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## Polar bears to settle in front of library

\$70,000 bear sculpture to highlight Memorial Hall's environmental initiatives

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

North Main Street will look a little more like the North Pole this spring.

One of the first significant changes of 2008 to occur in Elm Square will not come in the form of new crosswalks, benches or lamp-posts, as expected under Main Street redesign project, but instead in the form of a life-sized granite polar bear and cubs.

A proposal by the Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees to install a six-foot-tall and eight-foot-long polar bear sculpture adjacent to

*"I'm surprised. I just moved to the area from Ohio and I don't see any polar bears around."*

Beth Vanwassenhove, resident

the front library entrance was approved unanimously by selectmen Monday night.

The sculpture, which has yet to be created and is expected to cost at least \$70,000, will be funded entirely through money provided by the Library Board of Trustees, according to board Chairwoman Karen Herman.

The sculpture, which will include

a life-size female bear and three polar bear cubs, must still be approved by the town's Design Review Board, but Herman said she anticipated the board will approve the project in time for it to be installed this spring.

A print-out of a clay rendering of the sculpture received mixed reviews from residents this week.

"I'm surprised," said Beth Van-

wassenhove of Maple Street. "I just moved to the area from Ohio and I don't see any polar bears around."

"It's hard to say, seeing it would be pretty big," said Courtney Quinlan, who was on her way back from a downtown dentist appointment. "I guess I'd have to see it to know how I felt."

If approved by the Design Review Board, the polar bear sculpture would be erected on a fenced-in patch of grass along North Main Street.

The sculpture will provide young children with a fun destination for

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Courtesy photo  
This is a model of the polar bear sculpture which would be to the right and in front of Memorial Hall Library.

## Samuels won't run for either position

Calls candidate Forgue worthy replacement

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

After taking out nomination papers for both School Committee and town moderator, David Samuels has made his decision — he'll run for neither public office in 2008.

Elected to the School Committee three years ago, Samuels said he will not mount a re-election campaign, nor challenge incumbent Moderator Sheila Doherty, as he did last year.

"I am not going to run for public office this year," said Samuels, a periodontist with an office on Stevens Street. "I still am very interested, I just don't have the time to run a campaign right now."

Andover's annual town election is scheduled for March 25, and prospective candidates have until Tuesday, Feb. 5, to return nomination papers to the town clerk's office.



Gregory Rigby



Dennis Forgue

Four open positions will appear on the ballot — one each for Board of Selectmen, School Committee, town moderator and Housing Authority.

Samuels said he will not rule out running for public office in the future, and said the ultimate goal of serving as an elected official is ensuring that you leave office with the community in better position than before.

"I've loved every minute of it," said Samuels. "I think we've accomplished that. The school system is better now than it was three years ago, and for that I'm grateful."

Currently a vice president with the Massachusetts Dental Society, Samuels will become president-elect of the organization in May before officially taking over the position of president in the spring of 2009.

As dental society president, Samuels will oversee the group's board of trustees and executive committee.

"It's just a huge, huge job," said Samuels. "We represent almost 90 percent of the practicing dentists in Massachusetts. It requires an enormous amount of time out of the office."

Samuels is also the general chairman of the Yankee Dental Congress, which is holding its annual convention at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center

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## Presented for debate

Town eyes what might face ax to balance budget

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski will present a balanced budget to Andover officials on Monday, confronting an operating deficit of at least \$3 million through a combination of fee increases, and cuts to town staff and services.

Members of the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee contend that the only way to avoid employee layoffs and preserve the current level of town services for residents is through a Proposition 2½ override — a permanent tax-raising measure Andoverites have never approved.

All town department heads have relayed to Stapeczynski what specific cuts to their annual operating expenses they would consider if residents defeat an override proposal at either Town Meeting or the ballot box. These potential cuts will be released on Monday.

They range from eliminating the athletics program at the high school and increasing school class sizes district-wide to eliminating curbside leaf pickup and limiting the hours Memorial Hall Library is open

to the public.

Department heads were asked by Andover officials in December to come up with the budget-balancing \$3 million

### SCHOOL SPORTS



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

### CURBSIDE LEAF PICKUP



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worth of potential cuts. They were asked to provide a second level of additional cuts that will allow leaders to prioritize their spending.

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# Hopes high for new Bancroft after meeting with state

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

Andover officials say they are now confident that replacing the high-maintenance Bancroft Elementary School is a viable option after meeting with the Massachusetts School Building Authority last week.

The next step toward replacing or repairing the school could come as soon as April Town Meeting, if leaders decide to seek money for a study.

The state building authority is in charge of overseeing state funding for school-building projects.

For the proposed Bancroft Elementary project to proceed further, the town and building authority must agree on a feasibility study, which would explore all building options and help develop a project timeline, according to Carrie Sullivan, press secretary for the building authority.

Typically an eight- to 12-month process, the feasibility study will be paid for by both the town and state.

Superintendent Claudia Bach said this week it has not been determined if a request for the feasibility study will be added to this year's Town Meeting warrant. Bach said the state has also asked the town to form a building committee, which it will do soon.

Though both options of replacement or major renovation remain

## SCHOOL PROJECTS

School building projects in Massachusetts are comprised of five phases, according to information on the Massachusetts School Building Authority Web site. Conducting a feasibility study with the state is the third phase in the process. After the feasibility study, remaining steps include:

- Project scope and budget agreement
- Project approval by MSBA board
- Local vote within 120 days of MSBA board approval
- Design and design-review process
- Bidding
- Construction

possibilities for Bancroft Elementary, town Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi said he was optimistic that a new school building will be built by the town with the help of state funding.

"I think the good news is it looks like we are getting their approval to move through the process for a new school," said Piantedosi. "They were very sympathetic and understanding of the problems that we're dealing with now."

In recent years, more than \$1 million has been spent on maintenance at Bancroft, Piantedosi said.

Town workers must also re-

move snow from the roof every time there is a significant storm, he said.

Piantedosi confirmed that on Jan. 17, one of his employees, Lloyd Parks, an equipment operator and mechanic with the town's Parks and Grounds division, injured himself atop the Bancroft roof while clearing snow. The snow needs to be removed because of the condition of the school.

Parks was carried from the roof by the Fire Department and transported to Lawrence General Hospital, after falling on his side and losing feeling in one of his legs, Piantedosi said.

"It just was very slippery up there," said Piantedosi. "He's OK. He was back to work that afternoon."

The incident was mentioned at the recent meeting with the building authority, according to Bancroft Principal Scott Morrison.

"It certainly gets their attention," said Morrison. "It wasn't so much a lobbying effort. Just, 'Here are the facts.'"

Piantedosi said the town will not be reimbursed by the state for recent repair work to the Bancroft roof.

Both Morrison and Bach acknowledged they were happy with what they learned from the meeting with the building authority, but said the process ahead includes many steps before any pro-



File photo

During the summer, Bancroft School, which was built in 1969, got a new roof, structural repair to beams with steel braces, and gauges to monitor cracks from settlement.

ject is finalized.

"They're very thorough," said Bach of the state. "They will insist that we go through the process. But they felt all along, because we've been giving them a lot of information and (maintenance) history, they really know that it's not an economical operation for us."

## Next steps

Press secretary Sullivan said 83 communities in the state, including Andover, have been invited by

the building authority to begin feasibility studies. Of these, 49 districts including Andover are being considered for either major renovation or replacement work. "It's sort of a broad look at what we should do," said Bach of the feasibility study. "The good news was that they really do feel that we have a case to make for them helping us with the next step."

The building authority met with Andover officials on Jan. 23. Also present at the meeting

along with Bach was school department Business Manager Bernie Tuttle, School Committee member Tony James, Town Manager Buzz Stapezynski, Morrison, Andover state Rep. Barbara L'Italien, Piantedosi, and Mark Johnson, chairman of the town's school facilities task force.

"We're meeting with all districts to begin the process of exploring solutions for the problems identified in their school facilities," said Sullivan.

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## SCULPTURE: Bears a nod to global warming

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climbing, said Memorial Hall Library Director Jim Sutton.

"We think the kids will get a kick out of it," said Sutton. "I think it's going to be a nice addition to the Main Street project."

Herman said the polar bear and cubs will serve as a focal point for attracting families to the library as well as for creating future educational and informative library initiatives about the environment and global warming.

"I think the polar bear is really

an icon of our environment today," said Herman.

"We hope people look at it and think of the environment," said Sutton. "They're certainly a symbol of global warming right now."

Herman said the work will be designed by Vermont artist Jim Sardonis, who has created public art installations of wild animals and other natural scenes across New England.

"He really not only has a local, but national and international status," said Herman. "It's a very family-friendly sculpture, very acces-

sible."

Herman said that Sardonis works primarily in granite and bronze, and is true to life when choosing the sizes of his sculptures.

"It's a focus point for the library," said Selectman Mary Lyman. "It's one more step in welcoming families there."

Resident Brian Rhodes' two children certainly were fond of the sculpture when given a look at the rendering.

"I think it's cool," said Carter Rhodes, 10.

"Put it up! Put it up!" chanted his sister, Maddie Rhodes, 8.

But Rhodes himself wondered why a polar bear was chosen before being informed of the library's planned environmental initiatives.

"To be honest, it's not what I think of when I think of Andover," said Brian Rhodes. "It's just an interesting choice. That being said, I couldn't give you a better choice. You can't really complain about something unless you've got a better solution."

Herman said the Board of Trustees is responsible for administering a fund that holds in excess of \$750,000. Often the money has gone for art purchases at Memorial Hall Library as well as for scholarships and staff education.

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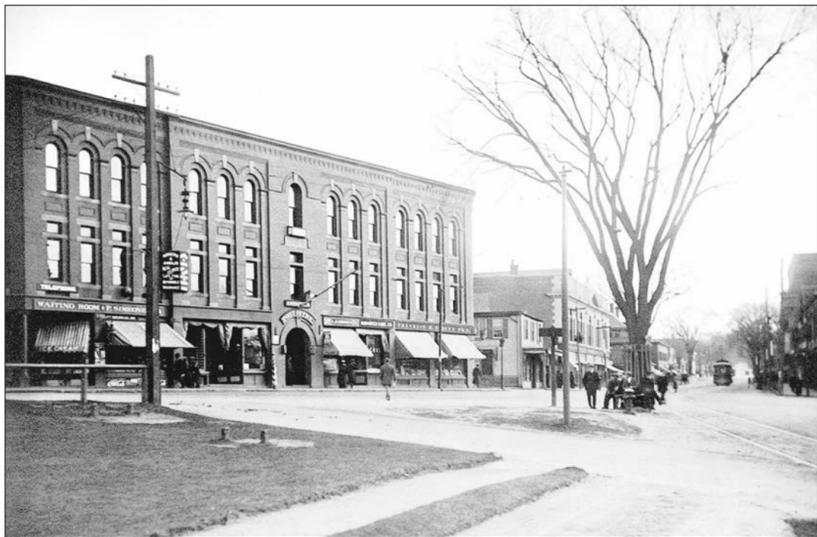
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## PAST & PRESENT



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**THEN:** Elm Square was named for the Centennial Elm, at right, but the tree was deemed a traffic hazard and removed in 1919. Trolley or "electric car" lines to Lawrence were installed in 1891, to Reading in 1900, and to Haverhill in 1901. The last trolley made its run in 1934.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

**NOW:** Elm Square today, at the intersection of Elm and Main streets, without the Centennial Elm.

## Fibromyalgia update on Feb. 6 at Atria Marland Place

"Update on Fibromyalgia - Diagnosis & Treatment," a light breakfast and informative talk for health professionals and adults interested and/or suffering from fibromyalgia, will be held on Feb. 6 at 8 a.m. at Atria

Marland Place, 15 Stevens St. Key speaker will be Dr. Andrew Kowal, director of the Interventional Pain Management Center at Lahey Medical Center and assistant clinical professor of anesthesiology at Tufts School

of Medicine. This event is free and open to the public and sponsored by Atria Marland Place. Reservations are required. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-475-4225.

## How to vote in primary on Feb. 5

The state presidential primary is Tuesday, Feb. 5, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

All precincts will vote at the Collins Field House gymnasium, Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road. The entrance to the polling place is behind the Field House and parking for voters is designated behind the Field House.

School will be in session all day. Voters will need to drive carefully near the time of the opening and closing of the school sessions. Voters should be aware that the entrance to the school on Shawsheen Road will be busy with students and buses between the hours of 7 and 7:30 a.m. and 2 and 2:30 p.m.

A voter bus shuttle will be available. Picking people up at the Senior Center, Chestnut Court, Main and Central streets, Andover Commons, Andover High School, Shawsheen Plaza, Frye Circle, Doctors Park, and the YMCA.

The last day to apply to vote absentee for voters who will be absent from Andover during polling hours is Monday, Feb. 4, at noon.

There are four primaries: Democrat, Republican, Green-Rainbow Party, Working Families.

Offices on Ballot are president (1), state committee man (1), state committee woman (1) and Andover town committees.

## Free public forum on casinos on Feb. 6

The League of Women Voters and Casino Free Mass are sponsoring a free public forum on Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library. Featured speakers will be Massachusetts Sen. Susan Tucker and former New Hampshire Sen. James Rubens, who heads the Granite State Coalition Against Expanded Gambling. Other speakers will discuss the potential impacts to the Merrimack Valley, social and public health concerns, the design and

## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



IT DEPENDS ON IF YOU'RE POOR OR IF YOU'RE RICH. If you're rich, it would be pretty nice. But there's no electricity, so I don't know.

— Andreas Christopoulos, Wood Hill Middle School student, on whether he'd want to live in Victorian England, after a workshop on the era. Story in Education, page 18

HE HAD SO MUCH PASSION, WAS SO APPRECIATIVE OF PEOPLE. He was truly a gentleman and a scholar and it was inspiring to be in a meeting with him.

— Jim McConaughy, president of the Andover Fund for Education, on the late Fred Fitzgerald, AFE founder. Story in Townspeople, page 9

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— Chris Ward on reservation land in town that will be showcased during a winter fun day this weekend. Story in Arts & Entertainment, page 15.



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### THURSDAY JAN. 31

Design Review Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

### FRIDAY, FEB. 1

Design Review Board, site visit to Andover High School, 8 a.m.

### MONDAY, FEB. 4

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

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

### TUESDAY, FEB. 5

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

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 6

Council on Aging virtual assist-

ed living subcommittee, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

Ballardvale Historic District Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, FEB. 7

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

### SATURDAY, FEB. 9

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

### MONDAY, FEB. 11

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

### TUESDAY, FEB. 12

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

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# Town Meeting issues set as warrant is closed

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STAFF WRITER

A Proposition 2 1/2 override vote will likely draw the most attention from Town Meeting voters this spring.

Two such proposals to permanently raise Andover's property tax levy limit have been placed on the annual warrant — one by selectmen, school and finance officials, and the other by a concerned group of citizens.

The warrant closed on Jan. 18.

Here's a look at just some of the issues — other than an override — that residents will be likely asked to weigh in on come April:

## ■ Greater Business District Banner Bylaw

Requested by the Board of Selectmen and initially proposed by members of the Andover Business Center Association, approval of this bylaw would allow a tempo-

rary banner promoting a local event to hang either across or along Main Street.

Only town-sponsored or non-profit organization-sponsored events would be eligible, and all banner proposals would need approval from the Board of Selectmen.

The double-sided banner could be no more than 30 feet in length and 36 inches in height.

A separate but related warrant article looks to appropriate \$45,000 for the purchase and installation of free-standing poles to hang the banners.

## ■ Stormwater Management Bylaw

Back on the Town Meeting warrant again after being withdrawn by town officials last year, this bylaw would establish minimum standards for stormwater management and erosion control for certain land-disturbance projects. The guidelines under this bylaw are being enforced at the

federal level under the federal Environmental Protection Act.

## ■ Outdoor Dining Bylaw

This bylaw amendment would allow for restaurant dining on publicly-maintained sidewalks. The Board of Selectmen, which has expressed enthusiasm for the proposal, would be in charge of issuing outdoor dining licenses. Outdoor dining would be permitted between April and October. Planning officials and downtown businesses support bringing outdoor dining to Andover's public sidewalks.

## ■ News Boxes Bylaw

Requested by the Main Street Committee, this bylaw would call for the construction of a minimum of three consolidated structures along Main Street sidewalks to house newspapers and other printed materials. The purpose, according to the proposal, is to promote public safety, aesthetics

and welfare through the regulation of items on town sidewalks.

## ■ Disposition of Tax Title Land

A vote of approval on this warrant article would authorize the town manager to sell the following land upon approval by the Board of Selectmen: 2 Pepperidge Circle, both 3 and 5 Monahan Lane, 8 Agawam Lane, 129 Summer St., 463 R. South Main St., and both 9 and 10 Mulberry Circle. All properties were acquired by the town in tax foreclosures.

## ■ School Facilities Maintenance Trust Fund

Approval would create a local fund for school facility maintenance projects. The creation of such a fund opens the possibility for the town to receive matching grant funds from the Massachusetts School Building Authority for school maintenance projects.

■ A vote to appropriate \$1 million for

open space land acquisition, requested by the Conservation Commission.

■ A vote to authorize the sale of town-owned 71 Elm St.

■ A vote to authorize the appropriation of \$100,000 for replacing outdoor lighting at Recreation Park. A separate warrant article would also seek \$290,000 for the replacement of outdoor lighting and the track around Lovely Field.

■ A vote to authorize the transfer of \$165,000 from the C.A. Wood Trust Fund for constructing the William M. Wood Memorial at William M. Wood Memorial Park. A separate warrant article seeks \$285,000 of public funds for reconstructing and repairing the Shawshen Square park.

■ A vote to authorize \$200,000 for aerial photography and digital mapping of the town, requested by Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

## ■ POLICE LOG

### ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 23 — At 2:47 p.m., Michael Dupill, 23, of 10 Lincoln St., Fitchburg, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license, operating under the influence of drugs, knowingly being present where heroin is kept, and conspiracy to violate controlled substance laws.

At 3:10 p.m., Steven Rocheleau, 44, of 102 Lincoln St., Fitchburg, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class A substance with intent to distribute and distribution of a Class A substance.

Thursday, Jan. 24 — At 12:27 p.m., a 15-year-old juvenile male from Lawrence was arrested and charged on a warrant for malicious destruction of property and trespassing.

Friday, Jan. 25 — At 1:09 p.m., Luis Montes, 42, of 499 Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Saturday, Jan. 26 — At 8 a.m., Omar Hermosa, 21, of 253 Andover St., was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operating under the influence.

At 6:19 p.m., Richard Bushee, 54, of 91 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and his third offense for operating under the influence.

Sunday, Jan. 27 — At 1:38 p.m., Ronald Laporte, 39, of 1692 Remsen Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested and charged with trespassing and unlawful wiretapping.

At 1:57 p.m., Audra Carter Makuch, 30, of 110 Greenwich St.,

New York, N.Y., was arrested and charged with trespassing.

Monday, Jan. 28 — At 7:32 p.m., Fotoula Pantazopoulos, 36, of 508 East Merrimack St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license and the motor vehicle violation of giving a false name/address to police.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — At 11:56 a.m., Alfredo Jorge, 27, of 138 Butler St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 7:24 p.m., Anthony Benjamin, 17, of 59 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance.

At 7:42 p.m., Michael Boudreau, 18, of 241 Middlesex St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D sub-

stance.

At 10:25 p.m., James Hurley, 46, of 8 Carmel Road, Billerica, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, having an open container of liquor in a motor vehicle, and possessing a Class D substance.

### AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 8:44 p.m., motor vehicle larceny was reported on Old River Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 23 — At 9:33 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Riverside Drive.

Saturday, Jan. 26 — At 9:05 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on North Main Street.

At 12:06 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Tech Drive.

At 4:01 p.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Porter Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — At 10:47 a.m., motor vehicle larceny was reported on Shattuck Road.

At 12:07 p.m., motor vehicle larceny was reported in Shattuck Road.

### THEFTS

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 7:04 p.m., larceny was reported on Pettingill Avenue.

Friday, Jan. 25 — At 5:59 p.m., larceny of a cell phone was reported

at the Greater Lawrence Technical School on River Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — At 9:32 a.m., larceny was reported on Castle Heights Road.

### BREAKS

Friday, Jan. 25 — At 10:35 a.m., breaking and entering was reported at West Parish Cemetery on Reservation Road.

Saturday, Jan. 26 — At 1:09 a.m., breaking and entering was reported at a Beacon Street home.

### INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 6:09 p.m., a noise complaint was received on Stowe Court for loud music.

Wednesday, Jan. 23 — At 1:41 p.m., a disorderly person was reported on Shepley Street.

Thursday, Jan. 24 — At 11:57 a.m., a fraudulent money order was reported on Park Street.

At 10:40 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Friday, Jan. 25 — At 6:41 p.m., a missing person was reported on Glen Meadow Road.

At 6:45 p.m., mischievous activity was reported on River Road.

Saturday, Jan. 26 — At 1:20 a.m., a disorderly person was reported on Lowell Street.

At 12:35 p.m., missing property was reported on Elm Square.

At 8:31 p.m., a disorderly person

was reported on Washington Park Drive.

Sunday, Jan. 27 — At 2:35 a.m., a noise complaint was received on Post Office Avenue.

At 3:54 a.m., a disturbed person was reported on Washington Park Drive.

At 1:12 p.m., a disorderly disturbance was reported on Stevens Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — at 1:28 p.m., illegal dumping was reported on Andover Street.

At 2:36 p.m., an attempted suicide was reported.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 23 — At 9:04 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported in the post office parking lot on Stevens Street.

At 10:51 a.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Beacon Street.

Friday, Jan. 25 — At 11:03 a.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on Dascomb Road.

At 3 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Haverhill Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 29 — At 1:38 p.m., a crash with personal injury involving a tree was reported on Lovejoy Road.

At 3:36 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported in front of CVS on Main Street.

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# New patio dug up at senior center after drainage system failure

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A portion of the Andover Senior Center patio installed last summer has been dug up after a drainage pipe that runs underneath the new patio failed.

Plant & Facilities Director Joe Pinatodosi said the failure was triggered by the most recent snowfall.

The drainage system — which runs from the flat roof of the senior center and into the ground behind the building, under the roughly 2,000 square-foot patio — has been rerouted for the repair work, which began last week, Pinatodosi said.

The patio was the site of grill nights at the senior center during the summer.

If at least \$75,000 in additional funds is appropriated at Town Meeting this spring, a four-season room covering half of the patio is

expected to be built this summer. Due to increases in construction costs, Pinatodosi said last month that an original appropriation of \$360,000 is no longer enough money to complete the project, which included the installation of a hardwood floor inside the senior center.

Voters approved a land transfer for the patio project at 2007 Town Meeting.

Pinatodosi said the recent drainage repairs will cost the town an estimated \$10,000 to \$15,000, but should not delay the construction of the four-season room.

Though he will try to absorb the cost of the work in his department's operating budget, Pinatodosi said "it's too early to tell" if the recent repair work will acquire an additional Town Meeting appropriation.

On Monday, workers from a local paving company already had

dug up a notable portion of the patio. A roughly six-foot-deep trench had also been dug, where it appeared long stretches of PVC piping would be installed.

"It was not a problem related to the construction of the patio," said Pinatodosi of the work. "It was an old problem that we didn't notice before and it somehow got totally blocked with this last storm."

The trench did not affect the portion of the patio where the four-season room is expected to be built, which is also where radiant floor heating was installed, according to Pinatodosi.

The grill nights held during the summer were popular events among some senior center patrons.

"It was nice," said Crescent Drive resident Joanne Lepine after leaving the center this week. "I hope the grill nights will continue."



Courtesy photo

Workers dug a trench earlier this week that extended from behind the senior center toward Doherty Middle School. A portion of the senior center patio was also dug up after a recent drainage system failure.

## Upcoming Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce together with Salem Five Cent Savings Bank will present "Business Networking Mixer on Tuesday, Feb. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Salem Five Cent Savings Bank, 530 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Products and literature will be displayed. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members.

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee will present

"A Special Report from Washington", the challenges facing the United States in 2008 and how is your business impacted, on Monday, Feb. 11 from 8 to 9:15 a.m. at Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover. A full breakfast is included. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Invited guests include U.S. Congressman John Tierney and U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas.

The Merrimack Valley Cham-

ber of Commerce Human Resource Association will present "Performance Management Tools - Part II: Resolving Performance Challenges" on Thursday, Feb. 14 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Jackson's Restaurant, 478 Lowell St., Methuen. A breakfast buffet is included. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

## Downtown recycle bin offered by St. Augustine

"Going Green" was selected as the theme for an upcoming research fair that will be taking place in April at St. Augustine School. Students in kindergarten through grade eight will choose topics ranging from local concerns like charting the number of plastic bottles recycled each month to global issues like the melting of the polar ice caps.

A club for middle level students called the St. Augustine Group of Environmentalists is also reaching out to

the greater Andover community, encouraging shared use of an Abitibi Paper Retriever bin for paper recycling, according to teacher Karen Landers. The bin is located in the back parking lot of the school, beside the town's Olde Andover Village parking lot, and accepts newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, and other clean, discarded paper. Patrons are encouraged to help both the school and the environment, because compiling recycled paper is also part of a school fundraising event, said Landers.

## First rehearsal for the Andover Choral Society

The Andover Choral Society invites all vocalists to the first rehearsal for its spring concert of Handel's "Messiah" on Monday,

Feb. 4, at Christ Church, Central Street, at 7:20 p.m.

The concert will be on May 4 at the Rogers Center for the Arts on

the Merrimack College campus. For more information call 978-682-0196 or visit [www.andover-choral.org](http://www.andover-choral.org).

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# Saints Health Monitor

The monthly health update from Saints Medical Center

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## First in the Region: Diagnostic SPECT•CT

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SPECT•CT is the synergy of two amazing imaging modalities (SPECT - single-photon emission computed tomography and CT - computed tomography). A SPECT study uses specific nuclear imaging tracers injected into the bloodstream to visualize how well the body is functioning at a metabolic or cellular level. CT, often called CAT scan, combines X-rays with computer processing techniques to give a detailed anatomic image of internal structures and organs. SPECT•CT merges the two together in a single exam.



"Each of these two technologies can be performed as separate tests; however the combination in a single machine provides added benefits," said Paul Tower, MD, radiologist at Saints Medical Center. "Since the machines are combined, there are less problems with patient positioning or motion. This allows the nuclear images to be superimposed on the CT images, resulting in an exceptionally clear picture of the region and any detected abnormalities."

"From a patient's perspective," stated Kathie Dalton, Saints supervisor of nuclear medicine, "this unit has unique adaptive capabilities that can help relieve patient stress." The SPECT detectors can be configured to accommodate patients in wheelchairs and stretchers and can be moved beneath the bed during CT imaging to provide patients with more room and an unobstructed view to reduce feelings of claustrophobia. The machine is roomy and comfortable to accommodate the needs of patients and equipped with a 15" touch screen with a DVD player. "This is an especially nice feature for reducing patient anxiety and for children who may have a hard time staying still."

The SPECT•CT reduces the need for additional imaging procedures and aids in early detection and improved treatment of many diseases. "We want to provide our patients with the highest quality health care and every convenience and comfort possible," said Saints Chief Operating Officer, Judy Casagrande.



## Hand Washing: The Best Protection Against Infection

The dreaded "stomach flu" is visiting many of us again this winter season. Noroviruses also called Norwalk, gastroenteritis, food infection, food poisoning and acute nonbacterial gastroenteritis are nasty visitors.

The best protection against these infections is to wash your hands frequently with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Imagine singing "Happy Birthday" all the way through - twice!

Noroviruses are generally spread through contaminated water and food. Shellfish and salad ingredients are most often infected with the viruses, while other foods may be contaminated by food handlers. This virus is very contagious and can spread rapidly by touching contaminated surfaces or objects or by direct contact with someone who is infected.

For Saints employees, washing hands before and after every patient contact is required to help reduce and eliminate hospital acquired infections. Diane Maltais, RN, Saints infection control nurse, has led the implementation of several protocols to help decrease hospital acquired infections. Providing alcohol based hand sanitizers in patient areas makes it convenient for staff and visitors to access more frequently. As a result of increased hand hygiene and other procedural practices, Saints infection rate has decreased and continues to remain below the national average for hospital acquired infections.

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## Straight Talk



As we begin the New Year, it is my hope that 2008 will be a time of good health, happiness and prosperity for you and your family and for everyone who lives and works in our community.

Throughout its history, the Greater Lowell area has been fortunate to have two (or more) fine hospitals serving its health care needs. This is a true benefit to our community in that it provides a broad array of resources and helps ensure that everyone has access to the health care they need, when they need it.

At Saints Medical Center, we believe that access to health care is not only everyone's right, but it also should be their choice. We encourage our patients to be informed advocates of their health. With the abundance of health information and resources available today, it is clear that consumers are empowered to ask questions and to play a proactive role in achieving and maintaining their own good health and well being.

By providing our community with choices when it comes to health care, everyone wins. Choice assures residents that they have options when making health care decisions. It also encourages hospitals to offer services to better meet the needs of its community. And when patients have a choice in how, when and where they receive care, hospitals are ultimately driven to provide the best service possible to keep patients returning for future care. Without choice, it is the patient who loses, as health care becomes more difficult to access and quality of care can diminish.

The Greater Lowell community is indeed fortunate to have a choice when it comes to staying in good health. As we enter this New Year, I encourage each and every member of our community to be proactive decision-makers, ask questions and take advantage of the outstanding health care resources that are available right here in Lowell.

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# Opinion

## Seeking candidates to get in the game

With less than a week remaining to declare a campaign for a town leadership post, few have taken the plunge. We encourage those who have thought about testing the waters to wade on in.

As of Tuesday, there were actually fewer potential candidates than there were just a week ago, as Peter Loring and David Samuels — the latter of whom took out papers for both moderator and School Committee — have said they will not run. That leaves two people running for selectman and two people for an open School Committee seat. As it stood Tuesday, there will be no race for moderator or Housing Authority.

Voters in any election crave real choices — the more, the better. The presidential race this year is without either a president or vice president looking to remain in power, creating a wide open field, and the resulting interest has been tremendous.

So many people voted in the New Hampshire primary earlier this month that some polling places there had to worry about running out of ballots. (Coincidentally, the Massachusetts primary is Tuesday, Feb. 5, the last day Andover people can return papers to run for town office.) Andover voters would welcome the same level of choice at the local level.

“This is not a year to sit on the sidelines. This is the year for people to weigh in on how they feel,” said School Committee Chairman Art Barber, speaking about proposed changes to the school budget. People often talk about how important a particular year’s election is for the town. This year, it’s true.

Andover is almost certain to seek a Proposition 2 1/2 override — a tax hike above the amount allowed normally under state law — mostly to maintain the services currently offered. Andover residents have never approved such a measure, which has been asked for and rejected twice during the last three decades.

The town needs strong leadership to help prioritize spending and ensure tax dollars are directed to the most worthy programs — whether or not an override is approved. Indeed, for those with an interest in public service, this is not a year to sit on the sidelines.

### WEB QUESTION

## What do you think of the Elm Square bear?

Last week’s Web site question was, “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?”

Nearly 31 percent of those who responded said, “Repair it. It’s a great, uncommon design.”

Nearly 26 percent said, “Repair it. We can’t afford a new school.”

Nearly 18 percent said, “Replace it. It’s becoming dangerous.”

Just over 23 percent said, “Replace it. It’s a terrible concept anyway.”

Just over 2.5 percent responded with, “Other.”

This week’s question is, “The

Memorial Hall Library Board of Trustees has received approval from selectmen to erect a 6-foot-tall, 8-foot-long granite polar bear statue on North Main Street, adjacent to the library’s main entrance. What do you think of the privately-funded proposal for Elm Square?”

■ Great idea that will attract children to the library.

■ Unique sculpture, and one well-suited for our town’s library.

■ It’s a statement about global warming, which I support.

■ It’s a statement about global warming, which I do not support.

■ Has Elm frozen over? I just don’t get it.

■ Inappropriate for heart of downtown Andover.

■ Other.

## QUESTIONS FOR FESTA



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Secretary Michael Festa of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs talks with seniors at the Andover Senior Center about issues he and his office are working on with local state representatives.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Beware the casino: League offers forum on issue

**Editor, Townsman:**  
Do you want to learn more about the governor’s proposal to bring casino gambling to Massachusetts? Do you have questions or concerns? The League of Women Voters and Casino Free Mass are sponsoring a public forum on Wednesday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library in Andover.

It may seem that casinos built in other areas will have limited impact on the Merrimack Valley, but the reality is quite different. The projected revenue from casino gambling will not come to our cities and towns without administrative, social and environmental costs. Should we as a commonwealth be encouraging our citizens to gamble away their money on slot machines that are carefully designed to be highly addictive? The forum will feature presentations by state Sen. Sue Tucker and others about the costs and impacts associated with casinos, followed by a question and answer session.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, grassroots organization that encourages the informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The LWV does not support or oppose any political party or candidate. It takes positions on selected governmental issues after member study and agreement.

**Stefani Traina Goldsheim**  
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### LETTERS POLICY

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### Why country needs Obama — now

**Editor, Townsman:**  
Anyone who has experienced a goosebumps moment while listening to Barack Obama knows that he is a class of candidate not seen in a generation. His words are poetic, lofty and capable of letting us imagine an America filled with the hope and vision this country was founded on.

Through his work strengthening communities in Chicago, as a professor of constitutional law, as an Illinois legislator and U.S. senator, Obama has experience rooted in the lives of real people. His ideas are fresh and his plans are comprehensive and thought out. Detailed information about where he stands on the issues can be found on his Web site.

As someone who worked to elect Bill Clinton in 1992, I always thought I would proudly support Hillary’s candidacy when the time came. But I no longer feel that way. We need a firm break from

the baggage of a divisive time and we would be doing our country a disservice to continue a Bush/Clinton dynasty. I am also dismayed at the win-at-all-costs tactics that the Clintons have displayed during the primaries thus far.

Barack Obama is the one candidate who offers not only substance, but the ability to bring Americans along as participants in their own democracy and unite those of differing beliefs to actually get things done. Not only will this help our country on domestic issues, but it makes Obama the candidate best suited to repair the damage done to America’s global reputation over the last several years.

America needs Obama now. For the first time in decades, we have the opportunity to turn the page from the divisiveness of the past and move forward toward a better, safer, more prosperous and unified America with a leader we can be proud of. Vote for Barack Obama on Feb. 5.

**Cristen Farrell**  
33 Chester St.

### Speak up on revolting property tax jump

**Editor, Townsman:**  
Andover real estate values up 70 percent from 2005-2007? Anyone reading this would realize it is fiction — anyone, that is, but the town of Andover government.

I recently received a summary of my escrow payments paid and due, which cover Andover real estate taxes. It caught my eye because our 2008 payments, supposedly linked to recent appraised real estate value, jumped 26 percent over what we were paying just last year.

As I dug deeper, I discovered that my quarterly payment had jumped an astounding 69.9 percent during just the three years since

we moved here in 2005. It simply defies logic, in this real estate market, that anything linked to home values would increase by about 70 percent during one of the worst housing market downturns in modern history. In fact, it defies logic in any market, anywhere, that taxes linked to anything would go up 70 percent during such a short period of time.

So, either the assessment process has been lagging woefully behind values for the nearly 220 years our home has been standing, and someone decided to make up for lost time at the most inappropriate time to do so — or these increases are unjustifiably accelerated to fill the town’s coffers.

Either way, it’s outrageous. The town needs to take a rational look at these assessments and the corresponding tax burden on its citizens. Driving taxes up at such an extreme rate, at a time like this, is a good way to drive residents out (if, ironically, the real estate market wasn’t so abysmal).

My pleas to the tax assessor were met with a perfunctory reference to the Web site and a regurgitation of the appeal process. From the town manager and selectmen? Nothing.

I’m wondering if anyone else out there has been paying attention, and is experiencing this same phenomenon. If so, I urge other homeowners to pay careful attention to what is being done, and speak up — before the looming Feb. 1 appeal deadline.

Or, have we all been overtaxed for so long we have become complacent, forgetting that this was once (a mere 17 years before our home was built) the region that gave rise to the most famous tax revolt in history?

**Craig Martin**  
54 Morton St.

### THURSDAY FILE

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

They’re not trying to catch me doing something stupid; they’re trying to create me doing something stupid.

— *George Clooney, actor, claiming that the paparazzi dogging him cause accidents in his neighborhood*

Nurses told me I awoke from the anesthetic singing. I asked if it was any good. They said it was loud.

— *Cleo Laine, jazz singer, describes the aftermath of an operation*

What would you feel like if you go in for brain surgery and the brain surgeon leans over and says, “I just want you to know that I am not a perfectionist. But don’t worry, I’m a nice guy?”

— *Dustin Hoffman, an actor and self-styled perfectionist*

At the point where I’m trying to force something and it’s not happening, and I’m getting frustrated with, say, writing a poem, I can go and pick up the brushes and start painting. At the point where the painting seems to not be going anywhere, I go and pick up the guitar.

— *Joni Mitchell*

The question which we must ask ourselves is not whether we like or do not like what is going on, but what we are going to do about it.

— *Winston Churchill*

If we all tried to make other people’s paths easy, our own feet would have a smooth even place to walk on.

— *Myrtle Reed*

Build for yourself a strongbox, Fashion each part with care; When it’s strong as your hand can make it, Put all your troubles there. . . Lock all your heartaches within it, Then sit on the lid and laugh.

— *Bertha Adams Backus*

It’s long past time to recognize that the care of young children should be a shared male-female responsibility.

— *Peter Bearse*

Good design should solve problems, not just decorate.

— *Diane Kavelaras*

Love the moment and the energy of that moment will spread beyond all boundaries.

— *Corita Kent*

Enthusiasm is contagious. Be a carrier.

— *Sasan Rabin*

The mere sense of living is joy enough.

— *Emily Dickinson*

It is not irritating to be where one is. It is only irritating to think one would like to be somewhere else.

— *John Gage*

Real leadership is being the first one to the table, real leadership is being the first one to make commitments, and real leadership is leading by example.

— *Mike Hudema*

I’m just an ordinary middle-aged primary school teacher. I went out there to have an adventure, and got a bit more than I bargained for.

— *Gillian Gibbons, a British teacher who was jailed in Sudan for allowing a class teddy bear to be named Muhammad*

Before talking about human rights, you should make sure that immigrants all enjoy these rights in your country.

— *Moamer Kadhafi, Libyan leader*

However beautiful the strategy, you should occasionally look at the results.

— *Winston Churchill*

Long pointless meetings are useful in that they keep incompetent

people from interfering with those who are working.

— *Steve Kaye*

The subject has to capture my interest somehow: the way the colors and shapes play off each other, or the patterns of light and shadow. I try to find poetry in banality.

— *Robert Chunn*

I work with many people who make very large sums of money who don’t necessarily feel that they’re in a place where they’re making the biggest contribution and deeply engaged.

— *Timothy Butler*

Folks who never do any more than they get paid for, never get paid for any more than they do.

— *Elbert Hubbard*

In the blink of an eye, our babies become adults, and minor keepsakes from their childhoods become our greatest treasures.

— *Audrey Munroe*

Easy reading is damn hard writing.

— *Nathaniel Hawthorne*

Horse sense is the thing a horse has which keeps it from betting on people.

— *W. C. Fields*

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# BUDGET: Cuts as presented could be 'devastating' to town's schools

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guidelines we were given," said Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi. "At some point, you just can't eliminate (costs) any more without eliminating some services."

The proposed cuts affect all town departments in accordance with their share of the operating budget.

As the largest department, the schools would be hit the hardest, and were asked to come up with nearly \$2 million in savings for the first round of cuts — and a total of \$3.3 million out of \$5.2 million in overall proposed townwide savings.

"The cuts as presented would be devastating," said School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber. "This is not a year to sit on the sidelines. This is the year for people to weigh in on how they feel."

The School Committee will hold its own public budget hearing next week, although Superintendent Claudia Bach and School Business Manager Bernie Tuttle are expected to make a presentation Monday along with Stapeczynski.

While the proposed cuts to the school department have been discussed at the last two School Committee meetings, Bach said she wished progress had been made

*"I've been concerned that we've been dragging our feet. This should have surfaced much, much earlier."*

School Superintendent Claudia Bach

on the town's operating deficit sooner than it has been this year.

"In April, everybody knew we would be exactly where we are now," said Bach. "I've been concerned that we've been dragging our feet. This should have surfaced much, much earlier."

Barber said he was concerned over how the cuts would affect Andover's younger students. "As it looks right now, the elementary level would be absorbing a high level of academic cuts, and the School Committee finds that to be quite distasteful," said Barber. "As it currently stands, I don't think we can avoid cuts; the only question is where they'll be."

Other town departments are also feeling the financial pressure.

"A lot of it would come out of staffing," said Library Director Jim Sutton, whose department provided Stapeczynski with \$151,000 worth of proposed cuts in all. "The impact I foresaw was that it might affect the number of hours the library will be open, because

there might not be enough staff."

Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey said the budget reductions would mean increasing fees for all of his department's programs and opening the town skate park for as little as two months instead of five.

"It's something we don't want to do, but we're wrestling with it now," said Fahey.

Public Works Director Jack Petkus said fee increases will be likely for both household hazardous waste disposal and electronic waste disposal, though the amount of the increase has not been determined.

The elimination of curb-side leaf pickup and implementing "pay-as-you-throw" garbage collection are also possible, he said.

"Some of the services that are out there right now aren't going to be free anymore," said Petkus. "We're also looking at taking some existing jobs and scaling them back, making them less than full-time."

Piantedosi would not disclose specific cuts proposed for his department, but said staff reductions are possible.

"I gave the town manager various options that could be considered," said Piantedosi. "Some are more drastic-type measures that look at other options, including personnel."

Increased fees for parking downtown by the police department and numerous fire department services, approved by selectmen on Jan. 28, are among a host of "modest fee increases" residents can expect, Stapeczynski said.

"We've been remiss in some areas with not charging fees," he said. "We're trying to do this in a way that impacts the general public the least and, if a fee is warranted, (have) it be on the user."

Though an override proposal will likely be voted on at Town Meeting this spring, by state law Stapeczynski is required to present a balanced budget to the Board of Selectmen every year. That means he must create a budget the town can use if a general override is rejected.

"To do that, that's going to necessitate some level of reductions," said Stapeczynski. "This has been a difficult year, and we're just getting started."



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Classroom size will also be considered during budget talks.

# RACE: Just two candidates in running for Andover School Committee

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from Jan. 30 through Feb. 3. With 30,000 people attending, the convention is Boston's largest annual meeting, Samuels said.

## Samuels offers support for another candidate

With just one week remaining before the Feb. 5 deadline, only three candidates other than Samuels had taken out nomination papers to run for School Committee, according to Town Clerk

Randy Hanson.

The field of three remaining prospective candidates — Dennis Forgue of Reservation Road, Gregory Rigby of Rattlesnake Road and Peter Loring of South Main Street — was whittled down even further when Loring recently decided against running for the three-year School Committee term.

Calling Forgue "a data-driven guy," Samuels said he is the ideal candidate to replace him.

"That sort of really put me at ease, that there'd be a good person to replace me," said Samuels. "The School Committee can't flounder. We have so much going, between the budget shortfall and the teachers contract."

Forgue said he only knows Samuels through his ongoing work with the town's School Facilities Task Force, which has been

charged with assessing Andover's school-building needs.

## Meet David Rigby

Rigby, an independent financial advisor, said he was not concerned by Samuels' support of Forgue.

"David's a citizen just like anyone else," Rigby said. "He can back anyone he chooses to back."

Rigby said he is married, does not have children and has lived in Andover for 28 years.

"I've watched what the School Committee has done for the last 15 to 20 years and I think it's one of the most important roles, because the schools affect everybody, no matter if you have kids," he said.

Rigby received a bachelor's degree in finance from Northern Illinois University.

He moved from Illinois to Andover in 1979 as a consultant for Prince Macaroni and later served

as vice president of finance.

Rigby worked in the high-tech industry for software and hardware development and design companies from 1983 to 1993, and also has experience as a consultant in the airline, automotive and telecommunications industries.

Rigby said he has years of experience developing financial models, company policies and procedures, and also in negotiating contracts — all of which he would bring to the table as a member of the School Committee.

"I've always been able to create consensus within companies," said Rigby. "That's an area where I've got a lot of experience."

Rigby said the School Committee would be well-served with a new member possessing his background in finance.

"We need to build a partnership with the selectmen and the School Committee," he said.

## FEW CANDIDATES

As of Tuesday, the following people had taken out papers and were believed to be interested in running:

- Moderator (one-year term): Incumbent **Sheila Doherty**
- Selectman (three-year term): Incumbent **Mary Lyman** and **Peter Cotch**
- School Committee (three-year term): **Dennis Forgue** and **Gregory Rigby**
- Andover Housing Authority (five-year term): Incumbent **Janice Burkholder**

Those interested in running for any position should visit Town Clerk Randy Hanson at the Town Offices, 36 Bartlett St., to pick up nomination papers.

Forgue has an MBA from the University of New Hampshire's Whittemore School of Business and Economics, and a second master's degree in social work from Boston College.

Having lived in New Hampshire for 12 years, Forgue said he was twice appointed by the governor there as member of Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

With a background in health-care management, Forgue previously served as chief operating officer of a multi-million dollar behavioral health practice in Nashua, N.H., and also co-founded and served as executive director of a nonprofit, long-term services provider for people living with mental illnesses, he said.

If elected, he will bring the "measured and objective approach" to the School Committee that he already has to the School Facilities Task Force, he said.

Saying he can simplify complex data and make it understandable, Forgue added, "I think that's a skill that I brought to the task force and I'd like to bring to the School Committee."

Forgue said he is responsible for much of the task force's data-driven assessment of school enrollment, and building capacity figures and predictions.

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## IT'S A LONG STORY

Eventually, just about every fashion and decorating trend will come back in an updated form. Just as bell-bottomed pants have made it back, so has shag carpeting. However, this type of carpeting bears little resemblance to its 1970's forebears. In fact, even the name is different. While the shag carpeting of four decades ago was often too airy, poorly constructed, and had pile that was too long, today's "super friezes" feature advanced nylon fibers (which were not available years ago) and tightly twisted cut pile. The longer length and individuality of the tufts produces carpeting with nubby textures that looks as luxurious as it is durable. In addition, it is highly resilient, trackless, easy to clean, and crush resistant.

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**Meet Dennis Forgue**

Forgue is married with two children, ages 6 and 8, both students at Shawsheen School, and he has lived in Andover for nine years.

"I'm concerned about the fiscal makeup of the schools, short-term and long-term," said Forgue.

"The reason I'm running is I believe Andover is in a defining moment," said Forgue. "The decisions to be made in the coming months will have a lasting impact on town services and property values."

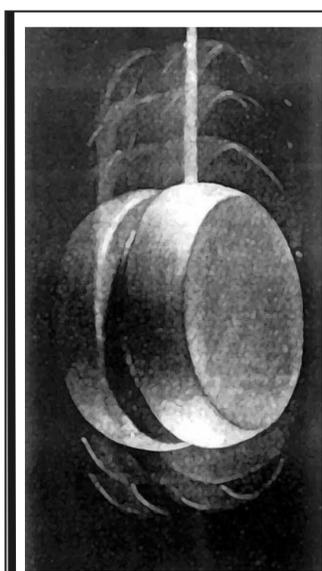
An entrepreneur and executive recruiter, Forgue started his own business, Andover Networking, three and a half years ago. He moved to the area from Connecticut in 1971 before earning a bachelor's degree at Merrimack College.

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# Townspeople

## Remembering a champion for education

Fred Fitzgerald, who founded the Andover Fund for Education, died on Monday, Jan. 21. He is remembered for his intelligence and commitment to fighting for the town's schools.

File photo



By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Andover continues to mourn Frederick "Fred" Fitzgerald, the founder of the nonprofit Andover Fund for Education, known for his deep commitment to education in Andover.

Fitzgerald died Monday, Jan. 21, at Academy Manor nursing home in Andover. He was 94 and formerly lived on Central Street with his beloved wife of 67 years, Betty.

Fitzgerald was an avid walker who could often be recognized downtown by the Patriots jacket he wore in cold weather.

A Columbia University graduate and avid reader who family members said recently wowed visitors with a recital of the 238-line Tennyson poem, "Locksley Hall," Fitzgerald was a big believ-

er in maintaining the quality of Andover's public schools. He was considered a champion for teachers and was never one to seek big headlines or recognition.

Bill Dalton, former selectman and town moderator, worked with Fitzgerald on a town government study group in 1970-71.

"He was the quiet guy who did more work than anyone and who was able to synthesize others' ideas," said Dalton. "He made it all easy for the rest of us. He was a very smart man."

"I don't think he had a mean bone in his body," said Jim McConaughy of Andover, director of enrichment at the Greater Lawrence Educational Collaborative. McConaughy is also the current president of the Andover Fund for Education, which Fitzgerald founded in 1991.

"He had so much passion, was so appreciative of people," said McConaughy. "He was truly a gentleman and a scholar and it was inspiring to be in a meeting with him."

AFE is best known for its grants awarded to public school teachers every year. Typically worth about \$3,000 each, the grants encourage teachers to come up with innovative curriculum ideas. AFE has so far awarded a total of 180 grants, McConaughy said.

The group also hosts a popular adult spelling bee to raise money each year in town. Another popular AFE fundraiser encourages students to recognize a favorite teacher by making a donation to AFE during the holidays.

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## TOWN TALK

### Local company aces tennis surface

Not only did last week's Australian Open have a first time Grand Slam winner on the men's side (Novak Djokovic of Serbia), it also had a new surface with Andover roots.

The surface used Down Under is called Plexipave and was made by Andover-based California Products, located on Dascomb Road. The tennis facilities at Melbourne Park were upgraded last year and officials chose Plexicushion Prestige for its "consistency and environmentally friendly status," according to the company.

At least one American tennis player whiffed on the new surface, which is said to slow down the ball a bit as the balls become worn. Reportedly, Andy Roddick sheepishly talked about his two swings and misses during a match and quipped, "... I just didn't want the first one to be lonely."

— Judy Wakefield

### Concert to benefit teen crisis hot line

Ballard Vale United Church has formed a partnership with Samaritans of Merrimack Valley to pay for a teen support phone line.

The local Samaritans, a program of Family Service Inc., provide a 24-hour crisis hot line manned by volunteers to offer support and caring to those who are lonely, despairing or suicidal. Several years ago, the teen support line was discontinued due to lack of money. Ballard Vale United Church is planning to provide money to train teen volunteers and set up the phone lines so that teens in crisis will have someone to talk to once again.

To benefit their goal of implementing a teen crisis hotline, the church will host a Coffee House Concert featuring Bob Franke on Saturday, Feb. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

In 1990, Franke was nominated as Outstanding Folk Act by the Boston Music Awards.

Tickets will be sold at the door for \$15.

### Applications to join Crafts in the Park

Applications for the 33rd annual Andover Crafts in the Park are now being accepted.

Craftspeople interested in participating in the fair may receive information and applications by visiting [www.craftsinthepark.com](http://www.craftsinthepark.com), e-mailing an [cip@craftsinthepark.com](mailto:cip@craftsinthepark.com), or calling 978-475-6829. Applications are due March 1.

Crafts in the Park is sponsored by Andover AFS, a nonprofit student exchange program, and all proceeds are used to provide scholarships for Andover students and host families.

The 2008 fair will be Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Park, near Andover center, with a rain date of Sunday, May 11, at the Andover High School Field House.

### Marland Place part of big party

Atria Senior Living Group is having its biggest party of the year today, Jan. 31.

Andover residents who live at Atria Marland Place on Stevens Street will join thousands of other Atria residents in a champagne toast in their honor. Atria provides retirement housing to more than 14,000 seniors in 27 states, and the coast-to-coast party will cap a monthlong celebration, deemed Resident Appreciation Month.

### Catholic Schools Week underway in Andover

This week is Catholic Schools Week, and St. Augustine School in Andover has plans for special events.

The school had its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday Jan. 27, when St. Augustine teachers and

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"She exemplifies what Special Olympics is all about. She is so alive, so active. ..."

Diane Agganis of the state's Special Olympics North Section

## 'A VERY SPECIAL ATHLETE'



Denise Carriere hugs her grandmother, Mary Carriere.

## Town's Special Olympian now a Hall of Famer

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

With her family and first gym teacher looking on, Denise Carriere of Andover cried when she learned she will be named to the Massachusetts Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

An employee of Memorial Hall Library for almost 11 years, Carriere, 33, was surprised at work on Jan. 24 with the announcement. Representatives of the state Special Olympics said she was given the prestigious honor because of her gold medal athleticism and gift for public speaking.

"I had no idea. I knew I was nominated, but I am shocked," she said through tears as she lifted her eyeglasses and received a bouquet of colorful balloons, a dozen pink roses and a certificate congratulating her.

Carriere has been a Special Olympian for 26 years, she said, and has collected many gold medals for swimming, her favorite sport. She has also competed in track, basketball and soccer. She is on the board of directors for the state's Special Olympics and is a global messenger for the group. A lifelong town resident who lives in a downtown apartment and walks to work, she tells her story to the public often, she said, regardless of the crowd size. A group of 4,000 teachers in Boston was most intimidating to speak in front of, so far.

"That's a lot of people to talk in front of," Carriere laughed. "I thought there would be like 3,000."

But she did a terrific job, and a Special Olympics representative said the organization always receives wonderful notes after events featuring Denise Carriere.

"She is a very special athlete," said Diane Agganis of the state's Special Olympics North Section, who attended the announcement ceremony. "She exemplifies what Special

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TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Denise Carriere wipes away tears of joy as she is surprised with the news of her selection into the hall of fame for state Special Olympians.

## SENIOR NOTES

### BOOMERVENTURE TARGETS SANDWICH GENERATION

Activities run at the Andover Senior Center building include:

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

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

■ **BoomerVenture Book Club** will be held every second and fourth Thursday night, with rotating leadership, from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. Free. BoomerVenture Campus is located at 30 Whittier Court, on the ground floor.

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

■ **Jewelry design workshop** on Monday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. Cost is \$10. Learn to make your own necklaces, bracelets or earrings using a variety of beads including freshwater pearls, glass and semi-precious gemstones. Easy on and off styles will be available. Use material provided or bring an old favorite piece to repair or redesign into something new.

■ **Movie matinee:** "Safe Harbour" on Monday, Feb. 4 at 1 p.m. No charge. A widow in mourning and a heartbroken artist enter into a relationship that helps to heal old wounds in this romantic drama starring Melissa Gilbert and Brad Johnson.

■ **"Going Green" Community Forum** on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 1:30 p.m. Pre-

registration 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.

■ **"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 presentation, 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.

■ **Introduction to Acrylics**, a six-week course, will begin on Wednesday, Feb. 6 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Preregistration 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.

**FIRST BIRTHDAYS**



**Garin Hoenig**

Garin Hoenig celebrated his first birthday on New Year's Day with his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncle. Garin enjoys crawling, cruising and being pulled in his sled on snowy days.

**First birthday messages** normally run on the last Thursday of the month. Submissions must be received on the Friday before that paper. Babies celebrating a first birthday in February are expected to be included in the Feb. 28 paper. Submissions should be received by Friday, Feb. 22, at 5 p.m. They may be e-mailed to editor Neil Fater at [nfater@andovertownsman.com](mailto:nfater@andovertownsman.com). Submissions received after the deadline or for a previous month will not be published.



**William Padraig Norris**

William Padraig Norris celebrated his first birthday on Jan. 25. He is the son of Steve and Kara Norris of Andover. Grandparents are Claude and Dolores Croston of Haverhill and Jim and Claire Norris of Norton. Will keeps his parents on their toes, crawling at the speed of lightning. He is always on the go and enjoys trying to keep up with his cousins. His favorite activity is sharing his toast with his dog, Mickey.

**Interchange of faith**



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

During the prayer of "Nourishment and Rebirth: Sharing of Bread and Water," Rabbi Robert Goldstein of Temple Emanuel in Andover offers a piece of bread to Vincent Helfrich of North Andover, a freshman at Merrimack College, during the service. The interfaith service, called "Jews, Christian and Muslims Together in Prayer," was held on Jan. 24 in Cascia Hall on the campus of Merrimack College.

**FITZGERALD: Served on School Committee in '60s**

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"It was a pleasure to know him," McConaughy said, adding that Fitzgerald had faithfully attended and contributed to all meetings during the eight years McConaughy has been involved.

Every year, AFE awards a \$1,000 scholarship named for Fitzgerald to a local high-schooler. That scholarship goes to a student who exemplifies Fitzgerald's love for learning.

Mary O'Donoghue, who served as AFE president before McConaughy, remembers Fitzgerald's contributions.

"He was very well read and just so interesting," she said. "At his service, it was said that a lot of people still expect to see him walking around town. So many knew him."

Former Selectman Jerry Silverman helped founded AFE with Fitzgerald and called him "a champion for teachers."

Fitzgerald's dream may have been a bit lofty as he pledged to make AFE a key money-maker for public schools. While that didn't happen, he stayed committed to his cause. Fighting for the schools was always on his mind.

Silverman said a lot of people may not remember, but Fitzgerald served one term as a School Committee member back in the 1960s.

Sen. Sue Tucker, a former teacher, worked with Fitzgerald during the early days of AFE and now she is a member of the Andover Coalition for Education. She called Fitzgerald "one of my favorite people."

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Fitzgerald was honored in December 2005 for his contributions to education in town. The well-attended event was held at Memorial Hall Library and a long list of luminaries in local education, including past and present school superintendents, were among the guests.

Fitzgerald, who owned and operated MT&I Co., which made industrial tools, also served on several town boards, including the Andover Finance Committee, the town's election polls group, the Andover Historical Society and St. Matthew's Lodge AF&M, Andover. He was also active at Free Christian Church in Andover, where his memorial service was held last Saturday.

In addition to his wife, Elizabeth "Betty" (Croy) Fitzgerald, members of his family include three daughters, two sons-in-law, six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home in Andover.

**CARRIERE: Gala set for April 5 at Harvard University**

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Olympics is all about. She is so alive, so active ..."

Carriere will be honored on April 5 at a Special Olympics gala on the track at Harvard University. It's a black tie and sneaker event and will also mark the group's 40th anniversary. Two others will be honored, but Special Olympics officials were mum on their identities as the honorees do not know yet. (They are not from Andover.)

What they do know is that Carriere will be the 18th Special Olympics Hall of Famer recognized in the state. She said the recognition was "such an honor," although it's not her only award. Carriere was named to the "Heroes Among Us" by the Boston Celtics Association.

Her personal story, which she shares at speaking engagements, began when she contracted meningitis at just 5 days old.

"The prognosis was grim, right?" her mother, Marilyn Car-

riere, formerly of Andover, said as she turned to Denise's grandmother, who asked to be referred to as Mrs. Peter (Mary) Carriere. "But she fought to live."

The meningitis caused permanent developmental problems for this young woman, who now coaches swimming for young Special Olympians-in-the-making at the Andover/North Andover YM-CA pool on Haverhill Street.

Carriere remembers her first gym teacher in Andover bringing her to the Special Olympics for

the first time. It was 1982 and she was 8.

"I ran the 50-yard dash and threw the softball," she recalled.

That gym teacher was Dave Nichols, now the co-athletic director at Andover High School. He was on hand for the ceremony at Memorial Hall Library and he, too, remembers Denise Carriere's first Special Olympics.

"She's a great kid and her whole family is terrific," he said after the ceremony. "Everyone is very happy for her."

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# TOWN TALK

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staff cooked and served pancakes to parents and students.

"It's always fun. For once the parents that help us all year can sit down and enjoy," said Paula O'Dea, assistant principal.

The next day, more than 180 volunteers were treated to coffee and breakfast at the school — served again by teachers and

school staff — as a thank you for all their efforts throughout the year, said O'Dea.

Today, Jan. 31, is Patriots spirit day, and staff and students will be decked out in Pats football gear. Also, St. Augustine School is partnering with Lazarus House to collect money for victims of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day fire in Lawrence. The money will buy gift cards to home stores.

Finally, Friday, Feb. 1, more than 200 grandparents of St. Augustine

students will visit the school for grandparents day. They will spend an hour sitting in on classroom lessons with their grandchildren, and then attend first Friday Mass.

Friday afternoon, parent volunteers will watch classrooms while another group of parents serves the teachers a special lunch.

"It's fun, it treats everyone during the week," said O'Dea of the Catholic Schools Week activities of St. Augustine.

—Bethany Bray

## ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

### 100 Years Ago - Jan. 3, 1908

D. Donovan & Son are painting the interior of the new gymnasium at the Guild House. The color is a moss green, which is very effective.

### 50 Years Ago - Jan. 9, 1958

The Appeals Board will hear a request for a zoning variance tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the town

hall, on the petition of the Mystic Warehouse and Distributing Co. of Medford. The firm is asking to have zoning law requirements for its proposed warehouse in Lowell Junction.

### 25 Years Ago - Jan. 6, 1983

Andover's Squirt A hockey team finally managed to pull it all together as they out-skated No.

Andover for a 7-0 win. The team had been in the grips of its first prolonged slump of the year.

### 10 Years Ago - Jan. 8, 1998

Andover town officials, who have refused to discuss the suspension of two local building inspectors, may eventually be forced to air the matter in court.

—Compiled by Michelle Wiener

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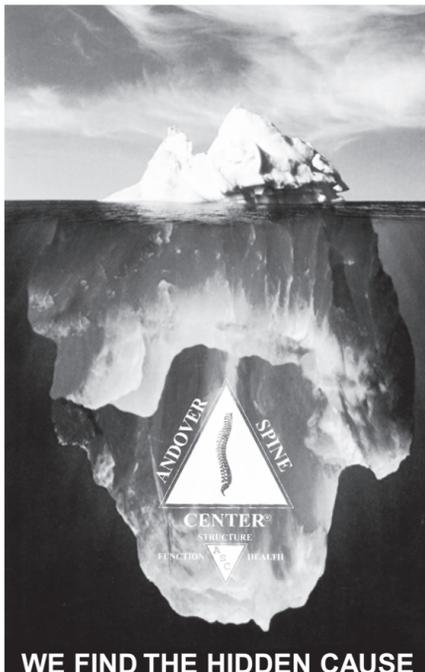
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# Obituaries

## Peter Conway, 62

ANDOVER — Peter Conway, 62, a resident of Andover for more than 34 years, died at the Salem Hospital, in Salem on Friday, Jan. 18, 2008.

Born in Boston on Jan. 24, 1945, he was the beloved son of the late Thomas J. and Dorothy M. (Carlson) Conway.

Mr. Conway was a sales associate for Mag Tech in Marblehead for many years.

Mr. Conway was a very funny man and always had a wonderful sense of humor. He was also loved by many and had many very close friends.

He will be missed by his loving

sister, Lisa Cooper of Newtown, Conn.; two nephews, Glenn Cooper of Ladera Ranch, Calif. and Scott Cooper of Plymouth; one niece, Suzanne Porter of Ward, Colo.; and two grandnieces, Hailey Porter and Clare Cooper.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A memorial service was celebrated in the Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Saturday at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends respectfully invited to attend. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to the American Liver Foundation, 88 Winchester St., Newton, MA 02461. For more information, please visit [www.burkemagliozzi.com](http://www.burkemagliozzi.com).

## Anne V. Daniel, 88

WEYMOUTH — Anne V. (Ford) Daniel, 88, of Weymouth, Jan. 27, 2008.

Beloved wife of the late Jack L. Daniel. Mother of David W. and Stephanie Daniel of Westford, Rev. Jack L. and his wife Kathryn Daniel Jr. of Andover, and Mark P. and his wife Janice Daniel of Norwell. Sister of Mildred Brandsema of Wisconsin, Elaine Harrington of Weymouth, Victor Ford of Lexington and the late Evelyn Hill. Also

survived by six granddaughters and many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Visitation in the North Weymouth McDonald Funeral Home, 40 Sea St. (off Route 3A-Bicknell Sq.) was Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Relatives and friends were invited. Funeral services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to Pilgrim Congregational Church, 6 Athens St., N. Weymouth, MA 02191; or the charity of your choice. McDonald-Funeral Homes.com.

## June C. Hollis, 69



ANDOVER — June C. (Bain) Hollis, 69, a 43-year resident of Andover, joined the Lord on Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008.

June was born in Somerville to the late Clifford and Ann (Fraser) Bain and was educated in Medford before attending Curry College. June moved to Andover in 1964 with her late husband Marshall "Rocky" Hollis where they raised their children.

She worked for 23 years as a teacher at KinderCare in North Andover and had a passion for kids and cats. June enjoyed NASCAR, camping in New Hampshire and was an avid football fan, especially to her beloved Patriots. She was also a member of the Andover Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hollis is survived by her three daughters, Beth Moriarty and her husband James "Jimbo" of Kingston, N.H., Bonnie McEwen and her fiancé Rusty Walkup of Andover and Marsha Cali and her

husband Rick of Eliot, Maine, her four grandchildren, Jimmy and Samantha Moriarty of Kingston, N.H., Ashley Gosack and her husband Paul of Inverness, Fla. and John Jr. who is currently serving our country in the United States Air Force in Kuwait, her siblings, Dick Bain and his wife Marilyn of Sugarloaf, Maine, Bill Bain and his wife Carole of Lynnfield and Carole McDonald and her husband Donald of Iverness, Fla., as well as several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend her funeral service on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the Dewhirst and Conte Family Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. Burial will follow in the Lakeside Cemetery in Wakefield. Calling hours will be on Wednesday from 3 to 8 p.m. For those who wish, June may be remembered through donations to the William Lane Cancer Center, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844; or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. For directions or to sign June's online guestbook, please visit [www.contefuneralhomes.com](http://www.contefuneralhomes.com).

## Helen F. Nelson, 83

ANDOVER — Helen F. (Kelly) Nelson, 83, of Andover, passed away on Monday, Jan. 28, 2008 at the Sutton Hill Nursing Center in North Andover after a brief illness.

Helen was born on March 17, 1924 in Boston. She was the daughter of George and Helen Kelly. She attended Boston Public Schools. She resided with her family in Weymouth and Reading before moving to the North Andover area. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, crossword puzzles, reading and the many friends she made at Marland Place in Andover.

Helen was predeceased by her husband of 53 years, Robert Norman Nelson. She leaves her two

sons, Robert G. Nelson and his wife Jean of Georgetown and Richard A. Nelson and his wife Sally of Wakefield; and three grandchildren, Sarah Nelson of Somerville, and Richard and Nathan Nelson, both of Wakefield.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 31 at the Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at the funeral home. Cremation is to follow. Donations in Helen's name may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. For directions or to make an online condolence, please visit [www.dewhirstfuneral.com](http://www.dewhirstfuneral.com).

## Walter Perry, 85

BELMONT — Sportswriter Joe Hrubci once wrote: "The name Perry is synonymous with basketball in Somerville." Walter Perry, the oldest of the three Perry brothers from Somerville, died peacefully at his Belmont residence on Saturday, Jan. 19, at the age of 85.

Mr. Perry was an outstanding basketball player at Somerville High School (Class of 1940), who after graduation continued his playing days with the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as with the Boston Goodwins, the area's professional basketball team at the time. He subsequently became the Varsity Basketball Coach at Malden Catholic High School at the young age of 24.

Four years later, Mr. Perry returned to his alma mater at Somerville High School, embarking on a coaching career that lasted the next 25 years. There he compiled a record of over 500 wins and in 1971, he led the Somerville High School Basketball Team to the Eastern Mass Tech Championship, the last year the tournament was held at the legendary Boston Garden.

Throughout the years, Mr. Perry was honored on a number of occasions for his contributions to Somerville, both as a player and a coach. He was inducted into the Somerville High School Hall of Fame in 1978. One of his proudest moments was his entry into the Somerville Pride Night Legends in 1995 along with his younger brothers, Al and Ronnie. Lastly, in 2000,

he was inducted into the Massachusetts Coaches Hall of Fame.

In reference to his two younger brothers, Ron Perry had a remarkable career as a player at Somerville High School and the College of the Holy Cross. He was the Varsity Basketball Coach and Athletic Director at Catholic Memorial and subsequently retired as the Athletic Director at Holy Cross. Brother Al was a top basketball official and starred as a player at both Somerville High School and Tufts University, entering the Hall of Fame at both schools.

The successes of each of these three Perry brothers were significant; as a group were unparalleled. In addition to and following his retirement from coaching, Mr. Perry worked for approximately 20 years as a Clerk Magistrate at the Framingham District Court, until his retirement in 1990.

Mr. Perry's wife, Lorraine, died in 1998. He is survived by his children, John, Joyce, Walter and Gail, his brothers, Al and Ronnie, and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Calling hours at the George L. Doherty Funeral Home (855 Broadway) Somerville, Friday, 3 to 8 p.m. Funeral Mass Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 at St. Eulalia Church, Winchester at 10 a.m. Interment Oak Grove Cemetery, Medford. Donations may be made to friends of Somerville High School, c/o Somerville High School, 81 Highland Ave., Somerville, MA 02143, Attn: Frank MacDonald.

## DEATHS

Peter Conway, 62  
Anne V. Daniel, 88  
June C. Hollis, 69  
Helen F. Nelson, 83

Walter Perry, 85  
Raoul E. Proulx, 84  
Helen D. Stella, 102  
Cathleen P. Walsh, 70

## Raoul E. Proulx, 84

LAWRENCE — Raoul E. Proulx, 84, long-time South Lawrence resident, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital, after a brief period of declining health.

Born in Haverhill on Sept. 23, 1924, he was the son of the late Alfred and Eva M. (Goudreau) Proulx. He was raised in Haverhill and was educated in local schools.

He served this nation during World War II with the United States Army. He was a ski trooper in the 10th Mountain Division on Camp Hale, Co.

On Nov. 11, 1945 he was married to Doris (Roy) Proulx, of South Lawrence, his devoted wife of 62 years, in the former Sacred Heart Church.

Early in his career, he worked for the Mead Paper Company, formerly of Lawrence, as a tractor trailer operator. Later he was employed for many years with Raytheon Co., Andover, where he served as a program manager for the Hawk Missile Program. After his formal retirement in 1972, he worked for various auto parts delivery companies.

Mr. Proulx was a long-time communicant of St. Patrick Church, South Lawrence, where he attended daily Mass for many years. He was an enthusiast of all things mechanical, he enjoyed automobiles, driving and servicing family cars. He was a prolific reader; he enjoyed learning new things and could be counted on

for advice on a great variety of subjects. A man of family, faith and friendships he enjoyed spending time with his family and will be remembered for making his home welcome to all who knew him.

In addition to his loving wife, family members include two sons, John F. Proulx and his wife Karen of Derry, N.H., David and his wife Barbara of Nashua, N.H.; four daughters, Donna and her husband Daniel Mulcahy of Worcester, Linda Baker of Silver Spring, Md., Sandra and her husband Carl Boschetti of Portsmouth, N.H., Mary and her husband David Champagne of Amherst, N.H.; 11 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Funeral from the Diaz-Healy Funeral Home Inc., 107 South Broadway, opposite St. Patrick Church, South Lawrence. A Mass of Christian burial took place on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 at 11 a.m. in St. Patrick Church, 118 South Broadway, South Lawrence. Relatives and friends were kindly called to attend. Interment followed in our parish cemetery, Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Waverly Road, North Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Caritas Holy Family Hospital Foundation, c/o the Cardiac Intensive Care Unit, 70 East St., Methuen, MA 01844. Courtesy local transportation for the scheduled services were provided on request by calling Daniel J. Healy at tel. 978 685-5732.

## RELIGION

Merrimack College Alumni Valentine's Day Celebration will be held on Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. at the Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. This event is a very special Mass to celebrate love, families and to renew wedding vows followed by a champagne toast, and the opportunity to co-mingle with other couples and families that are connected to Merrimack College. This event is closed to the public. For more information, call 978-837-5195.

West Parish Church presents the "Save Our Planet" film festival every Friday during Lent, Feb. 8 through March 14, at 7 p.m., 129 Reservation Road. A free offering will be collected for the benefit of the World Wildlife Fund. All events are sponsored by the

## SUPPORT

### BLOOD PRESSURE/STROKE

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

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

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

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

### CANCER

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CAREGIVERS

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

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

### CHRONIC DISEASE

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

### DIABETES

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

### DOWN SYNDROME

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

### GAY/LESBIAN

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Merrimack Valley Chapter, providing support, education,

## Helen D. Stella, 102

LAWRENCE — Helen D. Stella, 102, died on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008 at Mary Immaculate Nursing Home in Lawrence.

Helen was born in Lawrence on Jan. 1, 1906 to parents, Anthony and Anna (DeSimone) Stella.

Helen was a previous member of the YWCA in Lawrence and the LaSalette Shrine in Ipswich. She was also a parishioner at St. Lucy's Parish in Methuen.

Ms. Stella worked at the Woodmill in Lawrence for many years.

Helen is survived by a niece, Carol Kater and her husband Ronald of Salem, N.H. and a

nephew, Robert Stella of Camarillo, Calif.; a sister, Amelia D. Misenti of Andover; many great-nieces and nephews, great-great-nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends were invited to call on Friday, Jan. 25, 2008 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen, MA 01844. A funeral service was held on Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Burial at Immaculate Conception Cemetery, 29 Barker Road, Lawrence, MA 01841. Please visit our online guestbook at [www.CataudellaFH.com](http://www.CataudellaFH.com).

## Cathleen P. Walsh, 70



ANDOVER

— Cathleen Patricia Walsh, 70, of Andover, beloved wife of Michael Robert Walsh Sr., died Sunday, Jan. 27, 2008 at Caritas Holy Family

Hospital and Medical Center in Methuen.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Feb. 18, 1937, she was the beloved daughter of the late Thomas and Margaret McDonald.

Cathleen was raised in Brooklynn along with her sisters, Margaret (Peggy) and Mary Jane and two brothers, Terrence and Thomas.

She was a longtime member of St. Augustine Church of Andover, serving her parish as a Eucharistic Minister.

Cathleen, holy and devout mother, will be deeply missed by two sons, four daughters and

their respective spouses, Mary Kate Walsh of New Jersey, Michael Robert Jr. and his wife Caroline Walsh of New York, Anne Margaret and her husband James McGonigle of Andover, Cathleen Patricia and her husband Martin Fox of Mansfield, Colleen Mary and her husband Steven Arnold of Delaware and Terrence William Walsh of Andover. Beloved and devoted grandmother, Cathleen will be forever cherished by her six grandchildren, Shane Michael, Meaghan Elizabeth, Sean Patrick, Corinne Mary, Mikaela Anne, and Brady Margaret.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover on Thursday, Jan. 31 at 10:30 a.m. Calling hours were held on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. Burial will take place in St. Augustine Cemetery. For additional information, please visit [www.burkemagliozzi.com](http://www.burkemagliozzi.com).

former members of the Iraqi Communist party in the 1950s, who were forced to emigrate to Israel. Cost is \$15 per person. Your payment is your reservation and must be received by Feb. 6.

**Special abbreviated "TOT Shabbat" Sabbath service for toddlers,** preschool and school aged children on Feb. 15 and March 14 at 5 p.m. The service will be followed by a Shabbat Dinner at 5:30 p.m. Reservations are required for the dinner. This event is open to the public.

**TEMTY Creative Service** on March 7 at 6:30 p.m., led by TEMTY youth. The service is open to all, regardless of age, affiliation or faith. Refreshments of wine and cheese will be served prior to the service at 6 p.m. A traditional Oneg Shabbat will follow the service.

**Annual Purim Celebration** will be held the week of March 16. Schedule of events: On March 16 at 1 p.m., the Temple will hold its fabulous Purim Carnival with games, raffles, crafts and prizes for all the children. On March 20, come at 5 p.m. for pizza and soda for only \$3 per person, which will be followed by a Purim Service with Megillah reading and Purim Spill at 6 p.m. The Temple Sisterhood will offer a Kosher wine tasting with the option to order wine beginning at 5 p.m.

Children may feel free to dress in costume for all Purim events. All event are open to the public and take place at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Pond Road. For more information on any event or program above, call 978-470-1356 or visit [www.templemanuel.net](http://www.templemanuel.net).

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](http://www.lymesite.com).

### MENTAL HEALTH

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

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

### MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS

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

### PACEMAKERS

Pacemaker-Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillator (ICD) Support Group is a support group for Pacemaker and ICD recipients, their families and friends in the greater Lowell area. Sponsored by the Lowell General Hospital with the support of device manufacturers, the group offers a forum for education and network for support.

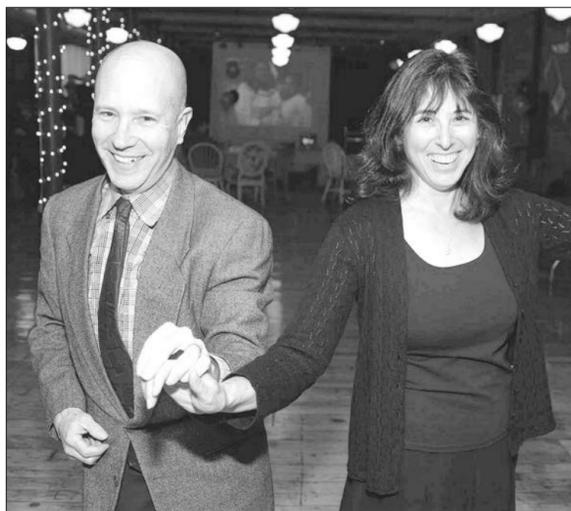
# Community News

## Charity dance



Frank Leone Jr. photos/Special to the Andover Townsman

From left, Nancy Kenrick of Andover, a Family Service Inc. board member, and Ronnie Ginsberg, also of Andover, a psychologist with Family Service, both bid on a Patriots Randy Moss signed photograph at a Latin Dance Party to benefit the Lawrence non-profit.



In the photo at left, Mark and Audrey Spencer of Andover show off their salsa dance steps at the Family Service Inc. dance benefit.

## Author: Getting a grip to battle society's ills

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER



Author Frances Moore Lappé joined the hot author list back in 1971 when her book, "Diet for a Small Planet," hit the market, selling more than 3 million copies to become a best-seller. The book focused on the human-made causes of hunger and how a change in diet choices can create the world we want.

Now, Lappé is back with "Getting a Grip: Clarity, Creativity & Courage in a World Gone Mad," her latest book that aims to get readers to change another diet — their news diet.

"It's not esoteric, not far out," she said of the ideas presented in the book. "I want people to read the book and make the point of rethinking — rethinking the news they take in."

Lappé says our right versus left way of thinking is typical, but holds us back. Humans are equipped with moral compasses, she says, but those feelings too often get buried in this mad, mad world.

"We deny these feelings every single day at huge cost to our society," she writes in her book. "The barrier is in our heads."

Tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 1, she brings her message to Andover as the featured speaker at Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 6 Locke St. Her book talk begins at 7:30 p.m. and is free to the public.

Lappé said we get "killer ideas" from the media and that traps people. Changing a news diet can interrupt one's feeling of despair that is often absorbed by someone because of the media presentation, she said. A person can change that desperate feeling by hearing fresh ideas.

She said instead of blaming specific leaders for evil, people should recognize that good and bad reside within each of us, so

### IF YOU GO ...

**Who:** Author Frances Moore Lappé  
Books include "Diet for a Small Planet, Getting a Grip"  
**Where:** Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.  
**When:** Friday, Feb. 1, 7:30 p.m.  
**How Much:** Free

the question becomes: What social orders bring out the best in us while protecting us from the worst?

"What I'm trying to do is to get people to wake up," she said.

She called the book "very personal as it's my journey" and she hopes people can rethink ideas and rely more on their humanistic instincts. That would make for a better world, she believes.

At tomorrow's lecture she hopes to get attendees talking about how to better tap into their moral compass. The book is an easy-to-read 167-page soft cover (\$14.95, Small Planet Media publishing) which Lappé hopes will get readers energized to reconsider concepts, as she has done.

"Why not go for it?" she said.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 4-8:

### Elementary schools

Monday: Whole wheat pancakes with fruit and cream, sausage or ham, whole wheat french toast with fruit and cream, sausage or ham, cheeseburger on wheat roll, red bliss roasted potatoes, chilled fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Twisted pizza, cheese or chicken, honey BBQ chicken with wheat dinner roll, sunbutter and jelly sandwich, macaroni salad, cole slaw, fresh kiwi and juice.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, garlic bread,

bagel and string cheese, turkey salad on pita bread, sun chips, string beans, orange smiles and chilled peaches.

Thursday: Popcorn chicken with dips and wheat roll, mini american sub, mini pretzels, bagel and yogurt, baked potato wedges, carrot sticks with dip, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Papa Gino's pizza, plain or pepperoni, tuna salad sub, pickles, sun chips, bagel and string cheese, garden veggie soup, steamed broccoli with cheese sauce and fresh fruit.

### Middle schools

Monday: Made-to-order sandwich with goldfish, whole wheat

french toast with fruit and whipped cream, ham and sausage, shepherd's pie, roll, seasoned carrots, peas, chilled peaches with cream and juice.

Tuesday: Pan pizza, spicy or regular popcorn chicken with pilaf, meatball sub with cheese, pretzels, veggie sticks and dip, fresh fruit salad and juice.

Wednesday: Cheese ravioli with marinara sauce, garlic bread, steak and cheese sub, made to order deli sandwich, garden salad, chunky applesauce and macaroni salad.

Thursday: Oven fried chicken, American chop suey with breadstick, pan pizza, plain or veggie,

baked red bliss potatoes, whole kernel corn, green beans, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Fun fish with tartar sauce, build a burger and toppers, made to order sandwich, oven baked french fries, cole slaw and fresh fruit.

### Andover High School

Monday: Cobb salad wrap, chicken parmesan, pasta salad, garden salad, garlic bread, fresh fruit, past-trami panini, fresh fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Crispy chicken wrap, oven roasted pork dinner, whipped potatoes, green beans, chunky cinnamon applesauce, dinner roll,

turkey BLT on sour dough bread, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Chicken parmesan sub with provolone, pasta alfredo with broccoli and grilled chicken strips, bread sticks, fresh kiwi, grilled mozzarella, tomato panini on sour dough bread, fresh fruit and juice.

Thursday: Veggie wrap, stuffed peppers, seasoned vegetables, Italian bread, jello with topping, chicken cordon bleu on french bread, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Greek salad wrap, oven baked haddock, rice pilaf, seasoned vegetables, dinner roll, meatball sub with sauce and cheese, fresh

fruit and juice.

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

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

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

**Live entertainment: Julia Kwolyk**, a young talent from Andover, will play Celtic fiddle tunes and sing both American and Celtic folk songs at 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-475-8588.

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 uncondensed 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.

**Author and activist Frances Moore Lappe presents "Getting a Grip: Clarity, Creativity and Courage in a World Gone Mad"** at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St. This event is free and open to the public and is presented by the adult education and spiritual enrichment committee of the UU Congregation. For more information, call 978-475-4454 or visit [www.uuandover.org](http://www.uuandover.org).

**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](http://www.pem.org).

**Bonfire 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](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Information, [www.lowellauditorium.com](http://www.lowellauditorium.com).

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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.

**National Marionette Theatre presents "Peter and the Wolf"** at 2 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College. Tickets are \$12 in advance, \$40 for a family four pack. For tickets, call 978-837-5355 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit [www.merrimack.edu/rogers](http://www.merrimack.edu/rogers).

**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](http://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](http://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 978-683-5982.

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

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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](http://www.uml.edu/centerforarts).

**Pre-Super Bowl game recital:** The Essex Chamber Music Players will present pianist David Pihl performing the works of three great composers in a pre-Super Bowl game recital at 2:30 p.m. at the Technology Center conference area on Northern Essex Community College Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St. The program will include Robert Schumann's Sonata for Piano in F sharp minor, Opus 11; Frederic Chopin's "Nocturne No. 2 in E flat, Opus 55; Scherzo No. 3 in C sharp minor, Opus 39; and 14 of William Thomas McKinley's Twenty-Four Etudes. The recital is a fundraiser for ECMP concerts. Tickets are \$10 general admission, \$5 students, free for NECC students with a college ID. Tickets may be purchased at the door or at [www.mvarts.info](http://www.mvarts.info). For more information, call 978-556-3413.

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Adam Rollfs, left, and Chris Ward, both employees of the Trustees of Reservations, walk through the Ward Reservation in Andover. The Trustees will be hosting Winter Fun Day on Feb. 2 from noon to 4 p.m.



File photo

Residents will have a chance to try out snowshoeing this weekend.

### WINTER FUN DAY SCHEDULE

- Saturday, Feb. 2, noon to 4 p.m.
- Ward Reservation, Prospect Road, Andover
- If no snow on Feb. 2, the event will be rescheduled for Feb. 9
- Warming fire and refreshments
- Refreshments and welcome, noon
- Guided snowshoe trek, bog walk and beginner cross-country skiing, 1 p.m.
- Non-beginner cross-country skiing trek, 2 p.m.
- Second snowshoe trek and bog walk, 3 p.m.
- Moor & Mountain in Andover offers cross-country ski and snowshoe rentals for \$14 for the day
- Directions: from Route 125 South, turn left onto Prospect Road (from Route 125 North, turn right). Parking lot is a half-mile on right
- For more information, call 978-921-1944 or visit [www.thetrustees.org](http://www.thetrustees.org).

## A special day to chase the winter blahs away

BY BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

There will be no excuse for the winter blahs on Saturday, Feb. 2, when the Ward Reservation hosts Winter Fun Day, a chance for local residents and families to visit the reservation and try out skis, sleds and snowshoes.

A warming fire and refreshments will be provided to chase away the chills.

Ward Reservation is a 695-acre conservation property with 13 miles of trails that lies in both Andover and North Andover. It is free and open to the public, maintained year-round by the Trustees of Reservations.

"We really just want to get people out and show them that they can enjoy our property in all seasons, not just summer and fall. Sometimes people forget that there's great activities for people to do here," said Chris Ward, superintendent of the Andover/North Andover management unit of the Trustees of Reservations. "It's also to spread awareness of the local volunteer groups trying to make a difference in their communities. The property is a gift for everyone forever. Really, we have this gem in our community because of the work of the people who care."

Local volunteers from trails groups will

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Chris Ward, Trustees of Reservations employee

lead guided cross-country ski and snowshoe treks through the property the afternoon of Winter Fun Day. Hikers without snowshoes and people interested in trying cross country skiing or snowshoeing for the first time are welcome, said Evy Greene, one of the event organizers from the Friends of North Andover Trails.

Winter Fun Day also will be a great opportunity for sledders, said Greene. Ward Reservation has the highest point in Essex County, the 420-foot Holt Hill, and you can see the Boston skyline from the top, she said.

"We wanted to promote the use of the property. There's a lot of interesting features at that property," said Greene. "There's a lot of history there, and really interesting natural features, and they want to educate the

community about it, as well as promote exercise. It's a way to get out there and enjoy the trails."

If there is no snow cover on Saturday, the event will be rescheduled to Feb. 9, the "no snow date."

Ward supervises three properties for the Trustees: Ward Reservation (it's just a coincidence that his last name is Ward, he said), Weir Hill and the Stevens-Coolidge Place in North Andover. He came up with the idea for Winter Fun Day not only to showcase the Ward property, but to spur collaboration between the active trails groups in Andover and North Andover, he said.

Alan French, Andover conservationist and chairman of the Bay Circuit Alliance, was also instrumental in helping plan the event, said Ward. French is offering \$1 off ski and snowshoe rentals for Winter Fun Day at his outdoor supply business, Moor & Mountain, in Dundee Park, off Essex Street. Call the shop at 978-475-3665 for details. Equipment for Winter Fun Day can be reserved and picked up starting Friday, Feb. 1, at 3 p.m.

Winter Fun Day is cosponsored by the Friends of North Andover Trails, Andover Trails Committee, Moor & Mountain outdoor supply store and the Trustees of Reservations.



Courtesy photo

Rachel Harris learns how to snowboard as part of Night Riders, a Friday evening program run by Andover Youth Services.

## Youth Services' Night Riders snowboard program snowballing

BY BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

It started as a simple learn-to-snowboard program. Now, there's now a waiting list each winter.

So when Jack Cirbee, 13, received the call from Andover Youth Services, informing him that a spot had opened to join the Night Riders on their weekly snowboard trip to Pat's Peak in Henniker, N.H., the West Middle School student was ecstatic.

"I was jumping for joy, I was so happy," said Cirbee. "Whether you've never stepped on a board or have been riding for years, it's still an awesome program for anyone."

The origins of the Night Riders program date back to the early days of the youth services department in the mid-1990s, according to AYS Program Coordinator

Suzie Allen.

"It's a program that's grown," said Allen. "As kids graduated from the program, they were like, 'What about us?'"

"We took the program up to the next level," she said. "It just sort of gets the whole gamut of kids."

This year, for the third winter in a row, the Night Riders head to Pat's Peak on Fridays after school. The group's final two trips of the year are scheduled for Feb. 1 and Feb. 8.

Over the years, the original group of 12 Night Riders has grown to 26, according to AYS Director Bill Fahey.

"It's a great program," said Fahey. "It's affordable. It's fun. ... It's like one big family going up to ride."

Instruction from the Night Riders staff ranges from the basics to more advanced lessons involving

jumps and riding on rails, said AYS Program Coordinator Tony Lombardi, who learned to snowboard through the program.

"We found after a couple of years there were a lot of kids who knew how to snowboard that wanted to learn at a different level," said Lombardi. "You can always get better at snowboarding, no matter how good you are."

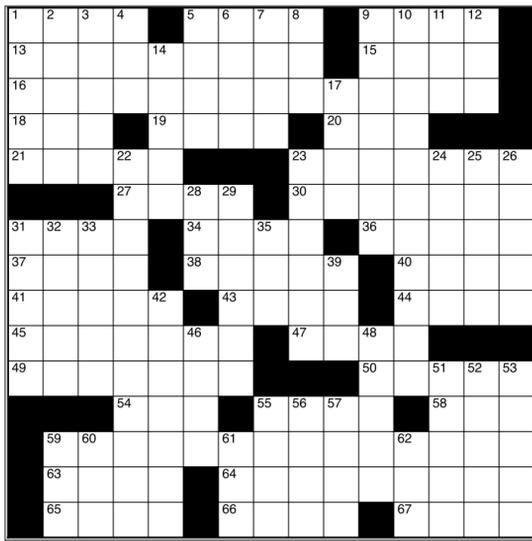
Avery MacKenzie, 17, now an Andover High School senior and Night Riders instructor, learned how to snowboard along with Allen and Lombardi roughly five years ago through the program.

Having Youth Services staff learn alongside participants "gives kids an extra confidence boost," he said.

"Just getting up and falling down, getting up and falling

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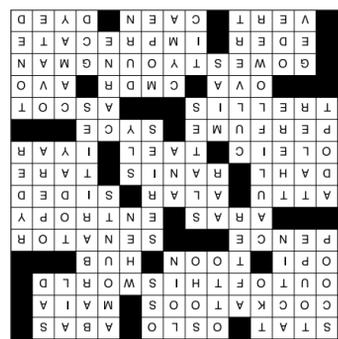
# Crossword puzzle



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Quantitative fact
  - Capital of Norway
  - Son of Lynceus
  - White crested parrots
  - Mother of Hermes
  - Beyond expectations
  - Office of Public Information
  - Loony
  - The center of a city
  - Prev. Br. penny
  - Legislator
  - NFL star & actor Alex K.
  - Randomness
  - Tip of Aleutian Islands
  - Canadian swimming medalist Joanne M.
  - Covered a house exterior
  - Cajan pea
  - Wives of Rajas
  - Chem. analysis counterweight
  - Olive oil fatty acid
  - Shanghai silver unit
  - 8th Jewish month
  - Toiletry scent
  - Indian groom
  - Latticework for vines
  - My Fair Lady race-track
  - Eggs
  - Military leader (abbr.)
  - 1/100 Macao pataca
  - Famous Greeley quote
  - German river
  - Anathemise
  - Green (French)
  - Wm. the Conqueror's burial city
  - Colored

- CLUES DOWN**
- Ice cream utensil
  - Hairpiece
  - Lactogenic hormone: prol.
  - Referee declares
  - Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
  - New York art district
  - A cut of meat
  - CIA predecessor
  - Quantities
  - Atrocities
  - Garlic
  - Showing sorrow
  - In following order
  - At what time
  - White vegetable
  - World baseball finale
  - Presently
  - Classical music for the stage
  - Albert Pinkham, US painter
  - Swiss river
  - Writing tablets
  - Take into one's family
  - Teeto: abstainer
  - Not here
  - Log: not digital
  - Skilled in deception
  - A drain under a road
  - Missing soldiers
  - Chili con, Mexican dish
  - P&G soap
  - Elliptic
  - Distinguished by a specific color
  - S shaped profile moulding
  - Be apathetic or dazed
  - stein: town in Lower Austria
  - L000 billion electron volts
  - A lyric poem
  - A local twitching esp in the face
  - Greatest common divisor

**Solution**



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**TUESDAY, FEB. 5**

**Luncheon lecture:** Andover Garden Club presents the luncheon lecture "Just Cook - Cooking from the Garden" at 10 a.m. at West Parish Church, located at the junction of Route 133 and Reservation Road. Gardener and "chef" Paul F. Split will discuss herbs best suited for Andover-area gardens, then demonstrate how to make molded herb butter, spicy herb vinegars, and fresh pasta sauce. Attendees will enjoy the results for lunch. Admission is \$15 for members, \$20 nonmembers. For more information or reservations, call Susan Johnston at 978-475-7830.

**For Big Trout Use A Ladder:** Captain



**Paul Split will provide a cooking demonstration followed by an herbal lunch at the Andover Garden Club's Feb. 5 meeting. Non-members are welcome, but advance reservations are required.**

Alan Montello will present "Fishing the Great Pyramid: Ladders and Large Lahontan Cutthroat Trout in Nevada's Prehistoric Inland Sea" at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library. He will also cover the history of the fishery, the fish and the angling techniques. Free fishing tackle catalogs, fishing and boating publications, fishing maps, and camping guides of New England will be available. Fishing videos will be shown

from 6 to 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, call Emily Classon at 978-623-8401 ext. 49.

**Jenny Pickett's Fearless Book Group** from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover. As a Fearless Book Group leader, Pickett has been trained to support others on how to live without fear. For more information, call Pickett at 978-685-4648 or e-mail [Jenny@true-path.com](mailto:Jenny@true-path.com).

**THURSDAY, FEB. 7**

**McIntire Lecture Series:** "An Elegant Brick House: Samuel McIntire's 1787 Salem Courthouse" by Dr. Martha McNamara, 7:30 p.m., Morse Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Free. Reservations by Feb. 5. Made possible by the Lowell Institute. To make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit [www.pem.org](http://www.pem.org).

**FRIDAY, FEB. 8**

**Today is the deadline to enter as a contestant for the Jennifer Ortiz Foundation's second annual Prom Expo and Fashion Showcase** at the Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence. The event will include two contests to award four scholarships to lucky Merrimack Valley students attending college in the fall of 2008. One couple will be awarded a \$500 scholarship for a dance contest and two aspiring models, male and female, will be awarded the same. For more information on how to be-

come a vendor, volunteer, sponsor or contest participant, call 978-764-6672 or e-mail [promexpo@comcast.net](mailto:promexpo@comcast.net).

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**SATURDAY, FEB. 9**

**Annual Spin Day** to raise funds for the animals at the MSPCA at Nevins Farm in Methuen will be held at four local gyms: Cedarvale Health and Fitness, Haverhill; Portsmouth Athletic Club, Portsmouth, N.H.; Latitudes Sports Club, Bradford; and Natural High Fitness, Newburyport. Individuals or teams 18 years or older may participate. Sessions will be booked on a first come, first served basis. Spaces are limited. Preregistration is required. Pledge sheets and registration information is available at [www.mspsca.org/nevinsfarm](http://www.mspsca.org/nevinsfarm) and at each fitness center.

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# SNOWBOARD: Night Riders' next trip is on Feb. 1

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down," said Lombardi. "It's kind of the best way to interact with kids, when you throw yourself out there. You get to know the kids on a different level."

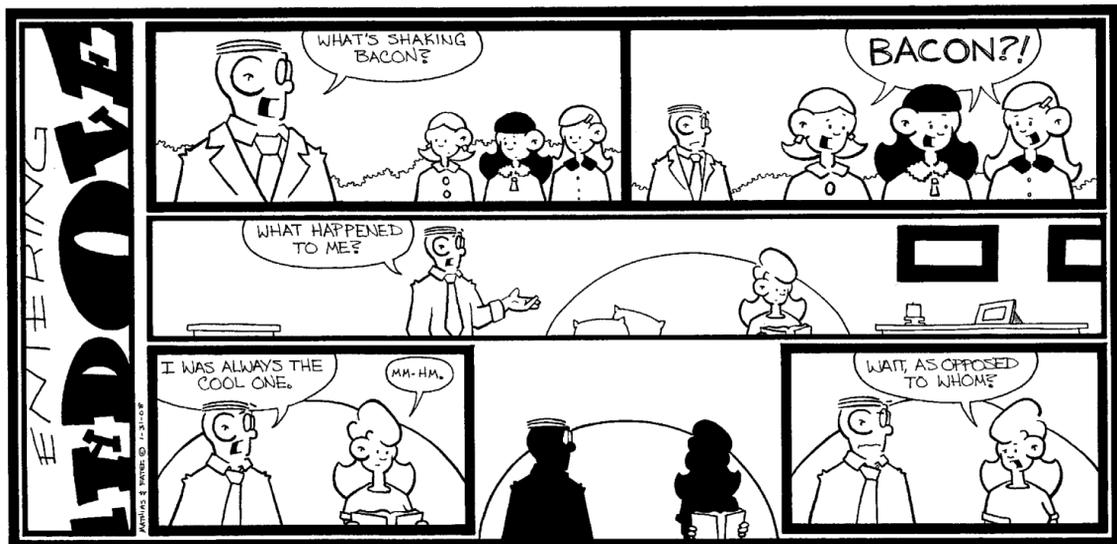
MacKenzie has been teaching a pair of middle school snowboarders how to teach snowboarding themselves. "It's taking it to the next level and giving them a leadership role, and they just ran with it," she said.

Allen said some of the relationships AYS staff have formed with kids on the snowboarding trips have lasted years.

Cirbee said he couldn't wait until Feb. 1, the date of the Night Riders' next trip.

"I just love everything about it and I can't wait to go every week," said Cirbee. "The first day I went to Night Riders, they helped me out so much. Three hours later, I was up on the lift and riding trails."

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**Public Announcement Concerning Edgewood Retirement Community, Inc.**

Marlene Rotering, Executive Director of Edgewood Retirement Community Inc., 575 Osgood Street, North Andover, MA 01845 will submit an application on or about January 31, 2008 to modify the existing permit with the Department of Public Health. The Meadows of Edgewood Retirement Community is a 45-bed, Level 2 skilled Nursing facility that provides rehabilitation and nursing services to the residents of Edgewood Retirement Community. Edgewood is looking to expand the existing facility by 15 beds to 60 beds and to include a Cognitive Impaired Unit (CIU) containing skilled nursing beds. The increase of 15 beds includes 4 beds as a result of adding 22 new residential units and 11 beds from the one-time 12-bed exemption provision under CMR 100.020. The CIU/SNF will be a 40-bed unit with 22 singles and 9 semi-private (double) rooms. The existing facility will be renovated into a 20-bed unit with 12 singles and 4 semi-private rooms. The total capital expenditure (excluding the 11 exempt beds) will be \$8,268,000 (2007).

Any ten taxpayers of the Commonwealth may register in connection with the application by March 1, 2008, or within thirty (30) days of this publication whichever is later. If requested, a public hearing shall be ordered on the application at the request of any such ten taxpayers made in writing, by February 20, 2008, or within twenty (20) days of this publication whichever is later. Such registrations or requests for hearing shall be sent to Department of Public Health, Determination of Need Program, 2 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116. The application may be inspected at such address and also at Northeast Regional Health Office, Tewksbury Hospital, Saunders Building, East Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876.

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

**Maeva**, a collaboration of three individual artists – Courtney Reid, Rachel Taylor and Rollyn Zoubeck – will perform at 8 p.m. at the Crossroads Coffeehouse, second floor of Old Center Hall, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover. Doors will open at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are \$17. Advance ticket purchases are available through PayPal at www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org. Tickets are also available at the door on the evening of the concert. For more information, call 978-687-3960 or visit www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org or call 978-687-7948 the evening of the concert.

**Hearts for Homes Gala** to benefit the Merrimack Valley Habitat for Humanity at DiBurro's, 887 Boston Road, Ward Hill. Enjoy an evening of libations and dinner, beginning with cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. Music provided by B Street Bombers. Tickets are \$125 per person. RSVP by Jan. 25. For more information, call 978-681-8858.

**Annual Valentine concert:** "Red-Hot Rhapsodies" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at the Longy School of Music, Cambridge. This concert is presented by the Andover Chamber Music Series. Tickets are \$30, children under 18 are free, group rates available. For more information or tickets, call 978-474-6222 or visit www.andoverchambermusic.org.

**Harlem Gospel Choir** will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College. Tickets are \$25 in advance, \$22 in advance for students and seniors, \$30 at the door for all tickets. For tickets, call 978-837-5355 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. or visit www.merrimack.edu/rogers.

**Coffeehouse concert featuring Bob Franke** at 7:30 p.m. at Ballard Vale United Church, 23 Clark Road. Cost is \$15 per person. Proceeds benefit the Samaritans teen crisis hot line. For more information, call Noni Yount at 978-470-2921.



Courtesy photo

**Maeva will perform on Feb. 9 at 8 p.m. at the Crossroads Coffeehouse in North Andover. Tickets are \$17. For more information, call 978-687-3960 or visit www.crossroads-coffeehouse.org.**

**Concert:** Great Songs by the Great Songwriters: Dane Vannatter and His Jazz Quartet, 8 p.m., Atrium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This annual Valentine's weekend concert features the music of Ellington, Gershwin, Cole Porter and more. Cash Bar available. Cost is \$18 members, \$22 nonmembers. Reservations by Feb. 7. To make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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

### ONGOING

**Churchill Gallery** will exhibit a collection of new works by **Jim Seitz** through the month of February. His minimal technique combines gold leaf over heavy textured canvas and then glazed with multiple layers of acrylics. The effects are traditional, moving to abstract. The gallery is located at 6 Inn St., Newburyport. Hours are Monday and Sunday from 12:30 to 5 p.m., and Wednesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call

978-462-9891 or visit www.thechurchill-gallery.com.

**"Fertile Soil,"** a new exhibition of sculptural work by Meredith Morten, will be on display from Jan. 28 through Feb. 21 in Montserrat College of Art's Carol Schlosberg Alumni Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly. An opening reception will be held on Feb. 14 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. In conjunction with the exhibit, a lecture by Hunt Prothro will be held at 5:30 p.m. on Feb. 14, prior to the reception, in the Program Room of the Beverly Public Library, 32 Essex St., Beverly. For more information on the exhibit, visit www.montserrat.edu. For more information on Prothro, visit www.huntprothro.com.

**Photography exhibit on Urban Renewal** will be on display through March at UML Center for Lowell History, Morgan Cultural Center, 40 French St., Lowell. The Jackson/Appleton/Middlesex urban renewal efforts are gaining momentum, promising changes to the landscape of three of Lowell's neighborhoods. Photographer Jessica Hosman, a UML fine arts graduate, captured images of the areas in a series of black and white photos. For more information, call 978-934-4997.

"It's Getting Hot in Here" will be on

exhibit from Feb. 15 through April 5 in the Montserrat College of Art Gallery, 23 Essex St., Beverly. An opening reception will be held Feb. 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. Free and open to the public. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 978-867-9604 or visit www.montserrat.edu/galleries.

**"Wedded Bliss, the Marriage of Art and Ceremony"** will be on display from April 26 through Sept. 14 at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. General admission to the museum is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. Special exhibitions may require an additional fee. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

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

**"Cat Club Challenge"** will be ongoing on the second Saturday of every month at one80 Sports & Fitness, 226 Andover St., Wilmington. Participants will be tested in standard assessments including the vertical jump, 5/10/5 "Pro Agility," chin ups, 10, 20 and 40 yard dash and 5 hop bound. Food and beverages will be provided. Fitness testing is free. For more information, call 978-658-1999.

**Ongoing at PEM Drop-in Yoga classes** on Saturdays from 1 to 3 p.m., Art Studios. Cost is included with museum admission. For more information, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3043.

**Exhibits:** "Stage Idols" Feb. 2 through Jan. 25, 2009 in the Japanese Kabuki Theater; "The Art of Maori Tattoo" Feb. 23 through Feb. 1, 2009; "Wedded Bliss: The

**Marriage of Art and Ceremony"** April 26 through Sept. 14; "Life Boat" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "To the Ends of the Earth: Painting the Polar Landscape" Nov. 8 through March 1, 2009; "Accidental Mysteries" through Jan. 27; "Samuel McIntire: Carving an American Style" through Feb. 24; "Origami Now" through June 8; "Gateway Bombay" through Dec. 7; "Perfect Imbalance: Exploring Chinese Aesthetics" through May 19, 2009; "Of Gods and Mortals: Traditional Art from India" ongoing; "Intersections: Native American Art in a New Light" ongoing; "All of My Life: Contemporary Works by Native American Artists" ongoing.

Peabody Essex Museum is located in East India Square, Salem. Museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., closed New Year's Day. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

**Art Exhibits:** "Landscapes," paintings by Nancy Grice, John Mulcahy and Carmelo Polanco, and "Evidences: Footprints, Driplines, Sculpture and Drawing" by Joyce Audy and Zarins will be on exhibit now through Feb. 29 at the Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free and open to the public. Information, call 978-685-2343 or visit www.essexartcenter.com.

**"Cornucopia: Documenting the Land of Plenty,"** on display through Feb. 2. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 12 to 5 p.m. Information, call 978-281-3347 or visit www.montserrat.edu/galleries.

**Two person show for Kathleen Hooks**, painter of atmospheric landscapes and **Larry Preston**, painter of still life in the classic representational style, at the Churchill Gallery, 6 Inn St., Newburyport.

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**"Elements of Art Education,"** an exhibit showcasing Art Education graduates of Montserrat College of Art. The exhibition can be viewed during gallery hours, Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, email ristuben@gmail.com or dianeyott@comcast.net.

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**Andover Choral Society** is seeking additional voices for the upcoming concert season. Group rehearses every Monday at 7:20 p.m. at Christ Church on Central Street and performs at the Rogers Center for the Arts. For more information, call 978-682-0196 or visit www.AndoverChoral.org.

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# Education

“We know what’s out there and we know what a gem we have.”

School Committee member David Samuels on Susan Nicholson

## Nicholson sheds her ‘interim’ tag

### Schools: No search needed for assistant superintendent

By BRIAN MESSENGER  
STAFF WRITER

When Susan Nicholson became Andover’s interim assistant superintendent this summer, school officials said they planned to conduct a national search to fill the position on a permanent basis.

There will be no such search.

Nicholson, who left her previous job as North Andover High School principal, was rewarded for her work during the last six months when the School Committee last week unanimously approved her as permanent assistant superintendent.

No search was conducted by the committee or Superintendent Claudia Bach to fill the schools’ No. 2 position because feedback from across the school district was overwhelmingly positive, according to School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber.

“We thought we really had a superior individual,” said Barber. “We’re excited about this.”

Bach, who commended Nicholson for her energy level and success with developing relationships with staff and parents, said she asked the School Committee not to proceed with a national applicant search.

“She’s already gotten her arms around a very complicated job,” said Bach. “I thought we would not find someone who was doing a better job.”

Nicholson, who led North Andover High School for eight years, also expressed enthusiasm with the hire.

“I’m very pleased,” said Nicholson. “I’ve had a terrific couple of months here working with a great staff. I can see it continuing. One of the priorities is really to work with the parents district-wide.”

Barber said the committee consulted with both Bach and Andover parents before promoting Nicholson.

“The resulting feedback that we got was so positive that we were really excited,” said Barber. “The superintendent had a resounding vote of confidence for Susan Nicholson.”

Nicholson, who is making \$121,500 as an interim employee, will become permanent

assistant superintendent officially on July 1.

The length of Nicholson’s contract and new salary have not yet been determined, but will be negotiated by Barber and fellow School Committee member David Samuels.

Nicholson replaces former Assistant Superintendent Marcia O’Neil, who made \$129,624 in her last year.

“We know what’s out there and we know what a gem we have,” said Samuels. “Every month she gets better and better. It would be a stretch to find anybody who could do a better job. ... It almost became a no-brainer.”

Bach said Nicholson has made the jump from principal to assistant superintendent look easy.

Nicholson has a background as a secondary school educator, teaching for 18 years at Lowell, Methuen and Lawrence high schools. She is writing her doctoral dissertation, which she hopes to finish in August.

Nicholson said her years as a principal helped her build relationships quickly with Andover’s school administrators.

“I believe it created an almost instant rapport with them, so that was a real plus,” said Nicholson. “I worked in the community next door. I believe the people in the (Andover) community, as well as the staff were familiar with the work I was doing in North Andover.”

Bach noted how quickly Nicholson made the difficult transition to a new school district.

“Every district has its own configuration. It seemed like in no time she knew how we were configured, how we’re organized,” said Bach. “She just picked that up in an amazing amount of time.”

As assistant superintendent, Nicholson is responsible for curriculum, instruction, assessment and staff professional development within the school district.

Already Nicholson has worked closely with parents and teachers on changing the middle school math curriculum, and during the summer, she oversaw the district’s MCAS results analysis, working with principals and the School Committee, Bach said.

“She’s an excellent person,” said Bach. “She knows you need to be out there working with people in a collaborative way.”

“I did hit the ground running, but there’s still a steep learning curve,” said Nicholson. “I look forward to continuing to further my knowledge base of this district.”



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos

Wood Hill Middle School seventh-graders from left, Sicco Huicing, 12, Morgan Manning, 13, and Micayla McQuade, 13, have a “high tea” and desserts during a lesson in Victorian England and Charles Dickens.

## Bringing the Victorian Era to Wood Hill Middle School

By BETHANY BRAY  
STAFF WRITER

Wood Hill Middle School seventh-grade language arts teacher Chip Gregory was wandering the halls last week in a top hat, Victorian coat and scarf, calling out phrases such as “cherrio!” and “jolly good!” in an English accent.

He didn’t really look out of place. There were about a dozen other educators dressed as if they had just stepped out of Victorian England — including Principal Patrick Bucco — for a seventh-grade workshop on the life and times of Charles Dickens.

Seventh-graders at Wood Hill are beginning to read “A Christmas Carol” in English classes, and through the workshop, had the chance to walk in the shoes of Dickens for a day. The workshop, created by a team of Wood Hill teachers who traveled to England this summer, taught students about social issues and the politics of Victorian England.

Students were placed in small groups for the workshop, rotating through six different stations. At one, they tried on Victorian petticoats and hoop skirts. At another they received a school lesson using slates and chalk. At a station on workhouses, mill-owned institutions where poor mill workers lived in the 1800s, seventh-grader Andreas Christopoulos said he was enjoying the workshop because the lessons were hands-on. He said the things he’s learned have given him a new perspective on “A Christmas Carol.”

Living during the time of Dickens could be rough, said Andreas.

“It depends on if you’re poor or if you’re rich. If you’re rich, it would be pretty nice. But there’s no electricity, so I don’t know (if I could do it),” he said with a grin.

After learning about workhouses — where men and women were separated and accommodations were grim — Josh Martin described Victorian life as “pretty harsh.”

The workshop was created for the seventh-graders by Susan Healey, expeditionary learning instructional guide at Wood Hill and a team of about a dozen teachers, she said. Healey traveled to England for 10



Wood Hill Middle School seventh-grader Zoe Adamsky, 12, works at peeling carrots while acting as a peasant and chimney-sweep.

days over the summer with four other teachers from Wood Hill, studying the life and times of Charles Dickens.

The five teachers trip was paid through a grant from the Fund for Teachers, a Houston, Texas-based nonprofit that funds “summer sabbaticals” for teachers, allocating money for professional enrichment projects. The five Andover teachers toured museums, the Dickens home in London (now a historical site) and mill towns that would have been at their peak in the Victorian industrial age.

The seventh-graders will have follow-up lessons in language arts classes about what they’ve learned about Victorian England, and applying this knowledge to “A Christmas Carol,” said Healey. She hopes to do a Dickens workshop like the one last week for seventh-graders every year, she said.

The day of the workshop, each student was given a role appropriate for the Victorian era by luck of the draw, from mill workers and chimney sweeps to the aristocracy. As they visited the six stations, they were treated according to their rank in society.

At the station serving afternoon tea, students cast as mill workers and scullery maids were given a piece of rye bread and asked to peel vegetables, while a duchess and a mill owner were served cakes and fruit at a table with a lace table cloth and silver place settings.

During a Victorian school lesson, given by retired Andover teacher Jim Redman, the students filed into the classroom after Redman rang a bell, and had to stand behind their desks

without talking.

Redman, dressed in a black robe with a white, frilly ascot, stood at the front of the class, next to a portrait of Queen Victoria, and had the students repeat the phrase “Idleness and ignorance are the parents of many vices,” which was written on the board.

A real Victorian class would have had to memorize a phrase like that every day as homework, he said. The Wood Hill students were surprised to learn that lessons were taught without textbooks — paper was very expensive back then, he said — and each student had only a small slate to write on with chalk.

At a station run by Andover resident Heidi Dallal, students learned how the Industrial Revolution shifted the task of weaving and spinning thread from the home to commercial mills. Dallal is an experienced spinner and brought samples of her work and a working replica of a 1800s spinning wheel.

“It took everybody in the family to make cloth (before the Industrial Revolution),” said Dallal as she demonstrated how wool, just sheared from a sheep, was combed and spun to yarn. “Spinsters,” people who supported themselves by making cloth to sell, usually went to work in mills after the Industrial Revolution because they couldn’t make a living at home anymore.

Working in a mill was “miserable, brutal ... like slave labor,” said Dallal. “You lived and died by that whistle.”

“If people have had another choice, they would have worked somewhere else,” she said.



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Susan Nicholson has been named assistant superintendent of Andover schools after serving as an interim superintendent since the summer.

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## Sports

## HOME OF A CHAMPION

Super Bowl winner Sullivan enjoying life in Andover

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

Andover's Dan Sullivan thought back to his first Super Bowl. "I heard tickets for this Super Bowl are going for at least \$700," he said. "When I went to Super Bowl III, I think they were \$35 and \$50 apiece."

Actually, his wife, Lorraine, corrected him, they were only \$12 and \$15 for the game at the Orange Bowl in Miami on Jan. 12, 1969.

But, unlike this Sunday when he will be watching the New England Patriots face the New York Giants from his daughter Beth's home in North Andover, Sullivan

*"I was pretty lucky. I had the standard bumps and bruises, but other than that I have been OK. I still play golf regularly."*

**Dan Sullivan of Andover, a former NFL player**

was not a spectator for Super Bowl III. On that day, he started at guard for the Baltimore Colts, facing the New York Jets.

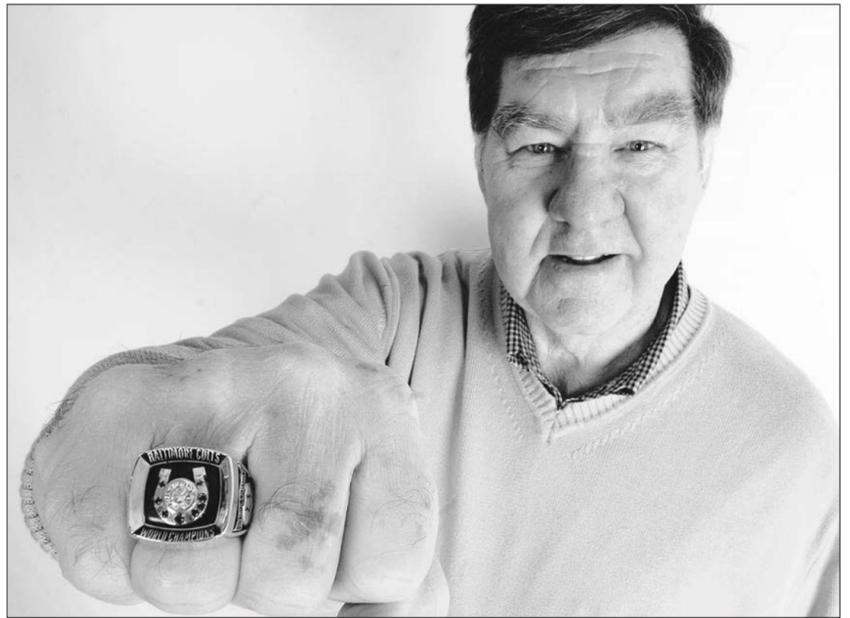
"Playing in the Super Bowl was quite a thrill," said Sullivan, still a mountain of a man at the age of 68, with a handshake that a person of any age would be proud to possess.

"I played with and against a lot of players that never made a Super Bowl. It's a big gap in your career is you never make it to a championship game."

Sullivan made the Super Bowl twice, both with Baltimore. After falling in Super Bowl III, he and his Colts won the Dallas Cowboys in Super Bowl V.

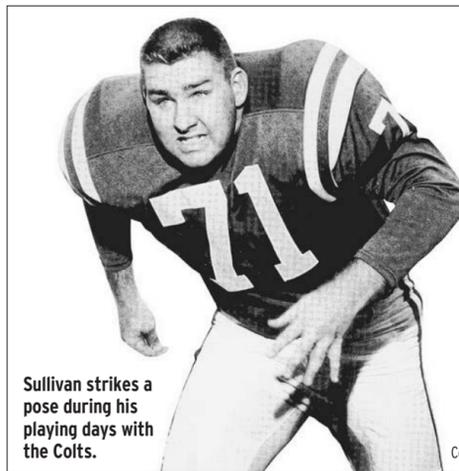
"We were in the battle of our lives against the Cowboys," he remembered. "It was a sloppy game, but at the end, we were on top and that's all that matters."

**Boston born**  
Sullivan grew up in Dorchester, and began his football career at the now-defunct Boston Technical High School in 1953.



TIM JEAN/Staff Photo

Andover's Dan Sullivan looks every bit the former NFL offensive lineman as he displays his Super Bowl ring he won with the Baltimore Colts in 1971.



Sullivan strikes a pose during his playing days with the Colts.

Courtesy photo

## The Dan Sullivan File

**Home:** Andover  
**Age:** 68  
**Position:** Offensive line  
**Height:** 6-foot-3  
**Weight:** 250 (playing days)  
**Youth:** Grew up in Dorchester. Played football for Boston Tech.  
**College:** Started at Boston College. Named to the BC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976.  
**NFL:** Chosen in the third round of the NFL draft by the Baltimore Colts. Played 11 seasons, including a loss in Super Bowl III and a win in Super Bowl V.  
**Family:** Wife, Lorraine; daughters Beth, Julie and Kristen. Grandchildren Meghan, Michael and Brian.

His play earned him a scholarship to Boston College, where he quickly won a job as starting offensive tackle.

At 6-foot-3 and 250 pounds, very large for his time, he was inducted into the Boston College Athletic Hall of Fame in 1976.

**NFL calling**  
The week after his senior season with the Eagles ended, he was selected in the third round of the 1962 NFL Draft by the Colts. He was also selected by the then-Los Angeles Chargers in the American Football League draft.

"The draft was done on a Tuesday and they (Baltimore) called me that day," he said. "Then they sent me a telegram to confirm it."

"It was only the second year of the AFL. The NFL was the established league. I made up my mind I would make a pass at the NFL, and if I didn't make it, I could pass through the AFL."

He signed with the Colts for \$9,500 and spent two years learning the ropes as a backup lineman before earning the starting job. Sullivan played 11 seasons (1962-72) for the Colts, making as much as \$47,000 in a single sea-

son, what he described as a "very good" salary for the time.

"I was very lucky to get selected by the Colts," he said. "Baltimore was one of the best places you could play. The city was great, the fans were great, the players were great. I played all 11 years with one team. It was amazing. It was a real shame when they moved to Indianapolis."

And the Super Bowl provided plenty of priceless memories. "The excitement was big for the Jets Super Bowl, because they

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PAUL BILODEAU/Staff file photo

Andover's John Hyslip looks to stuff the puck past a Masconomet goalie earlier this season. The senior center recorded his 100th career point last Wednesday.

## Hyslip scores 100

BOYS HOCKEY

GIRLS TRACK

John Hyslip had big shoes to fill this season, and the stats indicate he has done just that.

The senior center scored a goal and an assist in Andover's 4-0 win over Wakefield on Wednesday. That gave him 100 points for his career. Former linemate Tucker Mullin reached that mark a season ago.

On the season, Hyslip has six goals and a team-best 17 assists. He had 14 goals and 26 assists in his breakout junior season a year ago.

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George Flanagan scored a pair of goals, giving him a team-high 12 for the season as Andover bested Chelmsford, 4-2 on Saturday. John Hyslip had a goal and two assists while Cam Smith stayed hot with his 10th goal of the year.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Shannon heats up, leads Warriors

Tristian Shannon scored 14 points and grabbed 14 rebounds, both team highs, as Andover crushed archrival Lawrence 74-56 on Friday night.

"Tristian's motor tonight was at another level compared to everybody else on the court," Andover coach Dave Fazio said. "Any time you go into Lawrence and win, it's a good win. It's always tough."

Shannon teamed with front-court mate Zach Burdeau, who scored 13 points of his own.

## Relay sets record, gives Andover MVC title

Andover coach Peter Comeau admitted he was shocked

"I am stunned they could run that at a (slow) track like that," Comeau said. "The kids were all smiles after."

His 4x400 relay team of Vanessa Singleton, Kayley Pettoruto, Melissa Knapp and Colleen Shannon shattered the league record by seven seconds in leading the Golden Warriors to a 44-42 victory over Haverhill and the MVC title last Wednesday.

For the winners, Jess Forster won the high jump with a 5-2, Mallory Cayon took the 50 hurdles, Knapp took the 300 and Shannon won the 1,000.

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The Andover team of Colleen Shannon, Vanessa Singleton, Melissa Knapp and Kayley Pettoruto ran the 1,600 in 4:12.83, good for victory at the McIntyre Relays on Sunday. They also teamed to take second in the 4x400 relay, as did Jess Forster, Rosie Foster, Mallory Cayon and Nicole Johnson in the 4x50 yard hurdles

## BOYS GYMNASTICS

## Davidovits leads Andover to fifth

Aaron Davidovits quickly deflected any personal accomplishments.

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**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fitness for a Cure Gala**  
SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2008

ST. JUDE CHILDREN'S RESEARCH HOSPITAL, the world's premier pediatric cancer research center, will celebrate its second annual Fitness for a Cure Gala on Saturday, March 1, 2008 at the Andover Country Club in Andover, MA.

The event will consist of two shows. The afternoon show, which begins at 1 p.m. is a family oriented event consisting of kid activities, great raffle items, a fitness show by our young performers as well as a testimonial by a St. Jude patient survivor. The evening festivities begin at 6 p.m. featuring a cocktail reception and elegant dinner, high energy choreographed Fitness show, fabulous live and silent auction items, testimonial by a St. Jude patient as well as dancing.

To purchase tickets, become a sponsor or donate an item for the auctions, please call Cara Campolo at (800) 341-5800 or visit [www.stjude.org/fitnessforcure](http://www.stjude.org/fitnessforcure).

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Event Chair and North Andover resident, Sherri Sarrouf, founded this event nine years ago in Nashua, NH and has a strong passion for fitness and giving back to the sick and less fortunate. In 2007, she decided to bring this event to the Andover community with a very successful first year raising over \$87,000 for St. Jude. Since inception, Fitness for a Cure has raised over \$700,000 for the organization. "The mission of St. Jude resonated with me and I wanted to be able to give back. As a parent nothing is greater than helping children, especially children fighting deadly illnesses," says Sarrouf.



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# SULLIVAN

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were the AFL and we were the NFL," he said. "They were coached by our old coach, Weeb Ewbank, and he just knew how to beat us."

But he achieved the goal two years later.

"(Mike) Curtis picked off that pass and returning it (to the 28-yard line), so we had a chance with 13 seconds left," he remembered of the play that set up Jim O'Brien's game-winning 32-yard field goal in Super Bowl V.

"Watching that ball go through the uprights and knowing you just won a championship was just amazing."

## Life after football

Sullivan retired from the NFL after the 1972 season, having missed only two games in his career due to injuries.

"I was pretty lucky," he said. "I had the standard bumps and bruises, but other than that I have been OK. I still play golf regularly."

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Toward the end of his career, he went to work full time for Eastern Sales and Marketing, run by former Boston College linemate John Buckley, where he still works as senior vice president in charge of corporate sales and marketing. He moved to Andover soon after.

Sullivan still follows the NFL, but no longer travels to games. He and his wife do attend every Boston College home football game, sitting behind the home bench.

He also remains close with his teammates, despite that they no longer have an alumni association since the Colts moved to Indianapolis.

"I see them three or four times a year," he said. "We go down to Maryland, and we all play golf and have dinner. People come up to Cape Cod. It's great."

One player he stayed particularly close to was legendary Hall of Fame quarterback Johnny Unitas. "He was just a terrific guy,"

said Sullivan of Unitas, who passed away in 2002. "My wife and I were close with him and his wife. They'd come up here and we'd go down there. When he got bored, he would cut my lawn. We miss him very much."

Sullivan stays involved with his family. His oldest daughter, Beth, a standout basketball and soccer player at Andover High, lives in North Andover with her children, Meghan, 13, Michael, 10, and Brian, 8. Sullivan's youngest daughter, Kristen, who played basketball and volleyball for the Golden Warriors, also lives in North Andover. His middle daughter, Julie, who has Down syndrome, lives at home with him and Lorraine, and has participated in the Special Olympics.

He is not afraid to don his easily recognizable Super Bowl ring.

"I don't wear it every day, but I wear it," he said. "I enjoy wearing it. In our era, the rings were wearable. Now they are like paperweights. When people spot it, they'll ask me about it and my career."

"I would do it all over again. I had some great thrills."

# ROUNDUP

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year ago. They're all getting better equally," said the senior.

But it was Davidovits that scored two thirds and a fifth to lead Andover to a fifth-place finish at the seven-team Salem Invitational on Saturday.

Davidovits took third in the vault (8.1) and all-around (40.2) while placing fifth in the floor (7.1). **Chris Chu** matched his season-high with a 6.0 on the floor

Andover's **Aaron Davidovits** took second place in the all-around with a seconds on the floor, parallel bars, vault and rings, but the Golden Warriors were downed by defending state champion Braintree 155.6-119.6 last Monday.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

### Fantini notches double-double

**Camille Fantini** posted a double-double with 10 points and 12 rebounds to lead Andover, which edged Billerica 47-44 on Friday. Williams-bound sharpshooter **Laura Renfro** scored a team-high 14.

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## BOYS TRACK

### Crawford, Warriors cruise

**Brendan Crawford** and **Kerrick Stevens** went 1-2 in the 300, **Rob Martin** won the 600 and they teamed with **Mark Vetere** to win the 4x400 relay in 3:49.3 to lead Andover to a 50-30 win over Haverhill last Wednesday. **Andrew Pallotta** took the 50 hurdles for the Golden Warriors.

Andover's 4x50 yard relay team of **Chris McConnell**, **P.J. Farnham**, **Kerrick Stevens** and **Matt Vetere** placed 6th in 22.75 at the McIntyre Relays on Saturday.

## BOYS SWIMMING

### Mullen tallies two wins

**Devon Mullen** won the 200 freestyle in 1:59.71 and the 100 freestyle on 53.79 to lead Andover to a 97-83 win over Haverhill on Friday. **Mike Bakies** won the 200 IM and swam on the winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay teams. **Yubo Liu** won the 100 butterfly and **Peter Li**

took the 100 backstroke for the winners.

## BOYS SKIING

### Heath, Andover roll

**Eric Heath** took first in 20.49 to lead Andover to a 104-31 downing of Masconomet on Friday. **Gavin Lynch** (20.69), **Nick Binder** (20.70), **Peter Webster** (20.71) and **Nick Sherman** (20.89) went 2-3-4-5 for the Golden Warriors.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

### St. Cyr takes vault

**Lauren St. Cyr** won the vault with a score of 8.9 as Andover defeated Billerica 138.05-137.4. **Rachel Mattison** scored an 8.9 on the uneven bars for the winners.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

### Shields, Andover tie Arlington

Andover's **Katie Shields** scored a goal as the Golden Warriors played Arlington to a 2-2 tie last Wednesday. **Laura Drew** scored the other goal and **Heather Paonessa**, **Meaghan McCarthy** and **Sarah Oteri** each had an assist.

# 2-10

Announcements

### 3A Lost & Found

FOUND, black lab male, West Boxford area on Jan. 3rd. Call Boxford Police/Boxford Animal Control 978-887-8135

FOUND: Cat, gray, vicinity Walmart, Plaistow, NH, Wednesday night, January 23. Owner, please call to identify, (978) 457-2009.

FOUND: Cat orange & white. Male. Gray & White, male. So. Lawrence, to identify/see Call (978) 683-3271

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FOUND DOLL, found on Jan. 21th, Friendly's parking lot in Gloucester. Call with description. (978) 283-0433

FOUND ENGAGEMENT RING, 12/22/07 on sidewalk outside shop in Newburyport pedestrian Mall. Please call to describe. 925-216-2601 or 925-487-6884

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LOST DIGITAL Camera, Kodak, Newburyport MA on 1/25/27. REWARD. (978) 465-7982

LOST DOG small black & white Husky, 1 blue/1 brown eye, Methuen, Pelham St., since 1/25, reward.978-686-5220

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LOST: Men's wedding ring. In or near Sovereign Bank, downtown North Andover, on 1/23/1. Call Joe, 978-374-7131.

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LOST WALLET: in Chuck E Cheese at Methuen Loop, brown, leopard print patch. REWARD!! Please call (978) 677-1364

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

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT ESSEX, SS

Docket No. 07P1694-EP1 To all persons interested in the estate of PATRICK W. BURKE, otherwise known as PATRICK WILLIAM BURKE late of Andover in said County, deceased, testate, and to the ATTORNEY GENERAL of said COMMONWEALTH: A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell private sale certain real estate of said deceased. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-fifth day of February 2008, the return date of this citation. Witness, MARY ANNE SAHAGIAN Esquire, First Justice of said Court, this eleventh day of January 2008. Pamela Casey O'Brien, Register. AT - 1/31/08

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### LEGAL NOTICE

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF THE TRIAL COURT (SEAL)

Case No. 359568 To: Marc E. Ehrhott and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee claiming to be the holder of a Mortgage covering real property in Andover, numbered 14 Forest Hill Drive given by Marc E. Ehrhott to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., dated November 30, 2006, and recorded with the Essex County Registry of Deeds at Book 10516, Page 159, and MA for a Modification of conditions (6.) and (10.) of Decision #3710 to allow a larger building footprint than 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

### 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 P.M. on the petition of Michael Ristuccia, 375 South Main Street, Andover, MA for variance from the requirements of Article VIII, §§1.2, and/or for a special use pursuant to 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)

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LONDON DERRY, share 3 bedroom 2 bath house. Acre land, country setting, cathedral ceiling, 3 decks, \$750 includes everything. Call Fred (603) 944-2011 or email ookes@yahoo.com

NON-Smoking roommate wanted to share Derry condo. On 102 near I-93. \$115/week utilities included. 603-661-4073

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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, 93, large yard, parking, more! \$550 per bedroom or \$1000 for both includes utilities, list & last. References. 603-382-5004

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PLAISTOW: share home. Own room & bath. Includes all utilities. off street parking Drop fee. \$175/week. 2 week deposit. 603-382-9404

RAYMOND, NH Roommate to share 3 bedroom, 2 baths, \$550 month + 1/3 utilities. CALL 603-244-1620

SALEM, NH female seeks same, private home, non-smoking, furnished, all utilities. \$650. call 978-423-7777

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76-100 Help Wanted

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Be There for Kids in Care Casey Family Services seeks experienced parents to provide a family for kids in foster care - ages 10-15. ● Financial Compensation ● Top quality training ● Ongoing Support Call 800-883-8836 casefamilyservices.org

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# Sledding when they closed the streets in Andover

## The Back Page

Bill Dalton



When Whittier Street extended all the way to Bartlet Street, Andover kids would sled on the little slope in front of Memorial Auditorium.

The slope was bigger when we were little. In the late 1940s, the town would close off Whittier Street to make it safe for us. Sometimes it would forget to close the street and one day a kid hit the side of a slow moving car. He hit one of the tires and was only scared and not hurt very much. The town always closed the street after that.

The setup of the area was different then. Besides the fact that Whittier Street was just a plain old street with no parking spaces, there was a semicircular driveway that went up from the street to the front of Memorial Auditorium and then curved down back to the street. The slope was within that semicircle formed by the driveway.

We called our little sledding slope "High School Hill" because Pynchard High occupied the building that now houses the municipal offices. We had to call it something so when we telephoned our friends to say let's go to High School Hill they knew what we were talking about. Even though it was small, it was popular, maybe because it was so visible with the Park in front of it.

In spite of its short length and medium gradient, we were able to go pretty fast because the hill was used by so many kids that it was usually slick, and the older kids would spend time tromping it down to make it fast. The steep part of the hill was on the east side, which was the junior high school side. If conditions were ex-

## WHAT MAKES A TOWNIE A TOWNIE?

Joan Patrakis suggested last week in a letter that I should write a column on the subject. I like the idea and so does editor Neil Fater. We are requesting your comments about what makes a townie a townie. Please send an e-mail to me or to nfater@andovertownsmen.com. You can also send a letter to the editor at Andover Townsman, 33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810 or fax it to 978-470-2819. My column and an article on the subject will appear in the Feb. 21 Townsman.

cellent, we'd make it all the way even with the bandstand and almost to a brook that is no longer there. To get a good running start, we'd begin at the base of the auditorium steps with our Flexible Flyers in hand and run to the top of the slope and flop onto the sled. After we sledded down, we'd bring our sleds back up the hill on the Pynchard High side of it. It was a little less steep and easier to walk up.

In the middle of part of the hill was a manhole cover. It was in a curious place for a manhole, but it made the hill more interesting. The good thing about the cover was that it was plumb-line level, so the upper end touched the natural slope of the hill while the lower end was a few inches off the ground. This meant we could pack snow on it and use it for a jump. It added a little fun to the hill, but we'd have to keep piling snow on the metal cover and then pack it down. If we didn't, our runners would hit metal and the sled would stop while our bodies continued on.

The older kids liked to ride their sleds standing on them, sometimes two on one sled. They'd often fall, but it was a good stunt and drew the awe of the lit-

tle kids. When the little kids tried it, almost always the sled would go out from under them and they'd fall hard, sometimes hitting their heads. The big kids thought that was funny.

Unless it was snowing or very cold, there was the constant work of throwing snow on Whittier Street and the hill to keep them in sledding condition. If the sun was out, by late morning pavement and grass would start to show through and we knew it was time to leave. We'd walk home, dragging our sleds behind us.

Maury Shea grew up in Shawshen at 15 Union St. in the 1930s and '40s. Nearby lived the Demers family. Walter Demers was a little older than Maury, but Joyce was in his class at Shawshen School. Their backyard had a little hill, and Maury says, "A lot of local kids went there for skiing and sledding. It had a mini ski jump, too!"

Maury remembers that more serious sledding occurred on the Burnham Road hill when the town closed it to cars. His grandparents lived at the top of the hill. He says, "Everyone had wonderful days spent safely sliding." Then he adds, "Well, not everyone," and tells the following story of what happened the day after Thanksgiving in 1940.

On Thanksgiving, the Shea clan gathered at his grandparents' home for dinner. It was snowing hard, and he and his parents decided to get his sled and gear from home so he could stay with his grandparents and go sledding the next day. Friday came and the conditions were good. Maury left his grandparents' house, and they said to be careful. Maury says, "Most of us had our own sleds ranging from the small one-person models to the large two- or three-person models. Mine was in between and well broken in earlier by a relative. There was another piece of equipment which we



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With street sledding now frowned upon, James Horkon, 4, of Andover, waits for friends to climb aboard his sled before they head down a hill near Drummond Park in North Andover recently.

all loved to see. It was a huge wooden sled that had to be steered by the driver using the front set of runners. It could carry four or five of us, but the Sheehans, who owned it, were not big on little people being involved. However, on this day the mammoth sled was being run by Bob Phinney, an older kid. (After sadly reading his recent obituary, I saw he was four years my senior.) Bob allowed that a few of us could pile on."

At the bottom of the Burnham Road hill, Burnham goes to the left and Dufton Road is straight ahead. The town plows had left a triangle of snow where the two roads met. In the middle of the tri-

angle was a Glennie's Milk truck. Maury thinks the driver must have been delivering by foot. He says, "Bob's little brother, known to me still as 'Whistle,' was too young to join Bob and the rest of us on board and was asked to wait up top while we went down. Off we went, but Whistle was alongside on his sled. Bob's plan had been to go straight on to Dufton Road, but Whistle was in the way so we went straight into the triangle of snow and underneath the milk truck! I was near the back and just received a minor scratch. The crash must have been a noisy one, for my grandmother was out on the porch yelling for me. I yelled that every-

thing was fine, but it was not. Bob had been hurt. We had no medical knowledge, but somehow we got Bob on a sled and proceeded to tow him home to Enmore Street and his mother. I think the milkman helped us. Bob went to the hospital with a back injury but must have been cured completely: witness his athletic career at Pynchard. Bob had a very interesting life, but I will never forget sliding with him on Burnham Road about 67 years ago."

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