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Parking has been blocked off adjacent to Old Town Hall after a shingle fell onto Barnard Street.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Falling shingle prompts emergency roof fix

Town considers leasing Old Town Hall

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

A piece of shingle falling off the roof of Old Town Hall could have just been the beginning, said Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi. A crew has been up on a lift since Jan.

31 repairing the roof in the center of the downtown shopping district, after the shingle fell onto Barnard Street last month. Parking spaces on either side of Old Town Hall have been blocked off for nearly three weeks because of the roof's condition.

Not only do roughly 150 cracked or damaged shingles need replacing, but workers have learned that the steel snow guards running the length of the historic building have also been in danger of falling. They determined their copper fasteners had failed, curling up and damag-

ing the slate shingles in the process. The repairs are expected to cost about \$6,000.

"Had we not caught it the way we did, we could have seen a piece of those snow guards coming down," said Piantedosi. "Those would be very dangerous if they hit a car, because of their shape."

The failure of the snow guard fasteners also severed a heated cable system atop the roof, which is used to help melt snow-fall and minimize ice buildup.

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Backers hope land for fields still available

As town awaits state OK, Reichhold acreage up for grabs

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Town-hired consultants say 13-acres owned by Reichhold Inc. is clean enough to buy for town recreation, after years of work.

While 2001 Town Meeting approved the money for the river-front property, selectmen remain steadfast they will not offer to buy this piece of the former Andover chemical-manufacturer's land until the state Department of Environmental Protection approves the cleanup work. The property is on the open market.

Andover once had exclusive

rights to buy the parcel, but that agreement expired on Dec. 15, 2006.

Some members of the town's Open Space Task Force say the land could draw interest from another company for industrial use, at a price potentially higher than what the town would pay.

"Hopefully we still get it," said task force member Susan Stott. "It's much different than it was two years ago, because the agreement we had has expired. I think the ball's basically in Reichhold's park."

Task force member Jerry Bird said the remaining parcel becomes

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TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Don Therrien casts his vote at Andover High School.

TUESDAY'S SUPER TURNOUT

In Andover, 10,702 voters came out for the Super Tuesday primary, a record primary turnout for the town. Here's how the town voted:

DEMOCRATS		
Barack Obama	3,269 votes	49 percent
Hillary Clinton	3,138 votes	47 percent
REPUBLICANS		
Mitt Romney	2,467 votes	59 percent
John McCain	1,469 votes	35 percent
Mike Huckabee	84 votes	2 percent
Ron Paul	79 votes	2 percent

See Page 6 for complete story.

School department, town spar over budget

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The town manager's recommended \$137.7 million operating budget could trigger the elimination of nearly 40 teaching positions and the district's entire athletics program if approved at Town Meeting.

School busing and high school parking fees would jump \$50 each,

and the amount of money available for school department supplies would stay the same. Last year, supplies began to run out midway through the spring.

On Monday night, School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber questioned what he said was an unequal amount of the burden falling to the school department.

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At left, first time voter Elizabeth DiTroia, 18, cast her vote as her friend Jessie Eichman, 18, watches in the Andover High School Field House during the presidential primary.

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ROOF: Officials look into leasing Old Town Hall

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"I think whenever there's snow on that roof there's always a danger of ice forming and falling," said Piantedosi. "That's always been a problem for as long as I can remember, though a shingle falling off, that's something that we've known of just for the past few weeks."

The recent repairs come at a time when Andover officials have said they'll consider leasing Old Town Hall to generate new revenue in light of the town's budget problems.

"I don't think we utilize the building well," said Selectman Mary Lyman. "I think we should examine it as an option. We're certainly not using it to full capacity."

The proposal to lease Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, was one of several cost-saving measures included in Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski's Feb. 4 budget presentation to selectmen, school and finance officials.

Entering into a lease agreement at Old Town Hall would provide "substantial savings," according to Piantedosi. Though the U.S. Post Office remains under lease already, the remainder of the first floor is suitable for retail, he said, while the second floor could be ideal for a dance or martial arts studio, a business meeting space, or even a restaur-

ant — though the town will not look to create major changes to building.

"Certainly, the savings to the town would be we wouldn't pay the utility bills," said Piantedosi. "The routine maintenance and cleaning costs would be picked up by someone else, plus we'd get the rental stream."

Along with an estimated \$48,000 in annual savings, Piantedosi said, at \$15 a square foot, the town could earn up to \$140,000 in annual rental income.

"It's certainly something we had to throw on the table as part of the whole budget process," said Piantedosi.

With roof repairs continuing this week, Piantedosi said more maintenance work also has been targeted for Old Town Hall. After a major upgrade several decades ago saw the installation of new windows and a heating system, Piantedosi said new carpeting is needed on the first floor and stairwells.

A new paint job is needed for the second floor, he said.

"It's going to be controversial," said Lyman of the proposal to lease the structure.

"It's obviously a beautiful building, but it's an expensive building to maintain. If we can't lease it out we're going to look at what it costs us to keep it as is," she said.

"Maybe it's the right fit for someone out there."

SCHOOL: Budget hearings continue through the end of February

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"Clearly, there's a disproportionate level of pain here," said Barber. "We've got to take a serious look at that."

The cuts were assigned in accordance with each department's share of the current budget. Other town departments | under a \$33.7 million recommendation for the upcoming fiscal year | would be forced to reduce overtime and pay expenses and increase fees for various services. A total of 14 new positions requested by department heads would not be added.

Superintendent Claudia Bach's initial departmental request of \$61 million was reduced by nearly \$2.5 million by Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski before both she and Stapeczynski gave budget presentations to selectmen, school and finance officials.

Under Stapeczynski's recommendation, the school district would operate with \$58.6 million in fiscal 2009.

The three town boards — Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee — ordered department heads to put together a list of cuts in anticipation of an operating deficit of at least \$3 million for the upcoming fiscal year.

School Committee member Tony James criticized the "flawed" planning of the boards' long-range fi-

Included in Stapeczynski's budget is more than \$21 million in capital improvements.

ancial planning subcommittees, which worked throughout the summer and fall to come up with the current budget model.

"Don't assume this is the end of the story," said James. "This is the start of the story. It's clearly inequitable and we need to figure out what our options are."

In defense of the budget model and planning schedule, Selectman Alex Vispoli said the opportunity remains, if deemed necessary, for the boards to reconsider and reallocate the potential departmental cuts. This could mean cutting deeper into other departments to save school programs.

"Without seeing this, it's hard to convince people the problem exists," said Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden, referencing the proposed cuts to the school budget that had parents in the audience at Monday's meeting calling for an override.

"I think we all know that an override option is out there," said Selectmen Chairman Brian Major.

All together, town and school departmental requests for totalled \$4.28 million more than the revenues available to the town to bal-

ance the budget without a Proposition 2 1/2 override.

"We just don't have the revenue," said Stapeczynski.

Bach's request included the addition of 9.48 new positions at a cost of \$548,017.

Several of the new teaching positions would be required to meet the School Committee's class-size policy or the requirements under the federally-mandated No Child Left Behind act, Bach said.

Under the town manager's budget proposal some new positions would be included, though Bach said the elimination of 21 classroom assistants and 22.5 teachers would be required, with the biggest reductions coming at elementary level.

Four to 10 of those teaching position eliminations could be handled through anticipated teacher retirements, according to Interim School Business Manager Bernie Tuttle.

When the subject of eliminating all athletics came up, Finance Committee member Joseph Stumpf suggested that officials look at each individual athletic program's history, gate receipts, costs and levels of participation.

As for the proposal to fund the

school departments supply budget at a level equivalent to this year, School Committee member David Samuels said school and janitorial supplies simply ran out last year, forcing parents and teachers to pay for them instead.

"What we're doing here is punishing our children," said School Committee member Dick Collins of the proposed budget reductions. "You're making the children of Andover, our greatest possession, pay the price."

Included in Stapeczynski's budget is more than \$21 million in capital improvements.

Though state aid for education will be more than expected this year, a decrease in town income derived from new property development is also anticipated, according to the town manager's budget presentation.

Proposed savings on the town side include selling nine parcels of tax-tile land, charging fees for household waste disposal, leasing Old Town Hall, and increasing fees for Community Services and Andover Youth Services programs.

Barber called the measures "good ideas," but wanted to see the cost savings associated with them.

School Committee member Deb Silberstein said she did not see much opportunity for savings in fiscal 2009 on the list.

Individual departmental budget hearings began this week, and will continue until the end of February.

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Historical Society offers youth a lesson in architecture

Middle school students will have the chance to learn about local architecture during school vacation week.

The Andover Historical Society will present "Main Street: an Architectural Workshop" encouraging youth to "become an expert on one of the many unique and interesting buildings on Main Street, as you create a mini exhibit to be displayed at the Andover Historical Society." Students will cre-

ate a model and set up a team exhibit that will be open to the public.

The workshop will run Tuesday, Feb. 19, to Thursday, Feb. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. The cost is \$60 for members, \$75 for nonmembers. Fee includes materials and snacks each day. Space is limited. Call 978-475-2236 or visit www.andoverhistorical.org for more information.

Clarification

A business story that ran in the Townsman on Jan. 24 about a proposed cafe and food provision store on South Main Street did not mention the business currently occupying the site, Craig's Auto Salon, an automotive detailing business.

Along with the commercial building is a single-family home, according to Andover resident and developer Bill Perkins, who owns the property.

If the proposed 4,300-square-foot cafe and store are approved by the town, both structures

would be torn down, Perkins said.

Perkins said he expects Craig's Auto Salon will operate on the site for only a short period of time. The owner of the auto salon confirmed this.

The site is also the former home of Lund's Automotive Service.

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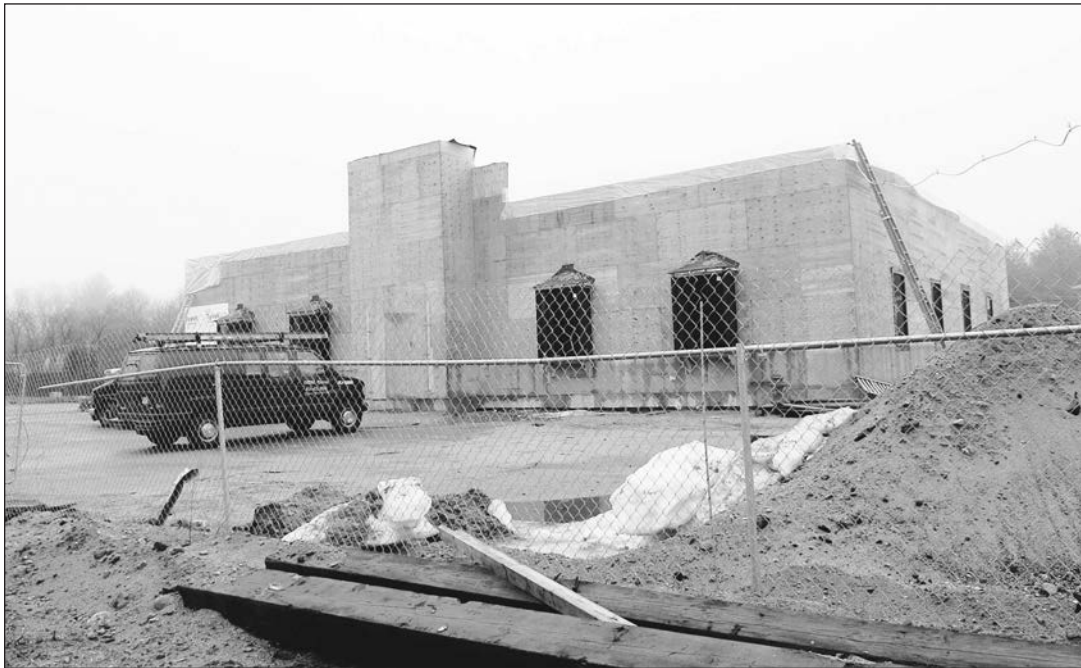
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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Howard Johnson's Restaurant, seen here around 1950, was on South Main Street. The Ground Round moved into the location around 1976 and closed in 2004.



NOW: The former location of Howard Johnson's Restaurant and then The Ground Round will soon be a Tokyo Japanese Steak House.

Juniors, parents invited to College Admission Process

The Andover High School Counseling Department invites the public to attend the College Admission Process, a program for juniors and

their parents on the college search and application process. Guest speaker will be John Mahoney, Director of Admission for Boston

College. Schedule: Session II on Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Collins Center for parents only. For more information, call 978-623-8607.

MBA session

Suffolk University will host a free MBA information session for area residents and professionals tonight, Feb. 7, at 6 p.m. in the Sakowich Campus Center, 2nd floor, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. Attendees will learn more about Suffolk's year-round schedule of evening and Saturday MBA courses offered on Merrimack College's campus. Representatives will discuss how Suffolk University's AACSB accredited MBA can be pursued on a part or full-time basis, can be combined with classes in Boston or online, or by taking up to two MBA courses before taking the GMAT through the MAPS program. Application, admission process and financing options will also be discussed. For more information, call 978-837-5143 or email northandover@suffolk.edu.

Fresh Air Fund

Andover area volunteers are needed to help create a fun-filled summer for children from New York City's low-income communities through the Fresh Air Fund. Each summer, close to 5,000 children, ages six to 18, enjoy two-week vacations with volunteer host families in suburban and small town communities across 13 northeastern states and Ontario, Canada. Local Fresh Air Fund committee members recruit host families, reach out to the community and coordinate fun activities for families and children. For more information or to volunteer, call Mary Carroll at 978-975-4182 or The Fresh Air Fund at 800-367-0003 or visit www.freshair.org.

ESOL registration

Registrations are now being taken for ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), citizenship preparation, parenting and preschool classes at the Asian Center, 1 Ballard Way, Lawrence. For more information, call the Asian Center at 978-683-7316 or go to www.asian-centermv.org.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



IT WAS A WAY FOR KIDS to blow off some stress; just relax before exams.
— Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson on allowing kids to play the video game "Guitar Hero," as a fundraiser, before or after their final exams. Story in Townspeople, page 9.

WE'VE GOT TWO OF THE FOUR GRAND SLAMS and there's no way we'll get the other two because they're played on grass and clay.

— John Graham of California Products, an Andover company that makes the artificial tennis courts used for big events — but not for Wimbledon and the French Open. Story in Business, page 13.

WE (ANDOVER) MAY BE AFFLUENT, but we are not immune from this. There is so much pressure on kids today.

— Noni Yount on teen depression. Her church is holding a concert to re-establish a phone line that teens in crisis can call. Story in Townspeople, page 9.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

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

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

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

FRIDAY, FEB. 8

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

MONDAY, FEB. 11

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 6:30 to 7 p.m.

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

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.

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.

Planning Board, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEB. 14

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, conference room A, second floor, 8 a.m.

Triad, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19

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

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20

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

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

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■ POLICE LOG

Arrests

Saturday, Feb. 2 — At 4:10 p.m., William Pena, 24, of 348 Haverhill St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 7:29 p.m., Brad Tadugno, 26, of 29 Maple Ave., was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Sunday, Feb. 3 — At 4:42 a.m., Andrew Christopher, 21, of 80 Lovejoy Road, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 11:52 a.m., Wayne Wallace Jr., 43, of 78 Cedar Ave., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with the subsequent offense of possession of a Class A substance and possession of a Class E substance.

At 12:15 p.m., Nancy Schwartz, 52, of 55 Railroad St., Salisbury, was arrested and charged with possession of a Class E substance, the subsequent offense of possession of a Class A substance, two counts of possession of a Class B substance as subsequent offenses, and on a warrant for numerous motor vehicle and drug charges, assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

At 11:40 p.m., Randy Hurley, 22, of 60 South Terrace, Beverly, was arrested and charged with trespassing.

Thefts

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — At 1:04 p.m., the possible larceny of five laptops was reported on Shattuck Road. Sunday, Feb. 3 — At 1:56 p.m., larceny of \$1,500 worth of copper wire within the last four or five days was reported on Topping Road.

Incidents

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — At 3:37 a.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Chapel Avenue.

At 2:52 p.m., fraud was reported on South Main Street.

Thursday, Jan. 31 — At 1:58 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Old School House Road.

At 9:38 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 10:33 p.m., a noise complaint was received on Bullfinch Drive.

Saturday, Feb. 2 — At 10:21 a.m., mailbox vandalism was reported on Andover Street.

At 8:39 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Acorn Drive when someone threw eggs at the back of a house three times.

At 9:54 p.m., a noise complaint

Stolen car found burned in Lowell

An Andover resident's car was stolen and then found in Lowell burned beyond use, and five other vehicles were broken into on Tuesday, Feb. 5, according to Andover Police Sgt. William Ouellette.

All of the incidents are still under investigation and took place in the vicinity of River Road.

"It would seem that they're linked," said Ouellette. "They're all in close proximity, but we don't know for sure."

At 11:24 a.m., the theft of an Audi from Greenbriar Circle was reported to police. The car was later located in Lowell after being consumed by fire.

"I don't know what to make of it," said Ouellette. "It's the first time that's happened in a while."

Exactly an hour earlier, a Greybriar Road resident reported that

someone had broken into two of his vehicles.

Ouellette said that a cell phone, portable DVD player, global positioning system, and satellite radio were stolen from the vehicles, which were being stored inside a garage.

Located in the northwest of town, Greenbriar Circle loops off Greybriar Road, which is a side street off River Road.

Later that afternoon, another motor vehicle break-in on Greybriar Road was reported, along with the larceny of college textbooks, a calculator and other school supplies, Ouellette said.

Two more incidents of larceny from a motor vehicle also were reported on Greenbriar Circle and Old River Road.

— Brian Messenger

was received on Riverside Drive.

At 10:33 p.m., an underage drinking party was reported on Acorn Drive. An officer reports the homeowner will be issued a court summons for furnishing alcohol to minors.

Sunday, Feb. 3 — At 11:23 a.m., vandalism to the men's bathroom at the restaurant Glory was reported on Essex Street.

At 8:01 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

At 9:06 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported.

Monday, Feb. 4 — At 4:27 a.m., suspicious activity was reported on Phillips Street. Officers reported the noise was from coyotes fighting in the area.

At 8:20 a.m., a disorderly person was reported on Minuteman Road when a bus driver heading to a private school said she "has an out of control 13-year-old girl on the bus who is biting all of the other students and pulling their hair," according to the police log. An officer followed the bus to the school.

At 4:10 p.m., harassing phone calls were reported on Surrey Lane.

At 5:43 p.m., identity fraud was reported on Bailey Road.

At 6:52 p.m., a domestic dispute was reported outside of the YMCA on Haverhill Street.

Auto accidents

Wednesday, Jan. 30 — At 8:32 a.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on South Main Street.

At 2:59 p.m., a three-car crash

with personal injury was reported on Beacon Street.

Sunday, Feb. 3 — At 4:23 a.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on North Street.

Monday, Feb. 4 — At 6:14 p.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on Route 125 near Gould and Wildwood roads.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 — At 6:21 a.m., a single-car crash with personal injury was reported on Lupine Road.

At 2:40 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Main Street.

Auto incidents

Saturday, Feb. 2 — At 2:23 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on River Road.

Monday, Feb. 4 — At 3:21 p.m., motor vehicle vandalism was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

Tuesday, Feb. 5 — At 10:24 a.m., a Greybriar Road resident reported two of his vehicles were broken into overnight.

At 11:24 a.m., motor vehicle theft was reported on Greenbriar Circle. The car was recovered in Lowell and was reportedly completely burned.

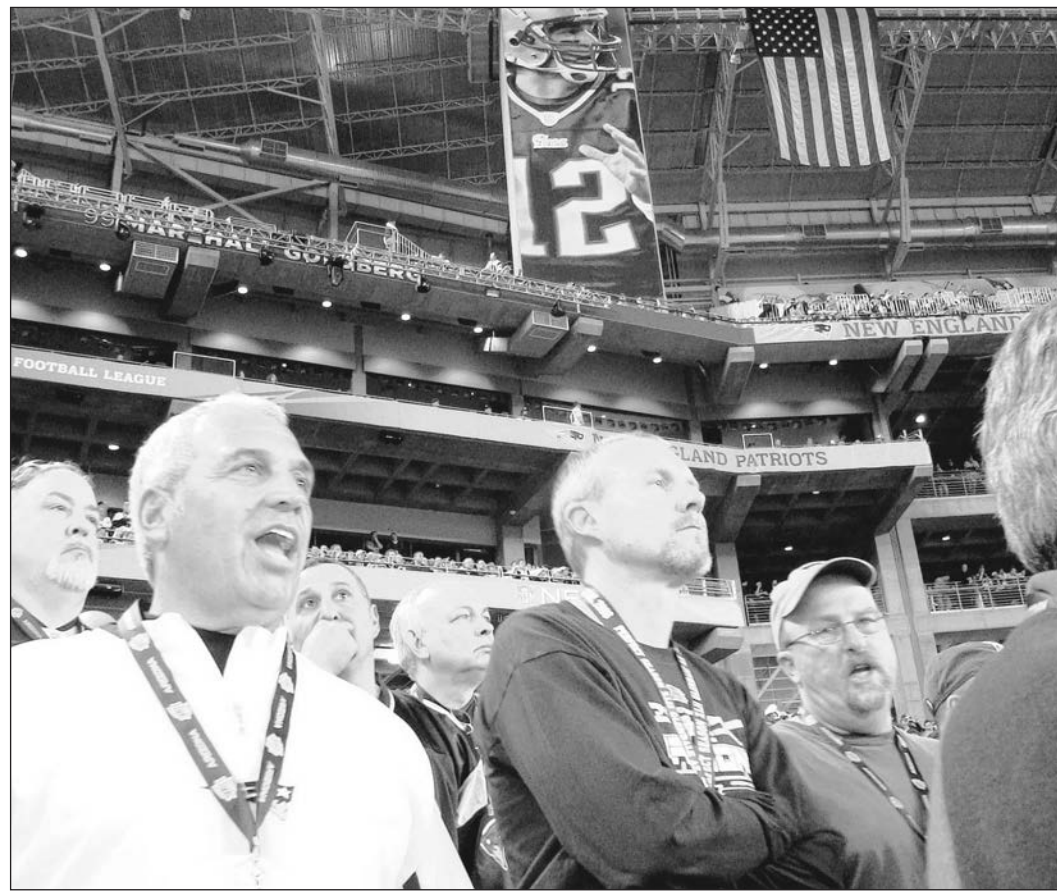
At 2 p.m., the theft of college textbooks and a backpack from a motor vehicle was reported on Greybriar Road.

At 2:52 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Greenbriar Circle.

At 6:06 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Old River Road.

— Compiled by Brian Messenger

Super Fan



J.J. HUGGINS/Staff photo

Tony Longo of Andover, left, cheers on the Patriots during the Super Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

■ NEWS IN BRIEF

Teachers delay open house

Andover High School teachers voted last Monday to delay the second semester parent open house until a fair contract can be negotiated with the town.

"This is a way to communicate dissatisfaction with the town board's budget planning without disrupting the students' education," according to the teacher's union.

The current contract requires teachers to meet with parents once to discuss courses and curriculum. An open house took place in September. "Since the inception of block scheduling, the high school teachers have gladly volunteered additional evening hours to meet the parents of their second semester students," said English teacher Brian Shea in a release. "But without a contract, or any real movement to secure one, the majority of the faculty finds it unreasonable to provide time for a second open house."

Teachers will still be available to talk with parents on the telephone or through e-mail during the school day.

Andover teachers have been working under an expired contract since September.

Garden club scholarships

The Andover Garden Club is seeking qualified students to apply for the Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund, a scholarship that memorializes the late Ruth Cleveland, a longtime resident of Andover who served as president of the Andover Garden Club from 1954-56.

The memorial scholarship is given annually in recognition of Cleveland's efforts to enrich the lives of garden-club members in the pursuit of all the arts and sciences. Last year, the scholarship went to Alexander Kumar, a senior at North Andover High School, who planned to use it to pursue a course of study in biology.

The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund was initially funded by her two children: Ann C. Lange and Byron R. Cleveland Jr.; it grows yearly through donations from the Lange family and the Andover Garden Club. Applicants for the scholarship must be graduate or undergraduate students pursuing the study of the arts and/or sciences.

"While Mother was a skilled flower arranger who was dedicated to gardening, she was also an educator who taught English and French in the Lawrence, Mass., school system for many years," said Ann Lange. "For these reasons, the scholarship is not limited to horticulture, landscape design or floriculture, but reflects her broader interests."

The Ruth I. Cleveland Scholarship Fund is one of 11 scholarships administered by the Gar-

den Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., the parent organization of the Andover Garden Club.

Applicants must be high school seniors, college students or graduate students who reside in Massachusetts; have a minimum B average (3.0 on a 4.0 scale); exhibit good character; and demonstrate financial need. Students must be attending or entering accredited colleges or universities. Only one application per student is needed for consideration for all 11 scholarships.

March 1 is the deadline for submitting applications for the 2008-09 school year. Applications are available from Andover resident Eileen Reilly. For additional information or to obtain an application, contact her at 978-475-7927 or merely@ren.com. The application and financial-aid forms may also be viewed and downloaded at www.gcfm.org/scholarships.

Chamber event with US Congress 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 your business is 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 nonmembers.

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

Call 978-686-0900 for more information.

Chamber event on work performance

The Merrimack Valley Chamber 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 nonmembers.

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Cotch challenges Lyman for selectman seat

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

There will be a two-person race for Andover selectman this year. Peter Cotch, a lawyer in town who lives on Salem Street, is challenging incumbent Selectman Mary Lyman of School Street. A three-year term is up for grabs and begins immediately

after the town election. The two residents submitted at least 100 signatures to get on next month's ballot for the lone selectman seat. The deadline was Tuesday at 5 p.m. for a spot on the town's March 25 ballot. Here's a closer look at each candidate and what they think are the top issues in town:

PETER COTCH

Age: 56
married to Maureen O'Connor
297 Salem St.
resident for 12 years

"What you see, is what you get," is how local political newcomer Peter Cotch described his style. He's a lawyer with an office at Elm Square who formerly worked for School Committee member Deb Silberstein, also a lawyer. Cotch is not a newcomer to community politics. He formerly lived in Concord, N.H., and served on its city council in the 1970s. He worked as administrative assistant to the New Hampshire senate president, he said. Since then, he has also been a lobbyist and environmental consultant. Tackling Andover budget woes would be his first order of business, if elected, he said. "First, I would hear from all department heads," he said. "It's difficult to say what I would do until I talked with them." Maintaining the quality of life in Andover would also get his attention. "There is such community spirit here," he said. "I have lived in a number of places and the sense of community is



Peter Cotch, challenger

Jaws of life needed on Route 495

A Lawrence woman was seriously injured Tuesday afternoon when her car went off Route 495 North, requiring the jaws of life to remove her from her vehicle.

State troopers from the Andover barracks responded to the one-vehicle crash in Andover, north of Interstate 93, around 4 p.m.

They said the preliminary investigation by Trooper Eric Bernstein indicates that a 1998 Ford Contour operated by 20-year-old Natalia Silva "ran off the left side of the roadway for an unknown reason, traveled approximately 130 feet into a wooded area, struck a tree and went up an embankment."

After being removed from the vehicle with the jaws of life, Silva was taken to Lawrence General Hospital.

This crash remains under investigation by State Police. The Andover Fire Department, paramedics and MassHighway assisted troopers at the scene.

The three northbound travel lanes of Route 495 were closed for approximately one hour, while the breakdown lane remained open to traffic.

INCUMBENT MARY LYMAN

Age: 49
married to James Lyman; three sons
50 School St.
resident for 25 years

Last month, Lyman talked about the possibility of not running again but she said her committee work with seniors, the disabled, and with various department heads is a key part of why she wants to return. "I don't want them to think the board doesn't understand their issues. I decided that I needed to run," she said. Lyman, who works at Family Service Inc. in Lawrence, said townspeople may not realize it, but there is much more to being

a selectman than attending meetings every other Monday night. "There's Town Meeting in April, committee meetings, regular meetings, and more," she said. "People look to us to spend their tax dollars (appropriately) and stave off any measures to increase those dollars." She said real estate values in town have "withstood the test of time" as that market has crumbled in other communities with sagging home sales, growing foreclosures and declining home values. She said other communities look to Andover as a model for tips on how a community can attract homebuyers. "Andover is still a great community to

live in and I decided that my experience will help the town maintain that," she said. The budget is her top priority if elected to another term. "Making the budget work is important," she said. "The community wants to know where their money is going." As for the Proposition 2 1/2 override being considered, she said an override lets "voters vote themselves" and that's a good thing. "I think an override can't be avoided," she said. "But how do you know how much money... It can't be a blank check. Selectmen need to know the exact amount of how much is needed."



Mary Lyman, incumbent

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LAND: There are no active negotiations for the last parcel

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more attractive as the cleanup work progresses.

"There's more certainty," said Bird. "As they get closer and closer, there's less perceived risk and there's much more incentive for a potential buyer to step up."

Reichhold attorney Jeffrey Renton would not comment on whether the company has been approached by other potential buyers.

Reichhold began cleaning its entire 46.6-acre site after an initial state investigation in June 1995.

The town began talks with Reichhold about buying the entire site along the Shawshen River eight years ago, assuming Reichhold continued to clean it up.

In 2001, residents at Town Meeting appropriated \$3.6 million to purchase the entire site for open space, playing fields, hiking and town storage. The town bought 33.5 of these acres from Reichhold in January 2006.

Now that Andover's exclusive legal right to purchase the remaining 13-acre parcel has lapsed, it is on the open market.

When asked if Reichhold is still interested in selling the remaining land to Andover, Renton said the possibility remained.

"There's no contract in place and I can't predict the future. There's always been a good working relationship with the two sides," Renton said. "Under the right circumstances, yes. Those circumstances haven't appeared yet."

Both Selectmen Chairman Brian Major and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said they were unaware of any potential buyer engaging Reichhold to purchase the parcel. "We continue to let them know we are

interested," said Stapczynski. "Every once in a while we hear vibrations that there's an interested buyer, but nothing really has come to fruition."

About the land

The Reichhold land has Shawshen River frontage and abuts both Tewksbury Street and Lowell Junction Road in southern Andover.

Major said that while Andover's environmental consultants tell the town the remaining parcel has been cleaned up enough to build fields there, the board will wait for state approval before entering into any agreement with Reichhold.

"If we purchase it, we will have the official sign-off from DEP," said Major, who added that he is confident in the information being told to the town by the environmental consultants.

"There's a very strong interest on our part, because it's a valuable piece of open space, one we could use for active recreation. You're not going to see a spot like this open up, especially along the river," said Major.

The 46.6-acre Reichhold property, located at 77 Lowell Junction Road, had been home to chemical manufacturing companies from before World War II into the early 1990s.

BTL Specialty Resins Corp., which bought the chemical plant from Reichhold in 1986, closed down its doors in 1990, but soon sold the property back to Reichhold.

How much cleanup?

Now Reichhold environmental consultants are saying more cleanup work is needed, a stance that has prevented them from filing with the state DEP for site clo-

sure.

"There are various stages of cleanup," said Stapczynski. "There seems to be a difference of opinion between our people and their people about how much needs to be done to make it comply."

Bird said remaining cleanup work on the parcel includes remediating the ground-water contamination underneath the area where the company's manufacturing plant once stood.

"Our consultant tells us the property, for the uses that we intend, is in fine shape," said Bird. "Reichhold's engineers want to do more, which would open it up to other potential uses."

Environmental consultants for both the town and Reichhold are discussing together what remaining cleanup measures are still needed on the property to close out the work, according to Renton.

"There's a hope that it could be closed in the short term," said Renton. "Once that goal is accomplished, the town thinks it might be able to acquire the property. The town has been very consistent that it did not want to acquire the property until there is full closure."

Renton said the majority of the cleanup work on the 13-acre parcel has been completed.

At the present there are no active negotiations between Reichhold and the town, Renton said.

Donald Cooper, Open Space Task Force member, Conservation Commission chairman and attorney for the town in Reichhold negotiations, did not return phone calls.

"We're still interested in acquiring it," said Stapczynski. "The question is, 'When?' That's what we're trying to work out with the consultants, coming to terms



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Former site of Reichhold Chemical Inc.

REICHHOLD LAND

The Reichhold land residents voted to buy in 2001 has been split into three parcels:

■ **Parcel I:** Owned by Reichhold. Until December 2006, the town had exclusive rights to buy these 13 acres for \$1.125 million. This land would have enough room for one maximum adult-sized soccer field or about four elementary-school-sized fields, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

"It could easily be reconfigured to diamonds," said Stapczynski. "That's not a problem."
■ **Parcel II:** Located off Tewksbury Street, the town purchased these 14 acres for \$1.475 million in 2006. The town has stockpiled town compost and remnants of the top soil from Lovely Field to prepare for the creation of one soccer field, according to Stapczynski.

■ **Parcel III:** Also purchased in 2006, for \$1 million, the Conservation Commission has been working with Boy Scouts to create campsites on this 19.5-acre parcel. "Quite a bit of work is being done on that site," said Stapczynski.

with what kind of approval the state will give us, because we won't buy it without state approval."

Under the previous purchase-and-sale agreement for the two parcels now owned by Andover, the town previously had the opportunity to buy the remaining 13 acres for \$1.125 million — a price town officials still hope they can finalize.

"That's what we'd like it to be," said Ma-

major. "We'd like to have similar conditions as in the previous contract."

"Given the environmental problems with that site, I'm not sure the value has gone up any more than what we've been talking about," said Stapczynski.

But Bird was not confident the town could buy the land for \$1.125 million.

"That price was set six years ago," he said. "I worry about that."

Concert tomorrow

Federico Cortese and New England String Ensemble present "Sacred and Profane" on Friday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Rogers Center for the Arts in North Andover.

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Andover backs Romney, Obama in record turnout

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Super Tuesday has come and gone, and Andover Republicans joined much of the rest of the state in indicating that Mitt Romney still holds some appeal with them. Barack Obama proved to be a slight presidential favorite with Andover Democrats, while Hillary Clinton won the state as a whole.

A record 10,702 Andover people turned out to cast their votes in the primary election on Feb. 5, dubbed Super Tuesday because Massachusetts was one of 24 states to vote that day. At times, traffic was backed up onto Shawshen Road, outside

the voting place at Andover High School.

"That's over a 53 percent of registered voters in Andover voting, which is very high. Which explains the traffic," said Robin Redman, office staff at the Andover Town Clerk's office, with a chuckle.

"The interest in this election was just very strong," said Redman. "We knew as soon as the close of voter registration that it would be high this year."

Voting took place in the high school field house, and students attended a full day of classes as voters came through in droves. Due to the increased traffic, some of the seniors with cars were dismissed at 1:45 p.m. — 15

minutes early — to empty the lower parking lot to make room for the school buses needed for the rest of the students, said Peter Anderson, principal.

"This is beyond anything than I've seen in eight years at this school," said Anderson, after a long day. "It has been bumper to bumper traffic all day. People are just sitting on Shawshen Road waiting to get in."

Police Chief Brian Pattullo said at least six officers were deployed to help direct and relieve traffic at the high school on Tuesday. Buses were slightly delayed after picking up students at the end of the day, he said, mostly due to the peak hours of voter traffic occurring in the morning and early afternoon.

"Unfortunately, with the weather, everybody wanted to try to park as close to the door as possible," Pattullo said, noting that traffic hold-ups near the AHS field house were enough to trigger congestion reaching all the way to Shawshen Road.

Despite the traffic jam, "it's great to see this example of democratic action," said Anderson. He noted that several over-18 AHS



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

At right, Pam Mitchell, an election official, hands out ballots to voters in the Andover High School Field House during the presidential primary.

seniors had registered to vote, and made the trip to the field house to cast their first vote during the day.

"I wouldn't trade the traffic problem to not see this many people come out and vote," he said.

For the last primary election, in 2004, 7,100 Andover residents turned out to vote.

Andover has 5,457 registered Democrats, 3,594 Republicans and 10,966 unenrolled voters, who do not declare for any party.

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Opinion

Future can be found down by riverside

In 1997, a group of residents known as the town's Open Space Committee studied the town's need for recreation space — space for walking, hiking, bird watching and playing sports. They came up with a plan, determining Andover needed a minimum of 11 more playing fields. In the 11 years since, while the population has climbed and new sports such as lacrosse and Ultimate Frisbee have increased the demand, the only additional fields were added when the Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary school complex was built.

That's why the town's hands-off attitude toward buying the final 13 acres of Reichhold land bears re-consideration.

At 2001 Town Meeting, residents overwhelmingly approved money to buy the 46.6 acres of the company's riverfront property, once it is cleaned up. Andover has bought some of it, but the company is still working on a final 13-acre parcel. Andover once had exclusive rights to buy this land once it was clean, but that agreement expired on Dec. 15, 2006. Selectmen say they will not offer to buy this piece of the former Andover chemical-manufacturer's land until the state Department of Environmental Protection approves the cleanup work. The riverfront property — near the proposed Interstate 93 ramps — is now on the open market.

Thousands of Andover residents are involved in organized sports and crave more fields. Plus, protecting open space is a priority for many residents. When the town paid consultants to survey the town in 2004, 76 percent of those responding said they consider it either essential or very important to protect and acquire open space.

Reviving a deal with Reichhold that will guarantee the town can buy the land pending state approval of its condition — the same type of deal that it once had — would be a welcome, forward-looking decision. Money has already been approved. With new I-93 ramps potentially bringing further development into the area someday, this could be a wonderful stretch of riverfront property for the town to protect and use long into the future.

The 1997 Open Space and Recreation Plan offered these priorities, among others: protect river frontage; augment existing open space; and add playing fields. Securing the remaining 13 acres of Reichhold land for recreation would do all three.

WEB QUESTION

Leasing Old Town Hall a good idea?

Last week's Andover Townsman Web question was, "What do you think of a privately funded 6 by 8 foot polar bear sculpture being placed in front of the library in Elm Square?"

As of Wednesday morning, 115 people had voted.

About 13.9 percent said, "Great idea that will attract children to the library."

Nearly 9.6 percent said, "Unique sculpture, and one well-suited for library."

Exactly 8.7 percent said, "It's a statement about global warming that I support."

Less than 4.4 percent said, "It's a statement about global warming that I do not support."

Exactly 31.3 percent said, "Has Elm frozen over? I just don't get it."

Nearly 29.6 percent said, "Inappropriate for heart of downtown Andover."

The rest answered, "Other."

This week's Andover Townsman Web question is, "What do you think of the idea of leasing Old Town Hall space to businesses?"

■ Great idea. The space is underused.

■ Good idea temporarily. We need the cash.

■ In favor for another reason.

■ I need more information.

■ Bad idea. Keep public buildings public.

■ Bad idea, for another reason.

To vote, visit www.andover-townsman.com and scroll to the bottom of the home page.

STUDENT REACTION



Brendan Keys, 5, reacts to seeing all the grandparents walk into his kindergarten class at St. Augustine School during Grandparents Day.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

While town cuts, trustees pay for polar bears?

Editor, Townsman:

The Memorial Hall Library trustees are willing to fund a \$70,000 polar bear statue while the library management submits \$151,000 in possible service/payroll cuts? I just don't get it. Where is the greatest need? Is this another example of priorities gone wrong? **Tim Jackson**
59 Haverhill St.

Better choice: Black bear

Editor, Townsman:

The placement of a polar bear sculpture in front of our library, while quaint, seems to be a poorly conceived idea. Massachusetts is home to a thriving population of indigenous black bears. They are cunning, courageous and steeped in the American Indian and Pilgrim culture of New England. Why

not have a sculpture with some ties to local Andover tradition, and instead show a black bear mother and her cubs?

Rich Michalik
7 Hearthstone Place

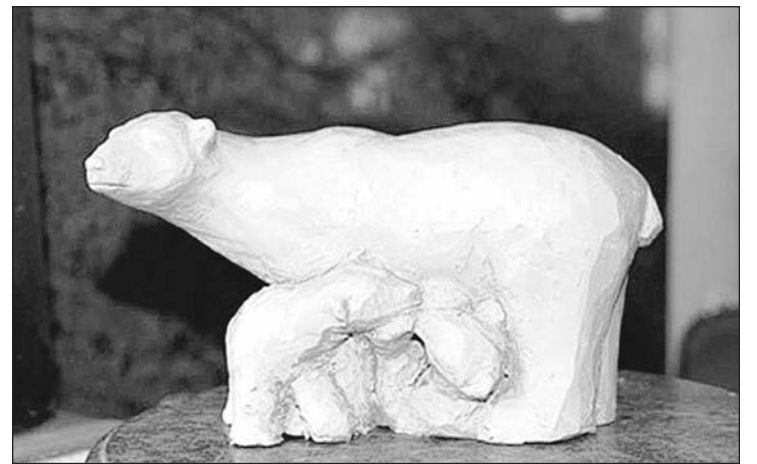
Bear sculpture 'pure folly'

Editor, Townsman:

Holy smoke, a \$70,000 polar bear sculpture — what will our town "leaders" come up with next? With all of the financial woes Andover is facing, isn't it comforting to know that our library can blow \$70,000 of its private war chest on a boondoggle?

The thought of children playing in front of the library is pure folly — and has anyone considered the danger of playing near such a busy intersection? Certainly global warming is a serious issue and one that everyone should better understand — but polar bears? For gosh sakes, Board of Selectmen and library trustees, get a clue!

Thomas M. Adams
89 Pine St.



Courtesy photo

A sculpture of the proposed polar-bear statue slated for the library.

Inconsistency on spending in town

Editor, Townsman:

I find too much inconsistency in the town government's claim of fiscal crisis and the plans to add, first, an extravagant sign in front of the high school ("A sign of things to come at AHS?" Townsman, Jan. 24), and second,

an extravagant polar bear memorial on town property in front of the library (Townsman, Jan. 31).

Ironically, in the case of the polar bear memorial, it has been just this kind of extravagance that has pushed us into the climate problem in the first place.

Glenn Rogers
2 Cameron Road

Support the Community Preservation Act and historic preservation

Editor, Townsman:

On March 25 we have the opportunity to vote for the Community Preservation Act. The 2007 Town Meeting voted overwhelmingly to support placing the CPA on the ballot this year. Residents' votes in favor will allow Andover to finally take advantage of the available matching funds from the fees paid to the Registry of Deeds for real estate transactions. In Massachusetts, 127 communities are now benefiting from this revenue, which has been consistently available for eight years.

Andover's historic buildings are one of our community's most valuable and irreplaceable assets. Our town has seven National Historic Register Districts that identify nearly 1,000 buildings of historic significance. Our architecture includes first period houses, dating from the 1670s to 20th century architect-designed homes by such notables as Marcel Breuer and Walter Gropius. Andover has nine historic churches and four historic municipal buildings, three of which are located in and around our historic Main Street corridor.

We are caretakers of our architectural history for present and future generations. How we maintain the character of our unique town will add value on many levels. Very few financial incentives exist today for either private or public use from local, state or national sources for historic preservation. The Community Preservation Act would provide a steady stream of funding, a minimum of 10 percent per year, for historic preservation projects, identified and approved for recommendation to Town Meeting by the Community Preservation Committee. By using the CPA's state matching funds, the town could receive a 50 to 100 percent match for pending structural repair needs for Memorial Auditorium, Memorial Hall Library and the Town House. Other possible uses could include grant money to restore historic landmark buildings like churches, any of our 11 cemeteries or to provide accessibility to older structures for seniors and the disabled. CPA funds may also be used for historic preservation in combination with affordable housing or open space projects.

Maintaining community character and housing diversity is a significant part of what the CPA is intended to do. We all talk about how much Andover is changing because of development pressure.

Let's be proactive by voting for the Community Preservation Act on March 25.

Karen Herman
50 Sunset Rock Road
Chairwoman, Andover Preservation Commission

The tale of Fred Fitzgerald and his Patriots jacket

Editor, Townsman:

I read with amusement that my father, Fred Fitzgerald, was known by the Patriots jacket he wore ("Remembering a champion for education," Townsman, Jan. 31). My dad was never a big football fan, preferring the entertainment of baseball on the radio.

Ever the frugal Yankee, one day my father went shopping at Marshall's, in search of a sporty-looking windbreaker. He spied the bright blue jacket on the rack, and without ever looking at the back where there was a large Patriots logo, tried it on and bought it. He commented to me later that people repeatedly stopped him on the street and asked him if he was a Patriots fan, to which he usually replied with a confused and brusque "no."

Only after numerous such encounters did he think to question the question: Why do you ask?

My father possessed an enviable ability to laugh at himself, and this little tale was one of his favorites.

My mother, sisters and I will miss him terribly. We are all lucky to have been a part of his wide circle, and that he made his mark in such an appreciative community.

Catherine F. Meeks
Acton

A plan for government accountability

Editor, Townsman:

John Zipeto's letter ("For democracy to work, we must demand accountability," Jan. 10) sounded a clarion call for government accountability, but does not address how we came to this state or what can be done about it. Government did not suddenly become wasteful and incompetent in most spheres four, eight or 40 years ago, but has slowly grown that way irrespective of who was in office, aided and abetted by the citizenry.

Frankly speaking, the unaccountable leviathan that confronts us is the government we wanted, and we deserve it. Never mind that the federal government has stretched the Constitution, particularly the interstate commerce clause, to and beyond the breaking point; as long as we get our Social

Security checks, student loans, Medicaid, disaster assistance, crop subsidies, food stamps and research grants, we are happy to play along. Our grandparents abetted the growth of government during the New Deal, our parents did during the Great Society and now we do, hoping that our candidate will shunt the trough in our direction.

The federal government continues to grow at a rate faster than the population and inflation combined. The fingers on each hand are ignorant of each other. It is impossible for the citizens to hold the government accountable, even if we wanted to. The pork-barrel spending coming out of Congress is so immense, that it takes months and years for most waste to see the light of day. And with every new position, every new department, people's attention and the government's accountability is further diluted.

So what is to be done?

1. Government must be smaller to be accountable. The federal government should focus on what the Constitution specifically states as its functions: foreign relations, providing for the national defense and regulating interstate commerce as strictly defined in the Constitution. Then it will be a lot easier to hold representatives in Washington accountable, or to toss them out on their ears.

2. Make government more local. This is how the founding fathers' Constitution expected the country to operate. Every Massachusetts representative in Congress has over 630,000 constituents. In the Statehouse, however, each delegate has about 40,000 constituents. Obviously, it should be a lot easier to hold your state delegate accountable. If you shift the burden of government back to the states and municipalities, those local representatives can craft policy more fitting to where you live than the one-size-fits-all legislation that may work in California but fails east of the Rockies.

3. Personal responsibility. Our first reaction on suffering some sort of reverse should not be to run to the government, but rather to try to fix it ourselves, with the help of family, friends and community. We have grown away from a culture of responsibility, but for either of the previous two steps to work or endure, we need to learn to take care of ourselves again.

I am not sanguine about a more accountable and responsive government coming to pass. While on an individual level we may be hap-

py to shrink and localize government, once our sacred cow is about to be gored, we scream bloody murder. Principle would not be held in such high esteem if expediency did not usually overcome it.

John Jordan
29 Palms, Calif.

The writer is a former Andover resident.

Teachers should hold open house

Editor, Townsman:

We think it is a mistake to cancel the high school open house and respectfully ask the teachers' union to reconsider its decision.

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Money for students, not administration

Editor, Townsman:

Keep education dollars close to the students. Let this be our goal in evaluating what must be cut from the education budget. Before we reduce teachers or eliminate high school sports, let us ask if we really need a new assistant superintendent.

Bonnie Floyd
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Police chief: parking hike is 'a sign of the times'

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover's first townwide parking fee increase in 20 years — a move expected to raise an additional \$138,000 annually in revenues — has already raised the eyebrows of some downtown business owners.

Selectmen voted last week to raise the downtown parking rate from 25 to 50 cents per hour.

"People aren't happy about it," said Betsy Powers, owner of Culinary Concepts on Park Street and a member of the Andover Business Center Association. "We had no idea. To increase is one thing; to double it, that's really a bit much."

Though some town-operated parking meter rates were hiked from 10 cents to 25 cents between 1988 and 1998 — when all meters were replaced with electronic models — last week's vote is the first increase affecting all meters in two decades.

The town operates downtown parking lots adjacent to Olde Andover Village, behind Old Town Hall, behind Memorial Hall Li-

NO MORE PAY-AND-DISPLAY AT SHAWSHEEN SQUARE?

Police Chief Brian Pattullo said the police department is assessing whether to move the pay-and-display machine currently in Shawsheen Square to Olde Andover Village. The change would signal a return to standard meters along North Main Street and make the walk from vehicle to pay-and-display machines — the main complaint of users — in the Olde An-

dover Village lot shorter than with just two machines. "That has been an overwhelmingly negative from everybody I've talked to," said Betsy Powers, member of the Andover Business Center Association, of pay-and-display parking. "It seems to be a thorn in a lot of peoples' sides."

— Brian Messenger

brary, on Park Street, and in Shawsheen Square at the intersection of routes 28 and 133.

Selectmen also voted on Jan. 28 to increase a host of fees related to fire department inspections.

The parking meter increase was approved 4-1, with Selectman Mary Lyman voting against.

Citing the beginning of the Main Street redesign project and a "precarious" economy, Lyman said she had downtown business owners in mind when she voted.

"I feel like it's hard for the downtown businesses in this time of

transition," said Lyman. "While we have a huge budget problem, I don't think it should fall onto their back at this time."

"My concern is that we've got the economy the way it is right now — we've already had a slower season than anticipated — and then with the Main Street project, we have a lot of things working against us as small business owners," said Andover Business Center Association President Sharon Breighner. "The timing of this upsets me."

Police Chief Brian Pattullo de-

fended his department's proposal.

"I didn't anticipate anybody liking it," said Pattullo. "I'm sure the merchants are unhappy but it's a sign of the times."

Pattullo said the rate increase would not deter shoppers from the downtown; rather the jump to 50 cents would free up spots normally taken up all day by the same vehicles, a change that would make finding a spot easier for consumers.

"The people who are most boisterous about it are the people who park there all day," said Pattullo.

Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said he understood the concerns, but said he is also in a position to operate the town as a successful business during a challenging fiscal period.

"Retail is extremely cyclical. I understand their concern," said Stapeczynski.

Christine Crowley, an employee of Dellaria Salon on Park Street, said the rate increase will translate to an additional \$20 a week for her and her fellow employees who park in town-operated lots.

Formerly employed at the salon's Mall at Rockingham Park location in Salem, N.H., Crowley remembered how difficult it was to park there during the holidays.



BRIAN MESSENGER/Staff photo

Jennifer Russell, an employee of Dellaria Salon on Park Street, pays to park in the Old Town Hall lot last week.

But with the recent increase, that didn't seem so bad, she said.

"I rather take that any day of the week than this," said Crowley. "It's inconvenient."

Powers said parking ticket fees have also been raised relatively recently, from \$10 to \$15.

Pattullo said that \$2 was the maximum amount of revenue generated during an eight-hour period under the previous parking rate at

Andover's standard metered lots.

Ways to expand the town's parking revenue included increasing the parking rate or buying more of the unpopular pay-and-display parking system machines now used at the Olde Andover Village and Shawsheen Square lots.

"The fact that people don't like the pay-and-display means we have to maintain the meters," which costs more, he said.

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6. Experiencing eye pain or sensitivity to light.
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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.

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.

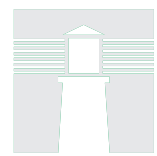
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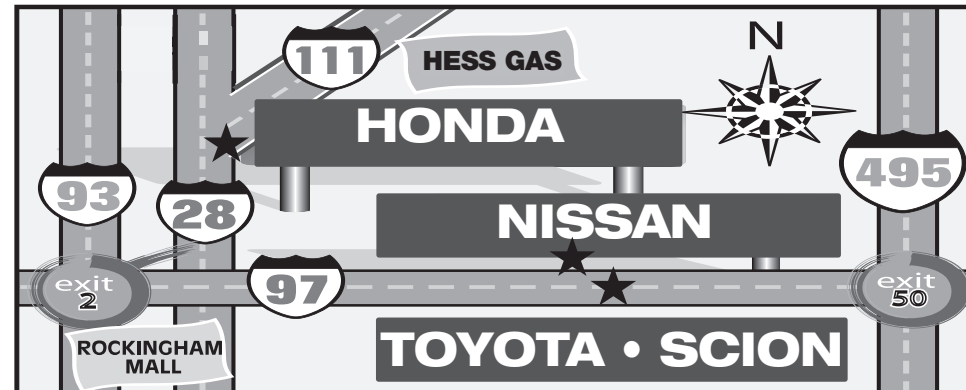


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Townspeople

“It was a way for kids to blow off some stress; just relax before exams.”

Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photos

Andover High School senior Santi Costello, 18, shows off his guitar skills while playing “Guitar Hero” in the hallways of the school between taking final exams.

‘HERO’ WORSHIP | Students play video game to benefit fire victims

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Video game duels were underway on five television sets. Rock music filled the air. Believe it or not, it was finals week at Andover High School. The popular video game “Guitar Hero” was the main attraction at AHS last week, as students came together in the name of school spirit and stress relief — and to support the victims of the recent Lawrence fire.

Hundreds of dollars were raised for the nonprofit organization Lazarus House, which was damaged in the fire. The event, dubbed The Finals Countdown, was organized by Andover Youth Services and members of the Andover Youth Council.

“Everyone loves ‘Guitar Hero,’” said Youth Council member Kim McLeod, 15, a sophomore and event organizer. “We thought this would be cool and bring people together.”

With the hallway outside the Collins Center alive with excitement late Thursday morning, Jan. 31, the energy was reminiscent to that in an arcade, despite the presence of students in nearby classrooms taking final exams.

Paying a dollar to play, some students found The Finals Countdown to be a

respite from the rigors of final week. A \$25 two-day pass also was available, and AYS Program Coordinator Suzie Allen said some students spent hours on end playing the video game after their exams were over.

Furniture moved out from the AYS office added to the relaxed environment.

“It was a way for kids to blow off some stress; just relax before exams,” said Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson.

Youth Council members promoted the event earlier in the week by putting up fliers around the school. One member even dressed up like iconic rocker Buddy Holly, sporting a black suit, tie, black glasses and gelled hair to raise awareness. It worked.

“It was pretty impressive, the number of people down here,” said AYS Program Coordinator Tony Lombardi. “It’s what these guys do at home. To do it at school, that’s pretty awesome.”

The video game “Guitar Hero” comes with a mini plastic instrument used as a controller, which is played by hitting five buttons on the guitar’s neck and another where the instrument’s strings would normally be. By hitting the buttons in time with background music, players are able to rack up points.



Andover High School students play “Guitar Hero” and help raise money for victims of the recent Lawrence fire.

“It’s really just a video game that captures the essence of playing the guitar and rocking out,” said AHS student Andrew Dwyer, 17, who also plays the bass. “You really don’t need to know how to play the guitar, just hit the corresponding buttons and strum up and down.”

“There are definitely some high scorers,” said Andrew. “You really don’t know who’s going to be the champion.”

Winners of The Finals Countdown tournament were expected to receive T-shirts and compact discs.

“It’s a lot of combinations, a lot of speed with the strumming and your fingers going up and down,” said Nick Binder, 17, after beating an opponent on the expert level.

“The big picture is kids feeling good about being together and having fun,” said Allen.

Suicides in town prompt church to be Samaritan

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It’s been an unanswered call for years. The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley used to have a local hot line just for teens. Troubled teens looking to connect with someone their own age could call and talk out their problems with a teen on the other end of the line. But a lack of money ended the program several years ago.

Now, a church in Ballardvale is looking to reconnect that number following two suicides and eight attempted suicides by people of various ages in town last year, according to statistics from the Police Department.

Ballardvale United Church on Clark Road is hosting a coffeehouse concert on Saturday night with proceeds paying for restoration of the teen-support telephone line. Organizers are hoping to raise \$2,500 to \$3,000 at the concert, as the Samaritans organization said it would cost that much to operate the hot line. In addition, the money would be used to train teens who staff the hot line.

“Our goal is to get the line up and running for next year and then to help them sustain it over the long run as well,” said Noni Yount of Andover, a concert organizer who handles outreach ministries at the church.

COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT

Who: Featuring folk singer Bob Franke
When: Saturday, Feb. 9, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road
How much: \$15 at the door
(Show benefits “Samaritans’ teen hot line.”)

Yount is also a board member at Family Service Inc. in Lawrence, which will oversee the reconnected hot line.

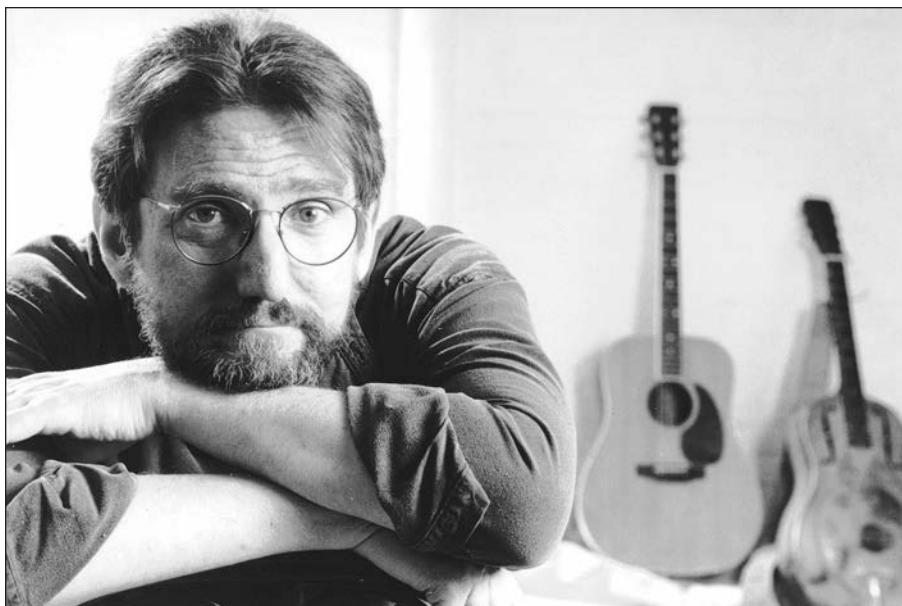
“We (Andover) may be affluent, but we are not immune from this,” Yount said. “There is so much pressure on kids today. ... We wanted to help.”

Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey said having another youth to talk to is critical for teens in emotional trouble.

“Kids really keep an eye on other kids. It’s an abstract thing. They don’t say anything, but they know if someone is struggling,” he said. “Teens involved (with a hot line) keep it real.”

Fahey, who was hired 15 years ago after three suicides in town during one year, said a teen hot line is “another layer for support services, and that’s great.”

A church newsletter insert presented the town’s statistics on suicide for 2007 and



Courtesy photo

Bob Franke, a folk singer, will perform at Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Road, on Saturday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m.

launched the 180-member church into action.

Sheila Stone of Andover, a longtime advocate for Andover Youth Services, writes the church newsletter and said those sta-

tistics hit close to home because she knew one of the suicide victims.

“We wanted to do something,” she said.

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TOWN TALK

Seeking shelter ‘Against the Wind’

When it came time to select a theme for his fiscal year 2009 budget proposal, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski gave the nod to classic rocker and fellow Michigan native Bob Seger in choosing a line from his popular song “Against the Wind.”

“Against the Wind” is also an album by Bob Seger and The Silver Bullet Band, released in 1980.

As it reads on the third page of Stapczynski’s annual letter to town officials, this year’s theme is “Deadlines and commitments, what to leave in, what to leave out,” in recognition of the potential operating-budget cuts the town is facing.

“We always try to do a theme of some sort,” said Stapczynski. “This is going to be a painful year, so I thought maybe we’d use something to bring a smile to peoples’ faces.”

— Brian Messenger

Game, set, match

California Products may make tennis courts at its 150 Dascomb Road location that are used around the world. But it’s unlikely the company will ever have a tennis court of its own.

John Graham, managing director of the facility, said the site is surrounded by wetlands and practically every foot of developable land has been used. There is no space for a tennis court.

That might be a bagel score for some workers, but Graham is OK with it. He’s a golfer.

— Judy Wakefield

Days of the dragon: Celebrating Chinese New Year

Kid’s Club — a before- and after-school program for elementary-school-age kids — is celebrating the Chinese New Year, today, Feb. 7, at 4 p.m. Its third and fourth graders have created an 18 foot, colorful, hand-made dragon that will be on parade this afternoon. The dragon is operated by nine students, according to organizers.

Also, as part of celebrating and sharing the New Year’s spirit, the Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange will offer a short program at the Andover Senior Center on Friday, Feb. 8, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. The program will consist of a variety of short performances by the ACE youth members.

On Feb. 17, the Andover Chinese Cultural Outreach and Korean Cultural Outreach of Andover will have a special performance by renowned musician Wang Changyuan, a guzheng instrumentalist and composer who resides in New York. Her performance “The World on a String” at Phillips Academy Graves Hall’s Timken Room is free to the Phillips Academy community and to ACCO and KCOA families who preregister. Otherwise, the fee is \$5 per person, said organizers. Space is limited, so call 978-749-4260 for information and to make reservations. The concert will be followed by a reception.

Main Street memories

While this spring’s Main Street renovation project will be changing Main Street, the Andover Historical Society is putting together an exhibit of Main Street memories.

So, if the noise or dust of construction gets to you, you can always check out the exhibit, relax a bit and remember Main Street in simpler times — when there was a soda fountain at Hartigan’s Drug Store, coffee at the counter at Ford’s, hardware at Hill’s ... Ahhhhh.

If you have a photograph or a Main Street treasure worth sharing, the Andover Historical Society will take it Saturday, Feb. 16 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Objects presented can be permanent donations or temporary loans for the six-month duration of the exhibit. The as-yet-unnamed exhibit is scheduled to open March 28. Questions? Call curator Andrew Grilz at 978-475-2236, or visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

— Judy Wakefield

HOT LINE: To run again

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The church hosts two coffee-house concerts each year, where the church leader, the Rev. Ed Dayton, usually plays his guitar and sings. This time, he reached out to his folk singer/writer friend Bob Franke of Peabody.

"He really resonates with me," Dayton said of Franke. "He is one of five to six musicians who has kept the folk idiom alive."

Yount agreed that Franke, who holds popular workshops for folk songwriters and singers, was a perfect pick for this show because his songs "are fueled by his deep faith and real life lessons." He has been performing for 30 years at coffeehouses, colleges and churches in the United States and Canada.

Tickets to his Andover show are only available at the door on Sat-

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- Source: www.suicide.org

urday night and cost \$15. All ages are welcome.

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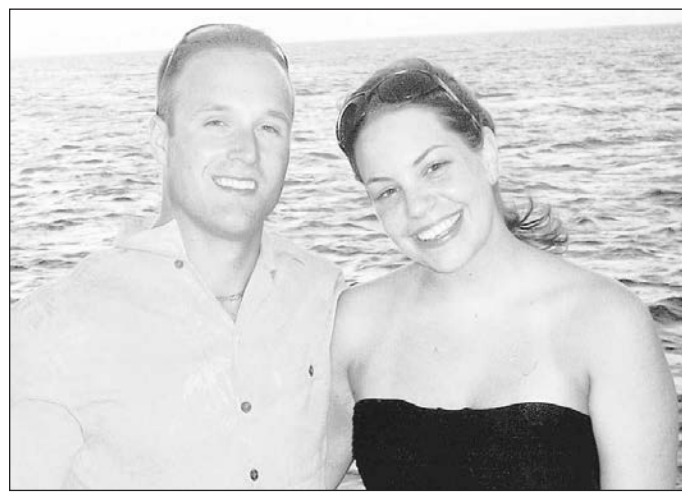
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ow and Denise and Richard Mulcahy of Longmeadow.

Mr. Harnois is a graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton and received a bachelor's degree from Suffolk University in Boston, Class of 2006. He is an investment analyst for State Street Bank and Trust Company in Boston.

Miss Spallino is a graduate of Longmeadow High School and received her bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts in 2005. She is a leasing consultant for Equity Residential in Boston.

The couple plan a June wedding in Aruba.

WEDDING



Rozoplos-Gonzales

Jayna B. Rozoplos and Jason R. Gonzales were married on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2007, at West Parish Garden Chapel in Andover with the Rev. Robin Zucker officiating. A reception followed at the Andover Town House.

Maid of honor was Elizabeth LeBeau and bridesmaids were Bioja Pires, Laura Cottier, Susan Giannetta-Davis and the bride's sisters, Julia Daly and Brein Nally.

Best man was Michael MacGillivray and ushers were Ignacio Forrester, Aaron Lyons, Nicholas Cottier, Matthew LeBeau, Brian Davis and the bride's brother, Kyle Nally.

The bride is the daughter of Bar-

bara and William Nally of Andover. The bride was given in marriage by her father. She is a graduate of Andover High School and received her bachelor's degree in graphic design from Salem State College. She is an executive assistant at Putnam Associates Inc. in Burlington.

The groom is the son of Deborah Gonzales of Ipswich, formerly of Andover, and Glenn Gonzales of Las Vegas. He is a graduate of Andover High School and received his degree in graphic design from the Museum of Fine Arts School.

He is a carpenter for Sasso Construction Inc. in Wilmington. The couple honeymooned throughout Italy. They reside in Burlington.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton
Hillary Rodham Clinton was born on Oct. 26, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Wellesley College and earned her law degree at Yale University. She married former President Bill Clinton in 1975. They have one daughter, Chelsea. She has been a partner in the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock, Arkansas and was First Lady of the United States during her husband's presidency. She is currently a U.S. Senator from New York. The Clintons make their home in Chappaqua, New York. Clinton is Methodist. Her web site is www.hillaryclinton.com


Barack Hussein Obama Jr.
Barack Obama was born Aug. 4, 1961 in Honolulu, Hawaii. He attended Columbia University and received his law degree from Harvard University. He married Michelle Robinson in 1992. They have two daughters, Malia and Natasha. The family lives in Chicago, Illinois. His religious affiliation is United Church of Christ. Obama has been a member of the law firm of Miner Barnhill & Galland in Chicago. He served in the Illinois State Senate and is now a U.S. Senator from Illinois. His web site is www.barackobama.com

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TOWNSPEOPLE

YMCA elects new trustees and directors

Jennifer Rogers-Burke, from the Lawrence Branch, was appointed to the Merrimack Valley YMCA corporate board of directors as representatives for the Branch Boards of Management.

Paul Finn and VJ Mill were elected new trustees at the Merrimack Valley YMCA.

The role of these policy volunteers is to provide leadership, guidance and financial support to the organization as it works to provide programs and services to youth and families of the Merrimack Valley.

Herb society announces winners

Brenda Tomasz of North Andover received a blue ribbon, a spatula and universal acclaim on Jan. 21 at the Herb Society of Andover's Herbal Iron Chef contest for her Cilantro Beef Appetizers. Third prize was awarded to Linda McHugh of North Andover. For the contest, 15 members brought lunch offerings, each of which featured a different culinary herb. Sharon Hayes of Andover and Ruth Rokous of North Andover presided as judges over the event, scoring each dish on the basis of presentation, originality and flavor. The Herb Society meets monthly and welcomes new members. For more information, call Sylvia Whittaker at 978-683-0322.

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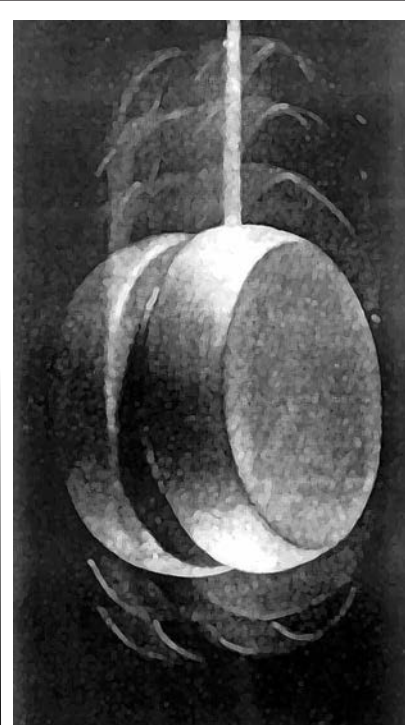


Brian Latina and Lisa Doucett of the Professional Center for Child Development don swimsuits to promote the Polar Plunge on Sunday, Feb. 10, at historic L Street Beach in South Boston. Last year they raised close to \$2,000 for the center.

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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.

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

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Obituaries

George W. Dickinson, 94

MEDFORD — George Wilson Dickinson, a man well-known as a professional engineer, public servant, and for his devotion to family, died December 30, 2007, in Medford, at age 94. He was known for his humor, optimism, kindness, and his integrity in all aspects of his life. A fine athlete, he was active in sports in his 9th decade. He was also knowledgeable about many fields, including minerals, geology, wildlife, gardening, and livestock.

Mr. Dickinson was born May 13, 1913, in St. Louis, to Hazelett E. and Catherine (Pavlick) Dickinson. He moved with his family to Cleveland Heights, Ohio, as a boy, and completed high school there. During this time he started a printing business and with a small manual press in his parents' basement, he would work late into the night before delivering the finished product on his bicycle before going to school. He made enough money doing this to finance his college education, as well as that of his older brother Hazelett M. Dickinson. He went on to attend Western Reserve University while teaching printing in a vocational high school in Cleveland.

While at the 1933 national convention of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, held at Troutdale-in-the-Pines, Colorado, Mr. Dickinson met the woman who would become his wife, Rita Mitton, of Denver, was the sister of the fraternity's national president, Charles Earl Mitton. They were immediately drawn to one another, and were married in Denver in 1937.

It was Ms. Mitton's father, eminent civil engineer Charles Lincoln Mitton, who inspired Mr. Dickinson to change his course of study to engineering. To this end, Mr. Dickinson transferred to Missouri School of Mines, University of Missouri at Rolla, and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in mining and metallurgy engineering. He worked for a time with his mentor and father-in-law before becoming plant supervisor for U.S. Gypsum Co. in Montana. Already a registered Professional Engineer in Colorado, he returned to graduate school at University of Illinois, Champagne, in 1940. When the United States entered World War II, he was employed designing munitions plants for Remington Arms at Owings Mills, Ohio. Though he tried to enlist to fight in the war, Remington and the government decided that his manufacturing expertise was an indispensable asset to the home front war effort. From 1941, he was the Resident Engineer on construction of the Denver Ordnance Plant, now known as the Denver Federal Center. In this position, he oversaw the design of the new plants as well as how they continued to produce. In 1943, he was sent to Bridgeport, Connecticut, to supervise installation of 3 munitions plants there. As assistant to the Chief Engineer for Remington Arms, he spent the war working on plants in California and Ohio before returning to Denver in 1945 to supervise additional construction there. Along with the team he worked with, Mr. Dickinson received the unit "E" ribbon for his contribution to the wartime production effort.

After the war, Mr. Dickinson joined the Heckethorn Manufacturing and Supply Company in Littleton, Colorado, and was eventually put in charge of relocating their factories to Tennessee. In the following years he worked as a consultant to many major manufacturing companies. He would search out the best location for a manufacturing plant before proceeding to design its assembly lines, selecting and interconnecting all sorts of machinery in a way that maximized both production efficiency and worker safety/comfort. Mr. Dickinson completed varied projects for companies across the country including Minneapolis-Honeywell, Gardner-Denver, Kohler-McLister, Gulf and Western, Westinghouse, and Ideal Cement Co. He designed and built a processing plant for the U.S. Forest Service for the extraction of seeds from pinecones, which has

been replicated across the country. He did mechanical work at the Colorado State Hospital and other State institutions to make them more comfortable and energy efficient. Mr. Dickinson also served as a consultant to the Colorado State Planning Commission for 8 years.

Mr. Dickinson was joined in his consulting firm, Dickinson-Associates, Inc., by his son, George W. Dickinson, Jr., in 1973. Mr. Dickinson retired from engineering after the unexpected death of his son in 1991. He continued in a second career as a licensed realtor, head of Premier Real Estate, at Hyland Hills, Colo.

Mr. Dickinson had a fruitful life in public service. He was elected to the School Board in Littleton (Arapahoe County District No. 6), just over one year after moving to the then rural part of the District, on Platte Canyon Road, in 1949. At that time, rural students whose parents could not drive them were unable to attend school, as there were no school buses or public transportation. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson personally drove some of these students to school every day until school buses were made available.

When Mr. Dickinson was first elected to the School Board, there were two elementary schools and one high school in Littleton, serving about 1300 children. At the end of his second 6-year term, and after serving 9 years as president, there were over 13,000 students attending 16 elementary, 5 junior high and 2 high schools. During his tenure on the Board, Littleton pioneered schooling for special education students (then referred to as 'exceptional' children) by creating a regional program to serve their needs. It also instituted a special program for gifted students.

Serving as Legislative Chairman for the Colorado Association of School Boards, Mr. Dickinson was a strong advocate for equalizing educational opportunities for all. Also Chairman of the Arapahoe County School District Reorganization Committee, he pushed for State support to public schools (no-pay lobbying).

Mr. Dickinson was awarded the Distinguished Service Award by the Colorado Association of School Boards in 1963. He and his wife, child psychologist Rita Mitton Dickinson Ph.D., were honored as "Couple of the Decade" in 1960 by the Arapahoe Herald. Their accomplishments were featured again in 1987 by the Littleton Independent-Sentinel. Mr. Dickinson also appeared in the Denver Post Gallery of Fame in recognition of his civic service.

The Dickinsons moved to Hyland Hills, Colo., in 1972. Mr. Dickinson was elected County Commissioner for Clear Creek County in 1988 and held that office until 1992. During that period, Clear Creek experienced a growth phase with the introduction of gambling into nearby towns. Until this year, he continued to oversee land use planning for the Hyland Hills area.

Mr. Dickinson was a life-member of Elks (BPOE) and a long-time Rotarian in Littleton, serving as president of the War Memorial Committee for several years. He was a founding member of the Columbine Country Club. He was a founding member of the Colorado Chapter of the National Society of Professional Engineers, and a former Board member of the Consulting Engineers' Council of Colorado. He was a life member of the American Ordnance Association, Theta Tau (honorary engineering fraternity), and the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineering. He was recognized in Who's Who in Engineering. He was a member of the HECO Scholarship Committee, awarding 2 scholarships yearly to Littleton high school graduates.

Rita Mitton Dickinson earned a double Ph.D. in psychology and education in 1956, and practiced as a professional psychologist. She died in 1991. They had two children. The late George, Jr., graduated Caltech (California Institute of Technology) and worked in aerospace engineering at TRW Corp. on such projects as the Apollo lunar module and the Skylab space station before joining his father's firm. Dr. Rita Dickinson DeLollis holds degrees from Tufts and Harvard and is a practicing pediatrician in Massachusetts.

Mr. Dickinson was married in 1992 to Anna M. Leffingwell who, at the time, was a County Commissioner in nearby Gilpin County and former Assessor for Boulder County. They moved to Highlands Ranch in 1996, and to Centennial in 2003. They were divorced in 2006. At the time of his death, Mr. Dickinson was living with his daughter and family in Andover. Mr. Dickinson is survived by his daughter, Dr. Rita Dickinson DeLollis, and grandson, Andrew Dickinson DeLollis, of Andover, and by extended family in the Denver area.

DEATHS

Sandra Gersten Blinn, 52
Mavis M. Boothby, 83
George W. Dickinson, 94

Muto, Rudolph
Rachel F. Landry Laroche, 86
Pasquale J. Pucci, 85

Dr. Rudolph Muto, 80



ANDOVER — Rudolph Muto to spend a lifetime in the service of others. As a father, husband, and physician he was an integral

member of our community and family. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his children and grandchildren on Wednesday morning, Jan. 30, 2008.

Dr. Muto was born in Avellino, Italy in 1927. He attended the Lyceum at Orvieto, the University of Naples and graduated from the University of Bologna School of Medicine. He came to Boston and completed a residency in general surgery at the Mt. Auburn Hospital and specialty training in Thoracic Surgery at the Overholt Clinic. He married Phyllis Tirone and settled in the Merrimack Valley where he went into private practice.

It's hard to begin to describe how one man could be responsible for so many. He was a tireless anti-smoking campaigner. He was instrumental in removing cigarette machines from public places long before the dangers were well-known. He also visited many schools throughout the Merrimack Valley encouraging young people not to smoke. He took AP biology students from Brooks School and introduced them to the operating room and in doing so inspired many to pursue a career in medicine.

He was the consummate surgeon, always innovative, progressive and compassionate. He took care of many cancer patients, young and old, and was always available when patients' families or colleagues needed him. His ability to be available for emergencies was unparalleled, and it was often said that no matter who was in trouble, Rudy Muto was there even before the nurses could hang up the phone. His surgical skills were a rare gift; he always made it look easy, especially when placing a pacemaker.

He always saw a way to improve his technique or solve a problem. This led to his many patents and inventions, ranging from surgical instruments to new

techniques in the diagnosis and treatment of lung disease. He spent much of his sparetime tinkering in the "machine shop" and was always ready to explain his ideas with great enthusiasm.

He was the ultimate Renaissance man, with a passion for the classics. He enjoyed reading Greek philosophy, Roman history; his favorite poet was Dante. A lover of all things Italian, including fast cars, he was an avid tennis player until his death. His greatest passion, however, was his family. His devotion to his children and grandchildren was absolute. Through his tireless example, his children followed in his footsteps into the health profession. He was happiest when with his family. He celebrated his 80th birthday, surrounded by all his children and grandchildren overlooking the Parthenon, fulfilling his lifelong dream.

He is survived by his wife, Phyllis, his sons, Michael G. Muto, MD, Mark R. Muto, MPH, and daughter Paula M. Muto, MD. His daughters-in-law, Janet Muto, Bettina Graves-Muto, and son-in-law, Jonathan K. Gordon, MD; grandchildren, Katie, Stefanie, Christopher, Nicole, Emma, and David. Brothers, Antonio and Mario and sister Adele, as well as many nieces and nephews also survive him.

He will be missed by the community he served, especially at the Holy Family and Lawrence General Hospitals where he dedicated so much of his professional life. His absence creates a loss in the fabric of the medical community. His legacy will live on through the lives he has saved, the colleagues he has supported, and the family whom he has inspired.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visitation was Friday, Feb. 1, from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke-Magliozzi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover. Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Friends were respectfully invited to attend. Burial was private at Oak Grove Cemetery in Medford. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dr. Muto's name may be made to the Caritas Holy Family and the Lawrence General Hospitals. For more information go to: BurkeMagliozzi.com.

Pasquale J. Pucci, 85



ANDOVER — Pasquale J. Pucci, 85, died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2008 at Palm Manor Nursing Home in Chelmsford.

He was born in Lawrence, to the late Sebastiano and Maria (Orfina) Pucci. He was educated in New York.

Mr. Pucci was a veteran of World War II and the Korean War. He worked for Sanders Assoc. until his retirement.

The widower of Shirley (Keil) Pucci, he leaves his daughter Nancy and her husband George St. Pierre of Derry, N.H.; two grandchildren, Capt. Matthew St. Pierre, Fort Polk, La., and Corie Mangano and her husband Charles of New York; one sister, Cora Pucci of Arlington.

ARRANGEMENTS: At Mr. Pucci's request there will be no calling hours. Arrangements under the direction of the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Please send online condolences to pollardfuneralhome.com.

SUPPORT GROUPS

BLOOD PRESSURE/STROKE

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

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

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

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

CANCER

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

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

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

Cancer support group, WE CARE, meets the first and third Tuesday of every

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

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

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

CAREGIVERS

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

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

CHRONIC DISEASE

Chronic disease self management is for anyone living with an ongoing medical condition such as arthritis, asthma, cancer, chronic back pain, chronic fatigue syndrome, diabetes, fibromyalgia, heart dis-

ease, high blood pressure, lupus, Parkinson's disease or stroke. Sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley and Lowell General Hospital. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month from 1 to 2 p.m. in Hanchett Auditorium. For more information, call 978-937-6038.

DIABETES

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

DOWN SYNDROME

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

GAY/LESBIAN

PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), Merrimack Valley Chapter, providing support, education, and advocacy, meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St., Andover. Co-facilitators are Bob Zimmerman and Rev. Ralph Galen. Call

978-475-4454, or send an e-mail to PFLAGinAndoverMA@aol.com.

Mavis M. Boothby, 83



ANDOVER — Mavis M. (Day) Boothby, 83, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2008 at Massachusetts General Hospital.

She was born in Livermore Falls, Maine on Nov. 11, 1924 to the late Harry and Nellie (Jennings) Day.

Mavis was a homemaker. She was a longtime active member of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in North Andover and was a member of the Merrimack Valley Y.M.C.A.

The widow of the late Everett E. Boothby, Mavis is survived by her sons, Stanton R. Boothby and

ties for most of her life, founding WomenAid Andover and contributing to the Essex County Community Foundation. She favored community-based groups, and integrated service to the community into her everyday life.

Sandy is survived by her mother in West Hartford, her beloved children Jessica of Andover, Rebecca of Philadelphia and Michael of New York, her former husband Ed, as well as her brother Eliot and Kathy Gersten of West Hartford, Conn., her brother Richard and Vicki Gersten of Washington, her sister Elizabeth and Nagi Osta of Stamford, Conn., and their families, all of whom adored her companionship.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 3, at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. The family will be sitting Shiva Sunday and Monday at Sandy's home. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Services. Condolences to her family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com. Contributions may be made to the Sam & Molly Fund at the Essex County Community Foundation, c/o Essex County Community Foundation, 15 Cherry St., Danvers, MA 01923.



ANDOVER — Rachel F. (Dewmers) Landry Laroche, 86, of Andover, died on Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2008 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital.

She was born in Lawrence and lived in Andover for many years. She was a member of the former Sacred Heart Parish, Lawrence, and before retirement, she worked as a custodian at Brooks School, North Andover.

Mrs. Laroche was very dedicated to her family and loved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren very much.

The widow of Wilfred Landry and Albert Laroche, her family members include her daughter,

Rachel F. Landry Laroche, 86



Claire and her husband, Albert Van Dooren of Andover and her son, Richard and his wife, Eleanor Landry of Methuen. She has a sister, Alice Laliberte of Lawrence, and a brother-in-law, Russell Beaulieu of Phoenix. She has six grandchildren, Gary, David, Linda, Richard, Terry and Sean and seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were on Monday, Feb. 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, 298 South Broadway, Lawrence. A funeral Mass was Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in St. Robert Bellarmine Church, Andover. Burial in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-1942. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Dr. Samuel D. Gerber of Andover was among the first orthopaedic surgeons in the nation to be awarded subspecialty certification in orthopaedic sports medicine by the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery.



Dr. Samuel D. Gerber

Gerber is a graduate of Yale University and Harvard Medical School. He completed his postgraduate training at the Harvard Medical School. He completed his postgraduate training at the Harvard Combined Orthopaedic Program. He completed a fellowship in arthroscopy and sports medicine at the Massachusetts General Hospital, as well as a fellowship in microsurgery at the Medical Research Council in Great Britain.

Gerber founded Orthopaedic Surgical Associates of Lowell P.C. and is a past president of the Massachusetts Orthopaedic Association and prior chief of orthopaedic surgery at Lowell General Hospital. Gerber is currently an oral examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery, a preceptor of Tufts University School of Medicine, and an adjunct professor at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. He specializes in minimally invasive surgery of the knee and shoulder and is an active member of the Arthroscopy Association of North America and the International Society of Arthroscopy, Knee Surgery and Orthopaedic Sports Medicine.

Andover resident Marianne Leonard-Cashman was hired as destination management account manager at Conventures, Inc., one of New England's largest integrated communications, marketing and special event production agencies. She is an event coordinator with almost 20 years of experience.



Marianne Leonard-Cashman

During the last two years, Leonard-Cashman has worked for Leonard Consulting Group. Prior to that, she was director of catering and conference services at the Four Seasons Resort and Spa.

Aviara. Leonard-Cashman garnered much of her experience through working in different capacities at the Ritz-Carlton, Laguna Miguel and the Manchester Grand Hyatt.

Curves of Andover-Lawrence collected more than 140 pounds of clothing in its local communities to benefit the Salvation Army.

The fundraising efforts took place from December to the first week in January.

Curves provides an exercise and weight control program designed specifically for women.

For more information on Curves' donation efforts, contact Shauna Pendleton at 978-794-1800.

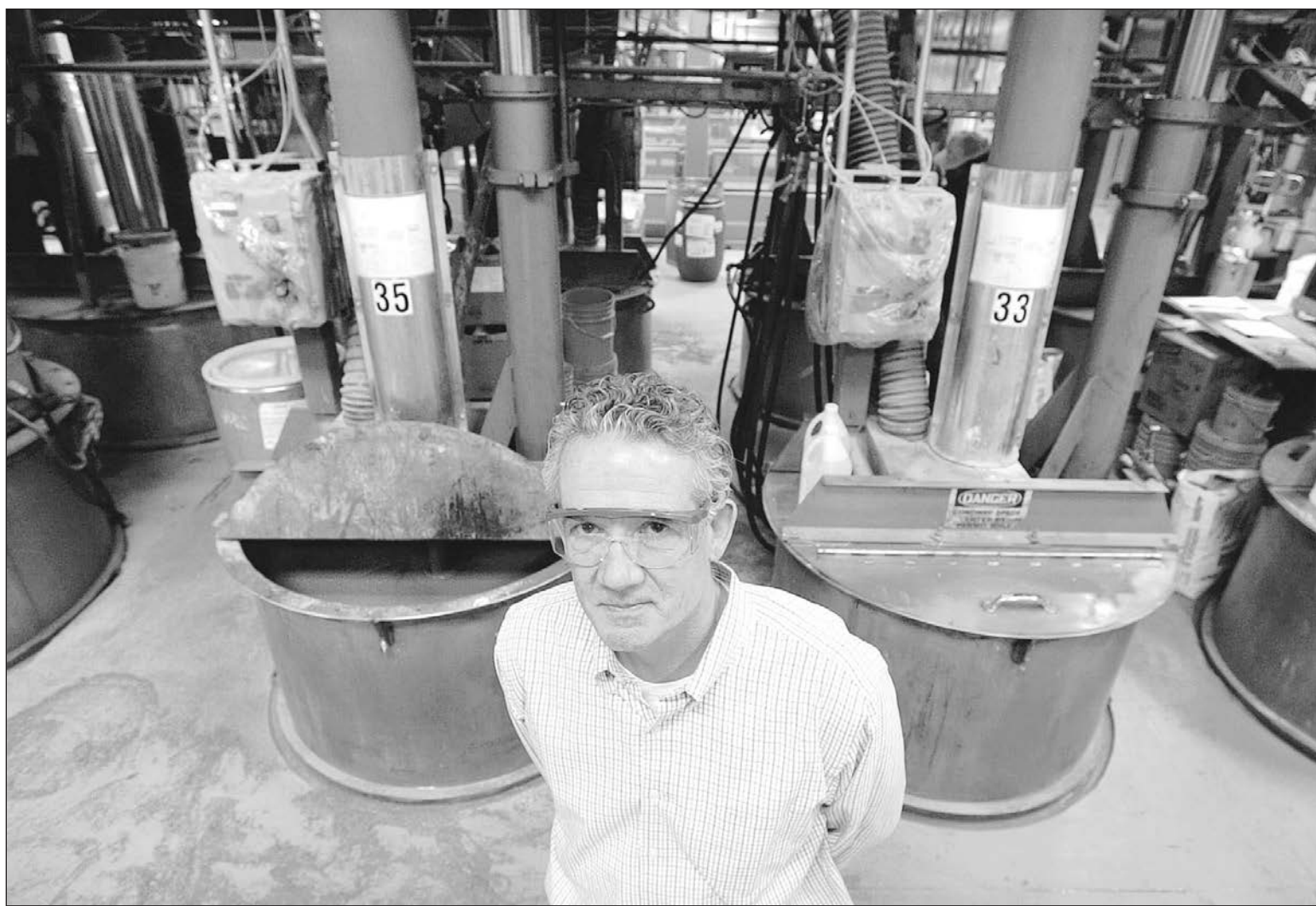
Rose A. Lewis was named director of marketing and communications at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Needham. Lewis, a Needham resident who was raised in Andover, will manage all media relations and communications initiatives, including outreach for the hospital's \$30 million expansion. She will also be charged with marketing for physicians at the hospital and the Affiliated Physicians Group.



Rose A. Lewis

Lewis was manager of media relations at Lahey Clinic Medical Center and worked for almost 20 years as a television news producer and writer at WCVB-TV. She is also an accomplished photographer and is the author of two children's books, "I Love You Like Crazy Cakes" and "Every Year on Your Birthday."

The Andover native received her master's degree in journalism from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University and a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Rochester in Rochester, N.Y.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

John Graham, managing director at California Products in Andover, stands in the company's production area, where tennis court surfaces are manufactured.

Tennis surface scores for Andover company

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Straddling the Andover-Tewksbury town line on Dascomb Road is a manufacturing paradise for any tennis buff.

At California Products, 150 Dascomb Road, tennis court surfaces are made to order and the list of customers seems to grow more impressive every year. The tennis court surfaces at the last Olympics in Athens, Greece, were made here, along with the U.S. Open surfaces in Flushing, N.Y. Tennis events at the upcoming Olympics in Beijing will be held on the Andover courts, along with the 30 tennis courts used during the recent Australian Open in Melbourne.

All of those tennis courts are surfaced with either a DecoTurf or Plexipave mixture with a silica base. Silica is a mineral found in many forms, including sand.

The courts are one of the three main products made at California Products, just off Interstate 93. The company, formerly located in Cambridge, also makes California Paint and Fiberlock, a sealant used to kill mold and mildew in buildings. California Paint creates the green used at Fenway Park.

Located on 13 acres in Andover and Tewksbury since October, 2000, the company was founded in 1926 and sold colored stucco. Ten-

NOT JUST SERVING TENNIS COURTS

Professional tennis sisters Venus and Serena Williams design clothes when not practicing tennis. Andover's California Products also handles more than tennis. The company also makes surfaces for other recreation activities, and its products include:

- basketball courts in Tulsa, Okla., that

will be used for the upcoming NCAA tournament

- basketball courts in China. The sport is booming thanks to countrywide hero Yao Ming, who plays professionally for the Houston Rockets
- the outdoor track at North Andover High School

nis surfaces became its focus in the 1950s and today it's a \$60 million-in-sales operation with 110 employees. California Products' 168,000-square-foot, two-story manufacturing plant has machinery that mixes the silica surface in huge batches, using state-of-the-art computer technology. Then, batches are shipped to tennis courts around the world. Trained installers squeegee the mixture to make new tennis courts.

Big drums of the surface mixture get shipped everyday. Australia's courts chose a more cushiony silica called Plexipave, while the hard courts in Flushing use the DecoTurf recipe.

"It's very much of an art," John Graham, managing director at California Products, said of the silica mixing while leading the *Townsmen's* tour of the clean-looking facility that stores all fire hazard materials in a separate area. "The number of silica coats depends on

what the customer wants."

The speed of tennis playing determines how much silica to use, he said. Graham would not say exactly what the company's product is made of for proprietary reasons and would only say that it is mined and has sand in it. It arrives by rail and is easily accessible as the railroad tracks are just steps from the facility.

Batches of silica get mixed with paint colors chosen by the customer. There are lots of colors offered by California Paints and any color can be matched, mixed, or tinted, Graham said.

There is plain white paint for all those tennis court lines around the world. Even the surfaces of the court lines use the silica mixture; the tennis balls skid if you don't, Graham said.

Today's high-definition televisions mean tennis court colors need to be more vibrant than ever and

highlight ball placement, Graham said. So, like a down-the-line shot by tennis star Maria Sharapova, this company's tennis court colors are also "in." Australian tennis officials chose blue courts while Beijing officials chose a slight variation of the green-and-blue color scheme of the U.S. Open.

"It's Beijing blue," Graham said while showing a chunk of the surface in his office.

The office is adorned with a world map that pinpoints several countries — in Asia, the Middle East and all over Europe — that feature tennis surfaces made in Andover. Graham said 47 percent of company sales are international.

U.S. locations are also highlighted. The upcoming Indian Wells tennis tournament in California features tennis court surfaces made in Andover and there are Plexipave courts at Harvard, Vanderbilt, Penn State and Northwestern universities.

Graham emphasized that professional installers are important to ensure a successful tennis court surface.

"It's team work," he said. "And, we're very proud of the job all of us do."

"We've got two of the four Grand Slams and there's no way we'll get the other two because they're played on grass (Wimbledon) and clay (French Open)," Graham said.

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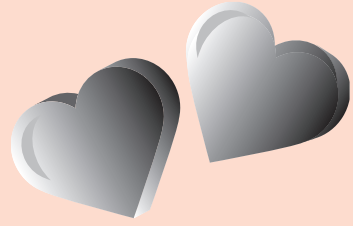
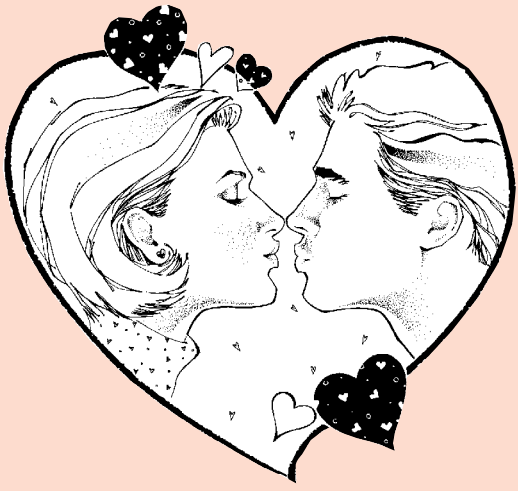
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Sports



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Andover High's Santi Costello flies through the air for a winning jump in the long jump at the MSTCA Invitational. Costello took first with a 21-foot jump.

Guy takes first, leads Andover to league title

GIRLS SKIING

Andover whipped Masconomet 79-56 to clinch the North Shore League title. Jackie Guy, battling back from an ankle injury, had her best performance of the year, finishing first overall with a run of 23.21 at Ski Bradford on Monday.

The Warriors (9-0) also took places 2-6 thanks to Cayley Christopher, Sarah Heath, Katie Kearns, Rose Ganley and Patricia Conrad. Andover shared the title with North Andover last year.

Cayley Christopher took first in 22.02 to lead Andover to victories over Bishop Fenwick, (105-30) and Haverhill (119-16) last Thursday. Katie Kearns, Sarah Heath, Patricia Conrad and Jackie Guy took 2-3-4-5 for the Golden Warriors.

Sarah Heath was third and Patricia Conrad was fourth as Andover downed Austin Prep (79-56) and North Andover (88-47) last Wednesday. Cayley Christopher was first and Katie Kearns was second for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Freshman Gomez-Martinez explodes Natalie Gomez-Martinez scored a game-high 26 points as Andover downed archrival Central Catholic 69-61 on Thursday.

"She should be really proud of herself," said senior guard Meghan Thomann, who scored 19 points. "She looks for her shot. She hits big shots. She's not nervous at all."

The 5-foot-7 Gomez-Martinez, who's averaging 11.6 points per game, isn't fazed by much. In the fourth quarter, after the Raiders went on a 9-0 run to slice the Andover lead from 49-38 to 49-47, she hit a soft jumper to push it back up to four points.

Laura Renfro tallied a team-high 11 points as Andover downed Haverhill 47-39 last Tuesday. Meghan Thomann and Ilana Cohen each had nine points and Camille Fantini had eight for the winners.

GIRLS TRACK

Muccio grabs first, second

Christina Muccio broke out at a good time.

The senior won the 55 dash in 7.31 and joined Bizzy DiTroia, Emily Shields and Melissa Knapp on the 4x200 team that finished second for Andover at the State Coaches Elite Meet held at Reggie Lewis Center on Sunday.

Continuing the relay success, Vanessa Singleton, Kayley Pettoruto, Laura Cody and Colleen Shannon won the 4x400 in 4:02.01.

Rosie Forster won the 50 hurdles in 7.8 to lead Andover to a 64-13 drubbing of Lawrence last Wednesday. Laura Cody won the 300, Jess Salley took the 1,000 and Emily Shields won the 50 dash for the Golden Warriors, which rested a number of regulars.

BOYS TRACK

McConnell keeps dominating

Chris McConnell won the 55 dash in 6:45 and teamed with Brendan Crawford, P.J. Farnham and Steve Lattari to take fifth in the 4x200 at the Massachusetts Elite Meet on Sunday.

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"To make the Olympic Trials would be just amazing. It would blow my mind just to be there with the likes of Michael Phelps and the other major swimmers."

Nick D'Innocenzo, AHS swimmer



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff Photo

Andover High's Nick D'Innocenzo looks out over the pool at Greater Lawrence Tech while donning six of the medals he has won during his dominant swimming career. Only a junior, the 17-year-old has won four state titles and has a growing reputation on the national scene.

POOL SHARK | Andover swimmer D'Innocenzo emerging on a national level

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

NICK D'INNOCENZO

Age: 17
Sport: Swimming
Class: Junior
High School: Won state title in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM in freshman and sophomore seasons. Has not lost in a dual meet in over two years.
Nationals: Swims for Magnus Aquatic club team. Won six events at New England Senior Nationals in December. His personal bests in the 200 IM (2:09) and 400 IM (4:34) are within reach of Olympic trials (2:07.39 and 4:30.29).

The sun is still more than an hour away from rising, and all of his classmates are still comfortably in bed with time left to sleep. But Nick D'Innocenzo has already left his house and is on his way to the pool at Greater Lawrence Technical School in West Andover.

"I'm up at 4 a.m.," said the Andover High junior. "I don't have too many normal days."

With four high school state titles already under his belt, an ever-growing national resume and qualifying for Olympic trials a very real possibility, that dedication has paid off for D'Innocenzo.

"I spend about 30 hours a week in the pool," he said. "It can get pretty intense."

Waking up at 4 a.m., he heads to Greater Lawrence for a 1½ hour practice with the Magnus Aquatic club team at Greater Lawrence. The practice focuses on yardage and intensity and

ends at 6:30 a.m., when many of his classmates are just waking up.

After spending the next 7½ hours in class at Andover High, it is back to the Greater Lawrence pool for high school swimming practice from 3-5 p.m.

But the toughest part of his day comes right after Golden Warriors practice, when he takes part in a 2-3 hours skills practice for Magnus.

"It is pretty exhausting," he said. "I think that's what makes this time of the year pretty hard (with high school swimming). You get to the

point when you are just worn down physically. I have a bit of a cold, and that seems to happen at this time every year."

He then has to find time for other requirements.

"Homework is a juggling act," he said with a chuckle. "Some nights I just won't be able to take (doing homework) after practice. So I'll do it in the morning. I'll also try to do some between school and high school practice."

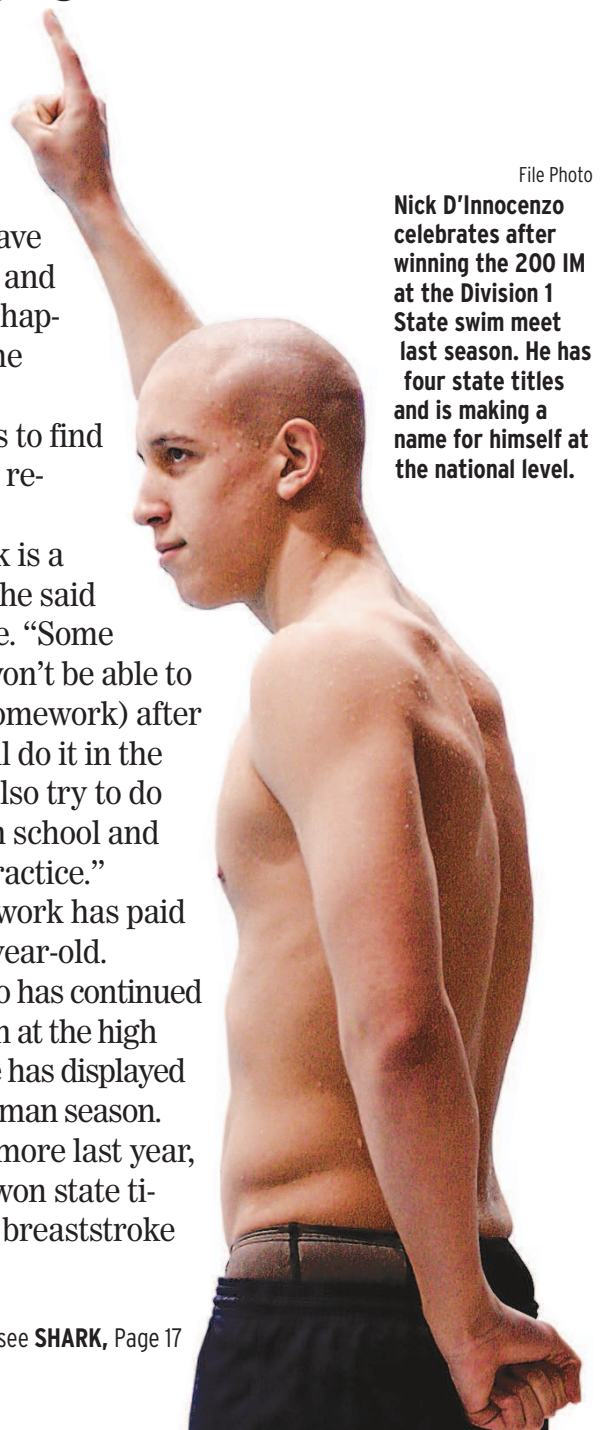
But all the work has paid off for the 17-year-old.

D'Innocenzo has continued the domination at the high school level he has displayed since his freshman season.

As a sophomore last year, D'Innocenzo won state titles in the 100 breaststroke

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File Photo
Nick D'Innocenzo celebrates after winning the 200 IM at the Division 1 State swim meet last season. He has four state titles and is making a name for himself at the national level.



Jump forward for young Andover boys ski team

By ANDREW KANELL
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Only six lettermen returned to the Andover boys ski team from its 2006-07 campaign, a season in which the team went 6-4, placing third in the North Shore Ski League. Would the Warriors take a step back this season due to inexperience? To the contrary, Andover (it started 5-1 and was in second place in the NSSL) has taken a giant leap forward.

"[My teammates] are really taking [the ski team] a lot more seriously than they have in the past," returning letterman Eric Heath said.

Heath made it clear that he was not taking a shot at previous ski teams, but the junior said he believes his team's commitment to excellence can be seen in their increased attendance to optional ski practices.

"I remember last year there were sometimes five kids [at practice — out of 30 kids in total]. I don't know if it's the



Tom Busta

captains' leadership, or if it's just everyone wants to win and beat North Andover and St. John's, but everyone, when they're at practice they're trying really hard, and at races they're putting in time with equipment and getting their skis ready," said Heath, before recent losses to the two powerhouses.

Head Coach Tom Busta maintains that every team he's coached has given it their all. But Busta commends this year's skiers for their work at different ski resorts over the weekends, saying their extracurricular work is "why the team is getting better."

"You just can't show up (at the high school races), and expect to be good," said Busta.

"He has really good star quality. I think he is going to do well in the future. He brings a lot of experience to the team."

Eric Heath on freshman Nick Sherman

Captains Gavin Lynch and Peter Webster have helped steer the team in the right direction this season. But in many ways, skiing is an individual sport. Andover skiers often find themselves in a tussle with one another to crack the top 10 in the league, as some of them do routinely.

Emerging stars this season include freshman Nick Sherman, junior Nick Binder and senior Nate Weiner, all of whom have placed in the top five among Andover skiers several times. The newcomer Sherman's performance has impressed the veteran Heath.

"He has really good star quality. I think he is going to do well in the future. He brings a lot of experience to the team," said Heath.

Heath is also happy with his own performance thus far.

"Every race I've finished I've felt like I had a good run. [Recently], the results have shown up," he said.

Heath believes another major reason for the Warriors' success is the optimistic attitude of Coach Busta, who coaches both the boys and girls ski teams during the winter season. Heath praises his coach for putting in the time and effort on both squads, saying his commitment to both is a testament to his love of the sport.

"Even when you have a bad run or he's trying to give you advice, he has a smile on his face, and he's always making you feel good about it," said Heath of Coach Busta.

Andrew Kanell is a student at Andover High School.

ROUNDUP

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Andover senior **Santi Costello** had just enough Saturday to capture first place in the long jump at the MSTCA Invitational at the Reggie Lewis Center Saturday. His winning jump of 21-0 was a half-inch better than runner-up Zach Burrell of Durfee.

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Rob Martin took the 600 in 1:19.9 to pace Andover in a 61½-21½ win over Lawrence last Wednesday. **Brendan Crawford** won the 300, **Andrew Speen** took the mile and **John Bigelow** won the high jump for the winners.

BOYS HOCKEY

Perry finds scoring touch

Entering the game with only one goal on the season, **Matt Perry** scored twice and assisted on another to give Andover a crucial 3-2 win over Lincoln-Sudbury last Wednesday.

"Matty came up big," said forward **John Hyslip**. "It was a big win for us."

Paul Russell added the third goal and an assist while **Kevin Hitchko** assisted on the final goal. **Nick Drew** made 10 saves for the winners.

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Nick Drew made 10 saves as Andover played **Coyle-Cassidy** to a 0-0 tie on Saturday.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Paonessa's two goals lead Andover

Heather Paonessa scored two goals, her third multi-goal game of the season, to lead Andover to a 6-1 victory over Wilmington-North Reading on Saturday.

Laura Drew and **Sarah Oteri** each had a goal and an assist and **Alicia Nader** and **Nicole Giroux** each tallied a goal while **Megan Pettoruto** had eight saves for the winners.

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Sarah Oteri scored one goal and assisted on the other for Andover in a 2-1 win over Marblehead last Wednesday. **Danielle Paonessa** had the other goal while sister **Heather Paonessa** and **Tricia Martin** each recorded an assist for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SWIMMING

Saunders takes three firsts

Peter Saunders won the 100 butterfly in 55.3, the 100 backstroke in 57.06 and teamed with **Zach Hamer**, **Paul Hunter** and **Peter Li** to take the 200 medley relay as Andover bested Chelmsford 103-82. **Li** won the 100 freestyle and **Nick D'Innocenzo** took the 200 IM for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Beasley vaults Warriors

Derrick Beasley scored a team-high 16 points to lead Andover to a 59-47 victory over Haverhill last Tuesday. **D.J. Fazio** and **Greg Cook** each knocked down three 3-pointers for nine points for the winners.

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Andover fell to Central Catholic 66-44 on Friday. **Derrick Beasley** tallied a team-best 13 points and **Peter White** had 10 for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Davidovits' efforts for naught

Andover received another impressive performance from **Aaron Davidovits**, but lost a pair of matches to Lowell (155.6-115.1) and Attleboro (132.3-115.1). **Davidovits** was the top Andover scorer in the high bar (5.3), parallel bars (6.8), vault (8.1), which he shared with **Bill Mara**. **Davidovits** also finished second overall in the all-around with a 37.4.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Quirnbach shines for Andover

Andover defeated Lowell 138.75-124.7 to raise its record to 6-1. **Jenn Quirnbach** won the floor (season-record 9.35) and bars (9.1) and was second in the all-around with a 35.05. **Leah Tsoinos** came in second in the bars with a career-best score of 8.60 and **Lauren Colby** won beam (8.8) and was third in floor (9.0). Whipped

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Rachel Mattison won the floor with a 9.2, but Andover fell to Chelmsford, 142.7-137.5. **Lauren Colby** added a fourth on the beam for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SKIING

Lynch stands out in losses

Gavin Lynch took first in 21.42, but Andover fell to St. John's Prep, 107-56. The Golden Warriors also fell to North Andover 91-44. **Peter Webster** took fifth while **Nathan Weiner** was seventh for the Golden Warriors.

AWARDS

Abreu, Miller take 'Fortnight'

Andover sixth man **Chris Abreu** was named this week's "Player of

the Fortnight."

"Chris makes many contributions to our team, among them selflessness, positive energy and good overall team play," said Andover basketball coach **Dave Fazio**.

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Junior center **Jesse Miller** of the girls basketball team was named last week's "Player of the Fortnight."

"Jesse has really come on strong since the beginning of the season," says girls basketball coach **Jim Tildsley**. "She knows her role on the team well. We're happy with how she's developing as a player."

Boys Basketball

Central Catholic 66, Andover 44

Andover (44): Arnold 0-1-1, Polanco 1-2-4, Hutchins 0-0-0, Torres 0-0-0, Abreu 0-0-0, Haak 0-0-0, Fazio 1-0-3, Ehlbeck 1-0-2, Beasley 4-5-13, Cook 0-1-1, Shannon 3-0-6, White 3-2-10, Burdeau 2-0-4, Totals 15-11-44
 Central Catholic (66): Blinn 1-0-2, Oshodi 1-0-2, Marsden 7-3-20, Garcia 2-1-5, Pagan 1-5-7, Wheeler 1-0-2, Fernandez 1-0-2, Adamopoulos 1-0-2, Gonzalez 6-1-14, Desrosiers 4-1-9, Narbonne 0-1-1, Constant 0-0-0, Alvarez 0-0-0, Totals 25-12-66
 3-pointers: A — White 2, Fazio; C — Marsden 3, Gonzalez
 Andover (10-5, 6-4 MVC): 8 10 13 13 — 44
 Cent. Cath. (12-1, 9-1 MVC): 22 13 13 18 — 66

Andover 59, Haverhill 47

Haverhill (47): Ocasio 1-0-2, Bristol 5-0-10, Perez 1-1-3, Alvarado 2-0-5, Roche 5-7-17, Driftmeyer 0-0-0, Rios 3-2-10, Jones 0-0-0, Lantagne 0-0-0, Totals 17-10-47
 Andover (59): Arnold 0-0-0, Polanco 0-2-2, Fazio 3-0-9, Ehlbeck 0-0-0, Beasley 8-0-16, Cook 3-0-9, Shannon 2-1-5, White 4-1-9, Abreu 0-1-1, Burdeau 1-4-6, Haak 1-0-2, Totals 22-9-59
 3-pointers: A — Fazio 3, Cook 3; G — Rios 2, Alvarado
 Haverhill (3-12): 4 17 13 13 — 47
 Andover (10-5): 14 16 15 14 — 59

Girls Basketball

Andover 69, Central Catholic 61

Central Catholic (61): Gosselin 0-2-2, Dunn 3-4-11, Mikus 0-0-0, Viennau 1-0-2, Zenevitch 9-6-24, Gaudiano 0-0-0, O'Connor 5-2-12, Desrosiers 0-0-0, Miller 1-2-4, Police 2-1-6, Evangelista 0-0-0, Totals 21-17-61
 Andover (69): Gomez-Martinez 10-2-26, Thomann 5-6-19, Hughes 2-1-5, Renfro 3-2-9, Fantini 0-2-2, Cohen 2-3-8, Shoemaker 0-0-0, Driscoll 0-0-0, Totals 22-16-69
 3-pointers: CC — Police, Dunn; A — Gomez 4, Thomann 3, Fantini, Cohen
 Cent. Cath. (9-5, 7-3 MVC): 8 18 12 23 — 61
 Andover (14-2, 9-1 MVC): 15 11 23 20 — 69

Andover 47, Haverhill 39

Andover (47): Heinrich 0-0-0, Thomann 4-0-9,

Cohen 2-3-9, Shoemaker 0-0-0, Hughes 4-0-8, Driscoll 1-0-2, Renfro 4-2-21, Fantini 4-0-8, Totals 19-5-47
 Haverhill (39): Pellot 0-2-2, Davis 2-0-4, Garvey 5-2-12, Me. Ganem 0-0-0, Ma. Ganem 0-0-0, Whalen 0-0-0, Devoe 0-0-0, Hennessey 0-1-1, Stanley 5-4-15, Ouellette 2-1-5, Totals 14-9-39
 3-pointers: A — Thomann, Cohen 2, Renfro; H — Stanley, Ouellette
 Andover (13-2): 11 18 4 14 — 47
 Haverhill (3-11): 12 3 11 13 — 39

Boys Hockey

Andover 3, Lincoln-Sudbury 2

Lincoln-Sudbury (7-6-1): 0 2 0 — 2
 Andover (11-2-2, 4-1-1 MVC): 1 1 1 — 3
 Goals: A — Matt Perry 2, Paul Russell
 Assists: A — Perry, Russell, Kevin Hitchko
 Saves: A — Nick Drew 10, L-S — 26

Andover 0, Coyle-Cassidy 0

Saves: A — Nick Drew 16; C — Tim Carey 20
 Andover (11-2-3, 4-1-1 MVC): 0-0-0 — 0
 Coyle-Cassidy: 0-0-0 — 0

Girls Hockey

Andover 6, Wilmington-North Reading 1

Andover (10-4-1): 4 0 2 — 6
 Wilmington/North Reading: 0 0 1 — 1
 Goals: A — Heather Paonessa 2, Laura Drew, Sarah Oteri, Alicia Nader, Nicole Giroux; W/NR — Kristin Lussier
 Assists: A — Nader, Paonessa, Sarah Ostrofsky, Jill Manning, Oteri, Meaghan McCarthy, Lea Macheras
 Saves: A — Megan Pettoruto 8, Kyla Mosquera 6

Andover 2, Marblehead 1

Marblehead: 0 0 1 — 1
 Andover (9-4-1): 0 1 1 — 2
 Goals: A — Sarah Oteri, Danielle Paonessa
 Assists: A — Heather Paonessa, Tricia Martin, Oteri
 Saves: A — Megan Pettoruto 11

Boys Track

Massachusetts Elite Meet

Andover placers:
 55 meter dash: 1. Chris McConnell 6.45; 4x200: 5. Andover (Brendan Crawford, P.J. Farnham, Chris McConnell, Steve Lattari) 1:33.25; 4x800: 5. Andover (Chris Goodwin, Connor O'Neil, Mike Primes, Adam Vetter) 8:41.55

Andover 61½, Lawrence 21½

Andover winners:
 50 yard dash: Chris McConnell 5.5; 2-Mile: Nick Schumacher 10:19.8; 300: Brendan Crawford 35.1; 600: Rob Martin 1:19.9; Mile: Andrew Speen 4:56.8; SP: Varun Bhandari 41-6; HJ: John Bigelow 5-9
 Records: Andover 5-2, Lawrence 0-5

Girls Track

Massachusetts Elite Meet

Andover placers:
 55 meter dash: 1. Christina Muccio (Andover) 7.31; 1,000: 5. Colleen Shannon (Andover) 3:02.33; 4x200: 2. Andover (Muccio, Bizzy DiTroia, Emily Shields, Melissa Knapp) 1:46.98; 1. 4x400: Andover (Vanessa Singleton, Kayley Pettoruto, Laura Cody, Colleen Shannon) 4:02.01

Andover 64, Lawrence 13

Andover winners:
 50 yard dash: Emily Shields 6.5; 50 hurdles: Rosie Forster 7.8; 2-Mile: Casey Harrison 12:19.9; 300: Laura Cody 40.4; 600: Colleen Shannon 1:32.0; 1,000: Jess Salley 3:11.3; Mile: Lizzy Carroll 5:53.8; HJ: Carolyn Damphousse 4-8
 Records: Andover 7-0, Lawrence 0-5

Swimming

Andover 103, Chelmsford 82

Andover winners:
 200 medley relay: (Paul Hunter, Zach Hamer, Peter Saunders, Peter Li) 1:44.90; 200 freestyle: Mike Bakies 1:51.21; 200 IM: Nick D'Innocenzo 1:57.09; 50 freestyle: Hunter 23.21; 100 butterfly: Saunders 55.37; 100 freestyle: Li 50.92; 500 freestyle: Bakies 5:10.21; 200 freestyle relay: (Saunders, Li, Devon Muller, D'Innocenzo) 1:32.90; 100 backstroke: Hunter 57.06; 100 breaststroke: D'Innocenzo 1:00.09; 400 freestyle relay: (Hunter, Bakies, Saunders, D'Innocenzo) 3:26.53
 Records: Andover 8-1

Boys Skiing

Andover goes 1-1

Meet results: Andover 56; St. John's Prep 107; North Andover 91, Andover 44
 Top placers against St. John's Prep: 1. Gavin Lynch (A) 21.42, 2. Andrew Dieselman (SP) 21.45, 3. Alex Vortillas (SP) 21.46, 4. Billy See (SP) 21.47, 5. Peter Webster (A) 21.48, 6. Larry Simeone (SP) 21.49, 7. Nathan Weiner (A) 21.57, 8. Nick Sherman (A) 21.62
 Records: North Andover 8-0, Andover 5-3, St. John's Prep 5-3

Girls Skiing

Andover clinches title

Meet results: Andover 79, Masconomet 56
 Top 15: 1. Jackie Guy (A) 23.21, 2. Cayley Christopher (A) 23.60, 3. Sarah Heath (A) 23.91, 4. Katie Kearns (A) 23.97, 5. Rose Ganley (A) 24.09, 6. Patricia Conrad (A) 24.27
 Records: Andover 9-0, Masconomet 6-3

Andover sweep

Meet results: Andover 105, Bishop Fenwick 30; Andover 119, Haverhill 16
 Top 17: 1. Cayley Christopher (A) 22.02, 2. Katie Kearns (A) 22.27, 3. Sarah Heath (A) 22.58, 4. Patricia Conrad (A) 22.71, 5. Jackie Guy (A) 22.72, 6. Rose Ganley (A) 22.80
 Records: Andover 8-0, Haverhill 3-5, Bishop Fenwick 0-8

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THROUGH THE YEARS

10 YEARS AGO
Charlotte Muller, who would go on to become the leading scorer in program history, scored 18 points and grabbed eight rebounds while twin sister **Sarah Muller** scored 16 points and dished out eight assists as Andover downed city power Jeremiah Burke 58-35. **Laura Orlando** added 12 points.
Paul Wysocki scored a game-high 16 points to lead Andover to a 68-54 victory over Billerica. **Brendan Long** added 11 points and a team-best seven assists.
Tim Sheehy scored two goals and assisted on two others as Andover blasted Lowell 10-2. **Doug Henderson** and **Adam Colucci** each also had two goals while

Marty Lastrina, **Matt Adams**, **Keith Espinola** and **Scott Ciruso** each scored once.
 Andover's **Matt Gibson** is second on Merrimack College in points (11.3 ppg) and is averaging 4.1 rebounds a game.
20 YEARS AGO
Lee Dziadosz paced Andover in a 56-18 drubbing of Dracut. **Stephanie Aumais** had 10 points while future Villanova soccer star **Karen Delsarto** had 12 rebounds and seven points.
 Current Merrimack College football coach **John Perry** scored a game-high 22 points as Andover bested Wilmington 63-35. **Mike Marinaro** had 13 points and **John Russell** also stood out for the winners.

Tim Smith made 29 saves to help Andover best Wilmington, 4-2. **Bobby Stoltz** scored two goals while **Rob Weiner** and **Hugh Maginnis** each added a goal.
35 YEARS AGO
Carnel Cooper scored a game-high 26 points as Andover downed Dracut 56-37. Cooper also had 18 rebounds and **Scott White** had 15 points.
Mike Murnane's goal with three minutes left gave Andover a 3-3 tie with Billerica. **Scott Seero** had two goals for the Warriors.
Dale Blaine took the high jump with a 5-8 to lead Andover to a 64-22 win over Lawrence. **Kevin Dewhirst** won the 1,000 and **Gary Meyers** took the 600.



Courtesy photo
 From left, Jodi Pollack, Maggie Carey, Hannah Carey, assistant coaches; Wendy Pollack, coach; center row: Emma Carey, Delilah Kaufman-Laduc, Madalyn Pollack; front row: Nicole Righter, Courtney Carver and Kathryn LeMay. Peter LeMay donated the team shirts.

Team Eagles holds its first MLK Day benefit

Team Eagles of Andover was one of the many teams that participated in the First Annual Martin Luther King Day fundraiser supporting the Jimmy Fund.
 Team Eagles was coached by Wendy Pollack with assistant coaches Jodi Pollack, Maggie Carey and Hannah Carey. Pollack who has been in remission after her fight against lymphoma, has since become an activist to teens who have been recently diagnosed. She was honored to be the morning spokeswoman kicking off the event, according to a release.
 "Families who take the initiative to participate and support such a great cause only benefit many children, teens and adults who are struggling daily to beat

their disease," she said.
 The event has raised more than \$3,000 so far. The donation window closes tomorrow, Friday, Feb. 8. Additional donations can be sent to ASA Treasurer, 5 York St., Andover.
 The event was organized by Andover Soccer Association, Carl Grygiel at the Sportworld Soccer Dome.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Boys Basketball		
Feb. 8	at Chelmsford	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Lawrence	7:30 p.m.
Girls Basketball		
Feb. 8	Archbishop Williams	7 p.m.
Feb. 10	Pentucket	2:30 p.m.
Feb. 12	Billerica	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 14	at Central Catholic	7:30 p.m.
Boys Hockey		
Feb. 10	Lincoln-Sudbury	5:20 p.m.
Feb. 13	at Arlington	6 p.m.
Girls Hockey		
Feb. 9	at Billerica	5 p.m.
Feb. 13	Everett	8 p.m.
Swimming		
Feb. 7	MVC Diving Champ	4 p.m.
Feb. 8	MVC Meet	4 p.m.
Track		
Feb. 8	MVC Meet (Lewis Cntr.)	2 p.m.
Feb. 11	MVC Fres/Soph Meet	10:15 a.m.
Boys Skiing		
Feb. 12	Interschol. Meet	2:30 p.m.
Girls Skiing		
Feb. 12	Interschol. Meet	2:30 p.m.
Boys Gymnastics		
Feb. 8	at Burlington	7 p.m.
Feb. 14	Mass. Invitational	5:30 p.m.
Girls Gymnastics		
Feb. 8	MVC Meet	2:30 p.m.

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SHARK: D'Innocenzo dominates

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(59.55) and the 200 individual medley (1:54.31) both for the second straight season. He also set the Merrimack Valley Conference Meet record in the 100 breaststroke (1:01.64) and set the record in the 200 IM at sectionals (1:54.31).

National acclaim

As he has rolled through the high school scene, he has also begun to make a name for himself on the national level.

According to the Web site usawimming.org, D'Innocenzo ranks seventh nationwide in the 200 IM and ninth in the 400 IM for the 15-to-16-year-old age group. He turned 17 in October, and the new rankings have not been released.

Over the summer, D'Innocenzo was selected to the USA Swimming National Select Camp at the Olympic training facility in Colorado Springs, Colo. The camp selected the top two 16-year-old boys and girls at every event in the country. D'Innocenzo was chosen for the 200 IM.

"It was a very humbling experience to be around so many fast swimmers," he said. "But it was really cool to be there at the training facility with a lot of the top swimmers around."
 More recently, D'Innocenzo placed third in the 400 IM at the Burgdorf Invitational at Rutgers University in New Jersey on Jan. 11.
 Before that, on Dec. 6-9, he dominated the field with six wins at the New England Senior Championships at Harvard's Blodgett Pool. He won the 200 and 400 individual medleys, the 100 breast-stroke and the 500, 1,000 and 1,650 freestyles. He also took second in the 200 breaststroke.

Olympic dreams

"To make the Olympic Trials would be just amazing," said D'Innocenzo. "It would blow my mind just to be there with the

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF NICK D'INNOCENZO

Andover's Nick D'Innocenzo doesn't have much downtime
4 a.m. - Wake up
5-6:30 a.m. - Morning club practice
7:30 a.m. to 2:05 p.m. - School
3-5:30 p.m. - Practice, Andover High team
5:30-8:30 p.m. - Evening club practice

likes of Michael Phelps and the other major swimmers."

Qualifying for the Olympic Trials is not too far-fetched in his two events of choice, the 200 IM and 400 IM.

The qualifying time in the 200 IM is 2:07.39 and the 400 IM is 4:30.29. Both are within shooting distance of his personal bests of 2:09 and 4:34. He has until June 29 to qualify.

True to his school

With the Olympic Trials in

sight, a choice was pondered in the offseason.

"It's an Olympic year and me and my coach from Magnus (Mike Spring) talked about whether I should do high school swimming," said D'Innocenzo. "It's a lot to do both high school and club swimming."

But, he could not stay away from his teammates and friends.

"To be with the guys in high school swimming is a lot of fun," he said. "When I'm doing club swimming it's all about the personal goals. High school is about the team."

"You get to be in the pool and have fun. It keeps swimming fresh, I think high school swimming is the key to me keeping a level head. It stops me from losing it and freaking out when I get too much pressure."

While neither of his parents were competitive swimmers, his sisters are beginning to excel. Katie, 16, swims for the powerhouse Andover High girls team while Maggie, 13, was chosen for a national zone select camp.

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1. Hold family discussions to plan for "what ifs" including living situations if health status changes, how to recognize when change needs to occur, and the wishes of your parents if they become ill.
2. Get to know the neighbors. Identify one or two neighbors whom you trust who would be willing to drop in on your parents once or twice a week. Make sure you exchange phone numbers.
3. Obtain and organize your parents' information. Make sure you know the name and contact information of their doctors, names and location of prescriptions, location of Medicare and Social Security cards, as well as other important legal documents.
4. Be sure there is a Release of Information form on file at all their doctors' offices so you can talk openly with the MD, and keep a copy for yourself.
5. Get to know the local home care agency. If your parents begin to need more help at home, such as with personal care, medications or light housekeeping, **Private Care Services of HomeCare Inc.** can help. For more information on caregiving at a distance, or to request a telephone consultation, contact Noeline Cranston R.N., Private Care Manager at 978-552-4720 or by e-mail at ncranston@homehealthfoundation.org

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Education

Andover books, Kenyan readers

Bancroft students show their generosity 3,000 times over

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

This summer, the newly opened Beverly School of Kenya will have a little bit of Andover sitting on its library shelves.

Students at Andover's Bancroft Elementary School collected more than 3,000 new and "gently used" books during January for the school in North Kinangop, Kenya. The Beverly School, slated to open this summer, is a boarding school 90 minutes northwest of Nairobi that offers free tuition to underprivileged Kenyan children, many of them orphaned by AIDS.

The book collection was organized by the Andover Rotary Club, a team of teachers and Bancroft Elementary Principal Scott Morrison. The Rotary will pay to send the books to Africa, with help from several community donations, said Bill Buck, Andover real estate agent and Rotary Club member.

Each book that was collected has a label that reads, "A gift from your friends at Bancroft Elementary and the Rotary Club, Andover, Massachusetts, USA."

Organizers asked Bancroft students to bring in books for readers in kindergarten through sixth grade to help establish a library at the Beverly School, said Buck. They were soon overwhelmed by how many students responded, bringing in children's books of all kinds, he said.

"It's tremendous to see the outpouring. It's been wonderful to see it happen," said Buck.

They've collected so many books that the Beverly School will be able to share with other nearby schools in Kenya, he said.



Jakob Beckwith, 9, Michelle Durling, 9, Stephen Serrao, 8, and Naomi Zallen, 7, place labels inside books that will go to Kenya.

The book collection is not Andover's only connection to the Beverly School of Kenya. Buck, Lazarus House Director Bridget Shaheen and Andover residents Jim Gillis and Tom and Nancy Maher are on the school's board of directors, supporting the school to help it get off the ground.

The Beverly School's founder, Abdi Lidonde, works at Holy Cross, Tom Maher's alma mater. Maher first heard about the Beverly School by reading an article on Lidonde in the Holy Cross magazine.

Since Maher first met Lidonde in Janu-

ary 2007, he has worked to raise money and create a strategic plan for the school, getting other Andover professionals involved.

Lidonde, a native of Kenya, started making the plans in 2004 for the Beverly School, named after his late mother, Beverly Lidonde.

Buck said plans are also being made to connect Beverly School and Bancroft students as pen pals, once the school opens this summer.

For information on the Beverly School of Kenya, visit www.beverlyschoolofkenya.com.



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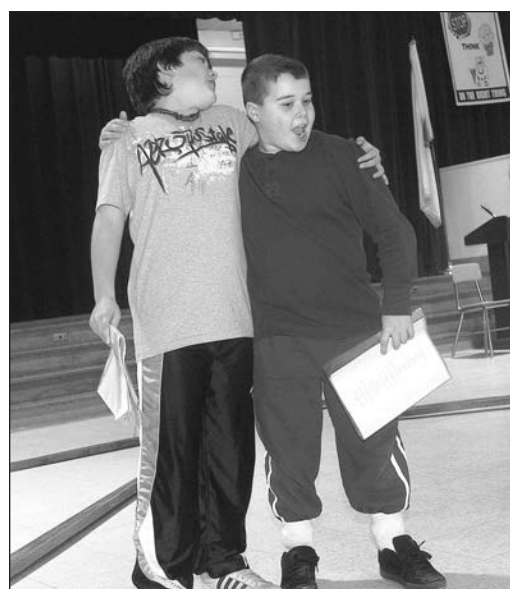
Second- and third-graders at the Bancroft Elementary School prepare to send books to the Beverly School of Kenya. Standing, from left, are second-grade teacher Mrs. Cho, Bancroft Principal Scott Morrison, Beverly School Vice President Tom Maher, Rotary Club director of community service Bill Buck, past president of the Rotary Club Jim Greeley, and third-grade teacher Mrs. Hartwell.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

'Clothes' on at Sanborn

Above, Sanborn Elementary School in Andover hosted Children's Stage Adventures and performed "The Emperor's New Clothes," a musical adaptation of the Hans Christian Anderson tale, on Saturday. Rehearsing from left, are Will Raphael, Emily Conlin, Oliver Gorham, Caitlin Trottier, Scott MacDonald, Chrissy Delyani and Abby Berthiaume.



Right, Brendan Slattery, left, and Robbie Crockett, the two swindlers, rehearse their roles.

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ON CAMPUS

Lauren K. Woo, daughter of Frank and Laraine Woo and a 2003 graduate of Andover High School, graduated from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a secondary concentration in education. Woo spent the winter semester of her junior year in Valencia, Spain. In 2005, Woo was an America Reads tutor. In 2006, she was awarded a volunteer service grant to fund an on-campus mentoring program in collaboration with the Lewiston-Auburn Big Brothers Big Sisters Program. The program she designed, "Cats and Cubs," provides temporary mentors for children who are on a waiting list for a permanent mentor. In 2007, Woo was named a Student Fellow for the Harward Center for Community Partnerships at Bates, which promotes service learning throughout the Lewiston-Auburn area. She was responsible for the Longley School Mentoring program where she coordinated all volunteers and provided training for all children's programs. Woo was accepted to Teach for America and is currently teaching special education in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Annie Carlton of Andover, performed with the Bates College Modern Dance Company in its annual fall concerts, Dec. 1-3. The program featured Danny Buraczkeski's classic "Swing Concerto" and New York choreographer Peter Kyle's "Serenade," with music by Peter Schickele aka P.D.Q. Bach. The program included "When I

was Me," created by Carol Dille, assistant professor of dance and director of the Bates dance program, and "Ballad of Arrivals and Departures," a collaborative piece for 14 performers. Bates artist-in-residence Heather McArdle served as "artistic architect" for the latter work.

"Swing Concerto" is a 1993 piece for nine dancers by JAZZDANCE founder Danny Buraczkeski, who went to Bates to reconstruct the work with Bates Dance Festival students and with the Modern Dance Company.

Carlton, a sophomore dean's list student, is the daughter of Ralph and Susan Carlton, of Andover. She is a 2006 graduate of The Paideia School.

Amy Olshekie, Andover High School class of 2006, has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and was honored during an Induction Convocation this fall at the University of San Diego.

Kevin Leary, a multimedia and graphic design major and son of David and Carol Leary, and **Patricia Sullivan**, a business major and daughter of Timothy and Lucinda Sullivan, were named to the Champlain College dean's list for the fall semester. To receive this honor, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 and complete at least 12 credits of classwork during the semester.

The following students were named to the Quinnipiac University dean's list for the fall semester — **Kierstyn Kalman, Karen Mc-**

Sweeney, Danielle Richards, Brittany Wadbrook and Brittany Weeks.

JJ Feigenbaum, son of Mark and Gail Feigenbaum and a senior at Wesleyan University, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa. Phi Beta Kappa chapters elect outstanding arts and sciences students. Feigenbaum is majoring in math and economics and he will graduate from Wesleyan in May, 2008. He is a 2004 graduate of Phillips Academy.

Kevin Leary, a multimedia and graphic design major and son of David and Carol Leary, and **Patricia Sullivan**, a business major and daughter of Timothy and Lucinda Sullivan, were named to the Champlain College dean's list for the fall 2007 semester. To receive this honor, students must achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 and complete at least 12 credits of classwork during the semester.

Adam Reczek, son of Gerard and Gail Reczek, will sing as a member of the Saint Michael's College Liturgical Choir on a tour to five schools and churches in New Jersey, Feb. 1-3. Reczek, a first-year student exploratory major at Saint Michael's, graduated from Andover High School before attending Saint Michael's.

Christine Marie Vispoli was named to the University of North Carolina Asheville dean's list for the fall 2007 semester. To receive this honor, full-time students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.99.

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The following Doherty Middle School students achieved recognition during the fall, according to the school:

Grade 8

HIGH HONORS

Rachel Abbott, Dorothy Agoulnik, John Andon, Timothy Arena, Sarah Arvidson, Kaitlyn Beaumont, Alexandra Camilo, Lauren Cardillo, Maggie Marie Casto, Curren Chadha, Lucas Christopherson, Matthew Ciampa, Gabriella Cirelli, James Costello, Melissa Cronin, Noah Curtin, Rebecca Daniels, Meghan Doherty, Molly Dowell, Coleman Egertson, Blake Finlayson, Samuel Frykenberg, Timothy Fulton, Marin Gang, Nicholas Gentile, Samuel Gillette, Abigail Granoff, Andrew Gross, Taylor Guenard, Dylan Gully, Morgan Gundrum, Samantha Hall, Brian Hanafin, Jeffrey Hanson, Benjamin Harris, Jacqueline Hendrickson, James Holden, Andrew Hook, Megan Horn, Christopher Hoyt, Robert Hsu, Douglas Hubschman, David Hunter, Jacob Huntley, Matthew Hyszczak, Catherine Jacavano, Kelsey Jamieson, Adam Jones, Tahir Kapoor, Emily Kelly, Joanna Kenneally, William Klein, Benjamin Krapels, Meredith Lawler, Da Ye Lee, Ashley Li, Shu-Dih Lin, John Lincoln-Vogel, Alec Livingston, Christopher Lundgren, Allison McLeod, Austin Mei, Rachel Moore, Nicole Morin, Daniel Murray, Lauren Nastari, Aaron Neaves, Matthew Norris, Emma O'Leary, Patrick O'Sullivan, Michaela Olson, Charlotte Ozirsky, Audrey Parrill, Emily Pond, Nicholas Price, Elizabeth Pugliese, Lisa Qin, Caroline Quinn, Hannah Ragonese, Corine Rosenberg, Jeremy Salerno, Nicola Shen, Anna Shrestinian, Pooja Singh, Abhishek Sinha, Mackenzie Skwierczynski, Jordane Smith, Taber Tyrrell, Abigail Watts, Kaleigh Wilson, Derek Witt, Daniel Yao, Melanie Zakin

HONORS

Ian Adams, Emily Appleton, Christopher Briggs, Colleen Byrne, Mitchell Carey, Bridgette Dufton, Michael Earley, Bryan Farrell, Brianna Fogden, Elizabeth Gorrie, Jason Ho, Colin Johnson, Samuel Kim, Summer LeCain, Jennifer Levenson, Emily Lowe, Craig Luschnat, Molly Lynch, Colleen Muldoon, Melanie Nesteruk, Leili Nickpour, Emily Oldaker, Terra Organisciak, Stephen Peck, Lauren Pien, Jodi Pollack, Benjamin Preller, Michael Quinlan, Daisy Ranwell, Andrea Ravikumar, Jared Skistimas, Nicholas Solimini, Leah Spencer, Kyle Wakefield, Alyssa Wall, Mark Waller, James Walsh, Sophie Walsh, Sarah Warne, Christopher Wolf, Carolina Zappala

Grade 7

HIGH HONORS

Jonathan Abbott, Michela Allocca, Nicole Annino, Rachel Annino, Nadja Arifovic, Sarita Ballakur, David Beluche, Ross Bendetson, Emma Bentley, Catherine Bond, Elya Bottiger, Lauren Buhner, Devon Burger, James Burke, Emma Cammann, Xinni Chen, Harrison Cobb, Jennifer Colombo, Margaret Cranney, Piper Curtis, Margaret D'Innocenzo, Ceara Donovan, Christopher Dunn, Sophie Ekman, Henry Ewing, Lucy Frey, Michelle Gagnon, Anne Garvin, Daniel Gilbert, Jack Gillette, Mariangela Gominho, Raquel Goosey, Sarah Gustus, Michael Hanscom, Will Heikkinen, Madeline Hertz, Rachel Holzman, An Huynh, Phillip Igoe, Ciara Jacques, Christina Johnson, Ryan Jones, Michael Kapp, Julia Kichorowsky, Caroline Kiezulas, Jennifer Kuta, Tiffany Lam, Douglas Lewis, Eliza Lewis, Elizabeth Lownie, Lynzie Luschnat, Tara MacKenzie, Nathaniel Malone, Christine Marotta, Taylor Masse, Siobhan McDonough, Sara Nickpour, Siddarth Palaniappan, Steven Perrone, Ari Pike, Dilly Pirgon, Natalia Rayner, Ana Rimaldi, Sawyer Rogers, Helen Root, Sameer Sangal, Gina Sawaya, Peter Scapicchio, Isaac Schreiber, Alexander Scolnik-Brower, Jonathan Smith, Joseph Solimini, Theodore Sorota, Anne Stahley, Jennifer Sullivan, Jaclyn Torres, Alexa Vigliotta, Andrew Wang, Brandon Wantha, Jillian Wilson, Kristen Wilson, Christine Wu, Meghan Wurts, Eric Wybenga, Theresa Yeo

HONORS

Nathaniel Altman, Sarah Appleton, Nicholas Ardagna, Maxwell Baron, Austin Bendetson, Katherine Bergmeier-Esterberg, Estelle Black, Alexander Blake, Bailey Boughton, Hannah Bramhall, Jon Bronenkant, Matthew Byrne, Scott Campbell, Joshua Chapman, Shivansh Chawla, Madeline Colon, Jonathan Costello, Hannah Cunningham, Peter Currier, Kenneth Doherty, John Driscoll, Cameron Farnham, Katherine Finley, Jake Flaherty, Daniel Gendreau, Richard Gilbert, Rachel Huntley, Matthew Hurchik, Andrew Johnson, Zachary Johnson, Scott Kaluzny, Elizabeth Kaufman, Emma Keefe, Samantha Kelley, Rebecca Koffman, Adam Ladd, Emma Lamoreaux, Sloan Lynch, Scott MacMillan, John Mahan, Michael Maldari, Gregory Manson, India Mazarrelli, Daniel McLaughlin, Anna Millar, Catherine Muldoon, Christopher Olson, Kyle Pearson, Julian Pryde, Joel Rozen, Ajay Sadagopan, Jason Smith, Andrew Trepicchio, Derek Trussell, Paul Turiano, Tyler Weeks, Zachary Wronski, Mark Zavrl

Grade 6

HIGH HONORS

Nathaniel Alden, Connor Batsimm, Stephen Beaumont, Corey Brosorian, Ian Bensley, Isabel Bree, Emily Byrne, Eamon Callahan, Samantha Camilo, GraceAnne Casto, Rosalyn Chen, Declan Collins, Kaitlyn Conte, Kiley Corcoran, MacKenzie Dalton, Amit Deliwala, Lila Dolan, Rachel Donovan, Kristina Doucette, Sophie Draper, Elizabeth Edwards, Sheryl Ehlbeck, Andrew Emerson, Peter Fanikos, Emily Felter, Paige Finlayson, Owen Focke, Julia Ganley, Emily Granoff, Jesse Greaves, Collin Hardgrove, Catherine Haut, Harrison Hou, Marissa Howell, Andrea Iliceto, James Imrie, Jessi Jacobowitz, Samantha Johnson, Sarah Knowles, Margaret Kobelski, Ethan Kurinsky, Kyle Lawrence, Julia LeBlanc, Carter Letsky, Angelina Lionetta, Jessie Livingston, Samuel Mack, Megan Manter, Tyler Marshall, Emily Masterson, Katie Miara, Stephen Moreland, Erin Nastari, John Nossiff, Jameson O'Connor, Katherine O'Hara, Conor O'Reilly, Una O'Toole, David Pekarovich, Samantha Pond, Emma Pope, Megan Quinn, Davis Rogers, Carolyn Roos, Rachel Rosenbaum, Tamra Rutfield, Jaydeep Sambangi, Eli Sands, Leah Shrestinian, Natalie Stamatadiis, Matthew Stickney, Ryan Trismen, Hunter Tyrrell, Alexander Wagner, Nicholas Wall, Aaron Wu

HONORS

Shaila Abbott, Zachary Angelosanto, Alexa Baldwin, John Barry, Benjamin Beckwith, Xavier Briggs, Andrew Brownson, Chloe Buco, Matthew Burns, Thomas Caron, Brandon Cavalario, Michelle Cloutier, Courtney Comeau, Sarah Cranney, Rachael Cronin, Matthew Dalimonte, Peter Dell Anno, Haley Doherty, Sylvia Dorros, Dimitri Erickson, Benjamin Fischer, Sylvie Flanagan, Raymond Forster, Rachel Gentile, Lauren Grant, Louisa Gross, Cooper Hurley, Carter Ishihara, Daniel Jacavano, Jordan Janeiro, Eliana Kafantis, Cameron Keenan, Matthew Kelly, Samuel Kelly, Nicholas Kuzio, Madison Lawler, Kevin Lee, Alisha Li, Theron Lin, Daniel Lyman, Patrick McQuillen, Shaun Merrill, Madison Moulden, John Ozirsky, Trevor Parvin, Dhruv Patel, Kyle Patterson, Madalyn Pollack, Ethan Pope, Stephen Ranieri, Arushi Ray, Dylan Ring, Gabrielle Ruth, Christopher Sarno, Jordan Schuh, Johanna Shaw, Talia Shuman, Hugh Smith, Andrew Sousa, Andrew Swapp, Jackson Sylvester, Jacob Tarricone, Jonathan Tetreault, Christopher Tivnan, Kyle Turner, John Tyner, Kelly Walsh, Aimee Ward, Ashlee Ward, Reid White, Songee Yoon

Grandparents day



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Barbara and Guy Petti watch their grandson, Andrew, in his kindergarten class at St. Augustine School during Grandparents Day.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 11-15:

Elementary schools

Monday: Chicken burger on bulky roll, grilled hot dog on roll with the works, multi-grain bagel and string cheese, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks with dip, cinnamon applesauce.
Tuesday: Max cheese stick with marinara sauce, meatball sub, grilled cheese sandwich on whole wheat, garden salad, minestrone soup, fresh fruit and juice.
Wednesday: Ravioli with marinara sauce, garlic bread, barbecue rib on roll with baked potato wedges, roast beef wrap with baked potato wedges, broccoli salad, oranges, salad and juice.
Thursday: Macaroni and cheese, chicken nuggets with dips, assorted bagels and string cheese, rice pilaf, chicken veggie soup and cupcakes.
Friday: Pan pizza, cheese or pepperoni; fish with tartar sauce; bagel and string cheese; string beans, corn on the cob, fruit salad and fresh fruit.

Middle schools

Monday: Crispy chicken salad with pita bread, deli chicken sandwich with lettuce, tomato and bacon, veggie chili in bread bowl, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks with dip and cinnamon applesauce.
Tuesday: Nachos with hamburger, salsa and toppings, individual pan pizza, pastrami on bulky roll, garden salad, turkey soup, fresh pear and juice.
Wednesday: Black bean wrap, turkey pie with biscuit, calzone, broccoli salad, oranges and juice.
Thursday: Italian wrap with the works,

turkey cordon bleu sandwich, pan pizza, rice pilaf, chicken veggie soup and cupcakes.

Friday: Tuna salad wrap, veggie soup, chicken scampi, bagel and string cheese, broccoli slaw, corn on the cob, fruit salad and fresh fruit.

Andover High School

Monday: Greek salad wrap, fried chicken, potato wedges, corn, dinner roll, meatball sub, fresh fruit and juice.
Tuesday: Buffalo chicken wrap, twin taco bar on soft shells with all the fixings, refried beans, Mexican corn, panini BLT with cheese and pineapple.
Wednesday: American sub on French stick, meatloaf, whipped potatoes, gravy, peas, dinner roll, burger with spices topped with provolone and barbecue sauce and fresh fruit.
Thursday: Nachos with all the toppings, Mexican rice and beans, crispy chicken burger and fruit cup.
Friday: Cobb salad wrap, clam or corn chowder in bread bowl, veggie sticks with dip, fresh fruit and juice.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice; low-fat ice cream and yogurt; bagel with light cream cheese; yogurt; fresh fruit of the season; 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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EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 7

"The Hybrid Car: Just One of Several Efficiency Tools" will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading. This program is part of the townwide reading program, North Reading Reads 2008. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-664-4942.

Fundraising health seminar: Four leading Andover health, fitness and personal care professionals will deliver the seminar "How to Make 2008 Your Best Year Ever" as a community awareness and fundraising event for Challenged Unlimited at 7 p.m. at Andover's Town House Function Hall, Andover Spine Center, Elements Therapeutic Massage and Indra Salon will also be in attendance. All Andover residents over 15 years of age are invited. There is no cost to attend other than a small \$10 donation to Challenge Unlimited at the door. For more information, visit www.andoverchallenge2008.com.

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.

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 become a vendor, volunteer, sponsor or contest participant, call 978-764-6672 or e-mail promexpo@comcast.net.

Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange will present a short program, consisting of a variety of short performances by the ACCE youth members, from 4 to 4:45 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center. For more information, call Shuyee Huang at 978-258-5889.

"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.

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: Cedardale 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.mscca.org/nevinsfarm and at each fitness center.

Winter birding: Join refuge volunteer Sue McGrath to explore the different habitats of the refuge and search for wintering birds from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. For all ages. Participants should dress in layers for the weather, including warm and waterproof boots. Participants should meet at the Maintenance Area parking lot just prior to the North Pool Overlook. Registration is required. Program is free but space is limited. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Registration is not complete until confirmation is made by a staff member. For more information, visit www.parkriver.fws.gov.

Awesome Owls: Learn about the natural history of owls, discover what they eat by dissecting an owl pellet, and search for them on the refuge from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. For ages 6-9 with indoor and outdoor activities, so dress for the weather. Participants should meet at the Visitors Center. Registration is required. Program is free but space is limited. To register, call 978-465-5753 and press "0" to talk to a staff member. Registration is not complete until confirmation is made by a staff member. For more information, visit www.parkriver.fws.gov.

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.

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.mymvma.org.

The **Donna Miceli Dance Center will present "Get a Move On"** from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. at the Tsongas Arena in Lowell as part of the city's Winterfest celebration. The performance will include a variety of dance styles ranging from tap and jazz to hip-hop, all set to popular music. For more information, call 978-446-1450 or visit www.donnamicelidance.com.

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Music and food for the mood for love

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Romance and music will be in the air at the Andover Chamber Music Series "Red-hot Rhapsodies" concert this Sunday, Feb. 10, held at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College.

And chocolates and candies will be on plates afterwards.

The Valentine-themed concert will feature the music of Bartok, Dvorak, Liszt and other Czech, Hungarian and Romanian composers.

"It will be very soulful, really melodic and fun. Music that people will want to get up and dance to," said flutist Julia Scolnik, artistic director for the Andover Chamber Music Series. "Music and romance, for me, go

"It's a great night for people who like music and love to eat."

Leslie Kaplan,
executive director
of the ACMS

hand in hand. There's always some love connection to music. It's about enjoying the pleasures of life, and music is a pleasure. It will be a great concert to go with friend or loved one, chock-full of great pieces."

The ACMS also has organized A Taste of Music III dinner buffet, which people can enjoy for a separate fee after the Sunday concert. Concertgoers can mingle with the musicians as they sample a buffet of food from local restaurants and caterers.

All of the music for the "Red-hot Rhapsodies" concert is based on folk songs and dances native to the composers' home countries, said Scolnik, and has never been performed before by the Andover Chamber Music Series.

On the program are Dvorak's Piano Quintet in A, Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2 and Enescu's Romanian Rhapsody No. 1 for string quartet, bass and piano, which will "really bring the house down," said Scolnik.

Two Romanian artists, violinist Irina Muresanu and pianist Dana Ciocarlie, will join Scolnik and a cast of New England Conservatory faculty for the performance. Ciocarlie and Muresanu are Pro



From left, Sharon Breigner, owner of The Cupcake Boutique; John Martin, owner of A Hot Dish; Jeanne Bourlanel, event coordinator for "A Taste of Music III"; and Jeanne Topham, owner of I Dream of Jeanne Cakes.

'RED-HOT Rhapsodies' VALENTINE CONCERT

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■ Tickets are \$25 and \$30, children under 18 are free. Students with a college ID are \$8.

■ For more information, call 978-474-6222 or go to www.andoverchambermusic.org.

■ After the concert, guests can join the musicians at A Taste of Music III. A selection of savory and sweet samplings from Andover area chefs and caterers will be offered. Tickets are an additional \$25.

■ On the program: Liszt's Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2; Dvorak's Piano Quintet in A; Schulhoff's Concertino for flute, viola and bass; Bartok's Romanian Dances for violin and piano; Enescu's Romanian Rhapsody, Opus 11.

■ Performer are: Dana Ciocarlie, piano; Irina Muresanu and Markus Placci, violin; Roger Tapping, viola; Natasha Brofsky, cello; Donald Palma, bass, and Julia Scolnik, flute.

Musici Foundation winners. Ciocarlie will be flying in from Paris especially for this concert, said Scolnik.

This is the 11th Valentine con-



Flutist Julie Scolnik is the artistic director for the Andover Chamber Music Series.

cert the ACMS has performed.

Andover resident Jeanne Bourlanel, ACMS event coordinator, will have the hall decorated for Valentine's Day, and chocolates and Valentine candies will set the mood, said Leslie Kaplan, executive director of the ACMS.

"It's a great night for people who like music and love to eat. There's just something special about her (Scolnik)," said Kaplan. "It's a very warm, accessible, intimate setting — how chamber music is supposed to be."

Scolnik said one of the aims of

the ACMS is for the music and the musicians to be accessible at each concert, and they will attend the Taste of Music reception to mingle and answer questions on Sunday.

The 10 vendors for the evening reception include the local establishments Mawby's, I Dream of Jeannie Cakes, Burton's Grill, the Cupcake Boutique, Whole Foods and Andover Cakes, said Kaplan.

The ACMS will also perform its "Red-hot Rhapsodies" concert Saturday, Feb. 9, at the Longy School of Music in Cambridge.

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FOUND CAT, grey & white, Merrimack St., Newburyport, near the Towle building. (978) 462-1071

FOUND: Cat orange & white. Male. Gray & White, male. So. Lawrence, to identify/see Call (978) 914-3734

FOUND CELL PHONE in Cashman Park, Newburyport. If you can identify it, call (978) 273-6608.

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FOUND, Siamese cat, vicinity of Fern Avenue & South Hampton Road, Amesbury, (978) 388-2741

FOUND WOMAN'S READING GLASSES in black leatherette bag. Plastic gold color. Iron of Hawthorne Hotel on 120. (978) 594-0966

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You are hereby notified pursuant to Mass. R. Civ. P. Rule 72 that the FIRST AND FINAL account of TINA O'DONNELL as EXECUTRIX - (the fiduciary) of said estate has been presented to said Court for allowance.

If you desire to preserve your right to file an objection to said account, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said court at SALEM on or before the tenth day of March, 2008, the return day of this citation.

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68NH Roommates/Housing To Share NH

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76-100 Help Wanted

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COUNTRY Kitchen oak table, \$225. 6' staging with wheels, good condition, \$300. Call (978) 774-6447, 978-239-9476.

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103 Household Goods

BEDROOM SET, 5 piece, Queen size, Wheat etching on glass doors, all hardwood. \$600. Call (978) 346-9399

103 Household Goods

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103 Household Goods

FREEZER OR Fridge, Box type, \$25 Call (978) 688-0289

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LIFT CHAIR Pride mahogany leatherette, good condition. Reason for selling, was given a new one. 1 paid \$450. Will sell for 1st \$300. Offer final price. 603-772-9060.

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TV - SONY 54" - Serviced every year. Paid \$2999 new. \$990 or best offer. Call (978) 794-9403

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MICROWAVE 2005 over range Maytag with vent & cooktop light, white, excellent condition. You take away for \$75 or best offer. (978) 557-0359

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DOLL HOUSE Colonial style, sided & shingled. Very Good condition. \$150 or best offer. Call (978) 283-2670

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ACCENT RUG, LEOPARD ACCENT(not real), thick mode of broadloom carpeting, shape of animal, 47" w x 73" l, like new. Originally \$255. \$225/best. 978-536-2821

BUREAU, 4 drawer \$45, 4 drawer nightstand \$65 3 drawer with mirror \$85 solid pine bookcase \$55. (978) 870-8500

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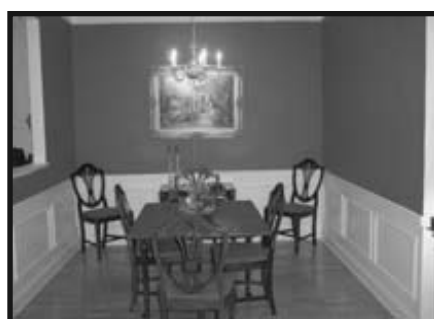
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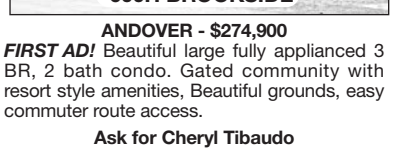
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The Blizzard of '78: Beauty, destruction and a good neighbor

The Back Page

Bill Dalton



In 1978, I had my pilot's license and a small plane, which was at Lawrence Airport. After the famous blizzard — 30 years old this week — my plan was to fly over Andover and then to the South Shore, where

the storm damage was said to be bad. Only one runway was plowed, but it was not plowed completely because there had been too much snow. It was plowed only down the middle, making it narrow, even for a small plane. I had to watch that my wing tips didn't hit the snow as I gained speed down the runway. I climbed into a sky without clouds; visibility was unlimited.

At 1,500 feet I leveled off and flew over Shawsheen and then circled Andover's center. From above, the town looked almost the same as it always did after a snowstorm: bright and pretty. However, there were no cars on the streets; most people weren't driving yet. In the parking lot by the Andover Book Store, snow-removal equipment was working, and I saw a plow trying to widen Main Street. Many people were walking; they were relieved to be no longer housebound. I thought that if Currier and Ives could have been with me, they would have created a lithograph of the scene.

There had been two storms. The first one was on Jan. 20, 1978. It dropped two feet of snow on Andover. At the time, the storm was called one of the worst in Boston's history. Parked cars on the narrow residential streets of Boston were still buried 17 days later when the big storm, the blizzard, hit. The buried cars were buried more, and people put signs above their cars so snowplows wouldn't nick them. These cars would remain buried until spring. The blizzard, known for the rest of our lives as the Blizzard of '78, would cause us to forget there was a first storm.

I flew over my home at 9 Old South Lane. There were several children on flying saucers sliding down the hill that started in front of Andy and Claire Caffrey's house and ended in a huge snow

pile in front of my house. I flew in a circle and the kids saw me and waved. My three kids were in the group.

I flew over Phillips Academy and saw students walking to classes, much like any day. PA was one of the few institutions back to normal operation. The snow on the campus was so bright from the full sun that it was hard to look at it without squinting. But as pretty as it was, I continued toward the South Shore, leaving the beauty of Andover behind me.

The Blizzard of '78 smothered an area from New York City to half way up the Maine coast, including all of Massachusetts. Hardest hit was the eastern part of New England, especially the coast. If you witnessed the blizzard, you knew it was a historic event because nothing that bad had happened in your life. It was, by all measures, New England's worst winter storm of the 20th century, and it was all the more harsh because its snow fell on two feet of snow already on the ground.

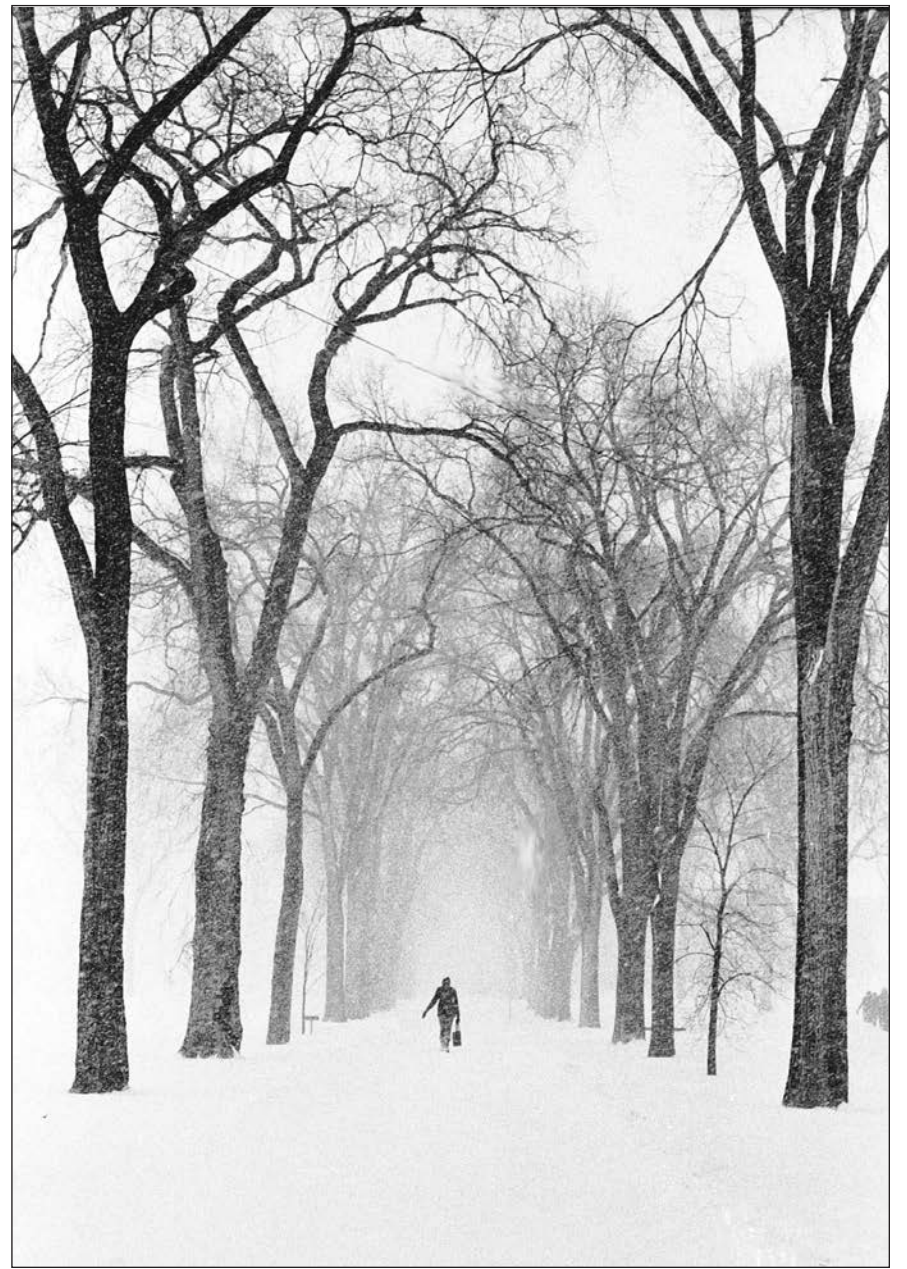
The blizzard started gently during the morning commute on Feb. 6. It quickly became ferocious, and it snowed for 32 hours. The blizzard left 34 to 48 inches of snow in Andover. High winds created massive drifts. On the coast, where gusts reached 115 mph, hundreds of homes were destroyed by vicious, pounding, fuming waves during storm surges that peaked 15.2 feet above low water. (Anything over 13 feet causes major coastal flooding.) In Massachusetts, 1,100 homes were destroyed and 29 people lost their lives. Several people died sitting in their cars waiting for help with their engines running for warmth. Wind-blown snow blocked their exhaust pipes and carbon monoxide killed them. Thousands of cars and trucks were abandoned along Route 128 and Interstate 93 when commuters tried to get home during the afternoon. On one eight-mile stretch of Route 128, there were 3,500 vehicles abandoned. All told, the storm killed 99 people and caused \$3.5 billion in damage (in 2008 dollars).

The forecasters had predicted less than 6 inches of snow, not enough to stop morning commuters from going to work.

The light storm coming up the coast intensified and became a classic blizzard, including blinding snow, high winds and bitter cold. By the time people in Boston offices realized what was happening, it was too late for many of them to commute home, although they tried. If they did get home, it took several hours, and there was no way to tell their families what was happening. It would be a week before commuters returned to their offices. The National Guard was called out, Boston was officially closed for days, and cars were turned away at the city's borders. Gov. Michael Dukakis declared a state of emergency. The television image of the usually buttoned-down governor wearing a casual sweater at a press conference is remembered by many of us. His cool, competent manner gave assurance to those who needed it.

As my plane approached the South Shore, the first thing I saw was a house sitting on top of another house. Along long stretches of shoreline there was complete destruction. Many houses had disappeared. Others were off their foundations or on their sides in irreparable condition. Seawalls were crushed, and big pieces of them, some weighing tons, were pushed around by the waves, pulverizing anything they hit. The magnitude of the destruction was sad and it abated my curiosity and I didn't stay long. I went home to my fully-intact house.

The Jan. 25, 2008 issue of The Phillipian, PA's school newspaper, carried a fine article by Janet Liu titled, "Faculty Recall Great Blizzard of '78." Ms. Liu writes that Headmaster Theodore Sizer called off classes and students spent much of the day shoveling. The next day he made a decision to help the town. Liu quotes faculty member Victor Henningsen, who said, "Led personally by Headmaster Sizer, we marched down Main Street to shovel out downtown Andover. Eleven hundred students with snow shovels can make short work of even the biggest blizzard." Tom Cone, a biology instructor, had stood at School and Main streets, looking downtown. He said, "PA students



CRAIG BURTON/Courtesy photo

The Blizzard of '78 buried Andover's Phillips Academy and much of New England in snow.

all had snow shovels and they were shoveling all the sidewalks in front of all the stores downtown. From a distance, they all looked like ants working hard at something." Christopher Walter, who was in his first year teaching at PA, had recently moved from England. "I've never seen anything like that blizzard since. Nothing close," he said. "You walked out

the door and you were walking right into snow that was head-high. I remember it was very, very beautiful. It was stunning. All that brilliant white everywhere."

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