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A sign of things to come at AHS?

You can help decide as town seeks opinions on mock-up

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

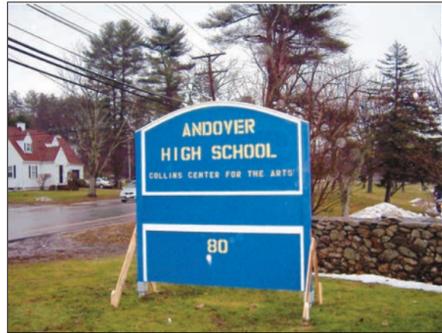
After some neighbors opposed an initial plan to have an electronic sign at the entrance to Andover High School, the town is seeking residents' views on a different sign.

A mock-up of the type of sign the town is now considering can be seen at the school's entrance on Shawsheen Road. The town wants to hear residents' reactions.

The school's name and Shawsheen Road address number, 80, is stencil-painted on the mock-up, which is being sup-

ported by wooden two-by-fours. If the current mock-up proves to be popular, Joe Piantadosi, director of Plant and Facilities, believes the final sign would be a metal sign without an LED display, and with a base made of stone or another masonry

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Courtesy photo
School and town officials want to install a sign in front of Andover High School that's similar in size and style to this temporary mock up created by the Plant & Facilities department.

WINTER OLYMPICS

The ultimate bull's-eye someday



TIM JEAN/Staff photo
Leila Smith, 18, and her brother Richard, 20, of Andover, will be going to Portage, Wis., next month for the United States Curling Association Junior National Curling Competition.

Andover brother and sister head to curling nationals

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

In Richard Smith's 13 years of curling, he's heard people equate his sport to many things — including "shuffleboard on ice." But Richard's sister, Leila Smith, offers what she considers to be a better comparison: "It's

been described as chess on ice," said Leila. "It's really a head game. I think it's a really good sport."

Both Richard, 20, and Leila, 18, are among the top young curlers in the country. The two will head to Portage, Wis., next month to compete in the United States Curling Association's Junior National Curling Competition, where 20 teams of

young men and women will compete for a national championship.

Perhaps best known for its appearance every four years in the Winter Olympics, curling is a team game where objects known as stones or rocks are propelled down a 146-foot sheet of ice.

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Town, MBTA eye solution to parking

Move town yard

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

It is so hard to find an open space to pull into at Andover's commuter rail station that Misty Wade's ride drops her off at Railroad Street most mornings.

"You shouldn't have to walk," said Wade, 19, of Lawrence, who takes the train from Andover regularly. "I think there should be more parking. It's just an inconvenience."

The lack of parking at the Railroad Street station has been a problem for years. But moving the town yard away from the area could create more space for commuter parking, say both town and MBTA officials.

Preliminary plans drawn up for the town to spark discussion about developing the Railroad Street corridor and moving the town yard show the potential for more than three times the 150 parking spaces currently available.

The Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, which owns the roughly one-acre parking lot adjacent

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Police: Larceny on Main Street

Jeweler accused of taking engagement ring

What a local jeweler told police was an honest mistake eventually resulted in his arrest for larceny.

Constantine "Dino" Zinopoulos, 47, who operates a

jewelry store out of Academy Barber Shop on Main Street, was arrested by Andover police on Jan. 11 and charged with lar-

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Bank employee admits to stealing from elderly

North Andover resident Jayne Gorrie, 54, an employee of TD Banknorth, has admitted to stealing thousands of dollars from elderly customers' accounts, police said.

Gorrie has not been arrested but is expected to be arraigned in court shortly under charges of three counts of larceny over

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PARKING: Task force members pondering in-ground parking garage

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to the Richdale convenience store on Railroad Street, also has recently expressed interest in the town's redevelopment efforts.

"The MBTA is open to working with the town to determine the feasibility of expanding parking as part of the town's plans to develop the area," wrote MBTA spokesman Joe Pesaturo in an e-mail this week.

Along with considering new office space and housing on either side of the railroad tracks, town planners and town yard task force members are entertaining the possibility of an in-ground parking garage where the town yard now sits. The town yard task force is a resident group charged with finding a location for the town yard.

On a typical weekday, the current parking facility is at capacity by 6:30 or 7 a.m., they contend.

"Anybody who's going to try to get a later train isn't going to find a place," said Hooks Johnston, task force chairman.

Step one

Any plan to develop the area hinges on moving the town yard. The town yard, where municipal

equipment and materials are stored, is located between the Public Safety Center on North Main Street and Andover commuter rail station on Railroad Street on a more-than-3-acre parcel.

"It doesn't seem like there's much space, but there's a lot you can do," said Town Planning Director Paul Materazzo. "This is the fun stuff, the dreaming, the opportunity."

Materazzo said creating structured parking with a mix of residential, commercial and office space on the town yard side of Railroad Street would open up the MBTA's parcel across the street for further mixed-use development.

"It could strengthen the Railroad Street corridor; help restructure that streetscape," he said.

Johnston agreed, but noted the town must be sure future development of the town yard site is complementary to the area.

"That could potentially open up," said Johnston, "If this two and a half, three acres gets developed nicely, it could really bring some interest from developers."

According to the preliminary development designs, the town yard could become the future



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

A full parking lot is a common sight at the Andover train station.

home to as many as 135 residential housing units. A total of 13,500 square-feet of office space on Pearson Street and as many as 470 parking spaces, including a 300-space MBTA parking facility, could also be built into the side slope of the current town yard parcel.

Materazzo maintained that such early-stage designs were created solely to begin discussion of rede-

velopment possibilities, and do not reflect any proposals put forth by developers or the town.

The MBTA-owned lot, according to the designs, could see any combination of between 16 to 39 residential units, 14,000 to 20,000 square-feet of retail and office space, and upwards of 130 parking spaces for residential, retail and office use.

"It's hard to convey it to the res-

idents of the town and the Board of Selectmen without visuals to represent it," said Materazzo. "We want to go to the selectmen being as prepared as possible."

Working towards a new location

The town yard task force will not present its findings to the Board of Selectmen this month, as originally planned.

Instead, the group will report to the board in the coming months after continuing to work toward finding a viable alternate location for the current Lewis Street town yard.

Two possibilities remain: town-owned land off Ledge Road and a privately-owned parcel on Campanelli Drive.

Johnston said there are fewer time demands placed on the task force now because there are no town-yard-related Town Meeting warrant articles.

"We have to be realistic," said Johnston. "Buzz and his staff are up to their ears in the budget. We can still move forward if we pace ourselves."

The task force's schedule was also delayed when it determined that initial plans to build a new town yard on Ledge Road put the

yard to close to neighbors on Greenwood Road. The task force has since asked for the site to be relocated further west, closer to Interstate 93.

"The original plan they gave us basically had the development along Greenwood Road and the task force didn't like that idea," said Johnston. "To make that site viable we feel you have to move it further west away from everybody."

The high cost of construction atop capped landfills will be a determining factor if the town decides to move the town yard to Ledge Road, Johnston said.

"We're limited to what we can do," said Johnston. "You can build on it, it's just certain additional things you have to do."

Johnston also said he wanted to set up a meeting with the Burlington-based Gutierrez Co., which owns the 15-acre parcel under consideration on Campanelli Drive, near the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

"We're near the river, so we have to be careful about that," said Johnston. "The only neighbor we have is the tech school, and it's really only their fields because it's in the back."

OLYMPICS: Siblings started curling at the Broomstone Curling club 13 years ago

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The object of curling is to get your rocks as close to a target as possible, while at the same time preventing your opponent from doing the same.

"It's difficult to compare it to things," said Richard, a junior at Hampshire College. "I guess if I had to

compare it to something, the finesse part of it could be compared to golf, although it is a team sport."

The Smith siblings received their start as young members of the Wayland-based Broomstone Curling club 13 years ago. Once multi-sport athletes, both Smiths have been focusing on curling in recent years.

"If you stay dedicated to it for 10 years or so, you could go really far," said Richard. "I could never become a professional basketball player or anything. [With curling] I have hopes to one day maybe go to the Olympics."

Richard will play in his fourth Junior National Curling Competition, his second as a member of the Michi-

gan Jr. Men's Team. U.S. Curling Association rules permit athletes from other states to join junior teams, as long as the majority of the five-person clubs are from the state, Richard said.

Richard first broke into the junior national tournament as a 16-year-old with a team from Massachusetts.

"I'm definitely among the most experienced in that age group in the country," said Richard. "It's taken me a while to get to this point. Hopefully I'll be able to lead my team and do well."

Richard said that come February, he'll be set on getting his team into at least the quarterfinal round and hopefully make a run at the national championship.

As the "skip" of his team, Richard is responsible for orchestrating strategy and is the last member of his team to throw stones.

"I've got to basically be a combination of the manager and the closer," said Richard, using a baseball reference. "Basically, it falls on the skip to be the team captain."

Leila will be competing in her first

junior national tournament as a member of the Utah Jr. Women's Team.

As vice skip, Leila said she must perform all the roles involved in curling — throwing stones, brushing near them as they travel down the ice toward the target and communicating throwing strategies with teammates.

"They're kind of all around," she said of the role. "This will probably be the biggest, most competitive area I've ever played in. I don't know what to expect. I heard it's fun, though."

Leila joined the Utah team through acquaintances of her brother, who has met curlers from across the country.

"It's a really friendly sport," said Leila.

Richard also became a member of Michigan's team through friendships he's made from previous junior tournaments.

"We sort of formed the team because we were friends," said Richard. "That's one of the things that goes into a good curling team — team chemistry."

CURLING 101

Curling began on the marshes of Scotland. There are four players to a curling team, though a fifth individual is sometimes used as a reserve member.

The object of the game is to throw your team's rocks, which weigh just over 40 pounds, down a rink toward a bull's-eye-like target painted on the ice about 120 feet away. Similar to innings in baseball, the two teams in a curling match take turns throwing rocks.

Each team gets eight throws per round. A typical game consists of 10 rounds. Players can knock each other's rocks out of the way, leaving their own rocks in better position.

At the end of a round, the team with their rocks closest to the bull's-eye receive points.

"There's a lot of strategy that goes into it," said Richard. "The idea is you have to plan out how you throw the rocks before you throw them."

Stones are curled down the ice from a handle at the top.

"They basically spin the handle that's on top of the rock so that it's basically rotating down the ice," said Richard. "The path of the rock just sort of curves."

Other members of a curling team can brush the ice around a rock as it travels toward the 12-foot target, in an attempt to alter the rock's trajectory. The more brushing, the less the rock curves, Richard said. Brushes are about four feet long and have pads rather than bristles.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



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THEN: On Main Street in the winter of 1957, one can see the snow piled as high around the parking meters along the sidewalks.



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NOW: This winter, snow is piled on the edge of sidewalks, where parking meters once stood.

Rotary club to meet

The Rotary Club of Andover will meet from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. at the Andover Inn on Chapel Avenue every Friday, including Jan. 25, Feb. 1 and Feb. 8.

On Feb. 8, fire Chief Mike Mansfield will talk about his job as chief and his background before coming to Andover last year. On Feb. 15, Joe Bevilacqua, president and CEO of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, will talk about the work of the local chamber and its upcoming activities. On Feb. 22, Karen Herman, chairwoman of the Andover Preservation Commission, will talk about what preservation is and what it means to the long-term health of a community. Guests are welcome. For more information, visit www.rotaryandover.org.

Choral Society concert on Jan. 27

Andover Choral Society will perform in concert with Metropolitan Opera Soprano Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell on Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. The group will perform Franz Josef Haydn's great oratorio "The Seasons." This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For tickets and more information, call 978-688-6353.

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Andover Parent to Parent presents Carol Plotkin, LIC-SW, executive director of behavior health services at Cape Cod Health Care, on Jan. 30 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road, Andover.

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— Retiring Principal Charles Friel on his advice for a new principal. *Story in Education, Page 18.*

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— Town Planner Lisa Schwarz on a plan to build a general store on South Main Street, at the site of a defunct gas station. *Story in Business, Page 13.*

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— Resident David Pierre, president of a board of overseers for a nonprofit organization that runs the town's cable access television station. *Story in Arts & Entertainment, Page 15.*



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

School Committee collective bargaining session with Andover Education Association, executive session, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 5 p.m.

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 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

Board of Selectmen survey subcommittee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 a.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

Main Street Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, noon.

MONDAY, FEB. 4

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

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

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

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Eight pull nomination papers to seek offices

Rematch for moderator shaping up?

School Committee member David Samuels has taken out papers to run for town moderator and another term on the School Committee. He expects to decide in the next week which office he will seek. "Basically, my options are open right

now," he said. "I'll know very soon what I'm going to do."

Samuels, who ran for moderator last year and lost to Sheila Doherty, is one of eight residents who have taken out papers so far to run for one of the four town

positions open on the March 25 ballot. One seat each for moderator, selectman, School Committee and Housing Authority are up for election in March.

A person must return the papers with the signatures of registered voters to appear on the ballot.

That will make Feb. 5 a day for civic duty. Not only will Massachusetts residents

vote in the presidential primaries, it is the last day for Andoverites to turn in nomination papers to run for local office.

As of Andover Townsman deadline, the following people had taken out papers:

- **Moderator** (one-year term): Incumbent **Sheila Doherty** and **David Samuels**
- **Selectman** (three-year term): Incumbent **Mary Lyman** and **Peter Cotch**

■ **School Committee** (three-year term): **Dennis Forgue**, **Gregory Rigby**, **Peter Loring** and **Incumbent David Samuels**

■ **Andover Housing Authority** (five-year term): Incumbent **Janice Burkholder**
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— *Bethany Bray and Neil Fater*

► Five-year Capital Improvement Plan

Proposed spending bypasses costly school, fire station repairs

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Recent studies have identified Bancroft Elementary School and two Andover fire stations as town buildings in immediate need of major renovation or replacement.

But you won't find either multi-million-dollar project on the town's latest five-year capital improvement program, which covers fiscal years 2009 to 2013.

Selectmen have approved Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski's recommended fiscal 2009 capital improvement program of \$20.9 million.

Of the four years beyond fiscal 2009 that are covered in the most recent version of the annually updated program, only five town and school projects break the \$1 million mark: improvements to the town's water supply system, new sidewalk construction and roof replacements for West and Doherty middle schools.

Stapeczynski said his department heads focus predominantly on the next two fiscal years when putting together their annual capital requests.

Andover officials are considering asking for a Proposition 2 1/2 override to maintain the town's existing operating budget. That would require voters to approve an increase that exceeds 2 1/2 percent of the previous year's tax. However, Stapeczynski said the fiscal challenges facing Andover did not cause the lack of big-ticket items on the capital improvement plan.

So, what did? Timing is one factor, according to both Stapeczynski and fire Chief Michael Mansfield.

Mansfield presented the study recommending the replacement of fire stations in Ballardvale and West Andover to selectmen in December — nearly two months after the town manager presented his spending plan to the board.

"Moving forward to FY2010 to 2013, you're going to see those capital improvement projects listed in future years," said Mansfield of possible station replacements. "I truly hope that the town is going to take a good look at the study we've done and realize that now is the time to replace these

State money alone will cover road repairs

Road maintenance will be paid for entirely with state money this year, as it was last year.

To keep up with an annual maintenance schedule that calls for 10 miles of road work each year, Public Works Director Jack Petkus typically requests \$2 million in the capital improvement program for repaving projects.

That project request was deferred by Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski before he presented the program to selectmen in the fall.

The town is expecting \$1.36 million in state aid for road maintenance this year.

"With the other pressing needs that we have, I just couldn't see putting in money for rebuilding roads at this point," said Stapeczynski. "At this very moment, probably one-third of our roads in Andover are in good shape. The problem is the other two-thirds; we are only able to touch with this \$1 million and Jack probably needs \$3 million to address all the problems. ... We just don't have the money, so he'll address the worst of them."

Without town funding for road repairs, Petkus expects to repave about 5 miles this year. Decisions on which roads to repair are made in the spring.

Under the town's multi-million-dollar sewer expansion project, Petkus said, an additional 40 miles of road — including some of the worst stretches in town — were able to be repaved.

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the future replacement or major renovation of Bancroft Elementary School, according to Bernie Tuttle, business administrator for the school department.

On Jan. 16, Tuttle and other school officials met in Boston with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, the state entity charged with deciding which school building projects receive state government funding.

"The way I see it is everything gets prioritized," said Tuttle. "You make a determination that Project X really needs to be done ... and Project Y we can put off for the next year or the year after that."

"In my eyes, the CIP, as far as the information listed in there, it's always in a state of flux," said Mansfield. "The projects in there can and will change based on need."

The list of projects approved by selectmen to be on the CIP will not be the same list that's approved by the board to be voted on at Town Meeting, according to Selectman Alex Vispoli.

Selectmen annually review each capital request as they proceed with balancing the operating budget, he said.

"That list gets scrutinized when we go through the recommendations," said Vispoli. "There's projects on there that get winnowed down. They do every year."

Vispoli said that because of the town's financial challenges, greater scrutiny must be given in the future when prospective projects are listed on the town manager's annual capital improvement plan.

"I think it's become a catch-all and I think it's become, at some level, a wish list," said Vispoli. "We're in a different situation than we were before and I think the CIP needs to reflect that, as well as the overall budget."

When major expenses come along in the future, such as building a new fire station or school, Vispoli said the town will have to pay for them and other capital requests will become "casualties."

"There will have to be choices made," he said. "There's certain things that we have to do."

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Jan. 15 — At 10:12 a.m., Hector Fernandez, 25, of 440 S. Union St., Lawrence, was charged with failure to wear a seat belt, speeding and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 — At 11:32 a.m., David Legerstrom, 19, of 91 John St., Tewksbury, was charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 11:43 a.m., Ryan Mooney, 18, of 54 Walnut Road, Tewksbury, was charged with possession of a Class D substance.

Thursday, Jan. 17 — At 12:42 p.m., Richard Hanson Jr., 21, of 78 Farnham St., Lawrence, was charged with disorderly conduct.

At 4:01 p.m., Timothy Sheehan, 25, of 43 Wilson Road, Tewksbury, was charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 4:18 p.m., David Harrington, 27, of 39 Wilson Road, Tewksbury, was charged with possession of a Class D substance and on a warrant for shoplifting.

At 10:13 p.m., Yu Li, 45, of 174 High St., was charged with speeding, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, and a miscellaneous motor vehicle equipment violation.

Friday, Jan. 18 — At 1:23 p.m., Scott Segal, 25, of 3 Granada Way, was charged on a warrant for resisting arrest and threatening to commit a crime.

Saturday, Jan. 19 — At 1:51 p.m., a 15-year-old female from Andover was charged with arson of a dwelling/house and malicious destruction of property over \$250. The girl unsuccessfully attempted to light a ceiling tile on fire, Lt. Thomas Siopes said.

Sunday, Jan. 20 — At 10:15 a.m., Darryl Crispin, 41, of 3 Charlotte Drive, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 6:02 p.m., Stephanie Rotondo, 32, of 10 Ridge Way, North Andover, was arrested and charged with following too closely on a state highway, a marked lanes violation, operating under the influence of liquor and driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Monday, Jan. 21 — At 2:11 p.m., Aaron Hartford, 40, of 17 Auburn

St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged on a warrant for breaking and entering.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 15 — At 9:24 a.m., identity fraud was reported on Dundee Park.

At 2:32 p.m., forgery was reported at New England Business Park Drive.

Wednesday, Jan. 16 — At 2:46 p.m., vandalism was reported on Buxton Court.

At 6:09 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Nutmeg Lane.

Thursday, Jan. 17 — At 12:15 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on River Road.

At 7:50 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Chestnut Court.

Friday, Jan. 18 — At 2:08 p.m., vandalism was reported on Shawshen Road.

At 5:59 p.m., a female came to the station seeking an emergency restraining order.

Saturday, Jan. 19 — At 8:38 a.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Great Heron Place.

Sunday, Jan. 20 — At 1:23 p.m., vandalism to conservation land on Lowell Junction Road was reported.

At 2:06 p.m., following an earlier call about a disturbed person, an attempted suicide was reported.

BREAKS

Tuesday, Jan. 15 — At 9:10 a.m., a past breaking and entering of a dwelling was reported on Mohawk Road.

Saturday, Jan. 19 — At 1:33 a.m., breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on School Street.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Jan. 15 — At 10:28 a.m., larceny of \$40 was reported on North Main Street.

Friday, Jan. 18 — At 12:42 p.m., larceny was reported on Main Street.

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SIGN: Town wants your opinion

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material.

In total, the new sign would be approximately 8-by-8 feet.

One neighbor, who is not opposed to having a sign at the entrance on Shawsheen Road, questioned whether the sign could look like the "Welcome to Andover" signs found at the gateways to town.

James Delaney, who lives on nearby Lincoln Street and can see the sign from his home, suggested copying one of those wooden signs that are already planted at key intersections at town borders. The "Welcome to Andover" is painted in gold lettering on blue paint and the signs have granite legs keeping them in place.

"It would be like other signs in town," Delaney said. "It would match."

Town officials could not install a sign that exactly matches those existing "Welcome to Andover" signs because it would not be tall enough to be seen by drivers in each direction, said Piantedosi.

"The height allows it to be seen so the wall doesn't hide it as people are coming up Shawsheen," Piantedosi wrote. "This is not exactly how it would look, as the base we proposed would be some type of masonry material. However, the size is approximately the same."

The sign needs to be about eight feet high so it can be seen by drivers heading toward the downtown on Shawsheen Road, he said. The road dips a bit just before the school's entrance in that direction.

The proposed sign first came before the town's Zoning Board of Appeals last fall and plans for it

are still under review.

"We did this (mock up) so everyone on the design review committee, ZBA and other interested residents and abutters can see what the sign we have proposed would look like," Piantedosi wrote in an e-mail.

The temporary sign is a basic wooden sign, with no illumination.

Currently, there is no sign for the entrance to the large public high school and attached Collins Center for the Performing Arts, which receive many visitors.

Other public schools in town have signs where leaders can list school news, such as PTO meeting times. At AHS, students use homemade wooden A-frame signs to advertise plays, athletic games and other events.

Comments on the sign can be directed to Piantedosi at jpiantedosi@andoverma.gov.

RING: Investigation is ongoing

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ceny over \$250 after a customer tipped police off.

"We've been keeping an eye on him for a while," said Sgt. Don Pattullo of the owner of Constantine Jewelers.

Zinzopoulos' arrest stems from a Nov. 28 incident in which a female customer dropped off a diamond engagement ring at his store, requesting that he use the diamond to create a pair of earrings.

The woman wanted the earrings by Christmas, Pattullo said, a deadline Zinzopoulos agreed to meet.

"Basically, they played phone tag for a while," said Pattullo.

After telling the woman he had trouble getting a match for her diamond on Dec. 20, Zinzopoulos gave the woman the earrings three days later, Pattullo said.

Upon taking them home, the woman realized that neither of the earrings contained her original diamond or were of equivalent value, Pattullo said.

"She knew there was an issue," said Pattullo. "She got back to the guy and he said he misunderstood her."

"Needless to say, the engagement ring is gone," said Pattullo. "It didn't make sense. Somebody wouldn't drop off an engagement ring and take all the time just to get comparable earrings. They would have just bought them."

Zinzopoulos, who was brought to the police station and later arrested by Andover detectives, is still being investigated by police for other complaints against him, according to Pattullo.

"We're still looking into some other reports," said Pattullo. "We are investigated some other issues which may be legitimate. We're not sure yet."

Michael Crocco, a barber who shares the same Main Street business address as Zinzopoulos, said he only irregularly comes into contact with the jeweler. He had no further comment about Zinzopoulos' arrest.

The woman also declined comment at this time.

— Brian Messenger

BANK: Gorrie cooperating with police

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\$250 against victims over 60 years in age, according to Andover Police Sgt. Don Pattullo.

Gorrie allegedly stole more than \$80,000 from three elderly TD Banknorth customers, spending the money on casino trips and lottery scratch tickets, police said.

"That's what she told us," said Pattullo. "She just got in over her head, apparently, and found an easy way to get some money."

Pattullo said Gorrie has been cooperative with authorities and

has admitted to stealing from customers in their 80s who relied on her to handle tasks such as paying bills. The stolen sums ranged from \$7,000 to \$69,000, Pattullo said.

Police became aware of Gorrie's activity after TD Banknorth security officials informed them of an internal investigation of her conduct spawned from a customer complaint.

Pattullo said he has since been told the three elderly customers have been reimbursed in full by TD Banknorth.

"They've been very good to the

customers," said Pattullo. "It's definitely an unfortunate incident."

Gorrie stole the money by cutting checks and making withdrawals from the customers' bank accounts.

"She has cooperated through her attorney and TD Banknorth has done what they can for their customers," said Pattullo. "It's unfortunate that somebody that's entrusted with money like that would be taking it from elderly people. It's up to the court now."

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Opinion

Moving yard would add MBTA parking

We've said before what a great thing it could be for the downtown to move the town yard from the land between the public safety center and the Andover commuter rail stop. It just doesn't make sense for the town to use this valuable land to store its road salt and equipment if other land is available.

The news that the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority is interested in working with the town to improve and expand parking to the commuter rail if the town yard is moved only adds to the possibilities. And it provides additional reasons to move the town yard.

For years, residents — Merrimack Valley residents, not just Andover residents — have complained about the lack of parking at the Andover commuter rail stop. If you are not parked by 7 a.m. most days, you will need to start driving to the Reading stop, because you won't find a space in Andover.

With the state and town working together to discuss possibilities, moving the town yard could lead to hundreds of additional parking spaces, plus new housing units, restaurants and shops.

So, in addition to expanding the downtown living and shopping opportunities, and adding new tax revenue to the town coffers, the development of the town yard land could lead to better commuting to Boston for residents.

Yes, Andover is a long way from moving its town yard. It must have leaders willing to support a move to a suitable location. It also will take years of planning and then construction to add any new multi-use corridor to the downtown.

But as the town's senior planner, Paul Materazzo, said, it's exciting to imagine the possibilities.

Unity brunch a great success

So many people attended the unity brunch on Martin Luther King Day, the host church had to scramble to find extra tables for the 160 people who arrived. That is a wonderful sign of residents' interest in creating a better and more unified community, and reaching out to meet new people.

King has a record of accomplishment and a legacy of inspiration that will never be erased. His words ring strongly still throughout a country that was transformed by his activist mission, which began with his successful campaign to desegregate the Montgomery, Ala., bus lines in the mid-1950s.

Children born in this century likely have a hard time believing that within their grandparents' lifetimes, black Americans were relegated to the back of the bus in some places and barred from attending the same schools as their white counterparts. The more enlightened world in which we live today owes much to the work and words of Dr. King. It won him the Nobel Peace Prize in 1964, but cost him his life four years later when he was gunned down by an openly racist ex-convict by the name of James Earl Ray.

No one, least of all King himself, would maintain that bringing an end to the discriminatory practices and ideas that had prevailed in some parts of the country since the Civil War, could be accomplished by one man. And his work needs to continue, in great and small acts, including events such as unity brunches.

But the Baptist preacher had a unique gift in the power of his oratory. Four decades after his death, Dr. King's great legacy remains undiminished.

TEAMWORK



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Lawrence and Andover firefighters band together on Springfield Street in Lawrence to battle a raging fire Monday morning that leveled a city block.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On taxes, middle class can only handle so much

Editor, Townsman:

An open letter to Andover's selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee:

The requests, sounding more like demands, of senior town administrators for big tax increases and Proposition 2 / overrides to fund big budgets have become daily news. There's just one problem: the financially squeezed middle class taxpayer in Andover is being ignored as these requests get tossed around as if town residents are sitting on untapped oil reserves in our backyards.

Town administrators seem to be unaware of the observable reality that we're in the throes of a major economic downturn, unlike anything we've seen in decades. The economic consequences are affecting every household, and are compounded by skyrocketing costs of basic necessities such as home heating oil, health care and food.

The dirty little secret of our town taxes, contrary to what most people believe regarding Proposition 2 / limits, is that our property tax bills have increased, on average, by well over 2.5 percent per year over the past 20 years even though we have never approved a Proposition 2 / override. In fact, typical homeowner tax bills have increased at a compound rate of 5 percent per year since the early 1980s. That's a rate of increase that exceeds the average rate for most household incomes during this same period.

Most people in town have no doubt the superintendent and town manager are facing a budget crunch. That's because we all are facing significant budget crunches in our daily lives. Unlike the town government, however, which can force people to pay bigger tax bills, we have no ability to force our employers to pay us the extra money we need to cover increases in our town tax bill, which has become one of the largest expenses in the typical Andover household budget.

So now is the time for town administrators to take stock of the fact that they get paid the big salaries and big benefits packages not just for when times are flush but for when economic times are tough and where hard budget decisions must be made. This is where the ability to say "no" and where fresh and creative thinking regarding town services is essential.

Here's a modest two-step proposal to help bring town budget in line with the economic realities facing town residents:

Step 1— Instruct a one year freeze on everyone's tax bills so residents don't get hammered by yet another big increase in our costs of running our households while you enter into an extended discussion with town residents on the services we want from town government and how we want to pay for them.

Step 2 — Get input from as many people in town as possible, holding a series of open-discussion "neighborhood town meetings," where you can ask, listen and learn: (1) what residents care about most as to core town services; (2) what residents consider desirable but not essential within those core services and would be

willing to pay for on, say, a fee-for-use basis; (3) which town services could be offered to residents by multiple, independent service providers enabling residents to gain the benefits of competition; and (4) our opinions on town spending priorities. I think town officials will be amazed at what they hear and learn.

With an overall town budget now in excess of \$100 million per year, it's time to ask us directly what our priorities are given the tight household budgets town residents have to live within, and rethink how town services get delivered.

Bob Pokress
3 Cherrywood Circle

Fund schools and freeze seniors' taxes

Editor, Townsman:

I have been a resident in this town for nearly 58 years; I have been employed as an English teacher at Andover High School for 33 years, and I hope to retire at the end of this year. As I near that period of fixed income blithely referred to as the "golden years" — usually by those who are in their 30s or who bought Microsoft at \$10 a share — I find myself in a quandary: I truly believe the town needs to override Proposition 2 1/2 to fund our schools adequately, but I see my home's valuation skyrocket — a very modest home my parents purchased in the 1930s — and, with it, my property tax bill increase. I, along with many long-time residents, have paid taxes all my adult life. Why should I, or any other citizen who has contributed to the town for decades, be driven to search for cheaper accommodations in a strange community because I can no longer afford to live in the town where I have lived all my life?

I often wonder at the priorities in our town. Not too long ago the town chose to install brick walkways leading to the new town hall in a year when teachers walked a picket line in search of an equitable contract. Again, teachers have been without a contract since July 2007 and the town tells us we must cut an additional \$1.7 million from the school budget at the same time the town will install brick sidewalks and faux gas lamps in the commercial area downtown. Pretty — yes. Wise — not so much.

Teachers are again being asked to carry this town, and it's not just. The town side has to acknowledge the needs of the schools. I've watched the cost of textbooks and paperback books rise well over

100 percent in the past 10 years. In the English department at the high school, we are asked to pay \$20 for a paperback — you can imagine what prices textbooks command! And in our current contractual negotiations, we are, in effect, being asked to take a pay cut because neither our last contract nor current offers meet national inflation indexes.

While we need to override Proposition 2 1/2 to fund our schools adequately, we also need to acknowledge the needs of our older citizens, many of whom are on fixed incomes. I propose that property taxes and residential valuations be frozen at their current rates for those who have resided in the town for 60 or more years, or for those who are over the age of 70 as of Jan. 1, 2008. We can continue to contribute to our town, but our homes would not be threatened by continued increases in property taxes or property valuations. We can afford to live where we have lived for many years.

I ask only for justice and balance. The town can continue to be justly proud of its schools, and our older citizens can support those schools without jeopardizing their own future.

Kathleen Zalla
Chester Street

CPA funds are matched

Editor, Townsman:

At Andover Town Meeting in 2002 an opponent of the Community Preservation Act deterred voters from passing the CPA by asserting the state funds would not be available to match funds raised by the town. To date, 100 percent of funds raised by cities and towns have been matched by state dollars every year. Filing fees at the Registry of Deeds, dedicated to the CPA, are the source of the state match. Had the town passed the CPA in April 2002 at 3 percent, as proposed, the town would have received more than \$8 million in state matching funds (in October 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007), to pay for projects the town needs and wants, such as open space acquisition, preservation of historic structure, such as the Town House and Memorial Hall Library, and development of playing fields for our youth.

In the first three years of the CPA, the state collected far more

than it distributed, for two reasons: activity at the Registry was very high as homeowners refinanced their mortgages, and fewer cities and towns had passed the CPA. A surplus developed, because these revenues must be used for the CPA. Last October, for the second time, the state distributed more matching funds than it collected. However, there is still a surplus in the CPA fund. It is estimated Andover will receive a match between 50 and 100 percent at the time it is first eligible for state funds in October 2009, if voters pass the CPA at the March 25 town election.

In Massachusetts, 127 other communities have passed the CPA. The state distributed more than \$68 million in matching funds last year and Andover received nothing. North Andover, which passed the CPA in its first year, has received over \$6 million in state matching funds over six years. Andover residents are paying the Registry filing fees that fund the state CPA match, but are not receiving a benefit.

Members of the Andover CPA Coalition believe Andover missed an opportunity to fund needed projects already in the Capital Improvement Program, such as the Veterans Memorial Auditorium at Doherty Middle School and development of playing fields on the newly acquired Reichold and Blanchard Street properties, as well as future dreams, such as creating pedestrian access along the length of the Shawsheen River, with state funds matching town dollars. Visit the Andover CPA Coalition Web site, www.andoverCPA.org, for more information. Join me in voting yes for the CPA, because earning the state match for CPA-eligible projects will make Andover a better place to live.

Susan Stott
4 Robandy Road

'Near ruthless review' of nonschool departments needed

Editor, Townsman:

Congratulations to Bill Pennington, and others, for recognizing the serious crisis facing Andover. The education of our children is the single most important thing all Andover residents do,

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WEB QUESTION

What's the best plan for Bancroft?

Last week's Web site question was, "A lot of information still needs to be discussed about the town budget. But where do you stand currently on supporting a Proposition 2 1/2 override?"

■ Nearly 6.7 percent of those responding said, "I know I will support it, no matter what."
■ About 33.3 percent said, "Leaning toward support, but want more information."
■ No one said "undecided."
■ Exactly 20 percent said, "Leaning toward opposition, but want more information."
■ The final 40 percent said, "I know I will not support it, no matter what."

This week's question is, "The town and state are looking at either repairing or replacing Bancroft Elementary School, an open-concept school built to look like a castle. What do you want to see happen to Bancroft School?"

■ Repair it. It's a great, uncommon design.
■ Repair it. We can't afford a new school.
■ Replace it. It's becoming dangerous.
■ Replace it. It's a terrible concept anyway.
■ Other.
To vote visit www.andover-townsman.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

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even for those of us without children in the school system. We "do it" with our tax dollars, which allow for trained educators to prepare our youth for an uncertain future. That the town's budget model might be antiquated and not reflective of current needs may be true. That the schools are operating on a shoe-string and inadequate budget is a given. That the state is inadequately funding the towns is also a given, as is the legislature's undeniable inability or blatant unwillingness to address the problem in any aggressive or satisfactory manner. Public education in Andover has reached a critical juncture. Excellence or mediocrity beckons and only our tax dollar will determine which path we take. We must ensure the school budget reflects a commitment to excellence, not acceptance of mediocrity.

The leadership of Andover must aggressively seek to reduce all nonessential employee and operating costs with a near-ruthless review of every nonschool department. No new police car, no new fire boat and certainly no ludicrous spending of money to affix speed bump-outs on streets are more important than textbooks or teachers. Our parents went to war and survived a depression to secure a better life and provide for their children. We, at least, can tackle a monetary foe and secure that same future for our children.

We need to embrace the reality that we must pass a Proposition

2½ override. There is not one of us in this town that cannot handle each week the meager additional taxes resultant from that action, even if it means one less latte or café grande at Starbucks. Secondly, we must mandate that our elected leaders believe, and reflect their beliefs in action, that educating our children is the single most important thing we do in Andover.

In the last year we have heard that, "we need to start reviewing open positions before they are filled." We weren't doing that? We have just received the results of a two-year study of the use of town vehicles. Two years! Most public employees in Andover have worked for the last six months without a contract and, to make that worse, it has been suggested that we continue not to finalize those contracts in a backwards and ill-conceived attempt at resolving a problem.

The *Townsmen*, in a recent editorial, needlessly interjected that our educators are paid above the state-wide average and "get pensions for life." It failed to mention that our educators are above the statewide average in length of service and possession of advanced degrees. Yes, they get pensions, but the implication in the *Townsmen* that they get pensions is wrong. They contribute a significant portion of their salary for that pension. It is not just given to them. Do we want to save money by securing the employment of less qualified educators?

I am a retired senior citizen without children in the Andover school system. However, I believe the education of the children in this town is the most important thing I do in

Andover. I hope you do too, and admonish, in the strongest possible terms, any tax-paying citizen of Andover who feels otherwise. There is not one adult living in this town more important than any child. You will ultimately be asked to pass Proposition 2½. Do it with pride — for our children.

William L. Gibson
125 Argilla Road

What makes a townie, a townie?

Editor, Townsmen:
Referring to the "townie" commentary that appeared in *Town Talk* last week (Jan. 17), I'd like to add a few thoughts.

A townie doesn't have to be a twig on the Mayflower family tree and doesn't have to have an address "uptown" (another Andover colloquialism!). Social standing and neighborhood proximity are not determining factors.

My understanding is a townie is someone who was born and raised in Andover, or just raised here, or lived all or most of his or her life in Andover. The term also suggests that a person has first-hand knowledge of or a connection to people, places and events that figured in the town's past. Webster's online dictionary defines a townie as a "resident of a college town not affiliated with the college." Encarta adds: a townie is "somebody who lives permanently in a town."

So maybe the term is open to local interpretation. I think there's a future Bill Dalton article here!

Joan Patrakis
(a West Andover townie)
35 Chandler Road

Elder Affairs secretary to visit

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Michael Festa has been on the job just four months, and he wants to hear what you have to say. The state's new secretary of elder affairs will visit the senior centers of both Andover and North Andover the morning of Jan. 25 for a "meet and greet," organized by state Rep. Barbara L'Italien of Andover.

He will be at the North Andover Senior Center from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Open to the community at large, not just seniors, Festa's visit is a chance for him to hear from local citizens, and for townspeople to ask questions about issues affecting the elderly. It will help folks "put a face with the name," said L'Italien.

"It's important for him to come out and speak with elders in Andover about the challenges they're facing," said L'Italien. "It's all about finding ... better ways for serving elders, but in ways that are financially viable for our state."

Festa will be at the Andover Se-



Elder Affairs Secretary Michael Festa chats with Gail Paris of Family and Children's Service of Greater Lynn Inc. during a meet and greet in Peabody late last year.

nior Center from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.; a continental breakfast will be served.

"We're looking forward to it, looking forward to a good discussion," said Pat Becker, program coordinator at the Senior Center. "We'd like to hear what he has to say, but it's also an opportunity for questions and answers. He'll be able to talk about what initiatives he is planning."

"We know the senior population is not shrinking, it's expanding. Everyone is concerned what will happen as far as resources go, the future of senior services in the

Commonwealth," she said.

Festa was appointed secretary of elder affairs by Gov. Deval Patrick in October, vacating his seat in the House of Representatives for the 32nd Middlesex district, which covers Melrose and part of Wakefield.

During his time in the House, Festa worked with L'Italien and state Sen. Sue Tucker on elders' advocacy, sponsoring a 2006 bill that became the Equal Choice Law, which helps seniors receiving care at home to receive Medicare funds as easily as those in a nursing home.

Festa has done several question-and-answer forums recently. L'Italien said she and Festa are personal friends, and she didn't hesitate to invite him to Andover once she knew he was looking to offer meetings around the state.

"I'm just absolutely thrilled that he was appointed," said L'Italien. "He's got great energy and enthusiasm."

She will spend Friday with Festa and she'll be available at both forums.

"He's beginning to kick into high gear," said L'Italien. "It's a great opportunity for Mike to come out and meet the seniors in Andover. He's a very engaging, very personable, very caring person. It's important for seniors to come out, for him to get their perspective."

Now that the Equal Choice Law has passed, L'Italien said she hopes to work with Festa on bringing services to those who are just above the income qualifiers, so that those who are struggling just above that poverty threshold also receive assistance. "Their needs are just as great," she said.

Tucker said she hopes to be in attendance at Festa's forum on Friday. It will be her first chance "to see him in action as secretary."

"He's very smart and is a good listener. He had an active, engaging reputation as a legislator. ... He has a long history as an advocate for the elderly," said Tucker. "I urge all residents that have concerns about the elderly — either for themselves or for family members — to come."

Becker said the morning will be useful for not only seniors, but the "bookend generations," those caring for seniors or who know of a friend, relative or neighbor who might benefit from senior services.

Becker asks those who plan to attend to call the Senior Center at 978-623-8321 to make a reservation.

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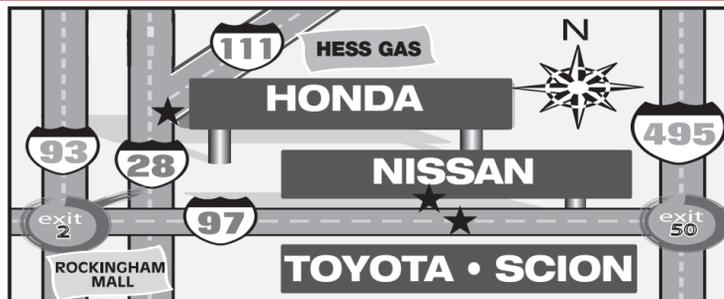
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Townspeople

“Andover is a community of readers, and I really like interacting with the public and also writing publicity.”

Emily Classon

New job, familiar face

Classon named community services librarian

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

She's a librarian with a lizard. Emily Classon, the new community services librarian at Memorial Hall Library — the woman who arranges special activities — talks about the 2-foot-long creature like a proud mom.

“He can be a little moody, and I never know how awake he will be when I get home,” Classon said of yellowish lizard who sounds very much like an ordinary 2-year-old.

The lizard, named Aztec, doesn't travel to work with her, because it prefers the warm confines of its glass cage during the day. But when Classon and her husband, Chris Briggs, get home from work, they play with Aztec.

“I know librarians usually have cats,” she laughed. “I have a lizard.”

Preferring scaly to furry may seem unusual to some for a librarian, but the 34-year-old is not an unusual fit for the library position. She has been working at Memorial Hall Library for the past 18 months in the reference and technical services department.

Classon received her master's degree in library science at the University of Michigan. Before coming to Andover, she worked several years at Lowell's public library.

Classon replaced Norma Gammons as the community services librarian at Memorial Hall Library on Jan. 7.

She says she is a big reader of the classics (Shakespeare, George Elliott, Jane Austen) and contemporary books (“Gentlemen & Players” by Joanne Harris is on her nightstand right now) when she is off the clock.

She grew up in Mendon and went to Wheaton College, where she earned a bachelor's degree in English and classics civilization. She lives in Lowell with her husband and Aztec.

An interest in becoming more involved with the public led her to apply for the job.

“Andover is a community of readers, and I really like interacting with the public and also writing publicity,” said Classon, who is also a scrapbooker. “I am really excited about being here, as I get to use my skills.”

Her office is next to the children's room at Memorial Hall on the ground floor.

She said the familiar library programs such as Fish On! and Genealogy are not changing, but new programs will begin soon.

For starters, teen author Marcella Pixley of “Freak” will visit on Jan. 30. A new parenting series, paid for with a federal grant, will begin Jan. 31.

The library's online book group is one of Classon's favorite programs, because



Emily Classon is now arranging special activities at Memorial Hall Library.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

readers can contribute when they want, on their terms.

“If you are busy and can't attend a face-

to-face book group, but want to share your thoughts on a book, it's for you,” Classon said.

The book group can be accessed through the library's Web site at www.mhl.org.

160 rise to honor Martin Luther King's message

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Organizers of the Andover Baptist Church Martin Luther King Day Unity Brunch hoped to bring people together, and that is just what happened — so much so that they had to scramble to find extra tables and chairs for the 160 people who arrived for fellowship and a home-cooked breakfast.

Lyndon Myers, pastor of Andover Baptist, called the morning “a roaring success.”

“I was totally floored. It was an overwhelming experience. We had far more people than I anticipated. We had a wonderful time,” said Myers. “Everybody left with such good feelings, such high spirits.”

An offering was taken during the morning's ceremony, and the church has decided to take the money donated that day and give it to victims of Monday's fire in Lawrence, said Myers. Donations from the brunch will be given to Lazarus House. The inferno, which broke out Monday morning at 2:30 a.m., destroyed an entire city block and left close to 40 families homeless.

At the brunch, organizers had set places for 108 people in the



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From left, Kyle McKinney, John Morgan and Tyrone Scott, all members of Andover Baptist Church, prepare for the buffet breakfast in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

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TOWN TALK

Helping Lawrence fire victims

The can may be an ordinary can, but it is usually worth about \$500. It's the counter can at Baron's Country Store at 429 Lowell St. (Route 133), where customers generously throw in their spare change for various causes.

Now the money being collected is for the more than 150 Lawrence residents who lost their homes in Monday's fire on Parker Street.

“This is a can with a reputation. (It) has a long history of collecting for causes,” Brenda Baron said. “This time it's the fire victims and the money collected will go to Lazarus House in Lawrence, which will direct this check (to those who need it).”

The Route 133 store's hours are 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, while Saturday hours are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The store is closed on Sunday.

People can go online to the city of Lawrence Web site at www.ci.lawrence.ma.us and click on the “South Lawrence Fire” link to find several other ways to offer help.

— Judy Wakefield

State to inspect schools

The state will soon be taking a close look at Andover schools — and residents who would like to offer comments are welcome to do so.

Andover Superintendent of Schools Claudia Bachwas recently informed of an upcoming Department of Education Coordinated Program Review. The state will visit the district during the week of Feb. 11.

Such visits are routinely conducted by the DOE to satisfy federal and state requirements for the periodic review of specific education programs and services. The department reviews several programs during a single visit to use department and school staff's time most efficiently and to encourage strong connections among the programs, according to a release from the superintendent's office.

The Coordinated Program Review will address these areas: special education, English language learners and civil rights.

After reviewing school district procedures for these programs, a Department of Education team will make its onsite visit, reviewing individual student records, interviewing administrators, teachers and parents, and observing instructional sites. After the visit it will prepare a public report, with detailed findings for each program.

Any member of the public may request to be interviewed by telephone by a member of the state's visiting team. Those wishing to be interviewed may call the superintendent's office at 978-623-8501 no later than Jan. 28 to leave their name and telephone number, or they may call the Department of Education at 781-338-3720.

Library's best stash available tonight

Bring some cash if you are planning on going to the preview of Memorial Hall Library's annual book sale tonight, Thursday, Jan. 24.

It costs \$20 to get into the preview event being held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The event happens on the third floor of the building. Paperbacks cost \$1 while hardcovers are \$2.

If you can't make it tonight, the sale runs during regular library hours Jan. 25-27. On those three days, there is no admission charge.

— Judy Wakefield

Tax bills can be paid online

It is now possible to pay town real estate bills electronically or with a credit card with UniPay Online. Residents simply need to visit www.andoverma.gov and click on the e-Services box along the top of the Web site for instructions.

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KING: Event was a huge success

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church's fellowship hall, said Myers, and as more and more people arrived, they made a "mad dash" to set up five or six more tables.

Folks from across the Andover community were in attendance, including clergy and rabbis from several different houses of worship, and politicians from all levels of government.

This is the first time the Andover Baptist Church has hosted a Martin Luther King Day event, and it plans to make it an annual tradition because of this year's success, said Myers.

"We had a wonderful response from the community, and most people seemed to have a real hunger and thirst for something like this," he said.

The morning's guest speaker, the Rev. Charles Stith, got a five-minute standing ovation after he

spoke, said Myers.

Stith gave a "very powerful, very thought provoking" speech on unity, said Myers. Although advances have been made in gender and race equality — he used Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton as examples — there are still many issues we have to deal with, said Stith in his speech.

Since Monday, Myers has received a handful of e-mails from people who believed Stith was endorsing a particular candidate, which is not the case, said Myers. He said he was able to reply and explain Stith's message further.

"We hope to get people of different races and different backgrounds to talk to one another on a deeper level, about issues that are just below the surface," said Myers. "To really push to have deeper dialogue on our social experiences, and how our race has shaped our thinking."

Big catch



Courtesy photo

Al DeDotto, an Andover fire lieutenant, will cover in-shore light tackle fishing for striped bass and blue fish in the Chatham area as part of Fish On!, an event at the Memorial Hall Library during the month of February. DeDotto's presentation will be Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. See story, page 12.

TOWN TALK: Julia Kwolyk to perform

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The payment option may come in handy soon as the town has mailed the actual tax bills for Fiscal Year 2008, which started July 1, 2007 and ends June 30, 2008. Third-quarter payment is due Friday, Feb. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessors' office at 978-623-8265. Applications for abatements must be received in the assessors' office no later than 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 1.

The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped

in the white mailbox with a blue Town of Andover seal in front of the offices. The tax collectors' office will be open Thursday, Jan. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

If you have not received a bill, call 978-623-8246 or send an e-mail to treasurer@andoverma.gov.

OK to fiddle with these Celtics

On Thursday, Jan. 31, Julia Kwolyk of Andover will be playing Celtic fiddle tunes and singing both American and Celtic folk songs. The public is invited to listen to her for free at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. Call 978-475-8588 for more information.

MILITARY NOTES

Cadet Bradford Whiting, a 2004 graduate of Andover High School and a senior at Norwich University, completed the U.S. Army Leadership Development Assessment Course at Fort Lewis, Washington. The rigorous 35-day course is designed to test knowledge of soldier tasks and evaluate cadets in their military leadership both tactically and technically. Cadet Whiting ranked in the top third of 400 cadets in the country and in the top 25 percent of his class. Due to this high ranking, he was awarded his first choice of branch in the United States Army and after commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in May 2008, he will work as an Adjunct General Corps officer. Cadet Whiting also completed U.S. Army Air-

borne school in the summer of 2006. At Norwich University, he has risen to the rank of Cadet Captain and is one of 15 Company Commanders in the Corps of Cadets, one of the highest positions at the school, where he is directly in charge of 75 other cadets. Cadet Whiting is also the president of the Norwich University chapter of the Association of the United States Army, the president of the student ambassador program, Maroon and Gold Key, and is a member of the Corps Honor Committee, where students that lie, cheat or steal are put before the Committee and are tried for their violations. Cadet Whiting is also a University Scholar, having attained a grade point average of 3.5 since his freshman year.

Boston Youth Symphony Orchestra names selections

The following students were chosen to play with the Boston Youth Symphony Orchestras for the 2007-08 season: **Sasha Scolnik-Brower**, cello; **George Cheng**, violin; **John Diodati**, clarinet; **Jun Ishihara**, violin; **Daniel Kim**, clarinet; **Brandon Lam**, violin; **Ruby Mercure**, violin; **Mari Nagahara**, violin; **Miki Nagahara**, violin; **Madeline Tucker**, cello; **Alexandra Morgan-Welch**, viola; **Annie Ye**, clarinet; and **Simon Ye**, violin.

These students were selected from more than 705 auditioning children — the highest number of applicants the organization has had in its 50-year history. The 440 selected musicians rehearse weekly to prepare for performances and tours. They will per-

form in some of Boston's finest venues including Symphony Hall, Jordan Hall at New England Conservatory, Sanders Theatre at Harvard University and the Tsai Performance Center at Boston University.

The BYSO includes three full orchestras, a string orchestra, four chamber orchestras, a chamber music program and the Intensive Community Program, a 70-student, rigorous string training program for underserved youth. In June, the BYSO's top orchestra, the Boston Youth Symphony, will travel to Germany and the Czech Republic, performing at the acclaimed Gewandhaus in Leipzig, Germany.

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SENIOR NOTES

Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 14 the group will discuss "Crossing To Safety" by Wallace Stegner. Copies of the books are available for check-out at the center and all are welcome. Group will be led by Evelyn Retelle.

Men's Breakfast on Friday, Feb. 15 at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$3. Preregistration is required. Topic will be "Sunny Spain: The Florida Of Europe". Travel with Willard Robinson as he shows his slides from his extensive trip to Spain as well as side visits to Tangier, Morocco and the Rock of Gibraltar.

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.

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

"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 you 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 fats and what's not? What's too much and what's too little? How can you tell one kind from another? Come to this pre-

sentation, get your questions answered and get the "skinny" on fats.

Chinese New Year Celebration 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.

Lunch Trip to the Salem Cross Inn on Thursday, Feb. 21. Cost is \$39/\$41. Our first stop will be at Yankee 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, Feb. 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required. The focus of the course will be to provide instruction on how to use acrylic paints to create a sense of light, shadow, depth, perspective and texture. The class will be suitable for all ability levels. Cost is \$25/\$40, depending upon whether you would like the instructor to supply the materials.

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 the folk tunes and dances of Bohemia. Tickets purchased through the senior center reflect a \$10 savings off the regular price.

Scouts send 'thank you' packages to soldiers

Cub Scout Pack 79 is involved with a community service project to boost the spirit of five soldiers and their families. The Scouts wrote letters, drew pictures and bought gifts for the soldiers, then sent to them each a package, enclosed with a photograph of the pack. Letters, drawings and a scout photo were also sent to the soldiers' families.

"We selected five families that we knew personally and 'adopted' them so we could express our thanks and appreciation. We wanted to reach out to the families also because we realize how hard it also is for those at home. Each letter and

picture was personalized," according to Marisa Cain, mother of one of the Scouts. "Surprise holiday packages were mailed in December. Each soldier received two packages with items that they needed or would appreciate."

Examples of items sent are toiletries, hand-held games, baked goods, magazines, food products, videos, chocolates, hats, sunglasses and books. The packages were surprises. Another group of packages will be mailed this month meaning the soldiers should receive them in February, according to Cain.

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Obituaries

Frederick Priestley Fitzgerald, 94



ANDOVER — Mr. Frederick Priestley Fitzgerald, 94, of Andover, died at Academy Manor in Andover on Monday, Jan. 21, 2008.

Born in Lawrence, on Oct. 16, 1913, he was a son of the late Frederick and Sarah E. (Harrison) Fitzgerald. He was married for more than 67 years to Elizabeth (Croy).

A graduate of Columbia University in New York, Fred was a true entrepreneur. He owned and operated M.T.&L. Co., specializing in industrial tools. He was an active member of the Free Christian Church of Andover. He served as a member of the choir, a deacon, a Sunday school teacher and was a driving force in the spiritual community.

While retaining strong ties to his native Lawrence, Mr. Fitzgerald devoted his life to the enrichment of the town of Andover. He was the founder of the Andover Fund for Education, a member of the Andover Finance Committee, a treasurer of the Andover Historical Association, a member of St. Matthew's Lodge A.F.&M., Andover, and of Kiwanis International. He also worked at the polls for many years. He was an avid

reader, and was recently heard reciting the 238-line Tennyson poem, *Lochslea Hall*, in its entirety, from memory.

Mr. Fitzgerald will be sorely missed by his beloved wife, Elizabeth, whom he married on April 3, 1940, as well as three loving daughters and two sons-in-law; Jane and her husband Michael J. Bailey of Newport, R.I., Virginia Johnson of Mesa, Ariz. and Catherine F. and her husband Marshall Meeks of Acton, six grandchildren; Kelly Bailey Pfirmann, Michele Bailey Flood, Jennifer and Amy Johnson and Jesse and Sarah Meeks, and six great-grandchildren; Betheny, Cassidy, Tristin, Terence, Kaileigh and Reilly. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: His life will be celebrated at a memorial service at the Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., Andover, on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008, at 10 a.m. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Calling hours will be held at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008, from 4 to 7 p.m. Burial will be private. Donations in Frederick's memory may be made to the Andover Fund for Education, the Free Christian Church or the charity of your choice. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.

A. David Adler, 86

HINGHAM — A. David Adler, 86, of Hingham, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at Anne Nursing Home after a long illness.

Mr. Adler was the father of Ruth Rosenweig of Andover and her husband Cantor Donn Rosenweig of Temple Emanuel, Andover.

Born and raised in Steubenville, Ohio, he recently moved to Hingham after having resided in Columbus, Ohio and Fort Myers and Sanibel, Fla.

Mr. Adler received his accounting degree from Robert Morris College and served in the Army during World War II receiving a medical discharge.

A retired C.P.A., Mr. Adler owned his own firm Adler & Co. until merging with Lasser Co.

He was a past member of the Steubenville School Board, past president of Steubenville Rotary and taught Sunday school at Temple Beth El.

Mr. Adler is survived by his

wife, Shirley (Katz) Adler. He was also the father of Elaine Bresnick of Newton Lee Adler and his wife Lauren Kaufmann of Needham, the late Sig Adler and his wife Janice Adler of Brighton and Jane and her husband Mark Seiden of Newton. He was the grandfather of Matthew and Daniel Rosenweig, Anna Bresnick, Sarah, Samantha and Emily Adler and Margo and Stephanie Seiden.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, were Friday, Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. Interment in Lawrence. Condolence calls were made at the home of Ruth and Donn Rosenweig, Andover, on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m., Sunday 1 to 3 p.m. and Monday 3 to 7:30 p.m. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be donated to Sig Adler Cancer Research Fund, c/o MGH Development Office, 165 Cambridge St., Boston, MA 02114. Arrangements by Goldman Funeral Chapel, Malden.

Mary L. Murphy, 92



ANDOVER — Mary Louise (Hyland) Murphy, 92, a 60 year Andover resident, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008 at the Wingate in Andover.

She was born in East 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 and was an avid reader.

Widow of State Police Capt. Daniel A. Murphy, she is survived by four sons, Daniel W.

Murphy and his wife Barbara A. of Lexington, David F. Murphy and his fiancée Marta Chea of Andover, Dennis C. Murphy and his wife Jenny of Boston, and Richard J. Murphy of Andover; six grandchildren, three Andover raised, Paul D. Murphy and Betsy A. Murphy of Andover, Katy M. of Ft. Collins, Colo.; 12 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Augustine Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810 or Lazarus House, P.O. Box 408, Lawrence, MA 01842. Please send cards of sympathy to Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, MA 01810. Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. Burial in St. Augustine Cemetery.

DEATHS

A. David Adler, 86
Frederick P. Fitzgerald, 94
Mary L. Murphy, 92
Josephine T. Pasquale, 87

Mary M. St. Louis, 67
Jean A. Trainor, 77

Josephine T. Pasquale, 87

ANDOVER — Josephine Theresa (Scipione) Pasquale, 87, of Andover, died Friday, Jan. 11 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Josephine was the youngest and sole survivor of 10 children born to Nicola and Anna Scipione of Sulmona, Italy. She grew up in Jamaica Plain and moved to Andover in 1948.

While living in Andover she worked as a teacher's aide at the West Elementary School, and was employed at "Young Fashions" for many years. After retiring, Josephine was afforded the luxury of enjoying many enjoyable years of golf at the Indian Ridge Country Club in Andover.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard Pasquale of An-

doover; daughters, Mary Ann Jurek of Andover and Andrea Doherty of Canada; and a son, Joseph B. Pasquale and his wife, Caren, of Weston; eight grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church, Andover. Burial in West Parish Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to the Italian Home for Children, 1125 Center St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130; or to the National Italian American Foundation, 1860 19th St., NW, Washington, DC 20009. To leave online condolences or for weather related updates, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Mary M. St. Louis, 67



ANDOVER — Mary M. (Barrett) St. Louis, 67, of Andover, died on Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mary was born in Methuen and was raised and educated in Methuen and Lawrence.

She had worked at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home, Lawrence.

Mary loved to play Bingo, do crossword puzzles and word searches and loved to read. She was very dedicated to her family and will be missed dearly by all who loved her.

Her family members include her husband, David St. Louis of Andover and her daughter, Robin M. and her husband Kenneth Dumais of Methuen and

four sons, Jeffrey A. and his wife, Elaine St. Louis of Lawrence, Mark S. St. Louis and his partner, Mauricio Moncayo of Pembroke Pines, Fla., Douglas St. Louis and his partner, Paul White of Hanover, Mass. and Robert E. and his wife, Janet St. Louis of Methuen. She leaves a brother, Vincent Barrett of California and three grandchildren, Haley St. Louis, Derek St. Louis and Corey St. Louis and was predeceased by her daughter, Denise St. Louis.

ARRANGEMENTS: There were no calling hours. A private family service was held. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Greater Lawrence Unit, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Arrangements are by The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Jean A. Trainor, 77



NORTH ANDOVER — Jean A. Trainor (Ackley), 77, passed away at the Hanna-Duston Nursing Home in Haverhill on Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

Jean was born in East Millinocket, Maine on Aug. 27, 1930 to parents, Noris and Jennie Ackley. She moved to North Andover in 1973.

Jean was employed for over 16 years at Raytheon in Andover before retiring. She previously worked at Tire Rubber Co. in Andover.

Jean enjoyed summers in Maine and winters in Florida. She was a member of the Heart to Heart Senior's Group.

Jean was predeceased by her husband, James Trainor and her daughter, Pricilla Marsden.

Among her survivors is her

son, Christopher Crowley and his wife Betty of Panama City, Fla.; daughter, Elaine Hale and her husband Chuck Hale Jr. of Pelham, N.H.; son, Patrick Crowley of North Andover; son-in-law, Charles Marsden of Methuen; grandchildren, Katie Marsden of Methuen, Chuckie Marsden III of Methuen, Jason P. Hale and his wife of Rochester, N.H., Chuck Hale III and his wife of Manchester, N.H.; special friends, Mary Ellen Cooper of Tewksbury, Dorothy and Phyllis Manz of Lowell and Rita Hale of Pelham, N.H.

Jean is loved by her family and will be dearly missed.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request of the family, funeral services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. Please visit our online guestbook at www.CataudellaFH.com.

Little support for contract delay idea

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Selectmen Chairman Brian Major seems to have little support for his suggestion to delay settling town employees' contracts until after Andover voters decide whether to support a Proposition 2½ override.

The idea has drawn criticism from union presidents and disagreement from members of the School Committee, which negotiates with Andover's teachers union.

"We should not be playing politics with contracts for our employees," said committee member Tony James. "The School Committee is working diligently with the teachers union to reach a fair and equitable contract — (fair) to the teachers and to the town."

The strategy of delaying salary increases was called "insulting" and "ignorant" by former police superior officers union president Lt. Thomas Siopes, who resigned from the position last month for personal reasons.

"It's not a question of having the money," said Siopes. "It's how they're choosing in advance to allocate that money... It should have been appropriated before."

Andover's 13 superior officers are in their fourth year without a contract, but expect to receive a state arbitration award within a month to settle negotiations, according to interim union President Lt. William McKenzie.

Deferring contract decisions "would mean waiting another four or five months before we have the answer," said Major. "The only real source to raise revenue would be an override. Otherwise, there's no way to pay for it. You have to pay for it in bodies."

"Before you settle any (salaries) you better know where the revenues are coming from," said Major. "We know what we can afford to do and it's not enough to provide pay increases. Even with zero pay increases, we'd still have to lay people off."

Police patrolmen union President Ed Guy said officials balanced last year's operating budget without providing any cost-of-living increases to employees.

"Now they expect us to take zero again, I'm sure," said Guy. "It's absolutely ludicrous."

Among other members of the Board of Selectmen, only Mary Lyman and Alex Vispoli participate in all contract negotiations with the town's seven employee unions.

Because selectmen Ted Eichert and Jerry Stable are related to town employees, they must abstain.

Lyman did not return a call for this article before Townsman press time. Vispoli declined comment.

James said having salaries determined before Town Meeting benefits residents.

"We believe the citizens of Andover deserve to know when they go to Town Meeting what financial commitments have been made to their employees," said James.

But with major town service cuts necessary if an override does not pass, Major said committing to more money before a source was determined was "backward thinking."

"There's a lot of concern out there. To make the assumption that the town is just going to step up to the plate and provide an override for pay increases is foolish," said Major. "Why rush when we don't know what the equation looks like... Let's take our time. Lets do it right."

Police to seek state help?

After helping patrolmen come to a retroactive contract agreement last spring, Guy said he expected fair proposals from the town moving forward when new negotiations picked up in August.

"Unfortunately that has not come into fruition," said Guy. "We find that extremely frustrating; extremely disheartening."

Guy said that many union members feel like a "non-asset" in the eyes of town management, and said filing for contract arbitration with the state's Joint Labor Management Commission is now a possibility again.

"Filing with the (commission) is definitely not out of the question, because we feel they don't want to negotiate with us," said Guy. "It's definitely something we're looking toward. It's just absurd."

Here are the hooks for "Fish On!"

The annual "Fish On!" month-long celebration at Memorial Hall Library will kick off Tuesday, Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. Captain Alan Montello will present "Fishing the Great Pyramid: Ladders and Large Lahantun Cutthroat Trout in Nevada's Prehistoric Inland Sea." He will also cover the history of the fishery, the fish and the angling techniques.

All discussions begin at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library.

On Tuesday, Feb. 12, Captain Skip Montello and Steve Papows will return to the shores of Cape Ann for striped bass and bluefish with spinning and fly fishing tackle in their talk, "Light Tackle Angling: Cape Ann."

On Tuesday, Feb. 19, Ron Powers will offer "Big Water, Big Fish"

about fishing the Bay State's biggest bodies of water, the Quabbin and Wachussett Reservoirs for salmon, trout and bass. Having written numerous articles on each place, he will teach the ins and outs of catching trophy gamesters in these waters.

On Tuesday, Feb. 26, "Fishing the Elbow of Cape Cod" will be offered by Al DeDotto. He has had numerous articles published about fishing the coastal waters of Massachusetts. His presentation will cover in-shore light tackle fishing for striped bass and blue fish in the Chatham area.

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CANCER

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

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

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

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

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

Prostate cancer support group, meets third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m.,

Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium, 70 East St., Methuen; Ron L'Heureux 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

CAREGIVERS

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

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

CHRONIC DISEASE

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

DIABETES

Diabetes support group meetings: third

Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

DOWN SYNDROME

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

GAY/LESBIAN

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

HIV/AIDS

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

LYME DISEASE

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

MENTAL HEALTH

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

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

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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

PACEMAKERS

Pacemaker-Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) Support Group is a support group for Pacemaker and ICD recipients, their families and friends in the greater Lowell area. Sponsored by the Lowell Gen-

eral Hospital with the support of device manufacturers, the group offers a forum for education and network for support. Meets the second Thursday evening every other month at Lowell General Hospital at no cost to participants. To register or for more information, call 978-937-6326

PARENTS

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

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

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

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

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Business

General store is proposed for South Main Street

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover developer Bill Perkins wants to build a café and food market at the site of a former family-operated garage and gas station on South Main Street, which would be torn down.

The proposed 4,300-square-foot business would provide a variety of food products and offer a convenient location for residents living nearby, said Town Planner Lisa Schwarz.

Perkins is a partner with Andover resident Dave Deloury for this project. Annie Perkins, the developer's wife, would be the general manager if the project is approved by the Planning Board.

The land at 429 South Main St. (Route 28) was home to Lund's Automotive Service until 1999. In 2004, the zoning board rejected another developer's effort to add more gas pumps on the lot and create a drive-up food window.

Residents of South Main Street and Rocky Hill and Rattlesnake Hill roads signed a petition against that idea, although supporters of the project presented their own petition signed by other Andover residents.

The new proposal would be different, say the Perkinses.

"The town didn't want a national chain there," said Annie Perkins. "We're a great alternative. We don't want to be anything like Dunkin' Donuts. When you're walking into this place, I want it to be like you're walking into my house."

"It's not a convenience store," said Schwarz, "but there will be nice food provisions and coffee, and you can get sandwiches and preprepared dinners. The design of the building will fit in with the residential neighborhood."

"When you're walking into this place, I want it to be like you're walking into my house."

Annie Perkins

Annie Perkins said she already has begun discussing with neighbors what food items to put on the menu.

"I really want to be able to respond to the customers' needs," she said. "I think the location's a home run as far as serving the neighborhood."

In the morning, the business would serve as a coffee house with baked goods and caffeinated beverages, while later in the day, a deli would serve lunch, said Bill Perkins.

"I think it will be a valuable amenity to the area," he said.

"I think it will save on vehicle trips," he said. "We want to be an option for general food on that side of town, but also offer options not available in the area."

Prepared foods and other provisions would include packaged and marinated meats, milk, wine and beer, Bill Perkins said. An ice cream window and outdoor seating are planned for warm-weather months, he added.

"Real honest, healthy food," said Bill Perkins. "I'm not talking (about) a lot of esoteric, high-end stuff. I'm just talking real good food."

The proposed use would serve as an improvement for the area, said Schwarz.

"I think it is a perfect use for the site. It's a great location," said Schwarz. "It's good planning to have sites like this and it's a very attractive use for the site (compared to) what is there today."



Courtesy photo

Above: An architectural rendering of the proposed general store, which would be built at the site of a former family-operated garage and gas station. Below: The old building would be torn down, according to the proposal.



FILE PHOTO

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Applications now available for TSB Charitable Foundation Inc.: Local nonprofit organizations in areas serviced by The Savings Bank that are eligible for a TSB Charitable Foundation award must submit their applications to the Foundation's Board of Directors by Jan. 31. Awards will be presented in April. To be eligible, an organization must be determined as tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and have received a permanent or advance IRS Determination Letter which describes the organization as a publicly supported charity. Applicants will be considered for program expansion, evaluation, renovations, new construction projects, capital funding, etc. from organizations whose primary focus is in the following areas: shelter for the homeless, family services, the elderly and the poor. Awards presented will focus on organizations that serve residents of Wakefield, Lynnfield, Andover, North Reading, Methuen and surrounding areas. Applications can be requested

through TSB Charitable Foundation, 351 Main St., P.O. Box 30, Wakefield, MA 01880, at tsbcf@tsbawake24.com or online at www.tsbawake24.com/TSBCharitFound.html.

Brian Zinsmeister, DPM, was named a new service chief at Emerson Hospital. Zinsmeister, of pediatrics, will serve a three-year term.



Brian Zinsmeister

Coppanion Inc., an innovator in tax document automation based in Andover, appointed Edward V. Jennings to the position of senior vice president of sales and marketing. The company saves tax professionals hundreds of hours during tax season with accurate and secure web-based applications for automating client tax document organization, data entry and review.

Dr. Dennis G. Begos of Andover was recognized by Boston Consumers' Checkbook as an outstanding physician in the category of General Surgery. The research performed by Checkbook is based upon responses given by physicians regarding who they would most trust to provide care for their family members and loved ones. Dr. Begos is chairman of the Department of Surgery at Winchester Hospital. He is a partner at Commonwealth Surgical Associates in Stoneham, and is an assistant professor of surgery at Tufts University School of Medicine. He is also the director of resident and medical student education at Commonwealth Surgical Associates. He practices at Winchester Hospital, Tufts-New England Medical Center, and Hallmark Health. He specializes in general, colon and rectal and advanced laparoscopic surgery. His practice covers the full spectrum of colon and rectal surgery and general gastrointestinal surgery.

Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley in partnership with North Shore Elder Services is hosting a free Nursing Home Advocates Training on Jan. 25, 28 and 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day. At the conclusion of the three-day training, each person will be certified by the State of Massachusetts as a nursing home ombudsman for Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley. Lunch and light refreshments will be provided for each attendee each day along with mileage reimbursement. Space is limited. Reservations are strongly recommended. To reserve a space, call 978-964-1445.

Workforce Training Fund workshop will be held Jan. 25 from 8 to 10 a.m. at Northern Essex Community College in the Technology Center, 110 Elliott St., Haverhill. The workshop will highlight how to apply for grants, what resources are available to assist in the application process, new requirements that may be beneficial to a business, and opportunities to ask questions about the

Workshop Training Fund. Guest speaker will be Michael Corcoran, operations supervisor for the Workshop Training Fund Programs. A continental breakfast will be served. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Allan MacGregor at 978-556-3836.

The Butler Bank Giving Tree, which was set up in the Andover branch during the month of December, collected over 105 presents for St. Ann's Home & School in Methuen. In addition to collecting all the gifts, Butler Bank donated \$500 to the school. Butler Bank employees delivered the gifts to the home and presented a \$500 check to Donald Delery, director of residential programs at St. Ann's.

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's "Toy Drop-off Center" in Andover collected more than 75 new, unwrapped toys, along with individual gifts and gift cards, for The Home at its 305 North Main Street location. The Home is a

private nonprofit child and family service agency providing services to thousands of children and families.

John Delaney of Andover was a graduate of the Massachusetts Department of Correction 302nd class of Recruits at a ceremony at Mechanics Hall in Worcester. To receive this honor, recruits must complete a rigorous 10-week training program, with classes at Shirley Training Academy and on-the-job training at correctional facilities. The graduates receive training in skills including emergency response procedures, ethics and professionalism, and the inmate management system. Upon graduation, all begin immediate assignments in correctional facilities.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 24

Annual "Jews, Christians and Muslims: Together in Prayer," from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. This event is presented by the Center for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations at Merrimack College and co-sponsored by the Office of the President, the Office of the Vice President for Mission and Advancement, the Center for Augustinian Study and Legacy, and the Grace M. Palmisano Center for Campus Ministry. It is free and open to the public and made possible by a grant from the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation. For more information, call 978-837-5428.

Preview night of annual book sale, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. Cost is \$20 per person. 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," 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 or 617-931-2000 or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

Latin dance party from 7 to 11 p.m. at 60 Island St., Lawrence. Greg Coles, Latin dance teacher extraordinaire, is going to be teaching the salsa, cha-cha, meringue and more. Participants must be 21 years of age or older. Cost is \$50 and includes food, Latin dance lessons, auction and raffle opportunities, door prizes and dance exposition. All proceeds benefit Family Services. For tickets or more information, call Mary Lyman at 978-683-9505 ext. 648 or visit www.familyserviceinc.com and click on "What's Going On."

Firehouse Center for the Arts annual New Works Festival performance schedule beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Newburyport: "It's A Start" by Victor Atkins, directed by Sherry Bonder; "The 5:05" by Con Chapman, directed by Pat Bashford; "Minutia" by Stephen Faria, directed by Anne Smith; "Mating.Com" by Sandy Farrier, directed by Kimm Wilkinson; "Frozen Response" by Stephen Faria, Dalton, directed by Bonnie Lake; "Chances" by Paul H. Goodwin, directed by Cynthia Arsenault; "Shadows and Pearls" by Hailey D. D. Klein, directed by Diana Kerry; "One Fine Morning" by Bonnie Lake, directed by Arlene Barnard. Each performance is a short scene. All plays are presented as staged readings, with minimal sets and scenery and with the actors using scripts on stage. Tickets are \$12 each or \$28 for a three-day pass. For tickets or more information, call 978-462-7336 or visit www.firehouse.org.

Boston Artists Ensemble concert, 8 p.m., East India Marine Hall, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$24 non-members, \$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 or 617-931-2000 or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

Firehouse Center for the Arts annual New Works Festival performance schedule beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Newburyport: "Fireflies" by David Mauriello, a full-length play, directed by Marc Clopton; "Anchovies with That" by Bonnie Lake, a short play, directed by Beth Randall. All plays are presented as staged readings, with minimal sets and scenery and with the actors using scripts on stage. Tickets are \$12 each or \$28 for a three-day pass. For tickets or more information, call 978-462-7336 or visit www.firehouse.org.

SATURDAY, JAN. 26

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.

"A Day with Author and ABC News Legal Correspondent Jan Crawford Greenburg" from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Massachusetts School of Law. Greenburg will be interviewed by Dean Lawrence R. Velvel and The Honorable Peter Agnes, justice of the Massachusetts Superior Court, about her book and her 12 years of covering the court. The event will be divided into four one-hour sessions, with Velvel and Agnes talking with Greenburg for the first 30 minutes of each segment, followed by 30 minutes of questions from the audience. There will be a one-hour lunch break, at which time Greenburg will sign copies of her book.

Registration is required. General registration is \$25. To register for this event, visit www.msllawevents.com.

Sesame Street Live "Live for Action," 10:30 a.m., 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell. Tickets are \$14, \$18 and \$23. A limited number of \$27 Gold Circle seats are also available. A facility fee of \$1 will be added to all ticket prices over \$18. Additional fees and discounts may apply. For more information, call 978-454-2299 or 617-931-2000 or visit www.sesamestreetlive.com.

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.parkriver.fws.gov.

Japanese New Year: Kamishibai Storytelling and Koto Musical Performance in the Japanese Art Gallery, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Schedule: Hats for the Jizo at 1:30 p.m.; Koto performance at 2 p.m.; Tongue-Cut Sparrow at 3 p.m. No cost with museum admission. Information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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.

Firehouse Center for the Arts annual New Works Festival performance schedule beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Newburyport: "Price of Liberty" by Anthony Dangerfield, a full-length play, directed by Maureen Daley; "Let Freedom Ring" by Jeff Onore, a short play, directed by Peter Honegger. Both writers received top honors for this festival. All plays are presented as staged readings, with minimal sets and scenery and with the actors using scripts on stage. Tickets are \$12 each or \$28 for a three-day pass. For tickets or more information, call 978-462-7336 or visit www.firehouse.org.

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 non-members, \$10 students with valid ID. For reservations or more information, call Symphony by the Sea at 978-745-4955 or visit www.symphonbythesea.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 composting 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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Summer Opportunities Fair, for students and parents, noon to 2 p.m., Case Memorial College, Phillips Academy, free and open to the general public. (Open to Phillips Academy students from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

"Biomedical Interventions & Research in Autism Spectrum Disorders" from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Beverly Public Library, 32 Essex St., Beverly. This is a free event presented by REAACH. Video presentations from doctors and other professionals from the Defeat Autism Now and The National Autism Association Conferences will be featured. Parents are encouraged to urge doctors, nurses and therapists to attend this event. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 978-406-1954 or e-mail solvethetpuzzle@comcast.net.

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► Community Access Television



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Cameras are set up to record a show in the TV studio in the Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School.

NEW DIRECTOR ON SET



Above: Sara Antonakos, program director of Andover Community Access and Media Inc., loads new TV shows into playback equipment.



Right: Wess Murphy, executive director, talks about the control room that will be updated in the studio.

Upgrades expected at TV studio thanks to new operator

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

A newly formed nonprofit corporation will run Andover's local television studio for the next five years, after select members unanimously approved a contract with Andover Community Access & Media Inc. last month.

Equipment upgrades and better programs will likely be the result of the new pact, according to David Pierre, an Andover resident and president of the nonprofit's five-member board of overseers.

"We're going to be able to produce much more sophisticated shows, much more technologically-advanced shows," said Pierre.

"I think one of the biggest things the viewers will notice is we'll be able to broadcast all of the town government's meetings live on the Web," he said. "Anybody, no matter where they are in the world, will be able to watch town meetings."

Andover's local access television studio is within the Collins Center at Andover High School.

While Pierre considers Andover's studio to be one of the elite public television studios in the region, he believes the new contract will allow the studio to buy new and better equipment.

"It gives us a lot more capabilities," said Pierre. "We have a state-of-the-art studio, probably one of the most advanced studios in the northeast region; definitely in the Merrimack Valley. We want to expand that."

The town's agreement with Andover Community Access & Media Inc. (A-CAM) comes after Comcast decided against continuing its public, education and government access television responsibilities in Andover.

"We have a state-of-the-art studio, probably one of the most advanced studios in the northeast region; definitely in the Merrimack Valley. We want to expand that."

David Pierre

Comcast was under contract with the town from 1997 to 2007 before its agreement expired in June.

"It's pretty much their mandate," said A-CAM Executive Director Wess Murphy, noting the industry trend for businesses like Comcast to back out of community access television. "We knew this was coming."

Murphy, formerly an access coordinator working for Comcast, is now considered an employee of A-CAM.

Money to run the television studio will continue to come from cable-subscriber user fees. A-CAM will run on an annual \$250,000 budget, Pierre said.

"We want (A-CAM) to expand the program at the studio," said Pierre. "We want to make it inviting and exciting to come into the studio and make shows."

According to Pierre, Comcast employees had no incentives to grow the community access program under the previous contract. Making new purchases for equipment were also difficult, he said.

"Comcast controlled the finances, Comcast hired the employees, Comcast told us when to jump and when not to jump," said Pierre. "We can be a lot more creative now. We don't have to ask permission every five minutes."

Pierre said A-CAM will aim to increase community involvement with the studio through quarterly training sessions and workshops with residents, and expanded summer programs through Andover Youth Services.

Murphy expects the new contract to provide additional flexibility while running the studio.

"We're a little more nimble," said Murphy. "Things need to happen quickly. So we have a little more freedom (and) a lot less corporate red tape. It's kind of an advantage."

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said area communities have been forming nonprofit corporations to run their local television stations for the last several decades.

"Andover's late getting into the community cable access game," said Stapczynski. "I'm glad we're doing it. I think it will give us more local control of the content and the program. It brings it home."

"I think the town's going to be better served with you guys on board," said Selectman Alex Vispoli before the board approved the five-year contract on Dec. 17.

Murphy said residents can expect improved picture and sound quality on Andover's access channels due to equipment upgrades at sites where meetings are recorded: Memorial Hall Library, the town public safety center, school administration building and Town Offices. Local access programming is simulcast on both Comcast and Verizon, he said.

A digital playback system purchased last year has increased the number of programs the studio can air each day.

"We have a lot more programs now," said Murphy. "We're already putting out quite a bit more programming than we did before. We've got a pretty diverse lineup of stuff."

Residents swing out at benefit dance party

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A group of Andover women have organized a special event to swing — not ring — in their new year.

Family Services' first event of the year is a Latin dance party, which includes a Latin swing dancing lesson for those who purchase the \$50 ticket.

The party benefits Family Services of Lawrence, a nonprofit group that supports families through various programs. Set for Friday, Jan. 25, the event will offer a cash bar, food, music and door prizes.

"It's all Latin-themed and it's going to be fun," said Selectman

- CHECK IT OUT!**
- Latin Dance Party
 - Friday, Jan. 25, 7-11 p.m.
 - 60 Island St., Lawrence (next to the Essex Art Center)
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- To get tickets, visit www.familyserviceinc.com, click on "What's Going On," then click on events to see order form; or call Mary Lyman, 978-683-9505, Ext. 648.
- Benefits Family Services of Lawrence, a nonprofit group nurturing families through various programs
 - Must be 21 or older to attend

Mary Lyman, who works at Family Service and is a member of the Latin Dance Committee.

Joan Ponti of Andover, committee chairwoman, lauds Latin dance teacher Greg Coles.

"He is fantastic," she said. "He is a great dance teacher."

Her family friend, television meteorologist Matt Noyes, is serving as the master of ceremonies. Ponti said this event is really a

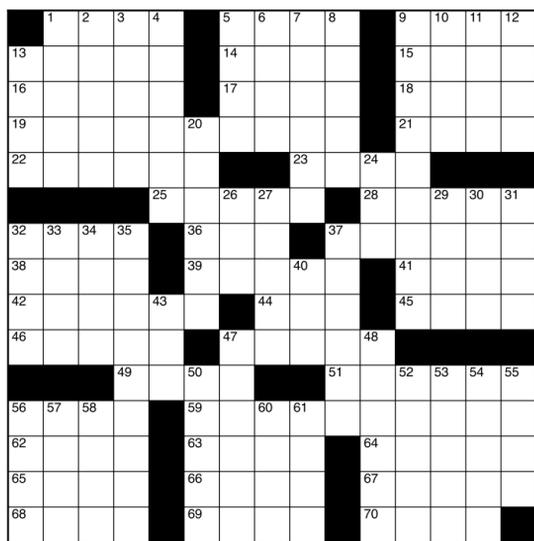
"fun-raiser," not a typical fundraiser. Couples can certainly attend, but so can singles. Coles and his staff will be available as dance partners after their 15-minute crash course in salsa, cha cha and merengue steps.

Catherine Patti, also of Andover and on the dance committee, said the event is a great way to form a connection to the Latin community.

"There's been so much enthusiasm from the Lawrence community. The ethnic food is local and businesses have donated several prizes," she said.

One of those prizes is a week's vacation in the Dominican Republic in a time-share donated by a supporter of the organization.

Crossword puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Ghanian sprinter Monica
 - Nuclear undersea weapon
 - Military leader (abbr.)
 - Stringed instrument
 - Hawaiian town
 - Swiss river
 - Ridge on Doric column
 - Olfactory property
 - Take the place of someone on strike
 - Begin permanent residence
 - One point S of SE
 - Annoyer
 - This (Spanish)
 - EastEnders characters Joe and Pauline
 - Saudi citizens
 - Swedish rock group
 - Enunciate
 - Unkeyed
 - College, Bangor, ME
 - Inadvertent correctness
- CLUES DOWN**
- Inner Hebrides Isle near Coll
 - Burbot genus
 - Ricochets
 - Naturally disposed toward
 - Direction
 - Branch of Islam
 - Donkeys
 - Geological times
 - Taken by theft
 - By Any Means Necessary
 - In a disorganized way
 - Winglike structures
 - N. Ethiopian town
 - American chameleon
 - Bleats
 - Give the impression of
 - Currency in Bangladesh
 - Broadcasts on TV or radio
 - First Chinese dynasty
 - Brews
- CLUES ACROSS**
- Polish river
 - Whole things
 - Follower of Islam
 - Wearing footgear
 - Venice beach
 - Bellows or fan
 - Forenoons
 - Tuna noodle is a favorite
 - Nutmeg covering spice
 - Dull and dreary
 - Confederate soldiers
 - Not current
 - Removes writing
 - Jaguarundi cats
 - Dwarf Celebes buffalo genus
 - Sports implements
 - This strip of wood
 - Basics
 - Boyfriend
 - Large livestock building
 - Solitariness
 - Bears important traffic
 - Wife of Saturn
 - acle on 34th Street
 - Digressions
 - Beethoven's Moonlight
 - Covered with water
 - Twofold
 - English chap
 - Greece
 - In a way, discolors
 - 40 Thieves' Ali
 - Jai sport
 - Picasso's mistress
 - Angolan monetary unit
 - Tibetan Dalai

Puzzle solution



EVENTS

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Andover Choral Society will perform with Metropolitan Opera Soprano Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. The group will perform Franz Josef Haydn's great oratorio "The Seasons." This event is sponsored in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For tickets and more information, call 978-688-6353.

Firehouse Center for the Arts annual New Works Festival performance schedule for youth submissions beginning at 3 p.m. in Newburyport: "High School Idol" by Colin Budzyna; "Maggie the Menace" by Maggie Budzyna; "To Agree or Disagree, That Is The Question" by Shirley Middle School students; "Lizards That Look Like Cows" by Adlai and Josh Faigen; "The Moron Detective Agency" by Graeme Potter; "Get Lost in Candy Land II - The Great Princess Napping" by Julianne N. Freeman; "The 'N' Agency Dating Service" by Lillian Eagan; "When Dreams Collide" by Allegra Larson. All performances are written and directed by students ages 6 through 17. All plays are presented as staged readings, with minimal sets and scenery and with the actors using scripts on stage. Tickets are \$5 each or \$28 for a three-day pass. For tickets or more information, call 978-462-7336 or visit www.firehouse.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 30

Homeschool tracking program: Introduce your homeschooler, ages 6 through 10, to the art and science of tracking wildlife from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so dress for the weather. Free but space is limited. Advanced registration required. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Participants should meet at the Visitor Center. For more information, visit www.parkerriver.fws.gov.

THURSDAY, JAN. 31

Author Jay Atkinson will speak about his new novel, "City in Amber," at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. His visit is sponsored by Haley Booksellers. Copies of "City in Amber" will be available for signing after his talk. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-664-4942.

FRIDAY, FEB. 1

Author Frances Moore Lappe, author of "Diet for a Small Planet," will lecture at 7:30 p.m. at the UU Congregation, 6 Locke St. The evening is free and open to the public. For more information, call Anne Wilson at 978-475-4640 or Nancy Mulvey at 978-475-2411.

Phillips Academy music department presents "A Far Cry," Boston's unconduted string orchestra, at 7:30 p.m. at Phillips Academy in the Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-749-4263.

E.C.O.C. Program: A Boat Trip through Time on Lake Umbagog, 7:45 to 9 p.m., Phillips Library Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Explore the history of Lake Umbagog and its environs along the New Hampshire-Maine border with noted naturalist and birder Robert Quinn. Cosponsored by the Essex County Ornithological Club. The E.C.O.C. meeting will be held from 7:30 to 7:45 p.m. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Bowfire in concert, 8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, presented by Mill City Management, Inc. Tickets are \$29.50, \$45.50 and \$55.50. For tickets, call 978-454-2299, 617-931-2000, 603-868-7300, at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium box office at 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, or www.ticketmaster.com. Information, www.lowellauditorium.com.

"Hide and Seek" will be performed at 8 p.m. by the Quannapowitt Players, 55 Hopkins St., Reading. This suspense-filled psychological thriller is written by Lesley

Harvard and directed by J. Mark Baumhardt. Tickets are \$18, \$16 seniors and students. For tickets, call 781-942-2212 or visit www.qptheater.com.

SATURDAY, FEB. 2

SummerScape, the area's largest camp fair, will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Glen Urquhart School, 74 Hart St., Beverly. The fair is free to the public and will feature 75 day and overnight summer programs for youths and teens. This event is sponsored by Glen Urquhart School Parents' Association. Snow date is Feb. 3. For more information, call 978-927-1064.

The Firehouse Center for the Arts and Theater Workshop present "Camp Pirate," an original family musical comedy about a summer camp run by real pirates on their ship, at 3 and 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport. Tickets are \$12 adults, \$8 students. For tickets, call 978-462-7336 or visit www.firehouse.org.

Tour Fest, noon to 4:30 p.m., Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Join PEM docents on 45-minute, interactive tours created to help visitors see and think about works of art in the museum's collections in new ways, made possible by New Trade Winds/ECHO. Schedule: Sailors' Souvenirs at noon and 2:30 p.m.; Contemporary Connections at 12:30 p.m.; Tales from the Sea at 1 p.m.; Phenomenal Women at 1:30 p.m.; A Sense of Place - Decorative Arts in Early New England at 2 and 3:30 p.m.; Portraits at PEM at 3 p.m. Reservations are suggested by Jan. 31. Cost included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. To make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Creative Arts third annual Mystery Dinner Theatre, "The Mischievous Maui Mystery," 5 to 8 p.m., Creative Arts, 25 Woburn St., Reading (inside the First Congregational Church). A fun time for ages 4 to 104 as you, the audience, help to unravel the clues left behind by the rowdy

friends (or maybe enemies) of "Harold Logan." The performance breaks for a Hawaiian style buffet dinner, dessert, raffle and prizes. Hawaiian dress is preferred but not required. Prizes will be awarded for best child and adult Hawaiian get-up and for the person who correctly solves the crime. Advanced ticket purchase by Jan. 31 is required. Seating is on a first come, first serve basis. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 Creative Arts students and children 12 and under. Ticket price includes buffet dinner and live entertainment. For tickets or more information, call 781-942-9600.

Family night Mardi-Gras celebration, 5 to 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall, St. Michael's Church, North Andover. Event includes dinner, music, games and crafts. Tickets are limited and must be purchased in advance at the Pastoral center. For more information, call 978-683-9282.

World-jazz group Natraj in concert at 6:30 p.m. at Chinmaya Maruti, 1 Union St., Andover. In collaboration with guest vocalist Vinay Mishra, this program features bhajans and film songs, and Natraj's signature Indo-Afro-jazz fusion. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students and seniors, \$2 discount for advance purchase, age 6 and under free. For tickets, call 781-729-9170.

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SUNDAY, FEB. 3

"Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," 1 and 4 p.m., UMass Lowell Center for the Arts, Durgin Hall, 35 Wilder St., Lowell. This production will be performed by the Lille Kartofler Figurentheater from Germany. Tickets are \$12 and are limited to 150 each performance. For tickets, call 978-934-4444 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.uml.edu/centerforarts.

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The program is doctor-monitored, safe and effective. "Everyone needs to cleanse to avoid the effects of toxins from food and our environment," said Dr. Sykes. "Thin people especially need to cleanse because instead of storing toxins in fat cells, thin people store toxins in the liver, kidneys and vital organs."

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Education

After years at South, Woods heads east

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When 37 years of working in education comes to an end this July 1, retiring South Elementary School Principal Eileen Woods knows just what she will be doing. She will be putting her new kayak in an estuary near South Yarmouth on Cape Cod.

WOODS' ANDOVER YEARS

1986-1991— Principal of Sanborn Elementary School
1991-1992— Assistant superintendent to Dr. Mark McQuillan
1992-2008— Principal of South Elementary School

AWARDS INCLUDE
Sanborn School Blue Ribbon Award from Washington, D.C. 1991-92;
Sanborn Red Book Award 1991;
Mass. Principal of the State 1998;
Thomas Passions Award from Fitchburg State College 1998;
Pathfinder Technology Leadership Award 1993;
Andover Unsung Hero Award 2005

Source: Human Resources

Twenty-two years of Woods' career were spent in Andover's school administration. But the summer of 2008 will be different. There will be no school budget cuts to think about, no leaky school roof to worry about and plenty of time to earn a new educational certification through the National Association of Principals.

"I want to learn about those estuaries, but I also plan to contribute by mentoring teachers and principals," she said last Friday, 10 days after notifying the South School community that she is retiring at the end of this school year.

In between numerous hugs from people — some even affectionately call her "Eileen," which is short for "Eileen" — she took time out to reflect on her Andover career and answer these questions:

■ **Have you made any plans for next year?**

Time is precious! I plan to spend time with my



JUDY WAKEFIELD/Staff photo

Retiring South School Principal Eileen Woods poses with her favorite animals - two curious giraffes made out of papier-mache for the school's float in the town's 350th parade in 1996. With her are students, from left, Alex Hanscom, 10; Timothy Norton, 6; Caroline Nagy, 10; and Abby Huntress, 10.

husband, family, my new granddaughter, Kate, and my mother who is 92, continue to develop my love of mentoring, be part of a book club, go to the symphony, travel, do some kayaking/boating while spending time at my home on the Cape.

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File photo

Charles Friel walks through the halls at West Elementary School. Next year, there'll be a new sheriff in town.

Leaving West, Friel hangs up his spurs

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

When West Elementary Principal Charles "Charlie" Friel retires at the end of this school year, he will leave behind a legacy of 36 years in Andover — as both a classroom teacher and administrator.

Friel had been thinking about retiring for a little while and announced his decision last week, as reported in the Jan. 17 Andover Townsman. Friel called a special staff meeting to tell the news to West Elementary teachers and sent home an e-mail to parents.

The Townsman sat down with Friel last week to find out what made education such a good fit for him, and what's next for the grandfather of three.

Questions and answers with Charles Friel, retiring principal of West Elementary

■ **Have you made any plans for next year?**

I'm an avid Sox fan, I have been since I was 7 years old. We're going to try to go down to Florida to

FRIEL'S ANDOVER YEARS

1972— Hired as a teacher at Bancroft Elementary School
1981-1986— Teacher at West Elementary School
1987— Became assistant principal of West Elementary School
1992-2008— Principal of West Elementary School

AWARDS INCLUDE
1978-79 Bancroft Teacher of the Year

Source: Human Resources

rees have always been teachers. I remember my third-grade teacher, who made learning exciting and fun, also my freshman year physics teacher in high school. If I hadn't had that sort of guidance from teachers along the way, I'm not sure what I'd be doing now.

Teachers really do change lives. It sounds cliché, but it's true.

■ **What are you most proud of?**

I'm proud of the fact that I've helped to create a community of learners — not just students but the teachers, too. We're constantly looking at what we're doing to see if we can do it better, for their benefit.

■ **What won't you miss?**

The yearly budget battles, the tension between wanting well-funded schools and keeping budgets in line. Having to think about what we can cut.

■ **What is one piece of advice you'd give to your replacement?**

Don't be afraid to take risks and make mistakes. I've learned the most from the mistakes I've made — some small and some not so small. If you don't make mistakes, you're not trying very hard.

see (Red Sox) spring training.

I'm looking forward to having time to travel, do some flower gardening, bike riding. I love to exercise. I'm an exercise freak. Also reading — I have a couple of piles of books waiting for me.

■ **Why did you decide to get into education?**

Other than my parents, my he-

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Principal Scott Morrison
Replaced Norah McCarthy; hired July 1, 2001

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL
Principal Bruce Maki
Replaced Floyd McManus; hired July 1, 2005

HIGH PLAIN ELEMENTARY
Principal Brenda O'Brien
Hired for school's opening, 2002

SANBORN ELEMENTARY
Principal Patricia Barrett
Replaced Steve Jankauskas; Hired July 1, 2007

SHAWSHEEN ELEMENTARY
Principal Moira O'Brien
Replaced Brenda O'Brien; Hired July 1, 2002

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When a president leaves office, his vice president usually becomes a leading presidential candidate. However, Dick Cheney, our current vice president, decided not to run for president.

The incumbent vice president has been his party's nominee the last three times we have had an outgoing two-term president.

Richard Nixon lost the 1960 election after serving as vice president for Dwight D. Eisenhower. George Bush won the 1988 election after serving as Ronald Reagan's vice president. Al Gore lost the 2000 election after serving as Bill Clinton's vice president.

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Barney investigates some treats left for him as he visits his owner, President George W. Bush, in the Oval Office at the White House.

The electors are appointed by a system chosen by each state's legislature (usually by popular vote). The individual who receives a majority of elector votes for president (270 votes are needed) will be president. The individual who receives a majority of elector votes for vice president will be the vice president.

The candidate who won the popular vote lost in the Electoral College just four times — in 1824, 1876, 1888 and 2000. In 2000, Al Gore won the popular vote but George W. Bush won the electoral vote and became president.

If no presidential candidate receives a majority in the Electoral College, then the president-elect will be selected by a vote of the House of Representatives, with each state receiving a single vote.

If no vice presidential candidate receives a majority, then the vice president-elect will be selected by a vote of the Senate. This has happened twice, in 1925 and 1837.

The new president and vice president will be inaugurated on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2009.

Next week, the Kid will look at the candidates for president.



Newspaper in Education Activity
Look up the definition of incumbent. Look through your newspaper to see if there is anyone running for an office. Search your newspapers for words that would describe the qualities needed to be the president of the United States.

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GRADE SIX

High Honors: William Adie, Tasmiah Ahmad, Santiago Alegria, Adam Bloom-Paicopolos, Adam Brody, Meghan Buggy, Jamie Cameron, Sean Carroll, Rebecca Cheng, Kevin Chhan, Jianna Christopher, Alec Dean, Naomi Elliott, James Falese, Michael Fox, Katherine Geffken, Hideaki Hanai, Rachel Harris, Sierra Heneghan, Sarah Kenyon, Sarah LaMacchia, Min Joon Lee, Jesse Mattison, Connor Merinder, Britney Nash, Alexander Nohelty, Madeline Perigaut, John Piehl, Frank Potts, Alexandra Ritchie, Alexa Rockwell, Lindsay Rosen, Abinaya Shine, Jeremy Slovin, Justin Sonberg, Micaela Soucy, Prakirn Upadhyay, Andrew Wang, Jessica Witten, Timothy Yaghmorian, Kevin Zhao

Honors: Laura Adie, Joshua Allen, Christine Aumais, Maeve Awiszus, Mark Basmaji, Benjamin Brown, Ryan Burke, Jeffrey Dreyfus, Daniel Driscoll, Andrew Dunne, Jason Eliasan, Maxwell Galat, Sarah Garcia, Elana Goldstein, Jared Goldstein, Caroline Grafmuller, Nicole Harvey, Devon Heavey, Patrick Hogan, Leah Holt, Matthew Johnson, Thomas Kalantzakos, Zoe Keffer, Kyle Kelloway, Dana Kirwin, Joshua Lee, Marcus Marini, Christina Marino, Gloria McNamara, Laura McNaughton, Jenny McQuaide, Mary Mullins, Walter Pappas, Patrick Pengeroth, John Pisacreta, Christopher Primes, Nadia Rangwalla, Sara Rehman, Roberta Reilly, Stephanie Sauvageau, Peter Schiavoni, Caralyn Sein, Briana Smith, Davante Smith, Scott Thompson, Cristian Tihenea, Chase Webber, Lauren Wiener, Isaac Williams, Andrew Wrightson, Christina Zheng

GRADE SEVEN

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GRADE EIGHT

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This information comes from Wood Hill Middle School.

WOODS: 'Children come first' is best advice

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Why did you decide to get into education?

My parents were immigrants who valued a strong education and were outstanding role models. They worked hard to educate myself and my three siblings. They were my best teachers. I learned at a young age that I wanted to be a teacher. I played "school" often with my two sisters. While at Boston, I enjoyed all the education courses I took and the teachers were gifted. They imparted a love of learning. I am from a family of teachers. ... All of my siblings went into education and became teachers. I found my passion being in education, which is such important work, and have truly enjoyed serving others, and making a difference in the lives of children, staff and parents. I have loved coming to school every day. I feel fortunate to say that after 37 years of service in education.

What are you most proud of?

In my personal life, I am proud of

my two grown children, Beth-Ann and Jesse, for the quality persons they have become. Jesse teaches in Boston and is assistant baseball coach at Boston College. Beth-Ann teaches in Andover. I love the quote by Winston Churchill which is "We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give." I am proud they are making a difference for others.

Professionally, I am proud of building a strong supportive culture at the two schools I served — both Sanborn and South — where people are committed to do what is right for children. I am proud to serve a community that values education and one that has afforded me wonderful professional learning opportunities. As a leader, I am proud of all of the staff members I have had the privilege of working with and who have worked tirelessly for our children. I am passionate about mentoring others and proud of the outstanding mentoring program Andover has for teachers and administrators. I am proud that I could be a member of an exemplary school administrative team and make a contribution.

What won't you miss?

I won't miss the long hours, the struggle to keep class sizes low, leaky roofs and the budget woes. I won't miss having to cut wonderful programming for our children.

What do you think is the first order of business for your replacement?

The person should get to know the South School community.

What is one piece of advice you'd give to your replacement?

Children come first. Every decision should be made in the best interest of children. Have high expectations for teaching, learning and achievement. Know that you are serving the town of Andover, which is an extraordinary community supportive of your work.

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Sports

“It was really good to get it out of the way.”

Meghan Thomann

Thomann breaks 1,000 career points



File Photo

Andover's Meghan Thomann now has 1,002 career points.

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

For one of the few times in her career, Meghan Thomann held back as she squared up for a 3-pointer.

“I was really nervous when I got the ball and I kind of hesitated,” she remembered. “It was so relieving when it was done.”

Like so many of the shots in her career, the ball sailed through, hitting only net on the way to her fifth 3-pointer of the game and 1,000 points for her varsity career. That helped Andover to a 68-51 win over Notre Dame of Hingham Saturday.

“I knew when I saw her play in the sixth grade that she was going to be a great player,” said Andover coach Jim Tildsley. “It’s quite a

measure to get 1,000 points. It’s a tribute to her focus and her great career.”

The Bentley-bound guard became the fourth girl and 10th Andover basketball player overall to reach the plateau, according to Tildsley. Current Holy Cross standout Ashley McLaughlin was the last girl to reach the mark, doing so during the 2003-04 season.

“It means a lot to be mentioned in the same category as those girls,” said Thomann, a two-time Eagle-Tribune All Star. “It was really good to get it out of the way.”

After the basket, play was stopped and Thomann was presented with the game ball.

In her four-year varsity career, the 5-foot-8 marksman has made 192 3-pointers.

1,000 AND COUNTING

Here are the Andover basketball players who have reached 1,000 career points:

GIRLS

Player	Year of graduation	Career points
Charlotte Muller	1998	1,616
Jenny Muller	2003	1,498
Ashley McLaughlin	2004	1,150
Megan Thomann	2008	1,002

BOYS

Player	Year of graduation	Career points
Chris Vetrano	2004	2,090
Tommy McLaughlin	2001	1,564 *
Tim Perry	1985	1,401
Greg Vetrano	2006	1,086
Eric Danis	1995	1,044
Jack Barrett	2004	1,003**

* - Missed entire senior season due to injury

** - Scored 1,003 at Andover and had 175 as a freshman at Reading High.

BREAKOUT STAR

Flanagan finds scoring touch, home in Andover

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Andover head coach Mario Martiniello had not seen George Flanagan take the ice before this year, but he had heard the stories from his players.

“I had never seen him play,” he remembered of the summer, “but my players had told me that he was a very good player with a lot of skills on offense.”

That information has proven true so far this season, because the junior has become one of Andover's breakout stars. He leads the Golden Warriors in scoring, and has helped them to an 8-2-1 record through Sunday's action.

But before this season, Martiniello and many others around Andover High were unfamiliar with Flanagan, because he had spent the first two years of his high school career at Phillips Andover.

“I really enjoyed my time at PA,” said Flanagan, whose brother Conor is a freshman defenseman at Phillips. “There were a lot of good guys and I made a lot of goof friends there.”

After playing in the Andover Youth Hockey system since the age of 3, Flanagan made the decision to follow his father, David, and attend Phillips Andover. David had captained the Big Blue hockey team his senior season, 1983, before playing a year at Harvard and then Juniors. He also coached his son all through youth hockey.

After playing his freshman season on the JV team, Flanagan made the varsity team his sophomore season, and saw time on the third and fourth line as a forward, not tallying a point.

But off the ice, an issue was



DEBORAH HAMMOND/Staff Photo

George Flanagan, left, avoids a defender on his way to a puck against Central Catholic last weekend. He leads the Golden Warriors with nine goals through Saturday.

THE GEORGE FLANAGAN FILE

Hometown: Andover

Position: Forward

On the ice: After spending two years at Phillips Andover, transferred to Andover High this season. Leads the Golden Warriors with nine goals and 17 points through Saturday's action.

Family: Father David captained Phillips Andover as a senior in 1983. Played one season at Harvard and played Juniors. Brother Conor is a freshman defenseman at Phillips.

At home: Has had a skating rink in his backyard since the age of three.

developing.

“My grades just weren't where they should have been,”



Courtesy photo

Flanagan needed a chair to stay on his feet while skating for the first time as a 3-year-old in the rink in his Andover back yard.

said Flanagan. “I was sort of struggling with my classes.”

So, as a family, the Flanagan made a decision.

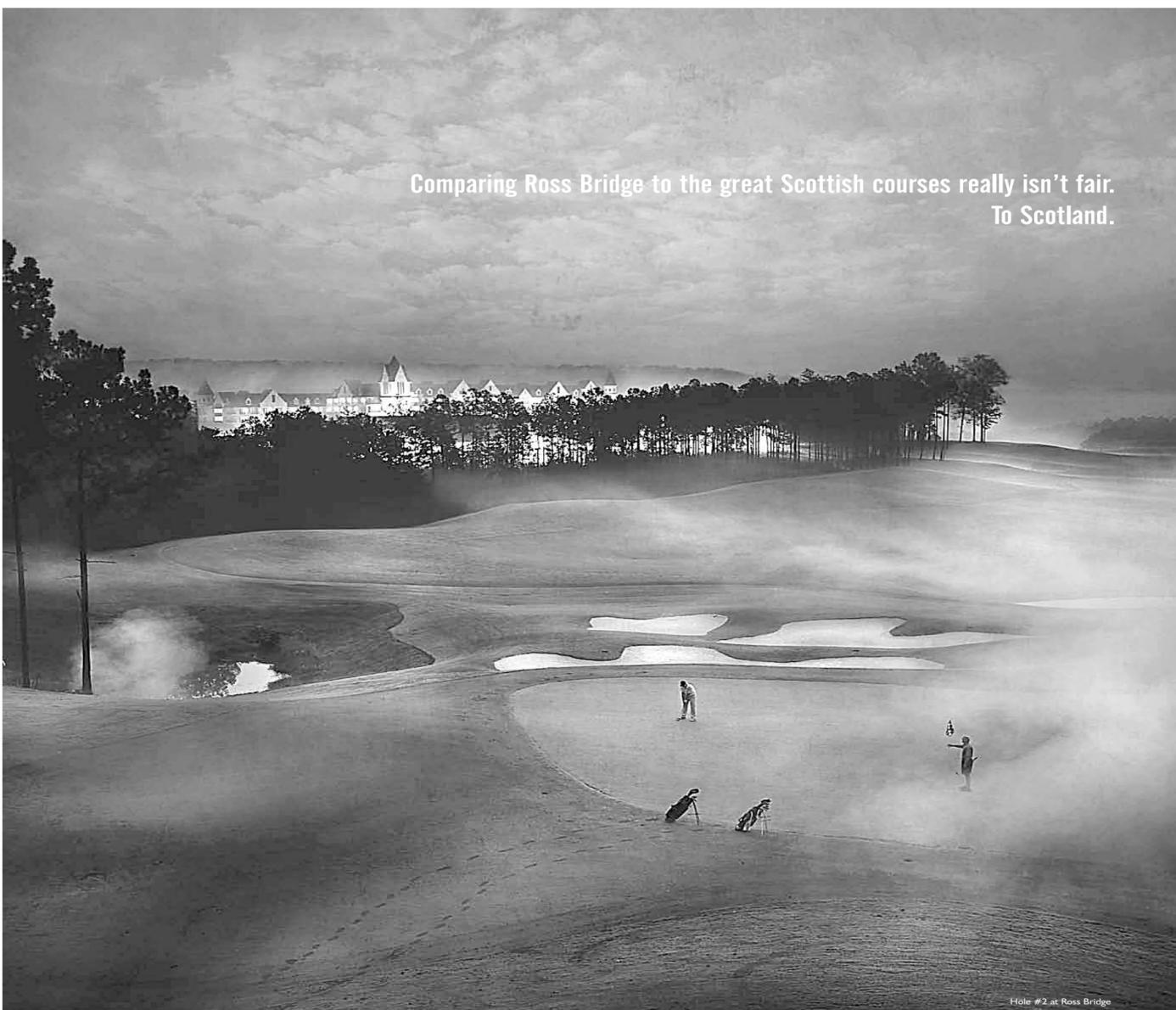
“We thought I needed a change,” he remembered, “and it would help to be back with

my old friends (at Andover High).”

The decision was made easier by his experiences watching the Andover hockey team dur-

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Knapp, Andover grab first at Class A Relays

GIRLS TRACK

Colleen Shannon, Vanessa Singleton, Melissa Knapp and Kayley Pettoruto teamed up to win the sprint medley relay in 5:15.65, the fastest time in the state this season, leading Andover to the team championship at the Massachusetts Class A Relays at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday.

“To beat these two teams is a true testament of a great track program,” said Andover coach Peter Comeau. “To win the relays, you need a full complement of athletes.”

Also contributing a victory was the 4x200 relay team of Christina Muccio, Bizzy DiTroia, Emily Shields and Knapp. The four ran a 1:47.17, also the fastest in the state this season.

BOYS TRACK

McConnell stays hot, Andover takes fourth

Chris McConnell continues to tear up the area track scene.

The star sophomore teamed with Brendan Crawford, Kerrick Stevens and P.J. Farnham to take first place in the 4x200 relay in 1:34.08. That helped the Golden Warriors place fourth overall at the Class A Relays at the Reggie Lewis Center on Saturday.

McConnell then teamed with Farnham, Santi Costello and Matt Vetere to win the shuttle dash in 22.64.

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FLANAGAN

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ing their run to the Division 2 state finals a year ago.

"The crowd was just going crazy," he remembered. "The crowd was huge and they had cheerleaders. It was a much different feeling that Phillips Academy games.

"Andover was a very competitive school and they were going Division 1. And I had played with a few of the players over the years, so it all seemed to work together."

During the summer, Flanagan informed Martiniello that he would be making the jump to Andover High. And it didn't take long for that decision to pay off on the ice.

Through the first 11 games of the season, Flanagan has a team-best nine goals and 17 overall points. None has been bigger than his backhanded tally that gave the Golden Warriors a 1-1 tie with Merrimack Valley Conference-Dual County League power Central Catholic on Saturday.

"It was an excellent decision," Flanagan said. "Me and my linemates (John) Hyslip and (Cam) Smith are really clicking. If we see the defensive pressure one way, we know what play to run. We know how to pick opponents

THE FLANAGAN FORUM

Most young hockey players spend their childhood hoping to find a little open ice time at a local skating rink. George Flanagan has never had that problem. "When I was three, my dad built a rink in our backyard," said the Andover High standout. "Over the years, it has gotten a lot better. We have added lights and music to make it fun. There are lights on the side so we skate all night."

Following in the tradition his father started while he was growing up in Lowell, father David began building the rink when George was young. And over the years, it has become a family job. "The day after Thanksgiving, we start building the boards," said George. "We put up the big backboards (behind the nets) next and put down the plastic. Then, when it gets to about 10 or 15 degrees, we flood it and wait a week.

"When it snows, we have to snowblow it. Then we have to scrape off the ice, flood

it again and wait about a week. That last snow storm did a job on it." The rink measures 110 by 38 feet, approximately half of the 200 by 85 feet of a regulation National Hockey League rink. And it has played host to more than a few battles over the years.

"Me and my brother go out every night," he said. "He's a defenseman, so we have some good one-on-one battles. My family has an open-door policy. Guys like (current Andover players) Matt Perry and Joe Lamagna have been coming over for years. We'll do 3-on-3s." And it serves both recreational and practical purposes.

"The kids enjoy the game and have fun," said David Flanagan, "but they also work on their skills. They do things like working on their shot and skating through cones that they don't have time to do during the high school season."

apart."

He has also been a welcome addition for his teammates.

"He's been great," said Hyslip, who is second on the team with 15 points. "He has come right in and put up some big offensive numbers. He is playing great and getting along with everyone."

He had also found his stride in the classroom, and is looking forward to bringing his skills as a

pitcher and infielder to the baseball team in the spring.

And despite his early success, Flanagan has every intention of returning to Andover for his senior season.

"I don't think he could be happier," said David. "He is enjoying the high school. He has a ton of friends, he is enjoying the work and he likes the teachers."

ROUNDUP

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BOYS HOCKEY

Warriors play CC to tie

If there was any question An-

dover could compete in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference-Dual County League, it was answered Saturday afternoon. The Golden Warriors came out firing and played Central Catholic, the No. 11 team in Eastern Mass., to a 1-1 tie.

George Flanagan's backhander with 12:44 left in the third put the Warriors ahead in the third.

PLAYERS OF THE FORTNIGHT

Two more Andover High students have been named Players of the Fortnight this month.

Coach Jim Tildsley of the Andover High girls basketball team named Kelly Driscoll last week's "Player of the Fortnight" award winner. "Kelly is doing a super job for us this season, playing very sound basketball and really giving us a spark when she comes in. She understands her role very well, and we're looking forward to her further contributions," he said.

Coach Dave Fazio of the Andover

High boys basketball team named senior captain Greg Cook this week's "Player of the Fortnight" award winner. "Greg is as good a captain and a leader as we have had in 20 years here at Andover High. He's hard working, selfless and a great teammate. He's all any of us could ask for as a captain. We're looking forward to a great rest of the season from Greg," said Fazio.

The next "Player of the Fortnight" award will be given to a girls team player.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Beasley clutch on birthday

On the day he turned 18, Derrick Beasley knocked down a pair of clutch free throws in the final moment to lead Andover past O'Bryant, 56-51, Sunday.

Beasley hit for a team-high 14 points, his second highest total of the season, as the Golden Warriors rallied from a 10-point halftime deficit.

Greg Cook scored 13 points, including three 3-pointers, as Andover fell just short to Boston College High 53-50 on Friday. The Eagles are the No. 3 team in Eastern Mass., but they were missing two starters.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Giroux's first goal of season a winner

Nicole Giroux scored her first goal of the season, giving Andover a 2-1 victory over Chelmsford on Saturday. Meaghan McCarthy added her second goal of the season.

BOYS SWIMMING

Bakies' three wins leads Andover

Mike Bakies won the 200 freestyle and swam on the winning 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams to lead Andover to a convincing victory over Lexington last Tuesday.

BOYS SKIING

Heath seventh, Andover cruises

Eric Heath placed seventh overall in 19.94 to lead Andover to a 105-30 win over Haverhill last Tuesday. Nathan Weiner took 11th overall while Peter Webster was 14th and Nick Sherman was 15th to help the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS SKIING

Christopher turns in career race

Cayley Christopher placed a career-best fifth overall in 21.66 to lead Andover to a 98-37 drubbing of Haverhill last Wednesday. Katie Kearns finished in eighth place overall, Jackie Guy was in 12th and Sarah Heath was in 13th overall.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

O'Connell lifts Warriors

Andover's Andy O'Connell won a pair of events as the Golden Warriors bested Newton North, 152.1-138.4 on Friday.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Quirnbach, Andover prevail

Jenn Quirnbach won the floor and beam, Rachel Madison captured the bars and Kristen Coneeny took top honors in the vault as Andover drubbed Tewksbury, 139.05-104.5 on Friday.

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FOUND, LADIES RING, purple stone, of the Inside exit of the Right Aide Drug Store on Main Street, Salem, N.H. 603-894-4693

FOUND: Memory stick in Walmart Salem, NH Call (603) 893-2879

FOUND men's wide, gold wedding band in parking lot of Market Basket in Danvers 1/1/08. Call (978) 977-9897 with inscription.

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LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF ANDOVER MASSACHUSETTS OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 7, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Andover Village Assoc., LLC, 28 Andover Street, Andover, MA for a Modification of conditions (6), and (10), of Decision #3710 to allow a large building footprint that was previously approved, and to allow additional seasonal outside seating; for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, §3.1.3.F.8 to allow the temporary and seasonal placement of outside tables and chairs; and for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, §5.2.7 and §5.2.8 to allow signage in excess of that allowed under the Zoning By-Law. Premises affected are located at 429-431 South Main Street, Andover, MA in Single Residence C (SRC) District and are shown on Assessor Map 82 as Lot 1D.

STEPHEN D. ANDERSON, CHAIRMAN BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 1/24, 1/31/08

AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS by adding a new bylaw titled "Stormwater Management & Erosion Control Bylaw" that would regulate activities that result in the disturbance of 43,560 SF of land and the creation of stormwater runoff as mandated by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater program (40 CFR 122.26), which is promulgated under the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. § 1251 et. seq.), published as final on December 8, 1999.

AMEND GENERAL BY-LAWS by adding a new bylaw titled "Outdoor Dining License Bylaw" that will provide for the licensing of outdoor dining areas of appropriate design, configuration, and appearance that will be an amenity to the Town during the spring, summer and fall.

The full text of the proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. AT - 1/24, 1/31/08

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT ESSEX Division Docket No. 08P0041EP1

In the Estate of CHARLES A. MCLAUGHLIN AKA CHARLES ARTHUR MCLAUGHLIN Late of ANDOVER In the County of ESSEX Date of Death November 28, 2007 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that NINA M. SENATORE and ANTHONY G. GENTILE JR., both of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be appointed co-executors, named in the will to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON FEBRUARY 11, 2008.

In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. MARY ANNE SAHAGIAN, ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, January 9, 2008. Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register of Probate AT - 1/24/08

3A Lost & Found

FOUND: Near Shaw's in Derry, NH. Female beagle with a leash. Call (603) 432-6143

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

LOST CAT 1.5 year old black, medium long hair, female, spayed, white patch under chin-like locket, "Lucy". E. Gloucester 1/12. 978-281-5627.

LOST CAT, black & tortoise colored. Has 1 ton pad, had a red collar & bell. Names Brisby. Very friendly indoor cat. Reward!! Call 978-531-8391

LOST - CAT black & white "tuxedo" male, "Gus" medium length fur with bushy black tail. Spring Hill Rd., West Newbury/Blyfield, MA. Lost seen 1/15. (508) 423-7296.

LOST CAT Elsmere Ave., off Lowell, Methuen, since 12/3, multi-color female, "Suzie", distinctive markings on face, very friendly, about 3 years old. Pam. 978-420-5070

LOST CAT, Female, Black & white long haired cat, white bib & black nose, white paws. Lost seen on 1/7/08 in the vicinity of Eastern Point Rd., Gloucester. (978) 283-7777

LOST Cat: light grey with some white, female short haired cat. Raymond area, but could have traveled through woods. If any info please call (603) 895-0602

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

LOST DOG, white and brown Chihuahua mix, blue collar, missing since Jan 4th from Dearborn Ave. Beverly MA area. (978) 473-3335

LOST MALE YORKSHIRE TERRIER, 4.5 lbs., lost on the 24th from the Tower Hill Lawrence area, please call (978) 397-6069. REWARD.

LOST: Men's wedding ring. In or near Sovereign Bank, downtown North Andover, on 12/31. Call Joe, 978-374-7131.

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LOST, Pitbull, female, chocolate/white, chocolate patch right eye, natural ears, white paws, chest, white tipped tail, red nose. \$5 Reward \$5. 801-814-4082.

LOST WALLETT: in Chuck E Cheese at Methuen Loop, brook. Inadvertent catch. REWARD!! Please call (978) 677-1364

LOST WALLETT tri-fold black, 12/29, Inadvertent Target in Methuen/Shell gas. No. Andover, has Christmas gift cards for 11 year old boy, greatly appreciate return, 978-689-7555

LOST Yellow Cockerill Bird, West Methuen, off Capital. Lost seen 1/5/08. Please Call (978) 794-1957

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PLAISTOW - Office & Retail space, Rt. 125, 25,000 sq. ft., 1700 sq. ft. plus storage. \$3.5M + utilities. Best deal in the area! PLAISTOW/KINGSTON line, 2300 sq. ft. Business Condo, 350 sq. ft. office, 12x12 driveway. \$1100/mo. NNN COLDWELL BANKER COMMERCIAL NRT 978-373-3997

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LEGAL NOTICE TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING A public hearing will be held at the HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 7, 2008 at 7:00 PM. on the petition of Michael Ristuccia, 375 South Main Street, Andover, MA for variance from the requirements of Article VIII, §3.1.3 and §4.1.2, and/or for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.3.5 and §3.3.7 to allow construction of a new dwelling and to allow an existing dwelling to remain on existing non-conforming lot while the new dwelling is being constructed. The existing dwelling is to be moved to another lot prior to the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy to the new dwelling.

Premises affected are located at 120 Salem Street, Andover, MA in Single Residence B (SRB) District and are shown on Assessor Map 26 as Lot 3.

Stephen D. Anderson, Chairman Board of Appeals AT - 1/24, 1/31/08

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Premises affected are located at 18 Alden Road, Andover, MA in Single Residence B (SRB) District and are shown on Assessor Map 78 as Lot 52.

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93 General
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Septic system company on the No. Shore seeks a "CDL" driver to operate their "state of the art" PUMP TRUCK. Benefits available. Qualified individuals, call 978-356-5638.

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Waitstaff
4-7 PM. Apply in person at The Herrick House, 89 Herrick St., Beverly. No phone calls please

101 Baby Items
GIRLS CLOTHES - Must see, excellent condition. Gymboree, Gap, Osh Kosh & more. 0-4T. Boys clothes 0-12 mos. Assorted shoes & boots. \$5-\$15. (978) 851-8557

102 Articles for Sale
EARRINGS, pearl & diamond earrings, 14k white gold, paid \$130, will take best offer. (978) 774-4423

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SNOW BLOWER, 2007 Ariens, model #132DLE Pro, used, excellent, asking \$1650/best offer. (978) 462-4944

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AMESBURY: Share with professional male, own 9x12 bedroom, \$500 everything included. No smoking. (978) 388-4148

NEWBURYPORT roommates wanted to share 3 bedroom house with professional working 9.5. Close to town, parking. No pets / smoking. \$175/week, 1/2 utilities. \$125 per week. (978) 273-2585.

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The benefit of a Full Time job on a 4 day work week. Paid holidays, vacations and retirement plans. EKGs and Blood draws required. Great work environment in need of a new team player. Email mary@cornerstone-ma.com or fax resume 978-948-7530.

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ANDOVER: Female quadriplegic needs temporary PCA aide in Mass. Must be able to transfer & transport. Light housekeeping. 2 hrs a week. Call 978-372-0665

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BASKETBALL HOOP
Indoor, Easton Double Hoop Basketball game, \$40. (New is \$240). Call (978) 740-3045

BEAUTIFUL, round, maple wood table with 2 leaves 70" x 40" x 30". Condition with new beautiful wood frame \$90; antique dresser \$40; (978) 282-0336

ANDOVER, Center, walk to train, parking, private bath, hot tub, pet friendly. \$725 includes all. (978) 884-2530

NO. ANDOVER - bedroom available in a shared duplex. Laundry, cooking. Great location, for 1 person. No pets. \$125 a week. \$150 security deposit. Call 978-884-2587.

PLAISTOW: 2 bedrooms in 4 room private suite, 1200 sq. ft., newly renovated, private entry, deck, bath, washer/dryer hook-up. 15 miles to Newburyport, min. to 495, 95, 93, large yard, parking, more! \$550 per bedroom or \$1000 for both includes utilities. 1st & last. References. 603-382-5004

SALES PERSON
Small construction company. Computer/future salary. Call for info 978-762-4769.

SALES REPS
Professional office building. Seeking motivated sales reps. Competitive pay based on experience + commission. 300 Brickstone St. Suite 102, Andover. Contact Keith, 866-992-7400, ext. 349.

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Georges Restaurant
All kitchen help needed. Apply in person 130 Washington St. Haverhill

First Run
Hairstylists SUPER CUTS
North Reading and Danvers. Licensed stylists for busy shops. Excellent pay and benefits, advanced cutting and color training, guaranteed customers. Seasoned veterans or just starting out, call Shelly toll free: 877-585-2887 ext. 53

FOR FEMALE 77. Beautiful senior building, Peabody. Rent \$1000. Must be able to perform ADL & daily routines for client. Experience & references required. Nights also available. Call between 12 noon - 7 pm. 978-281-4796

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BRUNN'S TICKETS
LOGE SEATING BEHIND NET. 1/20th, Boston/Carolina, 4 seats. \$48 per seat. Call (603) 548-8811

BRADFORD, Comfortably furnished room in private home, off Rts. 125/495, non-smoking. \$500. No pets. Utilities included. (978) 851-4083

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Receptionist
for busy medical office. Must have excellent phone & people skills as well as the ability to work with multiple systems. Hours are flexible full or part time positions available. Fax resume to: Office Manager, 978-474-4537

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Needed full-time now to maintain displays in home improvement stores in your area. No experience needed. Retail store start tomorrow. Paid training, competitive pay, medical, dental, 401(k). Apply now! 800-726-3404 ext. 1988; www.hsqquest.com

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HVAC Residential Service Tech.
Minimum of 5 years experience with excellent customer service skills. Knowledge of flat rate pricing is a plus. Insurance, valid vacation and 401K offered. Call 888-257-6876 x 111

First Run
Kitchen Help
PT Kitchen Utility person wanted, Mon. thru Thurs. mornings, 7:30am start time, 12 to 24 hrs per week. Stock and food prep. Must be able to lift heavy loads. \$8.50 per hour. For information call Bill Cutler at (978) 686-1422; 7:30 am to 2pm Monday thru Friday

CEMETERY Lot(1), 2 burial plots, Puritan Lawn, Peabody, MA. Hawthorn & Meadows area. \$2750. 781-620-6698

CEMETERY LOTS (4), Puritan Lawn Memorial Park Peabody MA. Excellent location. \$13,250 ea. (781) 935-4080

CEMETERY Lot(1), 2 burial plots, Puritan Lawn, Peabody, 2 grave lots. \$2,750. Grave openings \$1,350 each. Vaults \$850 each. Valued at \$7,150. Sell \$5,000. (781) 935-4080

First Run
DANVERS, large bedroom, shared bath, kitchen, laundry. Share with quiet adult professional in private home. No pets, smoking, no cars. 3 minutes to malls/highways, references required. \$600/mo. includes all. (978) 774-8394

PEABODY, 8 room house, in quiet area, porch, pool, AC parking, near major highways \$650/mo. Joe 978-729-4597

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First Run
Senior Home Care STAFFING COORDINATOR
FT, assigns/coordinates field staff Computer / customer service skills and ability to multi-task in a fast paced environment. Great location. \$525 includes all. 978-771-9206

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FT, experienced Excellent benefits. Apply Atlantic Food Mart 30 Haven St. Reading 01867 Mr. Marjan Sponer. Mr. Duffy (781) 944-0054

First Run
Marketing Research
Get paid for your opinions! Research participants are needed for 1/2 day focus group discussion Jan 31st in Peabody from 12:30pm-6:30pm. \$150.00 paid same day and meals provided. Must be 18 and over. All educational backgrounds and retirees welcome! Register at researchparticipants.com or call 1.800.483.9898 ext# 289 for more info.

PCA Needed
Salem, MA. \$10.84 per hour. Full time, Part time & Back up needed. Non-smoker. References good condition. \$300. Call 978-774-6447, 978-239-9476.

CEMETERY PLOTS, Peabody, MA. Puritan Lawn, 2 lots, section L each lot holds 2 burials, \$2500 each. (603) 664-2249

CHAIRS SIX \$30; Kitchen CHAIRS four \$30; HUTCH, large 100" BED FRAME with HEADBOARD \$25; RUG CLEANER \$25; Call 978-382-0913

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First Run
Haverhill: Clean, private room, non smoker, shared bath, utilities included, drug free, honest 1st & last \$125/wk (978) 764-3022

First Run
SALISBURY: ROOMMATE wanted, nice Victorian House big room, large back yard \$625 978-836-8514; large back yard \$625 978-836-8514; large back yard \$625 978-836-8514

First Run
Property Accountant
Property management company in Peabody seeks accountant with strong computer skills. Will be responsible for accounting of multiple properties & will interact with property managers routinely. Responsibilities include G/L & AP. Individual must be detailed & detail oriented. Please email resume to Bob Adams at: corlins@crownshield.com or fax to 978-531-0063.

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Sales Account Representative
Rapidly growing company seeks a detail oriented multi-tasker to manage day to day and long term customer accounts. Excellent communication skills and sales experience required. Send resumes to Service, 3 Sabar Way, Box 8244, Ward Hill, MA 01835; fax 978-521-3964; call (978) 521-0901, or email job208@spruce.com

First Run
CLEANERS
P/T for North Shore, Lawrence, Andover areas. Must have car & be responsible. Call 978-922-5545 leave number.

First Run
Office Asst., PT
General office / clerical duties. Must know MS Office, Quickbooks helpful. Must be dependable. Experience preferred. No benefits. Please fax resume to: 978-232-8305

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ANNIE'S NANNIES
FT & PT nanny positions for experienced providers 603-898-0081 anniesnannies.net

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First Run
Collision Repair Tech
Experienced, for consistently busy shop in North Andover. Hourly wage plus bonuses. (978) 683-6000

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Professional Office Building seeking customer support reps. Competitive pay based on experience. 300 Brickstone St., Suite 102, Andover. Contact Keith, 866-992-7400, x349.

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BABY ITEMS Dutaleur white glider rocker & ottoman, paid \$600-asking \$125, large chest of drawers, solid maple paid \$800-1st \$200. Rogazzi maple crib \$100. 978-372-5770

101 Baby Items
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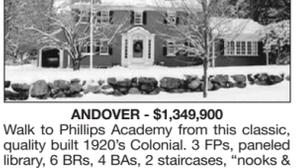
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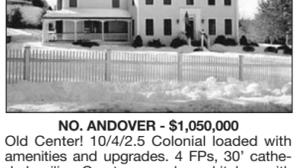
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Tantrums, train wrecks and tooth pain in Andover

The Back Page

Bill Dalton



When Maureen Fredrickson was very young, she had tantrums. Her parents asked Dr. Percy Look what to do. Dr. Look was a popular physician in Andover from 1915 to about 1950. He told them to throw a glass of water in her face during the tantrums. Maureen says, "They didn't believe too much in child psychology in those days."

Maureen is one of several current and former Andover residents who have shared stories about their former Andover doctors and dentists.

She says the brick building on the top of Arundel Street was a hospital for a while in the 1930s. Her husband, Bob, was born there. Before 1921, it was Andover's Almshouse. That year the property was sold to William Wood, Shawsheen's creator. Decades earlier, on Jan. 6, 1853, President-elect Franklin Pierce's son suffered fatal head injuries in a train accident in Frye Village (now Shawsheen). He was moved from the accident to the building but died quickly.

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Loring Batchelder says in the early 1940s his father, Sidney, was near his farm on Argilla Road when a yellow jacket flew into his mouth and stung the back of his throat. Loring says, "In a panic, my mother phoned Dr. Blake. He rushed from his office on Main Street, gave my father a shot (adrenaline, I think) and probably saved his life."

Mike Connolly tells of his experience with his first dentist, Dr. Philip Doyle, a well-respected man whose home and office were halfway down the north side of Chestnut Street, between Main and Central streets. Mike was a student at St. Augustine School at the bottom of Chestnut Street, and his home was up the street, above the Park. Mike says he had an early dread of dentists because of painful experiences. In the early 1950s, when he was 8, Mike's mom made appointments for Mike to visit Dr. Doyle three weeks in a row, each appointment being immediately after school so Mike could stop on his walk home.

Mike tells the story: "When school let out on the afternoon of my first appointment, I couldn't summon the courage so I just continued marching with my safety patrol up Chestnut as I normally did. Later, when my mother received a call that I had failed to appear for my appointment, I feigned forgetfulness. A week later the same sequence of events was repeated and again I feigned forgetfulness. When school let out on the afternoon of the third appointment, I knew my mother would no longer accept my 'I forgot' excuse but I couldn't bring myself to voluntarily enter the waiting room.

"My dilemma was resolved when I heard my name being called from across the street. It was Mrs. Doyle, who was also Dr. Doyle's dental assistant, standing in her front door observing my latest attempt to skip out. I had no choice but to leave the safety of my patrol and, though terrified, I crossed the street. Mrs. Doyle escorted me through the family liv-

ing quarters directly into Dr. Doyle's chair."

But things didn't go well. Mike was told it was necessary to have an injection of Novocaine. He'd never had an injection and stubbornly refused. Mike said he "implored Dr. Doyle to drill without the needle." Neither Mike nor the doctor would give in, and Mike got up and walked to the front door. There, Mrs. Doyle offered \$10 if the needle hurt more than a pinprick.

Mike says, "I climbed back in the chair, not because I expected to collect \$10 but because I believed that Mrs. Doyle certainly believed in her own promise of no pain. Looking back I can only conclude she hadn't seen my dental chart or she'd never made such an offer. It hurt much worse than I had anticipated, and I told her that it had hurt me an awful lot. Nothing further was mentioned about the promise of \$10. Of course at that age I felt cheated. ... Now, looking back, I am just grateful to Mrs. Doyle for going far beyond what was required to help me. Wisely, she might have foreseen that the \$10 would have bought me about 200 of my favorite Hershey bars, along with a whole lot of future cavities, and inevitably a lot more of those awful needles."

Maury Shea has hated going to the dentist since his first experi-

ence. It was during the Depression, and he says, "I must have been about 4 or 5 (1936-1937). We were living in South Lawrence after losing our house in Andover. No work, no money. I remember that the dentist was very angry with me and he was hurting me. My father had to step in and tell the dentist to knock it off. I can still picture the dentist. He was a real old grouch." Maury is retired in Naples, Fla., after a career as a successful lawyer.

An earlier column mentioned three Andover sanatoriums that existed in the 1920s and '30s. Purportedly, their function was birthing. I said it was odd they were called "sanatoriums" since that word was defined as places for people with long-term illness. Proof that people were born in at least one of these sanatoria arrived from, among others, Ruth (Denholm) Beauschesne, who was born at O'Donnell's Sanatorium. Ruth was brought up on Summer Street and graduated from PUNCHARD in 1952. Her husband, Bob Denholm, graduated in 1949 and passed away seven years ago.

Judy (West) Stevens says her dad has a gold tooth that has been in his mouth for over 67 years. It was put there by Dr. Malcolm McTernan, whose office was located over what is now Kaps at 3 Main St. Dr. McTernan served on the

School Committee, and he and his family lived at 27 Wolcott Ave.

Judy says her dentist was a Dr. Himmer. She describes him as a gentle, kind man who worked out of his home in Shawsheen, where his wife ran the office. Judy says, "I never got any Novocaine and I don't remember being asked if I wanted it until I was older, around 13. I would never use it, as I hated a needle more than the pain! The good part was I would get a coupon for a free ice cream. I got those at the soda fountain where the Shawsheen Luncheonette now is."

Judy told me an ancient remedy for toothache was to bite down on clove. A few days after she said this, my "pathologically terrified-of-dentists wife" (her words) suddenly and painfully cracked an old filling. Oddly enough, when she went to her state-of-the-art, absolutely cutting-edge dentist, whose gleaming office has every geegaw known to dentistry, he packed the tooth with a clove-based temporary filling to calm the nerve pain. Clove oil can be purchased over the counter, and we've added it to our travel kits.

Bill Dalton, former town moderator and selectman, invites e-mails and stories. He can be reached at billdalton@andover-townie.com.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago

Joshua Paine has set up a blacksmith business for himself in North Andover.

Chester Harnden caught a string of forty pickerel last Friday, in the Shawsheen River.

George T. Abbott who has been ill for the last month is able to be again in his place in the local post office.

A number of local people enjoyed the excellent skating on Martin's Pond last Saturday. It was a perfect day for a good time on the ice.

The time on the Boston & Northern street railway between Andover and Lawrence has been changed, fewer cars being run than formerly. The fifteen minutes cars do not run now until four o'clock in the afternoon and are taken off after half after seven.

Two interesting books by H. I. Hancock, have recently appeared in the lists of additions to the memorial Hall Library. Both relate to the system of jiu-jitsu so successfully used by Japan in its military schools.

75 Years Ago

Cash on hand in the town treasury at the end of 1932 increased seven percent over 1931 according to Town Treasurer Thaxter Eaton.

Thirty-two boys, half of them seniors, have been awarded letters at PUNCHARD as a result of their playing on the football team last fall. Graduation will take ten regulars.

Stanley Swanton of Summer Street has purchased the store formerly belonging to T. H. Lane in Lawrence.

Miss Elizabeth Robinson, assistant

to the curator at the Addison Art gallery, is ill at her home.

George White brought a dandelion into the *Townsmen* office last Friday. He had picked this courageous specimen on the playstead.

50 Years Ago

A bill for unemployment relief has been drawn up by a joint committee of the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and the Massachusetts Forestry Association. Copies have

been distributed among members of the Andover Garden Club.

Robert Look has returned to his studies at Stowe School after an attack of the mumps.

The main project of the Community department of the High School Service Club this year was making a Nativity Scene. It was placed in front of the High School during the holiday season.

John F. O'Connell has announced his candidacy for moderator at the March election.

The Andover Board of Trade has decided to insert an article in the town warrant asking the voters to approve buying a portion of the Barnard property for off-street parking.

The Board of Public Works has temporarily barred the press from its meetings, until it can arrive at what it considers suitable regulations and stipulations for press coverage.

The School Committee stuck to its guns Tuesday night, voting to put its new salary scale into effect in 1958.

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