 Lantern Road Emily McLaughlin, 16 Sagamore Drive Michael Parker, 68 Tewksbury St.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nathan Flagg, 3, of Andover, enjoys the view of his family from atop a mountain of snow in one of the downtown parking lots on Monday.

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School department looking out for children and budget

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing regarding the many articles being written and the deep concern regarding the Andover School Department budget proposal for the next fiscal year. There have been numerous articles and editorials, as well as public concern, over the increase in our school budget. We must all understand that what many see as a budget increase is really just coping with our inflationary society that has been with us since World War II. In 1967, I bought a beautiful eight-room house on $1^{3}/_{4}$ acres

and find a way to finance this properly.

Richard J. Collins 117 Lovejoy Road Andover School Committee member

Help Andover earn free solar energy

Editor, Townsman:

Residents can help win the Community Solar Challenge for Andover.

Andover can earn \$25,000 for a 2kilowatt municipal solar array when 150 households sign up for Green Energy by April 30.

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The teachers are demanding more money. The superintendent is demanding more money. But the town doesn't have any more money.

One idea that might be pitched to Town Meeting, tapping into special reserve funds to maintain the operating budget, needs to be dismissed out of hand. Andover already had its bond rating lowered this year — meaning it must pay more to borrow money for projects — because it does not keep enough money in reserve for emergencies. Tapping further into reserves to pay for operating budget expenses will make the town's financial difficulties worse. Next year, the town will not have the emergency cash and will need to cut the same items anyway.

An override is another way to get the schools more money.

If Andover's school leaders want an override passed, they need to prove to all taxpayers, not just the ones who already support them, that they're se-



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CPA: Tax surcharge 'a good deal'

Editor, Townsman:

The recent article on the Community Preservation Act ("Town election not just for candidates this year," Jan. 3) contained much useful information about the CPA, which has been approved by Town Meeting and will be voted on at the town election on March 25. As the article noted, approving the CPA would qualify Andover for matching state funds. By comparison, North Andover has received more than \$6 million of state matching funds since 2001.

THURSDAY FILE

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

Nothing will ever be attempted if all possible objections must first be overcome.

– Samuel Johnson

Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none.

- William Shakespeare He who possesses most must be

most afraid of loss. – Leonardo da Vinci

A business that makes nothing but money is a poor kind of business

- Henry Ford

A finely tempered nature longs to escape from the personal life into the world of objective perception and thought.

- Albert Einstein

All the great things are simple,

In Andover, funds raised from the CPA surcharge and state match could provide real relief for our strained town budget by funding necessary projects such as critical repairs to Veterans Auditorium at Doherty Middle School, Memorial Hall Library and Old Town Hall. It could also help fund construction of badly-needed playing fields at the Reichhold property or at the newly acquired Blanchard Road site.

If passed, the CPA will add a surcharge to property tax bills of 1 percent, but the article overstated the cost to the average homeowner. Since there is an exemption of the first \$100,000 of assessed value, the cost for the average single familv home with an assessment of \$581,568 will be \$56.30 per year, less than \$5 a month. Most homeowners (including those in condos) will pay even less. In addition, there are further exemptions for moderate income seniors and low income residents.

There is more detailed information about the CPA at www.andovercpa.org. Passing the CPA on March 25 is a good deal for Andover, and I hope others will join me in voting "Yes!"

Dick Howe 3 Robandy Road

Editor's note: The writer is a

member of the Finance Committee.

WEB QUESTION and many can be expressed in a

single word: freedom, justice, honor, duty, mercy, hope.

Winston Churchill

A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

The creative adult is the child who has survived.

— Ursula LeGuin

Never apologize for showing feeling. When you do so, you apologize for the truth. – Benjamin Disraeli

- A good heart is better than all the heads in the world.
- Edward Bulwer-Lytton

A record is a concert without halls and a museum whose curator is the owner.

- Glenn Gould

of land in West Andover for \$29,000 — what would that cost today? Enough said.

The budget Superintendent Claudia Bach has recently presented is a justifiable attempt to keep things in the schools the way they are. She does not want to fire teachers and school workers and eliminate worthwhile programs for our young people. With inflation being what it is, there is no choice but to ask for more money to keep things constant. One can argue all one wants that we must keep within the budget, but does that mean we support drastic cuts in the education of our young people to do so?

As a retired teacher living in a decent home in Andover, I feel the crunch of higher taxes as much as anyone. We desperately need more state and federal support for our schools, especially in meeting the costs of special education, a program these young people justly deserve, but should be financed mainly by the state and federal government.

To say the least, towns such as Andover have a real problem. It is caused, however, by our attempt to avoid cutting the education of our young people, not by extravagant increased spending by our school department. We in the School Department want to do what is best for our children energy facilities and reduces our dependence on fossil fuels.

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If you need more help, contact me at crigano@comcast.net.

Charissa Rigano 8 Dumbarton St.

Member of the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters

Poll: House regulations go too far

Last week's Andover Townsman | said, "If you own the building, you Web-site question was, "A contracshould be able to do what you tor was recently forced to remove new want vinyl siding he installed on a home on Florence Street due to historic district regulations. What do you think of historic district rules in town?' of information still needs to be dis-

■ Approximately 23.8 percent of those responding said, "They should be kept as they are, to preserve Andover's historical treasures.

■ Approximately 14.3 percent said, "The regulations are important, but exceptions should be made from time to time."

■ Approximately 28.6 percent said, "Historic community buildings, such as libraries and churches, should be kept historically accurate, but not private homes.

■ Approximately 33.3 percent

To vote in this week's Web poll, visit www.andovertownsman.com.

want more information.

matter what.

cussed about the town budget. But where do you stand currently on supporting a Proposition $2^{1/2}$ override? Know I will support it, no mat-

This week's Web question: A lot

■ No one said, "Other."

ter what. ■ Leaning toward support, but

■ Leaning toward opposition, but

■ Know I will not support it, no

want more information. Undecided.

THE TOWNSMAN, JANUARY 17, 2008

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago

It is reported that there is good skating on Martin's Pond.

The third number of the Punchard Ensign has just been issued and will be mailed to the of ill health, according to an ansubscribers in a few days. This number is just as attractive as the former ones and the editors and their assistants should feel proud of its appearance. It contains the usual interesting editorials, prose, poetry, school and athletic news, alumni notes, grinds and school directory.

building two new wagons for Hannon Bros. of Boxbury.

The high wind on Sunday further damaged the fire alarm system, but repairs are progressing rapidly.

An informal leap year party will be held in Grange hall on Thursday evening, January 16.

Chicken thieves are around Andover again. Miss Sarah Sawyer of the Holt district lost twenty chickens on Saturday night.

75 Years Ago

The annual political race for town officers is again on with several candidates already having taken out their nomination papers.

Many accidents took place in Andover early Tuesday morning following a light rain which froze on the roadways. Traffic near the junction of the by-pass and the Reading road was held up for some

time when several cars smashed into other cars while attempting to pass them on the ice-coated road.

Dr. Alfred E. Stearns, for thirty years headmaster of Phillips academy, has resigned because nouncement made at the meeting of the Trustees Sunday.

A fifteen-year-old junior at Punchard, Charles W. Barrett of 25 Enmore Street, has recently been granted a three-year license for amateur radio station WIFOH by the Federal Radio Commission. Barrett may send and re-Morrison & O'Connell are ceive messages for friends and others, provided he makes no charge and does not interfere with commercial stations.

50 Years Ago

Town crews embarked on a clean-up detail today, following Tuesday night's 12¹/₂ inch storm.

Main Street was piled up with over a foot of snow Wednesday morning. Merchants arrived early to dig out their stores and paths to the street.

The entire Golden Farm on North Main Street, plus additional acreage, has been sold to Albert Schlott Inc. Some 15 acres of the property, south of the Shawsheen River, will be used for a shopping center.

A sewer report covering an overall 100 miles of sewer mains -66 miles being suggested new construction - has been filed with the Board of Public Works.

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The Back Page

Bill Dalton

When I was

growing up, the

town gave

in school. I

physical and

dental exams



went through the physical exam at least three times in elementary school. Many of us heard the words "turn your head and cough" — words familiar to all men — for the first time in elementary school. I don't know what years the program providing these exams started and stopped, but people my age (Andover High School class of '61)

and older remember them. Loring Batchelder, who was raised on an Argilla Road farm (Phillips Academy class of '45), says he remembers being taken from West Center School to Shawsheen School where a dental hygienist examined and cleaned his teeth. Judy (West) Stevens (AHS '60) remembers the school doctor and dentist in elementary school. The doctor was Dr. Blake and the dentist was Dr. Himmer. The exams cost 50 cents and were not mandatory, she says. The exams, particularly the

physical exams, caught first-

The exams, particularly the physical exams, caught first-timers by surprise.

timers by surprise. In second grade or so, we were told one day to line up and march to a room where a doctor would examine us. We stood in line and stepped behind a screen when we got to the front. Waiting there was a doctor seated on a piano stool. He wore a headband with a parabolic mirror — a silver disc with a hole in the middle — and around his neck he had a stethoscope. Otherwise, he was dressed in an ordinary suit. Next to him was a table with dozens of tongue depressors and lots of tissue. I'm sure there was an antiseptic and likely an otoscope, but I don't remember. Behind the table was a waste basket. In front of the doctor was a chair with no arms that he told us to sit on.

He started at the top, our eyes, and worked down. He pulled the parabolic mirror over one eye so he could look through the hole. The mirror reflected light where he wanted to look. When he got to our throats he said, "Open, stick your tongue out, and say, 'Aaah.' "He stuck a tongue depressor into the back of our mouths and

pressed down on our tongues to get a view of our throat and tonsils (if we still had tonsils). It happened fast and, in my case, ended when I gagged. He threw the depressor into the wastebasket and moved the disk off his eye. He asked us to stand and lift our shirts, and he placed the stethoscope in several places so he could listen to our heart and lungs.

At the last part of the exam he told us to drop our pants and underwear. After he checked the source of our future generations, he told us to turn our heads and cough. The first time it happened to me, I was a little surprised.

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When I trotted off to school that morning the last thing I expected was having someone poke around in my personal neighborhood. We boys had lots of theories about the purpose of the last part of the exam, but really it was kind of a mystery. The playground consensus was that the doctor was checking to see if we were "ruptured." We weren't sure exactly what that meant, but knew it was a severe injury to the personal neighborhood.

We believed the most common cause of the injury was if our body accidentally came down on the top bar of our bike. For example, a boy could be standing on the pedals of his bike pedaling hard and the chain of the bike might slip causing the boy to come down hard on the top bar. (Writing this last sentence, I just cringed.) If that happened, he thought he was ruptured. If his friends saw it, and there were no girls around, it was obligatory for him to fall to the ground and yell, "Aauggh, I'm ruptured!" The other boys would laugh, but getting hurt that way happened to all of us more than once.

Sandlot tackle football was a common activity that featured such injuries. It was hard to be an active boy and not get that injury sometimes. In reality most of the pain disappeared within a few minutes, and there was no permanent damage, but it hurt like the dickens for awhile. We thought the other way a kid could be ruptured was by lifting something that was too heavy. If we were straining to lift a big rock to see what was underneath, we might say, "This is heavy, we're gonna get ruptured."

I looked up the phrase "turn your head and cough." The expla-

nation is that the doctor inserts his finger into the inguinal canal to check for the presence of an inguinal hernia. The cough causes a hernia to momentarily expand and be more easily detected. Inguinal hernias in youngsters are most always congenital, and they are far more common in boys than girls. Abdominal hernias mostly occur in adults and are rare in kids. We weren't far off thinking that heavy lifting caused hernias, but that's with adults, rarely with kids. The "turn you head" instruction may be a physician's practical method of avoiding kids' spit. (I'm sure there is more to this than my simple explanation, but that's all I could find that made sense.)

I was unable to discover any federal or Massachusetts program of that era that required the examinations, so I'm guessing it was a town program, perhaps suggested by the Board of Health. It may have started because not every family in town could afford to pay for routine medical and dental exams, particularly during the Depression. Although the examining doctors, dentists or dental hygienists didn't do anything in the way of treatment (except cleaning teeth), they spotted things like cavities and inflamed tonsils. I'm sure many a cavity was filled and tonsil removed as a result of notes sent home to parents.

Of course, that didn't solve the underlying issue of how financially-strapped parents would pay for such care, but medical treatment was cheaper in those days. And, if the parents couldn't afford to pay immediately, there were understanding doctors, dentists and druggists in town who'd give them plenty of time. That's what it was like living in a town like Andover.

Bill Dalton, a former town moderator, would like to hear from readers at billdalton@andovertownie.com.





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Very few people have a national holiday named for them. Abraham Lincoln and George Washington now share the same day, called Presidents Day. Christopher Columbus and Martin Luther King are the only two who have their own day.

Honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1983, the Congress of the United States designated the third Monday in January as a national holiday to honor King.

King's real birthday is Jan. 15. He was born in 1929 in Atlanta, Georgia.

King was called M.L. by his family. He had a brother and a sister.

Their parents told them to treat all people with respect. However, as Martin grew up he found that not everyone followed his parent's principles. He discovered that some people treated black and white people differently.

He found that he and his white friends couldn't drink from the same water fountain, use the same bathrooms or go to the same schools.

Martin followed in his grandfather and father's footsteps and become a minister.

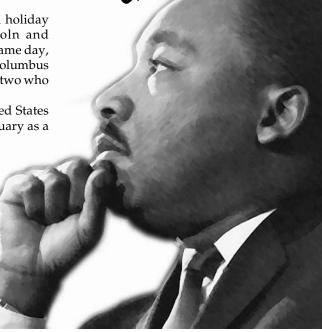
In college, he met Coretta Scott. She became his wife. In 1954 he received his Ph.D.

Dr. King became pastor of the Dexter Av-

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enue Baptist church in Montgomery, Alabama.

Dr. King became active in the civil rights movement after Mrs. Rosa Parks was arrested on Dec. 1, 1955. She was an African-American seamstress who was on her way home from work. She was arrested for not giving her seat on the bus to a white person.

Dr. King and many others led a protest and boycott of the bus company. After 321 days the U.S. Supreme Court ended the boycott by declaring that Alabama's state and local laws requiring segregation on buses were illegal.

Dr. King had shown that peaceful mass action could bring about change. Many other protest and marches followed as he encouraged equal rights for all people regardless of the color of their skin.

Dr. King had a dream and goals "that one day his children would live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character...."

On April 4, 1968, Dr. King was in Memphis, Tennessee to support a garbage workers strike. He stepped outside his upstairs motel room and was assassinated.

James Earl Ray pleaded guilty to the murder of King. Ray died while serving his 99 year term.



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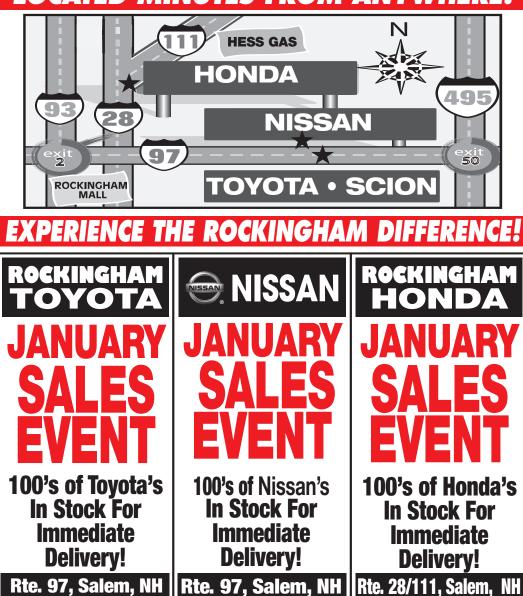
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Townspeople

February forecast for 14 diving teens:



Kevin Kobler and Ben Lederfine-Pascal, 2007 graduates of Andover High, take a dive during last year's scuba club trip.



Andover High senior Christina Sacconi, who hopes to study marine biology in college, holds a nurse shark.



Teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz touches a seal during a trip last year, while student Nele Groosman, a former member of the scuba club who graduated last year, enjoys the sight.



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The community is invited to the church for a morning of good food, music, inspiration and a chance to meet neighbors.

Church to host MLK brunch

BY BETHANY BRAY STAFF WRITER

Andover Baptist Church has made plans to remember the message of Martin Luther King Jr. that we be judged not by the color of our skin, but the content of our character — through its first Unity Brunch on Jan. 21, the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

It's been 45 years since King delivered his now-famous "I have a

dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The community is invited to the church at the corner of Central and Essex streets for a



Charles Stith

morning of good food, music, inspiration and a chance to meet neighbors, said Lyndon Myers, pastor of Andover Baptist. The keynote speaker for the morning will be the Rev. Charles Stith, former U.S ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania and director of the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University. "Somebody needs to do the work of brotherhood and unity amongst people. Martin Luther King did a mighty work, and that work needs to continue. Maybe now the work that needs to be done is at a different level, to try to get to know one another more than just get along with one another," said Myers. "We're different on the surface, but essentially who we are is the same: we all want the same things. People have to actively promote that kind of mindset "We're not trying to have a crusade, we're just trying to show that we can all get along if we just try, and relate to one another as human beings." This is the first time the church has planned a Martin Luther King Day brunch, said Myers, and the idea sprung out of King's legacy as a champion of equality and brotherhood for all people. "Our hope is that people will remember that it's a worthwhile cause to get to know someone different. To relate as human beings, not seeing (the color of their) skin or features. Folks can let their guard down a little bit. We hope people will come together and not be concerned about superficial things. ... It comes out of what we are trying to do, the sim-

and wet

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

Christina Saccone has held a nurse shark in her arms underwater. She's cuddled with a sea turtle. She's certified to scuba dive 100 feet down in the ocean. When February school vacation rolls around, she won't be skiing — she'll be hitting the warm, balmy waters off Mexico with 13 other teen scuba divers from Andover.

Saccone is a marine biologist in the making. Just 17, she is the poster girl for a growing, if still small, after-school club at Andover High School. It's the scuba club, and she said it's sealed the deal for her future.

Saccone has always been interested in sea creatures and the club has allowed her to know what her major in college will be: marine biology.

"I've always been interested in marine biology and with the club I get

the chance to see the natural habitat (of sea creatures)," said Saccone, who lives on Cherokee Circle. "I love the club and am so glad my school has it.'

The club was founded four years ago by Andover High science teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz with five students, including Saccone. Now there are 14 students in the club, all of whom will be scuba diving off a boat in Cozumel, Mexico during February school vacation. The club's demographic is overwhelmingly female these days, as there are 11 girls and three boys. That's a switch, as it was male-oriented in its early years.

The Mexico dive will be the club's fourth trip. The club has also been to the coasts of Aruba, Honduras and Belize.

Hajdukiewicz, whose father enjoyed scuba diving, took her first dive at 15 and has never stopped. Now married and a mother of three children, ages 11, 9 and 6, she teaches zoology and anatomy at Andover High and said scuba diving is her way to relax.

"I find it restful," she said of her passion. "I am grateful to (Principal Peter) Anderson for his support of this club. ... I just love seeing the kids' faces when they hold a sea cucumber or a starfish for the first time. They will never look at the ocean the same way again."

Of course, there are dangers under the sea, as was driven home by the death of animal-loving television host Steve Irwin, who was killed by a stingray.

Hajdukiewicz said scuba diving safety is always emphasized and these masked teens must take courses to learn the rules.

"It's a lot of counting ... I count fins all the time," she said of her underwater chaperoning responsibilities. "We stay together and have buddies. Safety is very important."

She's always in the water with the diving teens as are professional

66 *I just love seeing the* kids' faces when they hold a sea cucumber or a starfish for the first time. They will never look at the ocean the same way again. ??

Scuba club founder and Andover High science teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz

scuba divers, called dive masters, who take the club out to sea on boats.

There is also a chaperone on land, as sinus headaches can keep teens ashore.

Hajdukiewicz, who lives in Andover, said scuba diving is an enjoyable hobby for life and she is proof. She can't wait to hit the warm water in February herself.

Presidential portrayal

Andover Historical Society President Donald Robb portrayed another president at the organization's recent Elm Street-High Street Triangle neighborhood talk. He dressed as George Washington, the most famous Elm Street visitor, who stopped by town during his tour of the eastern states following his inauguration in 1789.

Ninety local history buffs turned out for the Andover Historical Society's open house on Sunday, Jan. 13, said Executive Director Elaine Clements. Stories from the Elm Street-High Street Triangle highlighted the event, which was the third in a series of talks on neighborhood history. The first two programs were on Ballardvale and Shawsheen Village.

If you missed it, the triangle exhibit will remain on display through the month of February.



Courtesy photo Andover Historical Society President Don Robb dressed as George Washington at a recent talk.

The Historical Society is open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Admission is free

— Judy Wakefield

TOWN TALK

40 years of body art

Andover resident Arno Minkkinen is showing off his photography at Barry Friedman Ltd. through Jan. 26. The exhibition, titled "Arno Rafael Minkkinen: Self-Portraits from Four Decades," features 32 mural-sized pieces and seven smaller works. It traces Minkkinen's original form of self-portraiture through his career.

The University of Massachusetts Lowell professor of photography uses himself as the subject by showing off manipulated, black-and-white pictures of his body interacting with the physical environment. His images, dating from 1971 to today, show him buried in snowdrifts, submerged under rapids, hanging over precipices and immersed in other forms of nature. While many of his photographs have been shown in museums around the world,

er been seen before, according to the school.

Get a grip, and a lecture Just what makes at Unitarian church

Frances Moore Lappe, author of the 1971 best-seller "Diet for a Small Planet," will lecture at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, at 6 Locke St in Andover on Friday, Feb. 1, at 7:30 p.m.

The evening is free and open to the public.

"Diet for a Small Planet' sold 3 million copies and continues to awaken readers to the humanmade causes of hunger and the power of our everyday choices to create the world we want. It taught America the social and personal significance of a new way of eating," according to a press release from the Unitarian church

Lappe's most recent book is

others in this exhibit have nev- "Getting a Grip: Clarity, Creativity and Courage in a World Gone Mad."

a townie?

Richard Santagati, who just stepped down as president of Merrimack College, said he doesn't even come close to being a townie, and he's been living here for more than 30 years.

"In Andover, you have to have ties to the Mayflower to be a townie," he laughed.

According to the Townsman's esteemed columnist Bill Dalton, a former moderator and selectman, that is not an exaggeration.

"The rules have become easier since the original one. Not only did you have to be born in town, you had to live within a mile of the old Town Grill," he wrote in an email on the matter. "Townie is really a state of mind.

- Judy Wakefield

Please see BRUNCH, Page 12

IF YOU GO

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Unity Brunch

Hosted by the Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.

■ Jan. 21, 10 a.m. to noon.

Free and open to the public; donations accepted to cover the cost of food

■ R.S.V.P to the church office, 978-475-0166, so organizers can have an idea of how much food to make. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Charles Stith, former U.S. ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania. For information, call the church office, or e-mail the Rev. Lyndon Myers at Imyers@comcast.net.



Woo-Weiss

Meghan Elizabeth Woo and Matthew Joseph Weiss were united in marriage on June 16, 2007, at Tufts University's historic Goddard Chapel. The interfaith ceremony was performed by the Rev. David O'Leary and by Rabbi David Kudan.

Meghan is the daughter of Frank and Laraine Woo of Andover, and was given in marriage by her father. The bride wore a strapless gown of imported chantilly lace over silk charmeuse, and changed into a traditional Chinese dress of red and gold silk brocade for the father-daughter dance.

Maids of honor were Caitlin and Lauren Woo, sisters of the bride. Bridesmaids were Jennifer Weiss Handler, sister of the groom, Christina Arcidy, and Alyssa Murray Orzea.

Matthew is the son of Douglas Fla., formerly of Weston, Conn.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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25 Years Ago

Andover's new state representative was sworn into office during an 11 a.m. ceremony yesterday at the State House. Democrat Sue Tucker, representative for the 17th Essex district, said earlier this week that she expected the swearing-in ceremony to be "pretty exciting" for her and her fellow newly-elected officials.

Schools Superintendent Dr. Kenneth Seifert told the school committee Tuesday night his 1983-1984 budget message is not a

Best man was Sean Kussner. Ushers were David Friedman, Adam Handler, Jesse Remignanti and Michael Strange. Ring bearers were Timothy Lellman and Gus Lellman.

The bride is a graduate of Tufts University and holds a master's degree in public health from Harvard University. She is currently a doctoral candidate at the Harvard School of Public Health.

The groom is a graduate of Tufts University and received his MBA from the Sloan School of Management at MIT. He is a product manager for Vista Print.

Wedding guests enjoyed a cocktail hour in the Asian Garden followed by dinner and dancing in the East India Room at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, Mass.

The newlyweds honeymooned and Marianne Weiss of Sarasota, in Australia and are now residing in Somerville, Mass.

ture of education in Andover.

Theresa Fossella found the

highlight of her graduation trip to

Europe was a reunion with rela-

River Road residents are dis-

turbed about possible continued

industrial expansion in their

Andover has received a

\$28,000 grant under the state's

Self-Help Program to purchase

34 acres of land on Pole Hill for

conservation and passive recre-

week awarded bus contracts for

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ation purposes.

BRUNCH: Church hopes to make meal an annual event

■ Continued from Page 11

patico of who we're trying to be as a church community. A church of all nations coming to worship," said Myers of the brunch.

He has been making plans for the brunch with a committee of about 12 church members, he said. and they hope to make it an annual event. The brunch is free and open to the public; a free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of food.

The Andover Baptist men's ministry will cook and serve the meal. The menu includes items such as muffins and coffee, but also ham, grits and a deep-fried turkey.

SENIOR NOTES

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 Wednesday, Jan. 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 ${
m on}$ 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.

"Mutual Fund Investing" on Tuesday, Jan. 29. This program will focus on the correct way to read a prospectus and what you need to research before vou make an investment decision. Presenter is Ed O'Dell, a retired attorney, who also worked for the Securities and Exchange Commission and specialized in the regulation of mutual funds.

"Get The Skinny On Fats" on Thursday, Feb. 6. What's good about

"We have some men that can really cook," said Myers with a smile.

The first hour of the event will be in the church's fellowship hall, with plenty of food and time to chat with other attendees. For the second hour, attendees will head upstairs to the church sanctuary for the program and Stith's talk.

Church member Cornelius Bledsoe will recite King's "I Have a Dream" speech and Lance Bryant, the church's minister of music and a professional jazz musician, will lead some sacred jazz and gospel music.

BoomerVenture under way

and pillow.

ground floor.

Free.

Activities run at the Andover Senior should bring a yoga mat, towel Center include:

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

phasize strength, balance, flexibility and serenity of mind and body on Thursdays from now through Feb. 28 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 for 8 weeks. Suitable for all levels. Participants

the "skinny" on fats.

Chinese New Year Celebration ${\rm on}$ Friday, Feb. 8 from 4 to 6 p.m. Advance tickets only. Cost is \$6. Come enjoy cultural entertainment and dinner and help us usher in the new year. Our Chinese buffet will include teriyaki chicken, vegetable fried rice, crab rangoon, beef with broccoli, dessert and beverages.

Thursday, Feb. 21. Cost is \$39/\$41. Candle Village where we'll enjoy a mix of shopping and entertainment followed by a delightful lunch in the beautiful colonial setting of the Salem Cross Inn. Lunch will include soup, a choice of baked scrod or stuffed chicken breast, rolls, dessert and beverages

Introduction to Acrylics, a six week course, will begin on Wednesday, the folk tunes and dances of Bo-Feb. 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Preregistration is required. The fofats and what's not? What's too cus of the course will be to proa \$10 savings off the regular price.

message, whatever is on his heart to share with us."

Stith was ambassador to Tanzania during the Clinton administration. He is the founder and director of the African Presidential Archives and Research Center at Boston University, where he works to bring former heads of state from Africa to be professors at BU.

Myers said he thought of Stith immediately when the church began planning the breakfast. A member of Andover Baptist used Stith will be speaking on "Dr. to attend the Union United King's legacy of unity amongst Methodist Church in Boston, said.

BoomerVenture Book Club will be

held every second and fourth

Thursday night, with rotating

leadership, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m.

BoomerVenture Campus is lo-

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cated at 30 Whittier Court, on the

36 Bartlett Street, Andover, MA

suitable for all ability levels. Cost

is \$25/\$40, depending upon

whether you would like the in-

structor to supply the materials.

Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26 from 1:30 to

2:30 p.m. Cost is \$20. Pre-registra-

tion is required. Join Andover

musician Terry Kelley on a trip

through time and around the

world to learn about the many

ways that music has brought

magic into our lives. Terry, and

special guests, will enlighten and

entertain with stories and perfor-

mances. Hear tunes and tales

from Beethoven to Broadway to

Andover Chamber Music presents

'Red-Hot Rhapsodies" on Sunday,

Feb. 10 at 4 p.m. Cost is \$15. This

valentine concert will focus on

hot blooded music from Eastern

European composers that evoke

hemia. Tickets purchased

through the senior center reflect

the Beatles and beyond.

Magical Music Tour on Tuesday,

01810 c/o BoomerVenture.

people, justice and equality," said where Stith used to be pastor, and was able to contact and invite him, was able to contact and invite him, said Myers.

> Myers was installed as pastor of Andover Baptist Church in August 2004. Since then the church's membership has swelled from 20 to 150 people. The base of the church is from Andover, said Myers, but they have members from all over the Merrimack Valley and New Hampshire.

> The Jan. 21 breakfast will be a family-friendly event, said Myers, and children who are home from school for the holiday are welcome. There will be a kids activity table set out at the brunch, he

entrees, a made to order omelet station, bacon, home fries, bagels, muffins, fresh fruit, cereal, desserts and beverages. Get your tickets early as this event always sells out quickly.

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.

Knit-Wits, a new drop-in group for those who enjoy knitting, will be held on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. Instruction will also be provided for those who would like to learn or improve their techniques. You can bring your own project, or if you'd like to knit for the senior center, we'll supply the yarn if you lend your expertise. Group leader is Sue Finn.

Men's Breakfast on Friday, Jan. 18 at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$3. Pre-registration is required. Guest speaker will be Jack Brady, vice president of the Shawsheen River Watershed Association. Through his Powerpoint presentation, slides and lecture, Brady will talk about the efforts and community activities of this nonprofit organization.

Friday Forum with Secretary Of Elder Affairs Michael Festa on Friday, Jan. 25 at 9:30 a.m. Come meet the newly appointed secretary of elder affairs for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. While serving in the Legislature for the last ten years, the secretary earned a reputation as a strong advocate for senior issues and has championed many senior health care initiatives including the Prescription Advantage program. Come with

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Valentine Brunch on Sunday, Feb. your questions answered and get and texture. The class will be famous brunch will feature hot

your questions and concerns as acrylic paints to create a sense of 10 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Advance well as discussion about the seclight, shadow, depth, perspective tickets only. Cost is \$8. Frank's retary's priorities for elder issues at the state level.



TOWNSPEOPLE



The Andover Warriors, top row, from left, Dianna Bill, Alicia Scarpa, Megan Thomann, Marissa Cataldo. Front row, from left, Alex Alois, Cassandra Drivas, Jess Miller, Ally Long, Jordy Shoemaker.



The Andover Lightning, top row, from left, Ally Fazio, Rebecca Puntoni, Natalie Gomez. Frot row, from left, Shannon Cooney, Laura Renfro, Lauren Hughes, Kylie Nagy, Paige Leeman.

Warriors, Lightning get a chance to 'Play on Parquet'

Two teams of girls from An- dover Lightning," were spondover were among those compet- sored by Tudor Investments. ing in the 20th annual "Play on the Parquet" basketball tournament at TD Banknorth Garden hance the lives of individuals this fall. The annual event, spear- with intellectual and developheaded by UBS Investment Bank, benefits The Arc of Massachu- ilies through advocacy of supsetts. The Andover teams, the ports and services based in the "Andover Warriors" and "An-

A statewide advocacy organization, The Arc's mission is to enmental disabilities and their famcommunity.

Andoverite among **Pioneers in Partnership**

At its annual meeting, the Essex National Heritage Commission honored volunteers and organizations who make a difference in Essex County by presenting their "Pioneers in Partnership" awards. Among the honorees, which included community leaders from Lawrence, Topsfield and Salem, was Andover resident Michael Ristuccia. Ristuccia is builder, contractor and preservationist who has worked with the town of Andover to move and restore three 19th-century buildings slated for demolition.

Ristuccia was nominated by the Andover Preservation Commission with support from the Andover Historical Society. As Andover Preservation Commission chair Karen Herman wrote in her nomination paper: "It is a rare and unique gift to a town when an individual demonstrates a passion for historic preservation that makes even the most impossibly difficult project become possible. To Andover's great benefit, Michael Ristuccia is just such a person."

The desire to retain community character energized a unique response by the town to the recent "tear down" phenomenon and led to Massachusetts's first zoning bylaw to create a special permit process to allow a threatened historic structure to be moved and saved on a newly defined lot that does not meet normal zoning requirements. Once moved, or preserved on site with a subdivision of the lot, these historic buildings are then protected by preservation restrictions. Ristuccia helped to spearhead this effort, partnering with the Andover Preservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals and town planners to present a warrant article to the 2003 Town Meeting that received overwhelming approval.

"One of Mike's gifts," said Karen Herman, "is understanding the practical aspects of choosing the right building, the appropriate lot and knowing how to successfully navigate the requirements of the process. His building projects and process have been very public. Widely covered in the local papers, these building moves have generated interest and awareness around the costs of demolition and completed 2004) mansionization to community character. The Preservation Commission was receiving, on average, 10 applications for demolition per year and at the time of the 2003 Town Meeting, 16 buildings had

been lost in three years." In addition to the three 19th century buildings mentioned above, Ristuccia has most recently undertaken the complicated restoration of the circa 1670 Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot House, Andover's oldest residence. "I restored my first house as a hobby in 1983," said Ristuccia. "The house is located at 66 Central Street in Andover. That project got me hooked on preservation. In 1998, after 32 years in sales, I sold my business. I had just finished restoring the 1740 Holt-Cogswell House at 373 South Main Street. This project made me realize my passion for historic restoration. I wanted to restore houses that seemed too neglected to restore.'

The following is a listing of Ristuccia's building preservation record in Andover:

■ 373 South Main Street, Georgian style, circa 1740, 1999 preservation award (project completed 2004)

■ 23 Pleasant Street, Greek Revival, circa 1850, (project completed 2004) 2005 preservation award ■ 264 Andover Street, Greek Revival, circa 1840 (project completed

2003)■ 32 River Street, vernacular, circa 1900, (project completed 2003) ■ 105 Elm Street, Federal Style, circa 1830, (project completed 2005) 2006 preservation award

■ Thornton House, 11 Clark Road, Federal Style, circa 1850, (lot subdivided for new house as 9 Clark Road), (project completed 2006)

Structures moved and rehabilitated

 Captain Stephen Abbott House, built 1825: moved from 45 Ballardvale Road to 373 South Main, (lot subdivided and readdressed as 10 Belknap Drive), 2002 preservation award (project completed 2004)

■ Federal style double house, circa 1800: moved from 221-223 Main Street to 352 South Main Street, (project completed 2005) *

Carriage barn, circa 1880: moved from 133 Carmel Road to 373 South Main Street, (project

Ongoing projects vival, circa 1840-2003 salvaged to Lowell Street

be reconstructed Chandler-Bigsby-Abbot ■ 22 Pearson Street, Greek Re- House, First Period, circa 1670, 88



Registration for the Spring 2008 Little League season will take place at the High Plain School Cafeteria at the following dates and times:

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, February 4, 2008 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Little League is available to girls and boys who will be between the ages of 6 and 16 on April 30, 2008

If this is your child's first year in Little League, please bring a copy of his or her birth certificate. Otherwise, we will not be able to register your child.

Please be prepared to inform us which one of the five elementary schools (Bancroft, Sanborn, South, West, High Plain) your child attends or would attend 2007-2008 academic year, even if your child no longer attends elementary school or attends a private school.

Registrations received after February 15, 2008 will be assessed a \$35.00 late fee.

Registration forms will be provided at the registration sessions.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 17

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.

Mad Doc Software hosts Red Cross **blood drive**, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., 100 Burtt 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 0. To make an appointment, call Daniel at 978-409-6276 x138 or email dsproul@maddocsoftware.com; walk-ins welcome. For more information, visit www.newenglandblood.org

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

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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

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

tive technology, paper-making laboratories and a question-and-answer session. Tours will be offered of UML's Baseball Research Laboratory, as well as nanomaterials and mechanical engineering laboratories. For more information, call 978-934-3224.

Final tickets for the 12th annual North Andover Father/Daughter **Dances** will be on sale from 10:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. at the North Andover Middle School. These dances are open to all North Andover girls in grades two through five. Tickets are \$25 per couple and \$7 for a second child. For more information, call Laurie Burlaff at 978-852-2829.

Transformation through Tarot, 11 to 3:15 p.m., Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St. Anna Murphy, a tarot card reader, and Leslie Gabriele, an energetic catalyst, will break new ground in healing by bringing two diverse arts together to promote continued growth and more happiness. To make a reservation, call 978-474-8010. For more information, visit www.circlesofwisdom.com.

Human Rights Film Festival in Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. No cost with museum admission. Reservations for any of the films are required by Jan. 17. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org. Festival includes these films and times: "Sari's Mother" at 1 p.m.; "Enemies of Happiness" at 1:30 p.m.; "Election Day" at 3 p.m.; "Strange Culture" at 5 p.m.

Folk music concert: Red Molly will perform at 8 p.m. at the New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill. Ed Felker will open the show. Coffee and desserts will be on sale. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by calling 978-459-5134, visiting www.newmooncoffeehouse.org or at the door beginning at 6:30 p.m. the night of the show.

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

Silk painting demonstration: Andovers Artists Guild hosts North Andover's Merry Beninato, 2 to 4 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover, corner of **St. John's Prep** will hold a **concert** Academy and Great Pond roads. Free to members, guest donation of \$2 is suggested. For more information call Cindie at 978-475-6399.

"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 Mark O'Connor's Appalachia Waltz cost with museum admission. Reservations are required by Jan. 18. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

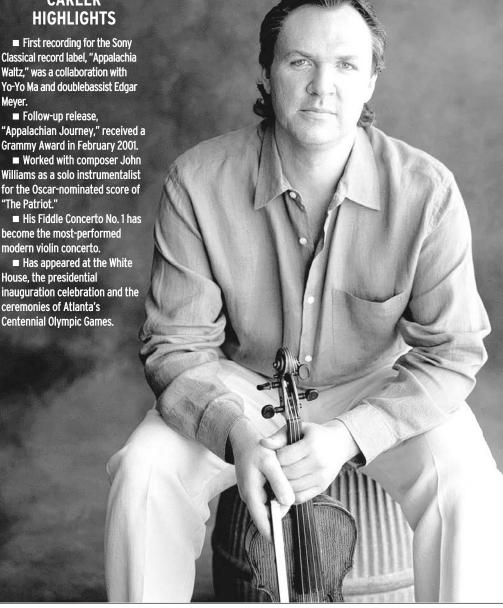
"Suffering and Smiling" will be shown as part of the Human Rights Film Festival, 3 p.m., Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum East India Square, Salem. No cost with museum admission. Reservations are required by Jan. 18. Information or to register, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org. Convivium 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.

MARK O'CONNOR CAREER

First recording for the Sony Classical record label, "Appalachia Waltz," was a collaboration with Yo-Yo Ma and doublebassist Edgar Meyer.

Follow-up release, "Appalachian Journey," received a Grammy Award in February 2001. Worked with composer John Williams as a solo instrumentalist for the Oscar-nominated score of "The Patriot."

become the most-performed modern violin concerto. Has appeared at the White House, the presidential inauguration celebration and the ceremonies of Atlanta's





Courtesy photos



Violist Rebecca Albers, top, cellist Mike Block, above, and violinist and composer Mark O'Connor, left, will perform as the Appalachia Waltz Trio at Phillips Academy on Jan. 18. O'Connor will lead a threeday workshop for music students.

Phillips students to study with Appalachia Waltz Trio founder

Virtuosos

BY BRIAN MESSENGER

"I've tried to constantly push myself and

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.

UML's College of Engineering will hold interactive workshops for prospective students from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Cumnock, Ball and Falmouth halls, UML North, Lowell. Events include looks at wireless sensor networks, assis-

MONDAY, JAN. 21

First annual unity brunch, 10 a.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St. A celebration of the life and legacy of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. with guest speaker Rev. Charles



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STAFF WRITEF

Violinist and composer Mark O'Connor has won multiple Grammy Awards, released more than 30 solo albums and composed the world's most performed modern violin concerto.

Tomorrow, Andover residents will be able to see O'Connor in concert for free.

The 44-year-old Seattle-bred musician will bring his Appalachia Waltz Trio to Phillips Academy for a performance on Friday, Jan. 18. A three-day residency at the school will also allow O'Connor to work with the academy's many young musicians.

O'Connor considers his current project, the Appalachia Waltz Trio, to be the biggest achievement of his career because it continues to evolve after originating from a 1996 collaborative release with cellist Yo-Yo Ma.

Worldwide success for O'Connor means his talents are in demand. The composer will make two stops in Washington state before heading to Phillips Academy for Jan. 16 through 18. The very next day he'll perform in Minnesota.

Once a teenage champion of both the guitar and mandolin, O'Connor is not taking the short Phillips residency lightly. He sees it as an opportunity to spread his passion for music to young people.

"I'm looking at the residency as one of the most important things I do in my whole year," said O'Connor. "I really have a chance to present music and the creativity and the love for this project in a way that could resonate with those young musicians. If I'm able to do that well — there could be some real profound, long-lasting results from our visit

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■ Who: Mark O'Connor, renowned composer and violinist, and his Appalachia Waltz Trio

- When: Friday, Jan. 18, 7:30 p.m.
- Where: Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy How: Free, but tickets required. Available at academy's music department, Graves Hall, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. ■ Phone: 978-749-4260

if it inspires these musicians." The son of ballroom dancers, O'Connor grew up listening to classical music.

At age 5 he began playing acoustic guitar, and his familiarity with folk, jazz and pop music increased as he grew older.

O'Connor started playing the fiddle at age 11 and the instrument quickly became his musical focus.

"I had a natural ability toward it and I had a natural love for it," said O'Connor. "It became my real voice early on, by the time I was 12."

While fiddle may have been O'Connor's primary instrument, that didn't stop him from learning a variety of other instruments.

O'Connor was named a national guitar champion at the age of 13 and again two years later.

By age 19, O'Connor earned the rank of world mandolin champion.

Music has come naturally to O'Connor, but pushing boundaries has been something the composer has worked hard at throughout his career as a professional musician.

challenged myself, even though I could have rested on my laurels," he said. "I probably could have stayed in several safe zones, and everything probably would have been fine to a lot of people. It's been quite a journey."

That journey, and a tendency to combine different musical styles, is evident in the music of the Appalachia Waltz Trio, O'Connor said. After learning about the different traditions in American music like blues, bluegrass, jazz, Cajun, Appalachian, Texas swing "and a bunch of different offshoots in between," O'-Connor said he has since made a concerted effort to combine them in a classical form.

"It's something that's a new idea," said O'-Connor. "The cross-pollination effort brings it to a new place. That's what I hope to teach and display and perform at the Andover residency."

Performing with O'Connor at Phillips Academy will be cellist Mike Block and violist Rebecca Albers.

"These young musicians I have with me right now are just unbelievably terrific; virtuosos," said O'Connor. "They bring the music so much excellence and vitality. It's good to have them with me."

O'Connor continues to push his musical boundaries - his latest album is made up entirely of choral arrangements.

Whether or not the Phillips students he interacts with this week decide to become professional musicians, O'Connor said the power of music is something they can carry with them for the rest of their lives.

The music business is competitive and there are a lot of people who want the same things," said O'Connor. "It doesn't really matter. If you love the music, you can contribute in a number of different ways.'





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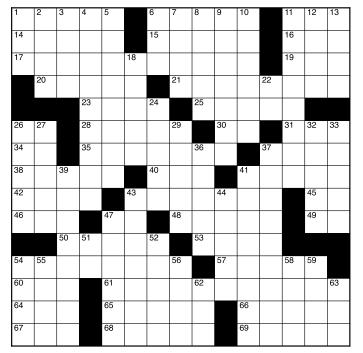
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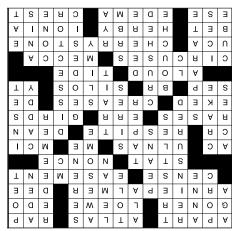
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EVENTS CALENDAR

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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.

"The Singing Life of Birds" by Donald Kroodsman, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. Listen to birds as you've never heard them before, using what they have to say as a window on their minds and to identify with them. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. For more information, call 978-623-8400.

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

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Preview night of annual book sale, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. Cost is



for all ages. For more information, call 978-623-8400. Sesame Street Live "Live for Ac-

tion," 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 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

Annual book sale, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. This event is hosted by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library and will include thousands of items for all ages. For more information, call 978-623-8400.

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

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Peabody Essex Museum hosts the premiere of "Old Places, New Faces: Immigrant Experiences Shaping Boston's North Shore," the latest film project by PEM interns participating in the unique Museum Action Corps program at 11 a.m., East India Square, Salem. After its premiere, the film will be available at no charge to schools and communities interested in viewing the film. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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.parkerriver.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.

Ham and bean supper, 5 to 6:30 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road. Menu includes real spiral ham, home cooked beans, desserts and drinks. Cost is \$8 adults, \$4 children 12 and under. For more information, call 978-475-3528. 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

AVIS cross-country ski/hike, 10 a.m., at the Rafton Reservation. Beginners are welcome. Participants should park on High Plain Road at the leaf compositing area. No pets allowed. Rain will cancel the event. For more information, call ski/hike leaders Burt Batcheller at 978-475-3665 or David Dargie at 978-996-4475.

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.

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Education

Budget battles loom over taxes, town salaries

BY BRIAN MESSENGER STAFF WRITER

As Andover teachers turn up the public pressure for a new contract, a group of residents is proposing a \$5 million property-tax override to solve Andover's operating budget woes.

Town Meeting will have the chance in April to vote on three warrant articles submitted by the group, according to member Bill Pennington, a budget liaison with the Townwide PTO. The other two involve allocating money from the town's reserve accounts to maintain services. The deadline to submit warrant articles to the town clerk's office is Friday, Jan. 18.

The group, which consists of roughly a dozen Andover residents - most of whom are involved in town parent-teacher organizations, according to Pennington - submitted the articles in hopes of closing an operating deficit currently projected between \$2.6 and \$3.5 million for fiscal year 2009, which begins July 1.

"This is a townwide problem. We're looking for the citizens to evaluate where their priorities are," said Pennington. "It's just disappointing that here we are going into February and the citizens of the town have no idea of the options. That's why we took it upon ourselves.3

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major said a \$5 million override would cost the average homeowner in Andover \$350 more on his annual property-tax bill. The \$5 million figure was selected by the group because can only be decreased once the warrant closes, Pennington said.

Another reason for the \$5 million number, according to Pennington, is the prove the measure and it must also be apgroup's concern about how town employee salary increases in future contract settlements will affect operating expenses.

All town and school department contracts with employee unions expired on July 1, 2007.

On Jan. 10, several hundred Andover teachers took to the streets of downtown to rally for a contract settlement, stopping traffic along their way from Old Town Hall to the School Administration Building on Whittier Court next to the Park. They protested outside the school building for about 20 minutes.

But Major has proposed waiting until after Town Meeting to settle employeesalary packages, because the town's future fiscal picture will be more clear after an override vote is made.

"It doesn't mean you should stop the negotiations," said Major. "There's a lot of things we can work on. If you can come to an agreement on those other things, then you look at (salaries) as the final piece of the puzzle."

"Absolutely not," said School Committee member Deb Silberstein of Major's proposal. "It would be in the best interest of the community to have the contracts in information; I believe it is our responsibility to do that.'

Because about 80 percent of the school department's annual budget is salary-driven, Pennington said delaying the finalization of contracts would only add to the uncertainty of the town's fiscal future.

"That's a major concern," said Pennington. "If you don't have anything in there for a contract, then if you sign the condollar figures proposed for the warrant tract, what are you going to do if there's no room (in the operating budget)?"

> To pass a Proposition 2 1/2 override, twothirds of Town Meeting voters must approved at the ballot box during a special election. Without a successful override, town officials expect to make significant



advance of Town Meeting. To provide full Andover teacher Bill Kolbe, a 28-year veteran of the Andover Schools, plays a Bob Dylan tune while fellow teachers gathered for a rally in front of Old Town Hall on Main Street last week.

service or staff cuts.

"It will be devastating," said School Committee member Tony James. "Consequently, I applaud the interest by Bill Pennington and his colleagues, starting to organize an override campaign."

"I give them a lot of credit for being involved," said School Committee Chairman Art Barber, also a member of the committee's long-term budget and finance subcommittee. "We've known there was going to be a challenge with the budget since last Town Meeting. That's why we've being aggressively pursuing this." Budget planning subcommittees from the School Committee, selectmen and Fi-

nance Committee met throughout the summer and fall of 2007 to begin focusing on the fiscal 2009 operating deficit.

However, Pennington said officials haven't done enough.

He cited an April 12, 2007, tri-board meeting where Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said the town must avoid waiting to make major budgetary decisions at the last minute as they did for fiscal year 2008.

"I think the intention was to do that," said Pennington. "The bottom line is, despite all their hard work and effort, we're no further along this year than we were last year. It's disappointing."

Pennington said his group met earlier this week to plan a communication strategy. An e-mail list with 8,000 addresses of PTO members and private residents will be a tool to spread information about the budget, he said.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

'We can reach a lot of people," said Pennington. "We can launch a campaign fairly quickly and effectively and cost-effectively. It puts us in good shape to provide information."

Along with PTO members, Pennington said the group proposing the warrant articles includes other well-known residents who don't have children in the public schools.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Here's what's for lunch in the za, cheese or veggie, French baked potato wedges fresh fruit Andover public schools next week, fries, carrots, fresh fruit and Jan. 21-25:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday: No School — Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: Egg, cheese and sausage breakfast burrito, turkey club sub, Sunbutter and jelly, potato smiles, carrots, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: No Lunch — Early and jello. Release Day

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Wednesday: Spaghetti and meatballs, made to order deli sandwich with goldfish, bagel and yogurt, potato smiles, carrots, fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Papa Gino's pizza, cheese or pepperoni, bagel and yogurt, roast pork dinner, buttered noodles, cinnamon spiced fries, pudding, pretzels, fresh chunky applesauce, fresh fruit fruit and juice.

Friday: Meatloaf with mashed Also available a la carte daily at Thursday: Chicken tenders potatoes, made to order deli the elementary and middle

and juice.

Thursday: Triple decker ham club, grilled chicken Caesar salad, bread stick, pasta bar, meatballs with pasta, pretzels, baked potato wedges, fresh fruit and iuice

Friday: Egg salad roll up or sandwich, pastrami panini, baked haddock, cole slaw, French

with dips, bagel and yogurt, sandwich with pretzels, bagel schools: bottled water and 100 peryogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; and milk.

Santagati leaves Merrimack after 14 years as president

By JUDY WAKEFIELD STAFF WRITER

With a fifth grandchild on the way, and a desire to travel and perhaps to teach, Andover resident Richard Santagati is stepping down as president of Merrimack College.

The alumnus-turned-college president announced last week that he is retiring from the college after 14 years at the helm.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Eagle Tribune

Merrimack College President

Richard Santagati has officially

announced his retirement after

serving the college for 14 years

selor at Villanova University.

Santagati was the college's first

lay president when he was named

in 1995. Now, several Catholic col-

as president.

sumption and St. Michael's, have lay presidents, Santagati said.

"I recommend a full search," he responded when asked if the next president will have a business background or be hired from within the Augustinian order, which runs the college.

The biggest challenge for the

ham and cheese sub with and yogurt, broccoli salad, fresh cent juice; low-fat ice cream and Smartfood popcorn, chunky veggie and bean soup, rice, fresh fruit and jello.

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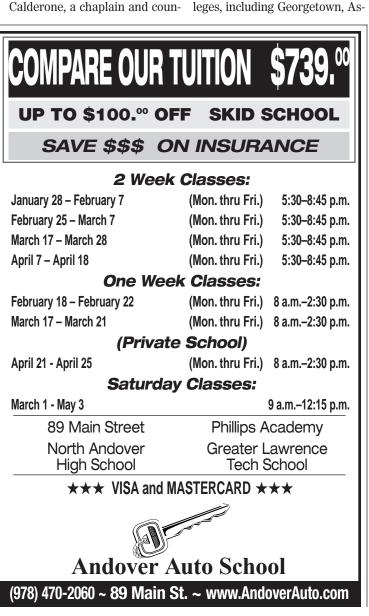
He is on paid sabbatical, which took effect on Monday, Jan. 14.

"There is never a perfect time for something like this," he said last Thursday. "There is always a project to do ... but now is the time for me to step aside."

Santagati, who is 64, will be involved with the search for a new president at the private four-year college, which is in North Andover.

Choosing Santagati's replacement will be a critical decision for the Catholic college as its 10-year accreditation comes up in 2009, Santagati said.

He will work with the college's 26-member Board of Trustees to find a new president. The interim president is the Rev. Joseph Calderone, a chaplain and coun-



new leader will be to make sure the college offers enough financial aid to its 4,000 students, Santagati said.

Merrimack College started a unique tuition payment program for incoming freshmen in the fall of 2007. Tuition and room and board will not increase over the next four years for those freshmen who started attending the college in the fall of 2007. Tuition and fees are \$30,000 a year at Merrimack, where 80 percent of the students live on campus.

"We learned through experience that the program was of great assistance to families," Santagati said. "As is our mission, we are deeply committed to providing access to education whenever possible."

Santagati, who grew up in Lawrence and worked as the CEO of Gaston & Snow law firm and Artel Communications before becoming a college president, is well known for his ability to raise money.

He secured Merrimack's first seven-figure gift and led a fundraising campaign that raised \$42 million for the college, according to a statement from college officials. It was the most money ever raised for the college.

"He brought prestige to Merrimack," said Laurence Demers, board of trustees chairman.

While the campus grew tremendously under his tenure with some \$75 million in new facilities, including the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts and two new dormitories, Santagati said the "value message" at the college is what attracts students, not its new buildings.

"I am most proud of our alums. They leave here and are competitive, but they are also value-centered," Santagati said. "They are distinguished as good citizens and I am very proud of that."

Santagati has no plans to leave the area. Rather, he has been named the chairman of the board at Lawrence General Hospital in Lawrence and steps into the role immediately.

Santagati has lived in Andover for some 30 years with his wife, retired Andover High School health teacher Marilyn Santagati. They now live on Farmland Circle.

He said he will still attend events at Merrimack, like basketball and hockey games and performances at the Rogers Center.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Remote-controlled shutters simplifies life

For Terry Metrovich, even the simplest physical tasks were difficult to complete. After being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis, Metrovich says getting dressed, getting up when the doorbell rings, and even opening and closing his shutters were difficult challenges he expected to face for the rest of his life. But when he discovered remote controlled shutters, his life got simpler.

"It's a freedom I didn't know I could enjoy," Metrovich says. 'Remote controlled shutters make my life easier because I can adjust my window treatments all day long with just the push of a button.'

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Remote-controlled shutters helps the homeowner to control their lighting environment and save on energy

"The customer has total contween a number of Sunburst re- trol," says Jarman. "We program burst Shutters stores.

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Simple steps to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning

could be making you sick. With tectors. Battery operated models symptoms similar to the flu, carbon monoxide poisoning may be misinterpreted and ignored, resulting in deadly consequences. Awareness of common causes of carbon monoxide poisoning and some simple solutions can help keep your home safe.

With no discernable color, smell or taste, carbon monoxide has been deemed the "silent killer" and is the leading cause of poisoning deaths in the United States. According to the Journal of the American Medical Association, there are approximately 2,100 unintentional deaths from carbon monoxide every year in the United States.

Carbon monoxide is the byproduct of incomplete combustion, and can form anywhere a fuel is burned. It can kill in a matter of minutes depending upon the levels of carbon monoxide in the air.

There are five simple repairs and precautions that could save a life.

1. Get out of the garage. Today's high-performance vehicles don't need long warm-up times. If you must warm up the car, do it outside of the garage. When returning home, turn the car off as soon as you drive in to the garage.

2. Give the generator space. Generators produce carbon monoxide and should not be placed in the garage or close to the home.

3. Clean the chimney. To prevent ashes from building up, open the hatch at the bottom of the chimney and remove the ashes. It's recommended this be done weekly along with an annual visit from the chim ney sweep.

4. Check vents. Regularly inspect your home's external vents to ensure they are not obscured by debris, dirt or snow.

5. Install a carbon monoxide detector. This is the most important thing you can do to prevent carbon

Common household mistakes ten overlook carbon monoxide decan start at less than \$20 and it's suggested to install at least one on every floor of the home.

If your monitor goes off, get out as fast as you can and call the fire department.

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Today's laminate flooring proves the age-old theory that opposites attract, by marrying realistic beauty and superior durability in one product.

Years ago, when laminate was first introduced, it performed well, but didn't look enough like real wood or stone to win the hearts of consumers.

Over the past couple of years, however, manufacturers like Mannington Mills have developed incredible new technology that makes laminate flooring nearly impossible to distinguish from real wood, slate, or stone.

A new collection of laminate from Mannington, called Revolutions, was one of the first on the market with 3-D texture, natural grout lines and beveled plank edges.

Laminate can be used in any room of your home. Mannington's award-winning designers have created laminate floors to coordinate with items you already have, like furniture and cabinetry.

It comes in a wide variety of colors and patterns, from light ash to deep mahogany, and everything in between.

And there are other looks besides wood to choose from; slate, stone and cork patterns are becoming more and more popular as consumers demand more variety and choices.

Wood looks lend warmth and elegance to a room. And depending on your style, you can have a look that's rustic and hand-crafted, or sleek and smooth; stone in an array of colors, from beige to gray, blue, or terracotta; or slate in bronze or gray.

And no matter what your choice, laminate has excellent durability and easy mainte-



Laminate flooring provides both exceptional beauty and incredibly realistic looks thanks to new design and technology innovations.

time and energy to keep clean.

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Relaxing comfortably in front of the fireplace is a time-honored way to spend a crisp autumn evening or a blustery winter day at home with the family. But that idyllic setting may not be realistic for those in condos, apartments or rooms within the home not accessible to chimney systems — until now.

Thanks to modern technology, electric fireplaces have made great strides in styling, convenience and heat-output. Gone are the days of a "fake" fire within a cheap-looking mantle surround now replaced with electric fireplaces featuring dancing flames and glowing embers, the ability to be installed anywhere in minutes, and a selection of appearance options for an upscale look matching every decor.

"To most people, adding an electric fireplace means heading to your local 'Home Improvement Warehouse' and buying a plain black firebox with a veneered surround that looks like a cheap addon to the room," explains Kurt Rumens, president of Travis Industries, maker of Fireplace Xtrordinair, Avalon and Lopi fireplace brands. "The next generation of electric fireplaces offer numerous front faceplate appearance options, making it easy to create a look that fits within the home's current architectural style — yet dazzle the eye and seduce the senses with a gorgeous, realisticlooking fireplace appearance."

So when you're looking for a Keeping in line with quick and simple way to add a touch of ambiance into your apartment, make your condo more stylish and cozy, or simply infuse some heat to any room within your home, remember the following when considering electric fireplaces:



Courtesy photo

An electric fireplace is a simple way to add ambiance to your home.

Divine installation

Ease of installation has been one of the electric fireplace's best features for years and that convenience factor hasn't changed. Simply plug into any standard 110-volt wall outlet, no venting needed nor installation required — just plug and play!

design

The appearance aspects of electric fireplaces have been its downfall for years - the lack of high quality front faceplate materials and styling portrayed a cheap add-on fireplace rather than one that looks like a well-designed part of

Realistic burning appearance

When considering an electric fireplace, keep in mind heat output, realism and features like finetuning the visual flame speed and height, accent lighting, temperature and even sleep timers. Travis Industries fireplaces offer these functions, can heat up to 400 square feet of space with up to 5,000 BTUs of instant heat output, and feature glowing beds of pulsating embers and hand-crafted log sets.

Additionally, an air treatment system circulates and cleans the air in an average-sized room every 15 minutes. Washable filters operate with or without heat, so they can be used simply to filter allergens — and filters only need to be cleaned or replaced annually. Unlike "vent-free" fireplaces, there is no limit on the hours of usage, moisture concerns or mold

"Teaming the convenience aspects and realistic-looking fire appearance with customizable decorative options — upscale electric fireplaces look stylish and heat



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Sports

TWICE AS NICE ON THE ICE | Paonessa twins follow older brother's lead

BY DAVID WILLIS STAFF WRITER

anielle and Heather Paonessa had tried just about every sport available as youngsters. But none seemed to click, until they visited the Valley Forum in Lawrence to see their brother P.J. play.

"When we were younger, we did things like gymnastics and ballet," said Danielle. "But when my brother started playing hockey, we realized that was the sport we wanted to play."

And play they have. Following the trend set by their brother, the Paonessa twins have become standouts for Andover High -

Heather as a for-

ward and Danielle on de-

Family ties "Every time we

sit down together,

hockey will immediately come up,"

said P.J. "Hockey is just huge in our

fan. He never had the chance to

play, but he has

family. My dad (Paul) is a huge

fense.

66 We're out there together quite a lot. We enjoy it because I know how she plays and *I know her style* of hockey. **??**

Danielle Paonessa

always been a big Bruins fan and that was a big influence on us.'

After a great deal of urging, P.J. became the first member of the family to play hockey when he joined the Andover youth league at age five. And his sisters quickly gained interest.

"We went to as many games as possible," Danielle said. "My dad was the coach for a while and let us go on the ice when they were practicing. We really enjoyed it right away."

So, when they reached 5 years old, Danielle and Heather started in youth hockey.

"At first the rink was pretty cold," said Heather. "But we got used to it after a while. We had to learn to skate, then shoot the puck, then how to lift the puck into the net."

And the fraternal twins proved to be far from identical on the ice.

"Heather is more aggressive and she really has a knack for scoring," said Danielle. "I don't try to score much, even



Junior twins Danielle, left, and Heather Paonessa are standouts for the Andover girls hockey team. Heather is second on the team in scoring while Danielle is a shutdown defender.

MEETING THE PAONESSAS

Name: Brother P.J., twin sisters Heather and Danielle

Sport: Hockey About P.J.: Former standout for Andover High. scored seven goals and eight assists his senior season, including a goal and an assist in Division 2 North championship. Now a 19-year-old freshman at Quinnipiac playing hockey in local leagues. About Heather: 17-year old forward ranks sec-

off the team lead. Career totals of 18 goals and 23 assists in three varsity seasons. About Danielle: 17-year old standout three-year defenseman. Often charged with spying opponent's top scorer. Tallied two goals of her own against Concord-Carlisle earlier this year. Parents: Paul Sr. and Michelle are both dedicated Bruins fans.

ond on the Golden Warriors with six goals, one

While his sisters were learning the

"Last year's run (to the state finals) was amazing," said the Quinnipiac Uni-



for a defender. I play defense strong and I take away the scorers."

And that also opens them up for matchups in one-on-one drills in practice.

"I try just a little bit harder to get the puck away from her," said Danielle. "Sometimes if I get the puck she'll push me, or if she beats me I'll scream. We want the challenge to go against each other.'

sport, P.J. was becoming a key contributor for the Golden Warriors.

Brotherly love

After scoring two goals and adding four assists his junior season, he scored seven goals with eight assists his senior year, earning Unsung Hero honors for the Golden Warriors. His career game came when he scored a goal and assisted on another in Andover's victory over Lynnfield in the Division 2 North championship.

versity freshman. "We didn't win, but it was still awesome to be playing with guys I grew up with in the (TD Banknorth) Garden."

The game proved to be his last in organized hockey. He now plays in a local league with former Andover standout goalie Dan Abreu, and is working to orga-

P.J. Paonessa, right, fighting a Dracut player for the puck last season, closed out his Please see **TWINS**, Page 26 Andover career last season and has been a major influence on his two sisters.

File photo

66 I see this as a long-term adventure. 99 John Perry, Merrimack College's new head football coach

Andover's Perry tabbed as Merrimack football coach

BY STEVE PALLADINO STAFF WRITER

John Perry's first job as a head coach isn't far from home.

The former Andover High All-Scholastic wide receiver was hired as Merrimack College head football coach on Jan. 4.

"The direction that the Merrimack College program is going in makes this an exciting opportunity for me," said the former threesport Golden Warriors star. "I am excited to build on what Merrimack has already created here."

Perry, who was associate head coach at Division 1-AA power University of New Hampshire last fall,

Please see **PERRY**, Page 26



TIM JEAN/Staff photo John Perry was recently hired as the new head football coach at Merrimack College.

McConnell sets school record at Dartmouth Relays

BOYS TRACK

Andover's Chris McConnell continued his torrid pace by winning the 55 meters in 6.52 at the Dartmouth Relays on Saturday. He ran a 6.50 in the semis, the fastest time in Massachusetts this year, breaking his own school record he had set a week ago at the Auerbach Freshman-Sophomore Large meet (6.53).

Nick Shumacher won the 2-mile in 10:31, but Andover fell to Central Catholic, 49-37, last Wednesday. McConnell rolled in the dash while the 4x400 team of Brendan Crawford, Tom O'Neil, Kerrick Stevens and Matt Vetere also won.

BOYS HOCKEY

Hyslip's late goal leads Andover

John Hyslip deflected a pass into the goal with 30 seconds remain-

ing to give Andover a 3-2 victory over Acton-Boxboro on Saturday. George Flanagan scored his team-high fifth goal of the season, and Kevin Hitchko tied the game with 41 seconds left.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Freshman Gomez-Martinez surging

Natalie Gomez-Martinez continued her impressive freshman campaign by scoring a game-high 20 points as Andover downed Methuen, 60-35 last Tuesday. Meghan Thomann added 17 points for the Golden Warriors.

Laura Renfro hit five 3-pointers on her way to 17 points as Andover crushed Arlington Catholic, 64-43 last Monday. Lauren Hughes stood out on defense.

Despite 13 points by Megan Thomann, Andover fell to fellow

power Lowell, 51-42 on Friday. the overtime. Zach Burdeau led An-Natalie Gomez-Martinez scored 11 for the Blue and Gold. Laura Renfro dogged Lowell star Ashley Rivera into a 1-for-10 shooting night. The Red Raiders avenged their loss to Andover in the Christmas Tourney. Andover will host the Red Raiders on Feb. 5.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Fazio finds stroke for Warriors

D.J. Fazio, sophomore son of Andover coach Dave Fazio, hit a trio of 3-pointers to help Andover best Methuen 65-34 last Tuesday. Tristian Shannon added a game-high 16 points.

Andover nearly pulled off a shocker, but fell to unbeaten Lowell in overtime, 54-50, on Friday.

Kevin Polanco's jumper with 0.2 seconds left in regulation forced

dover with 14 points and Greg Cook added 12 points and seven assists.

GIRLS HOCKEY

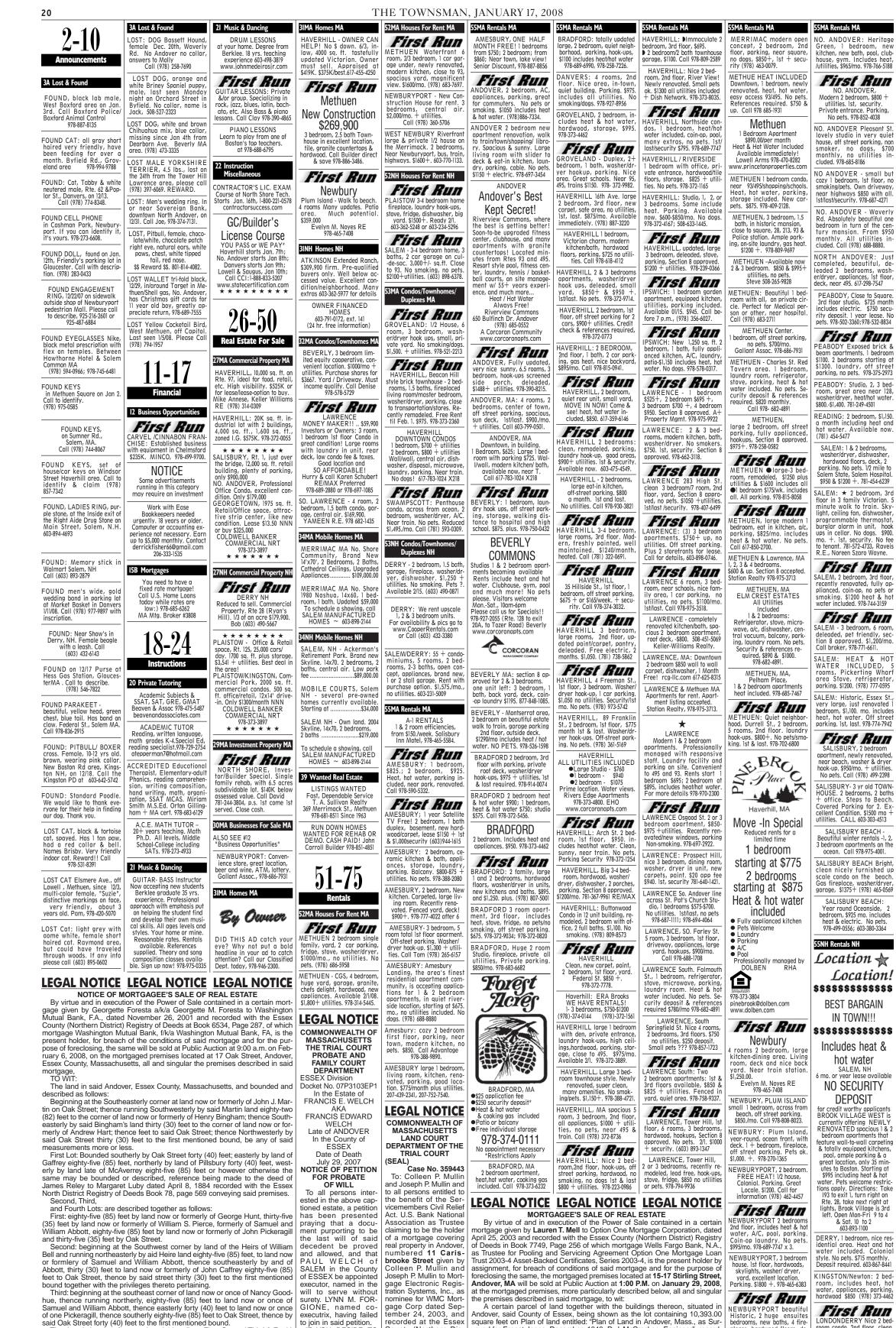
Paonessa strikes twice in win

Heather Paonessa scored a pair of goals to vault Andover past Beverly, 5-1, last Wednesday. Laura Drew also had a pair of tallies and assisted on another while Meaghan McCarthy had the final goal for the winners.

Sarah Oteri took a pass from Laura Cahill and gave Andover a 1-0 win over Billerica on Saturday. Megan Pettoruto made 34 saves for the winners.

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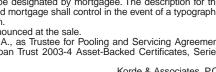
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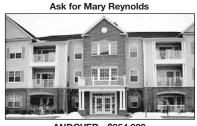




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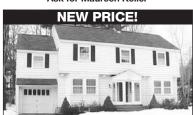


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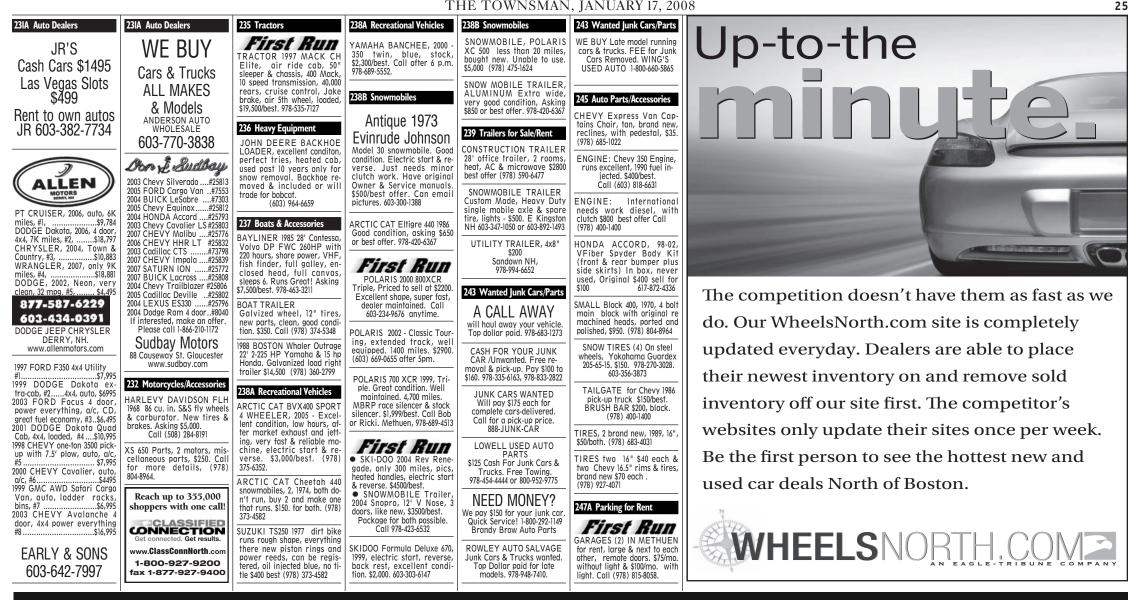
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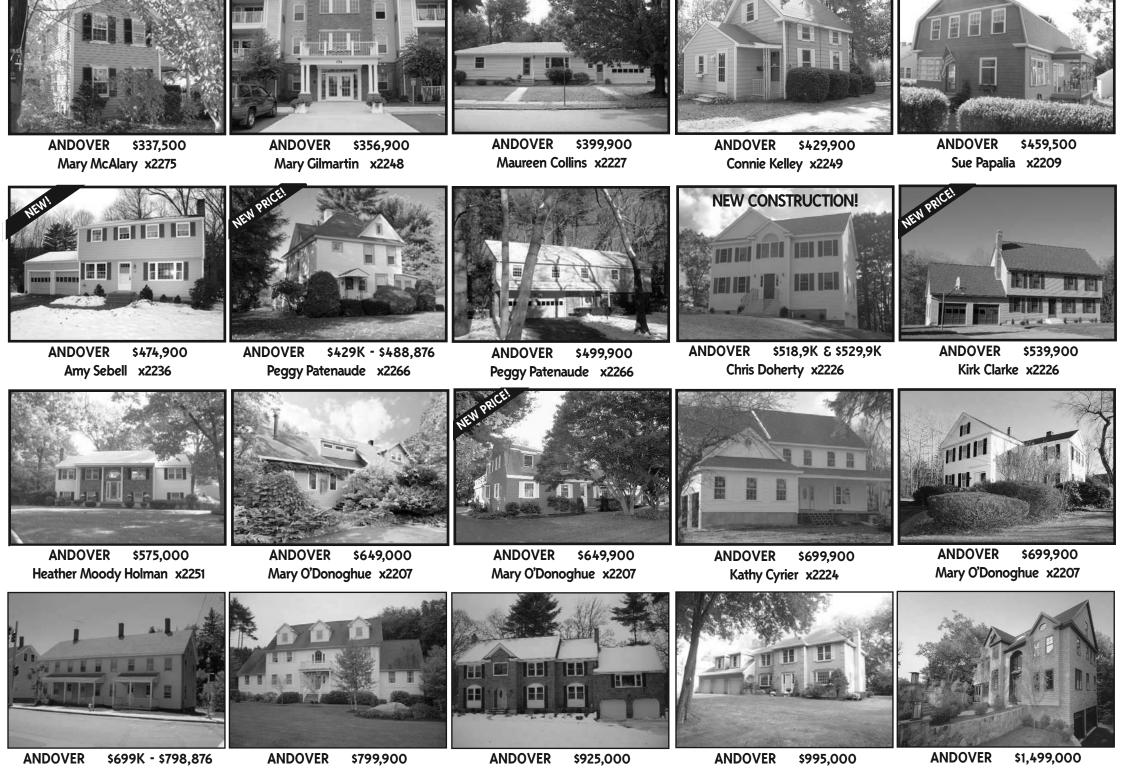
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PERRY

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was named the fourth varsity coach in the 12-year history of the Merrimack program. He takes over for Jim Murphy, who finished 30-21 including a NCAA Division 2 Sweet-

THE WEEK AHEAD

	Boys Basketball		Jan. 23	Arlington	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 18	at BC High	7 p.m.		Swimming	
Jan. 20	at O'Bryant	2:30 p.m	Jan. 17	at St. John's Prep	7 p.m.
Jan. 22	at Billerica	7:30 p.m.		Track	
	Girls Basketball		Jan. 19 & 2	0 State Relays (Lewis	Center)
Jan. 19	Notre Dame-Hingham	6:30 p.m.	Jan 23	Haverhill	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 22	Lawrence	7:30 p.m.		Boys Skiing	
	Boys Hockey		Jan. 17	Bishop Fenwick	3:30 p.m.
Jan. 19	Central Catholic	5:40 p.m.		Boys Gymnastics	
Jan. 21	at Lynnfield	6 p.m.	Jan. 17	at Newton North	5 p.m.
Jan. 23	at Wakefield	6 p.m.	Jan. 23	Braintree	7 p.m.
	Girls Hockey			Girls Gymnastics	
Jan. 19	at Chelmsford	5:40 p.m.	Jan. 18	Tewksbury	5 p.m.

THROUGH THE YEARS

15 YEARS AGO

Mike Roberts scored a team-high 28 points to lead Andover past previously undefeated New Bedford, 72-61. Eric Danis added 15 points and 10 rebounds while Kirk **Stockwood** had 12 points for the Golden Warriors

Andover's **Peter Afarian** made 15 saves to blank Wilmington, 3-0. Dan Hansberry, Scott Sullivan and Todd Thistle each had a goal for the winners.

Steve Shepard won the high jump with a 5-10 and placed third in the 50-vard dash to lead Andover to a 52-34 win over arch-rival



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16 playoff appearance in 2006.

"John is a great fit for our program and for the college," said Interim Athletic Director Joe Iarrobino, an Andover resident. "His many years as a successful coach and coordinator at the collegiate Division 1 level, combined with his excellent reputation and track record as a top recruiter of out-

Central Catholic. Max Dawson won the 2-

mile while **Rvan Twomev** won the mile for

25 YEARS AGO

With four minutes remaining in the con-

test, Dave Tiberli gathered in a rebound and

scored the game-winning goal in Andover's

3-2 victory over Haverhill. Bill Donovan

scored a pair of goals; Jay Downey and

Barbara Cullinan won the 50-yard dash

in 6.3 seconds and took second in the high

jump to vault Andover past Lawrence, 64-19.

Corinne Valcourt won the 50 hurdles and

Mary Hurley took the mile for the Golden

40 YEARS AGO

Led by Dave Paulekas' win in the 300

(35.2), Andover pounded Medford 51-26. Bob

O'Brien won the 1,000 while Joe Doherty

Dick Hatch won the parallel bars and

rings to help Andover gymnastics stay un-

defeated with a 106-68 win over South Port-

land (Maine). Lou Trumbore won the high

bars and Pete Wojtkun took the sidehorse.

downed Tewksbury 65-58. Peter Johnson

had a game-high 19 points and Bill Muller

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took the 600 for the winners.

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Josh Jones each had an assist.

the Warriors.

Warriors

standing student-athletes, gives us comes the eighth coaching posithe type of leader that we want here at Merrimack College."

Perry, 38, did not discuss the specifics or length of his contract.

"This was a very difficult decision," said Perry about leaving UNH, where he was an All-New England receiver.

The Merrimack position be-

tion for Perry since his graduation from UNH in 1992. Prior to last year's stint at UNH, Perry coached at Hofstra (2006), Georgetown (2005), Dartmouth (2000-04), UNH (1997-99), Brown (1994-96) and Northeastern (1992-93).

A receiver during his football playing days, Perry caught at least

the same style that I did. We do

the hard work in the corners and

the backchecking and forecheck-

And his sisters appreciate the

"He has years of experience."

said Danielle. "I'll talk to him af-

ter most games. He gives us ad-

Neither Paonessa sister wast-

ed any time making an impact

vice on what we need to do."

ing. Since they started playing,

we have talked a lot."

Twin ambition

help.

one pass in 42 straight college games. He was captain his senior year and helped the Wildcats to the Division 1-AA playoffs in 1991. "I'll lay out my expectations, ex-

plain to them my vision," he said. "and we'll hit the ground running." He plans on bringing an innova-

tive approach. Experience working with complex offenses and great

at the varsity level, seeing var-

sity time starting in the eighth

grade. As freshmen during the

2005-06 season, Heather scored

five goals while assisting on 10

others and Danielle saw time as

a defender, recording two goals

more last year, Heather tallied

Now juniors, Heather is sec-

ond on the team with six goals

and an assist through 10 games.

and five assists. As a sopho-

seven goals and 12 assists,

scoring.

ranking third on the team in

athletes, including UNH's Walter Payton Award-winning quarterback Ricky Santos will help.

"I see this as a long-term adventure," said Perry, who now lives in North Andover with his wife, Jennifer, and children, Caitlin, 8, John Jr., 6, and Elizabeth, 4. "I'll be there as long as (the administration) will have me."

Danielle, a starting defender,

added her first career two-goal

game against Concord-Carlisle. And it remains a family game.

"We're out there together

quite a lot," said Danielle. "We

plays and I know her style of

hockey. Its easier to communi-

"After practice and games we

cate and to adapt to a play.

will talk about what we did

ey."

wrong and how we can get bet-

ter. We always talk about hock-

enjoy it because I know how she

TWINS

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nize a pickup league at the college.

He also stays active in his sisters' exploits.

"I get to as many games as I can and call them three to four times a week and tell them where they could improve," he said. "Heather resembles me (as a player) more because she has

ROUNDUP

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SWIMMING

Millerick takes three wins

Adam Millerick won the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke and swam on the winning 400 freestyle relay to help Andover to a 101-74 drubbing of Lowell. Paul Hunter won the 50 freestyle and swam on the winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay.

BOYS SKIING

Sherman, Andover best St. John's Prep

Freshman Nick Sherman raced home in fourth overall, leading Andover to its first win over St. John's Prep in at least five seasons.

The Warriors earned a split on the day, falling to North Andover, which improved to 3-0. Nathan

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Weiner was next in at ninth and Eric Heath was 10th for the Golden Warriors.

lead Andover to an 84-51 victory over Masconomet. For the Warriors, Nick Sherman finished 12th while Peter Webster was 14th.

GIRLS TRACK

Shannon grabs second at Relays

Andover's Colleen Shannon took second in the 800 in 2:20.62 at the Dartmouth Relays on Saturday. The 4x200 relay team of Christina Muccio, Emily Shields, Bizzy DiTroia and Melissa Knapp also took second and the 4x400 relay team of Shannon, Kayley Pettoruto, Laura Cody and Vanessa Singleton placed fourth.

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to lead Andover past Central Chelmsford, 142.7-137.5. Lauren Catholic last Wednesday, 54-32. Colby added a fourth on the Mallory Cayon won the 50 hurdles beam for the Golden Warriors. and Jess Forster captured the high jump for the winners. Colleen Shannon won the 1,000 in an eye-popping 2:54.6. **GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

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Mattison shines in loss Rachel Mattison won the floor

Molly Van Doren won the 2-mile with a 9.2, but Andover fell to ley Christopher was 10th overall.

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GIRLS SKIING

Kearns leads Warriors

Katie Kearns was seventh overall in 21.27 to lead Andover to victories over North Andover (72-63) and Austin Prep (108-27). The Golden Warriors' Cay-



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Jess Forster flies over the bar during the high jump last week against Central Catholic. Forster won the event with a 5-0.

Eric Heath placed 10th overall to

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