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What's in a name?

Streets carry monikers of tribes, astronauts and ancient Greece

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Andover land has a long history of American Indian ties, but when it comes to recognizing that legacy, don't let the many tribal street names in town fool you, says one prominent local history buff.

"It's hype," said Andy Grilz, curator of the Andover Historical Society.

More than a dozen streets in Andover are named after American Indian tribes, but most have no connection to the town.

When neighborhood names are drawn up, developers have marketing — not history — on their minds, said Grilz.

"These were the guys who grew up watching Bonanza," said Grilz, referring to the popular 1960s television show. "This is where they're going to get their Indian culture from."

"They're trying to create a certain mentality. The idea of buying into some noble history, perhaps."

Between Lovejoy and Dascomb

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Although there were no Sioux Indians living in the Northeast, there is a Sioux Circle in Indian Ridge.

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Parade of retirements



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

South Elementary School kindergartners Jason Alesse, 5, and Lauren Jeffrey, 6, show off their "We love you Dr. Woods!" T-shirts to retiring Principal Dr. Eileen Woods after a parade at the school. For more, see story on Page 20.

Principal exodus continues

Doherty Middle is latest school to lose leader

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The exit parade for public school principals has yet another participant marching into retirement.

Doherty Middle School principal Bruce W. Maki said last week that he will retire at the end of the school year. He will be one of three longtime principals retiring in June, which will mean



File photo

Bruce Maki, left, became principal of Doherty Middle School in 2005, after the retirement of Floyd McManus, right, in whose footsteps he followed.

half of the town's 10 principals have retired in one year's time.

Maki joins South Elementary principal Eileen Woods and Charles Friel at West Elementary School, who announced last month that they will re-

tire this year, too. These three retirements come on the heels of two other principal retirements. Steve Jankauskas retired as Sanborn Ele-

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In state, override passage is 50-50

Experts predict tougher fight to approve tax hikes

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Nearly a quarter of Massachusetts communities during 2007 asked their residents to override Proposition 2 1/2 to permanently raise property taxes. Less than half were successful.

That's been fairly consistent over the last few years, according to the Massachusetts Municipal Association. State law limits tax increases to 2 1/2 percent over the previous year's levy. Anything larger must be approved by voters.

But as Andover officials eye an override bid, state and local officials believe the environment could be more challenging in 2008 because of other economic factors.

"The success rate, the way I measure it, has been roughly stable over the years," said John Robertson, the MMA's deputy legislative director, who tracks override proposals closely each year. "It's tending downward a little bit."

Robertson anticipates fiscal year 2009, which begins in most communities in July 2008, will pose even greater challenges for municipal officials to convince their residents that more taxes are needed to operate.

"There's a lot of concern about the economy. It's a tougher sell for an override this year," Robertson said.

With high utility prices driving up other every-day costs and talk of a economic recession creating concern over individual job secu-

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Timber! Main Street trees to fall

New plantings will cap off Main Street redesign project

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

A contractor for the Main Street redesign project will cut down all trees along Route 28 between Elm Square and Punchard Avenue to prepare the street for new sidewalks and curbs.

A total of 29 trees — some of them more than two decades old — will come down within the next week, according to Randy Pickersgill, superintendent of the town's parks, grounds cemetery and forestry division.

Pickersgill said that project contractor Newport Construction Corp. has begun drainage work on Main Street and will look to remove the trees either this week or by the beginning of next week. Installing new curbs along Main Street would require digging adjacent to the

trees and could damage the roots, eventually causing a tree to fall, he said.

"All of the trees are coming down," said Pickersgill. "Their schedule is to get started as soon as possible."

But more than 100 new trees will be planted after new sidewalks and curbs are in place.

"I believe they're making every effort to keep it green," said Main Street Committee member Abigail O'Hara. "It seems it will be a little bleary until the new ones are in."

The multi-million dollar Main Street redesign project, expected to be completed in late 2009, is supposed to offer residents better traffic flow for both pedestrians and vehicles. O'Hara said sidewalk and curb construction could be completed

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The trees in front of 2 Elm Square will be replaced by a species that grows more slowly.

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Andover runner is inspired by father's struggle

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MAKI: Half of principals have retired

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mentary School principal last June after seven years at the helm and a total of 37 years in Andover schools. Former West Middle School principal Denise Holmes retired Dec. 31, 2007, citing health issues.

Each of the retirees could be classified as a baby boomer.

"Basically it is an age issue. We also are experiencing the same in our teacher ranks," Superintendent of Schools Claudia Bach said Tuesday.

"In both cases, unfortunately, our applicant pools are shrinking. The job of principal has become more and more challenging as funding becomes more problematic and as the regulations become ever more demanding, and so many simply do not want to take on such a huge job," Bach said.

However, Bach noted that educators consider Andover a desirable place for a career. "So, we are hoping for a few excellent applicants for each of these posi-

tions," she said.

School department personnel records show Maki was hired at Doherty on Aug. 15, 1988. He has spent 19 years at the school and was named principal on July 1, 2005, when then-principal Floyd McManus retired. He has spent 38 years in education and he could not be reached for comment.

In a letter mailed to Doherty Middle parents last Thursday, Maki wrote that it was time for him to "move on to the next chapter of my life." He did not return two phone calls made from the Townsman on Friday. This week is school vacation and he could not be reached for comment.

In his letter to parents he said retirement will give him more time on the ski slopes and more time for fly fishing on his favorite trout streams.

Maki has weathered school budget battles over the years, which led to staff and program cuts at all schools. Doherty Middle is one of three Andover middle schools and serves 560 stu-

dents in grades six, seven and eight.

Maki has been at the helm for his school's academic success. For three consecutive years, Doherty has placed first in the state with its language arts scores for seventh-graders.

"He supports teachers and really believes in them. It's a great group of educators at Doherty," said Florence Black, one of the presidents of the school's Parent Advisory Council. "He continued the positive atmosphere in the school when Floyd (McManus, former principal) left. That was important to parents."

Black, who has a daughter in seventh grade, plans to be involved with Maki's replacement search. That search will make sure any newcomer is passionate about helping middle-schoolers, just as Maki is, she said.

"Middle school is unique. Kids come from elementary school and leave ready for high school. That is a big difference," she said. "We want someone who knows this age group well."

OVERRIDE: Prospects uncertain

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Andover selectmen Chairman Brian Major and other town officials agreed with Robertson's assessment.

"I believe '09 will be much more difficult because the economic situation has gotten much more difficult," Major said.

"You only need it when it's most difficult to pass it," said School Committee member David Samuels of override proposals. "The worse the economy is ... that's when it's going to be more difficult to get them passed. It's not just the cities and towns that have it tough, it's the average citizen."

Major and Samuels estimated that every \$1 million worth of an override would translate into a \$70 to \$75 increase to the average Andover resident's property-tax bill.

"This is not just a problem in the town of Andover," School Committee Chairman Arthur Barber said. "This is a problem that most communities are facing and that the

commonwealth is facing."

Around the state

In all, 36 of 76 Massachusetts cities and towns trying for an override during 2007 were able to persuade their taxpayers to increase the property-tax levy beyond what is normally allowed under state law, for a collective sum of \$38 million. That's a success rate of 47 percent.

"It doesn't surprise me that it's close to 50-50," Major said. "Those communities who did a really good job explaining what their needs were and kept the request reasonable probably had a larger chance for success."

Andover is one of 35 Massachusetts communities already looking into the possibility of an override for next fiscal year, and six other municipalities have already made their proposals official, according to Robertson.

The only override attempt of 2008 thus far was an unsuccessful one, coming in Holland on Feb. 5, where residents rejected a \$565,000

general operating budget override, Robertson said.

In total, 109 Massachusetts communities asked taxpayers to raise property taxes more than 2 1/2 percent from the 2007 calendar year — including not just general overrides but including proposals for multi-year debt exclusions for specific projects and one-year capital expenditures, according to Robertson's data.

Robertson said several of these communities proposed multiple ballot questions. Out of 124 override questions that appeared on ballots, only 47 were successful — a 38 percent success rate.

"My guess is it's going to be harder to win this year than it has in the past year," Robertson said. "And of course, it's a tax question, so it isn't easy to win."

Robertson said the difference can be in how effectively officials convey the need for more money.

"There will be really compelling cases," Robertson said. "They're doable. I just think they're going to have to work a little harder."

STREETS: Developers look to history, geography to name town's byways

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roads, there are 11 Andover streets named after American Indian groups — the Algonquin, Apache, Cherokee, Cheyenne, Comanche, Iroquois, Penacook, Seminole, Shawnee, Sioux and Wabanaki.

That area of town has been known as Indian Ridge for centuries, according to Grilz, and was once the home of American Indian hunting and camp sites.

East of Route 125 in the south of

town are more street names derived from American Indian cultural groups, including Agawam Lane, Mohawk Road, Penobscot Way and Seneca Circle. But few actually once resided in the northeast woodlands, namely the Agawam, Penacook and Penobscot, Grilz said.

Several streets in town are named after tribes from as far south as Florida and as far west as the Dakotas.

Grilz said a lack of American Indian cultural awareness likely re-

sulted in Andover's historically inaccurate town seal, which can be found on the side of all town vehicles, a wall in the Board of Selectmen's conference room and the town's letterhead.

In the seal is a depiction of a local American Indian, Cusumache.

"He's wearing a Plains Indian war bonnet, which is completely inaccurate for any northeastern tribe," said Grilz.

Mayflower Road, Pilgrim Drive, Pioneer Circle and Reservation Road also lie in the same precinct as the many American Indian-derived street names between Lovejoy and Dascomb roads.

"It's always been a trend toward naming your street that has broad Americana appeal," said Grilz. "You're trying to give a mental image of the neighborhood."

For the most part, the naming of streets is at the discretion of developers, said Planning Board Chairman Paul Salafia. Occasionally,

OTHER STREET THEMES

■ **OUTER SPACE:** Mercury Circle, Gemini Circle and Apollo Circle all connect to Launching Road, a side street off of River Road. The street names reference NASA space missions.

"Those are all built in the moon-shot era, when President Kennedy said we were going to the moon," said Salafia. "There was a space craze back then. It was reaction to the time."

■ **REVOLUTIONARY:** As for American history, there's Patriot Drive and Colonial Drive in the south of town, and 1776 Drive and Minuteman Road to the north.

■ **COLLEGIATE:** Not far away is Princeton Avenue, with off-shoots Harvard Road and Yale Road.

■ **IT'S ALL GREEK:** Known informally as the Olympic Village development, Parthenon Circle, Doric Way, Acropolis Circle, Odyssey Way, Messinia Drive, Laconia Drive and Sparta Way all reference ancient Greek culture.

To the east, Athena Circle, Delphi Circle, Olympia Way and Korinthian Way are all off Gray Road.

All the above are the doings of several prominent Greek developers in town.

town public safety officials will request to change a street name for safety reasons, he said.

"If a street name sounds like another street name, if someone calls 911, they don't want to get them confused," said Salafia. "Often street names will be changed by

public safety, just because you can't have two names sound alike."

Often, after board approval, street names are altered as the project evolves, Salafia said.

"It's often way more mundane than you think it should be," said

Salafia, noting that developers mostly want to use street names as a way to attract potential home buyers.

"I think often a developer looks at the name of a street as a marketing tool," said Salafia. "Don't you want to live on Pleasant Lane or something like that? Sounds like a nice, quiet, wonderful place to live."

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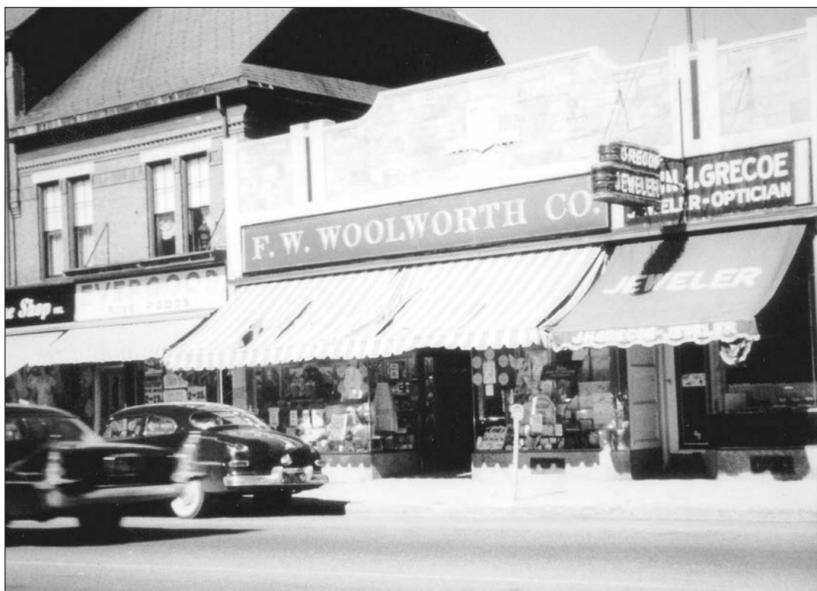
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NOW: The former location of F.W. Woolworth store, and Regina Gifts, which closed at the end of last year and is empty now, sits next to a new store, Stitch boutique, on Main Street.

Kindergarten registration for September 2008

Andover School Committee policy indicates that children entering Kindergarten must be five years old on or before Sept. 1. Kindergarten packets for 2008 were mailed out in January. If you have not received a packet, call 978-623-8506 and leave your name and mailing address. Children entering grade 1 who did not attend kindergarten in Andover last year should also complete the registration forms. To register a child, parents must present: the child's birth certificate, proof of residency (you will need to show one of the following for the Andover ad-

dress where you live: original deed or purchase and sale agreement, original lease/rental agreement, or a copy of latest mortgage payment), and immunization records. Copies of these documents must be submitted at the registration session and will be made a part of your child's file.

Registration dates and times:
Bancroft School, 15 Bancroft Road, March 3, 7 to 8 p.m. Principal is Mr. Scott Morrison. Information, 978-623-8880.
High Plain Elementary, 333 High Plain Road, Feb. 28, 7 to 8 p.m. Principal is Ms. Brenda O'Brien. Information, 978-623-8900.

Sanborn School, 90 Lovejoy Road, March 5, 7 to 8 p.m. Principal is Ms. Patricia Barrett. Information, 978-623-8860.
Shawsheen School, 18 Magnolia Ave., Feb. 27, 7 to 8 p.m. Principal is Mr. Moira O'Brien. Information, 978-623-8850.
South School, 55 Woburn St., March 6, 7 to 8 p.m. Principal is Dr. Eileen Woods. Information, 978-623-8830.
West Elementary School, 58 Beacon St., March 4, 7 to 8 p.m. Principal is Mr. Charles Friel. Information, 978-623-8800.

Growers: Sign up for farmers' market

The Andover Farmers' Market is now taking applications for vendors to join the second annual Andover Farmers' Market this summer from July 12 to Oct. 11. The farmers' market was held in front of the Andover Historical Society and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum, at 97 Main St. in Andover, on Saturdays during the summer of 2007. For more information and an application, log onto www.andoverhistorical.org/farmersmarket/ or call 978-475-2236.

For stimulus, no need to respond

The Internal Revenue Service has advised taxpayers that in most cases they will not have to do anything extra this year to get the economic stimulus payments beginning in May. If eligible for payment, all you have to do is file a 2007 tax return and the IRS will do the rest. The IRS will use information on the 2007 tax return filed by the taxpayer to determine eligibility and calculate the amount of the stimulus payments. A payment schedule for taxpayers will be announced in the near future.

Health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinic on Monday, Feb. 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinic will be held from 2 to 3 p.m. on Feb. 27. No appointment is necessary.

Open house March 8 with Rev. Nieuwejaar

The Rev. Jeanne Harrison Nieuwejaar, religious educator and author of "The Gift of Faith: Tending the Spiritual Lives of Children," will speak about the importance of nurturing children's spiritual growth on March 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St. There will be a question-and-answer period. For more information, call 978-475-4454.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



YOU HAVE TO BE BORN IN ANDOVER and lived here all your life. And, I mean born here, not at the Lawrence (General) Hospital. My mother came in from plowing the fields, had me, and went back to work. That's a townie.
 — James "Jimmy" Carmichael, 86, of Whittier Street, on what makes a townie, a townie. Story in Townspeople, page 9.

I VISIT MY FATHER AT THE HOSPICE IN READING before every meet and he hypes me up for it. He always tells me to get mad and have an attitude out there.

— Christina Muccio, Andover High track athlete, whose father Fran Muccio has amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Story in Sports, page 18.

I TRY TO MAKE THE STORY RELEVANT to us, in terms for today...With very few exceptions, [people] do something that's wrong and try and shove it under the rug. We do that today, just accept the conventional wisdom.

— Eve LaPlante, an author coming to Andover Bookstore, who wrote about the only Salem Witch Trial to later publically apologize for his actions, Judge Samuel Sewall, a distant relatives of hers. Story in Arts, page 15.



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing and deliberation about 36 Central St., Memorial Hall Library conference room, 6 p.m.
 Housing Authority, Stowe Court, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

Watershed Advisory Committee, Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant, 397 Lowell St., conference room, 7 to 9 p.m.
 Planning Board, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, FEB. 25

Tri-board meeting, Board of Selectman, Finance Committee and School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 7 p.m.
 Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 4:30 p.m.
 Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 to 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

School Committee, School Administration Building, Whittier Court, School Committee room, 6:30 p.m., executive session meeting to follow at 7 p.m.

Tri-town Task Force, Andover representatives of Interstate 93 interchange project, Public Safety Center, Wilmington, 8 a.m.
 Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

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Last day for voter registration is March 5

The annual town election is only a month away, on Tuesday, March 25.

The last day for new people to register to vote in the town election is Wednesday, March 5. The town clerk's office at 36 Bartlet St. will be open for registration until 8 p.m. that day. Anyone turning 18 by March 25 is eligible to vote.

On the ballot are openings for moderator, Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Housing Authority. Voters will also decide whether Andover will support the Community Preservation Act. The CPA would assess a 1 percent surcharge on residents' annual real estate taxes, and that money would be used for buying open space, historic resources and community housing. Communities that approve the CPA are eligible to receive additional money from a state fund.

Talk on euthanasia planned

Dr. George LeMaitre of Andover will present a talk on euthanasia on March 5 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in St. Augustine's Parish Center for Education and Ministry, 43 Essex St. This issue will become more and more important over the next 5 to 10 years as the money runs out and politicians look for "politically correct" ways to cut the cost of health care. LeMaitre will talk for 20 minutes and then encourage as many questions as time permits.



KATIE MCMAHON/Staff photo

Between Punchard Avenue and Stevens Street, 29 trees will be removed as part of the Main Street renovation.

TREES: By fall, 118 new trees to be planted

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by the end of the summer.

Of the 29 trees scheduled to be cut down, all but a few had been damaged by cars or their confinement within the sidewalks, according to Main Street Committee member and landscape designer Judy Wright.

"Most of the trees that are coming down are extremely damaged," said Wright. "If we had wonderful street trees, we'd be losing a great deal. But we're not."

Some of the healthiest trees along Main Street, in front of the Musgrove building in Elm Square, were also the most problematic, according to Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi. The town had received several complaints about the trees from building tenants.

"They had become an attractive habitat for birds," said Piantedosi. "The droppings were all over the sidewalk and, in addition, the trees were growing up to the side of the building."

New trees could be planted as

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Main Street Committee member
Judith Wright

soon as late summer or fall, said town Planning Director Paul Materazzo. The new trees — 118 in all, running along Route 28 from around Stevens Street to Punchard Avenue — will be about 12 feet tall with trunks of 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 inches in diameter when they are planted, according to Pickersgill.

"That's a lot of trees," said Pickersgill. The 13 species of trees were chosen for their flowers, leaf shape, color in the fall and tolerance to urban conditions, Wright said.

"We're looking at a better diversity of species than what we have now. We're really looking for trees that are tolerant to urban conditions. There's definitely a wide variety and the reason for that is to not only enhance the beauty of the Main Street, but it really is to help deter diseases or pests from decimating a corridor of trees," Wright said.

The new trees will be protected from construction and traffic by grates for the roots and guards for the trunks.

Andover has been recognized over the last eight years as a "Tree City" by the National Arbor Day Foundation for its tree care and planting programs.

Wright said residents should consider adopting one of the new trees, since ample watering will be required for the first several years after they are planted along Main Street.

"We're going to need all the help we can get to give these trees a great start," said Wright. "It's a terrific way for citizens to be able to participate in urban reforestation."

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — At 10:03 a.m., Michael Conway, 53, of 303 North Main St., Middleton, was arrested and charged on a warrant for the subsequent offense of operating a motor vehicle after suspension.

At 11 a.m., Anthony Benjamin, 17, of 59 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with two counts of breaking and entering during the daytime for a felony.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — At 7:05 p.m., Stacie Cashman, 30, of 26 Brook Place, Methuen, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

Friday, Feb. 15 — At 3:26 p.m., Michael Stubbs, 25, of 434 Westford St., Lowell, was arrested and charged with a red light violation and operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license.

At 9:01 p.m., Caitlin Watts, 18, of

385 High Plain Road, was arrested and charged with distribution of a Class D substance.

At 9:14 p.m., Kyle Shaw, 17, of 48 Center St., was arrested and charged with two counts of possession of a Class D substance with intent to distribute.

Saturday, Feb. 16 — At 7:01 p.m., Timothy Lugo, 18, of 311 Lowell St., was arrested and charged with an unsafe lane change, speeding in violation of a special regulation, and possession of a Class D substance.

Sunday, Feb. 17 — At 1:30 p.m., Jose Figueroa, 32, of 50 Mount Delight Road, Allenston, N.H., was arrested and charged on a warrant for unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

Monday, Feb. 18 — At 8:14 a.m., Timothy Lefebvre, 28, of 3 Walker Road, North Andover, was arrested and charged on a warrant for speeding and unlicensed operation

of a motor vehicle.

At 5:34 p.m., Kevin Poole, 29, of 3 Paradise Drive, Raymond, N.H., was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — At 12:12 p.m., credit card fraud was reported on Starr Avenue East.

At 2:59 p.m., fraud was reported on Trumpeters Lane.

At 3:54 p.m., a report of a goose with an arrow sticking out of it near the post office was received. A lieutenant reported that the environmental police had been notified.

At 3:59 p.m., vandalism was reported on River Road.

At 6:21 p.m., annoying phone calls were reported on Inwood Lane.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — At 10:29 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Whittier Court.

At 5:50 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Shattuck Road.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — At 7:24 p.m., larceny of a laptop from a motor vehicle was reported on Lowell Street.

Thursday, Feb. 14 — At 3:07 a.m., larceny of tools from a motor vehicle was reported on Rattlesnake Hill Road.

At 6:54 a.m., larceny of tools from a motor vehicle was reported on Sunset Rock Road.

At 7:27 a.m., larceny of money and keys from a motor vehicle was reported on Keystone Way.

At 7:53 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Tewksbury Street.

At 8:02 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Alderbrook Road.

At 2:26 p.m., motor vehicle larceny was reported on Sunset Rock Road.

At 7:02 p.m., larceny of money from a motor vehicle was reported on Sunset Rock Road.

Friday, Feb. 15 — At 12:51 p.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Riverside Drive.

At 8:28 p.m., someone reported that sunglasses and a flashlight had been taken from a motor vehicle on Center Street the previous night.

Sunday, Feb. 17 — At 9:12 a.m., lar-

ceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Riverside Drive.

At 10:13 a.m., larceny from a motor vehicle was reported on Minuteman Road.

THEFTS

Thursday, Feb. 14 — At 5:56 p.m., larceny of a back pack and coat was reported at Andover High School.

Friday, Feb. 15 — At 2:43 p.m., misuse of a credit card was reported on Colonial Drive.

Saturday, Feb. 16 — At 4:40 p.m., larceny of copper piping was reported on Great Quad Road.

BREAKS

Thursday, Feb. 14 — At 12:49 p.m., a past breaking and entering to a dwelling was reported on Keystone Way.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — At 3:17 p.m., a crash with personal injuries was reported on North Main Street.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — At 10:22 a.m., a crash with personal injury was reported on Woburn Street.

At 4:16 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Chestnut Street.

Saturday, Feb. 16 — At 12:41 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

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Saints Health Monitor

The monthly health update from Saints Medical Center

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Lack of Sleep Linked to High Blood Pressure

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), middle-aged adults who get less than five hours of continuous sleep may be at risk for developing high blood pressure in addition to many other related health problems.

"When we sleep the heart slows down and blood pressure drops," said David Malins, MD, a specialist in cardiovascular disease at Saints Medical Center. "Those who do not get a good night's sleep are at increased risk for developing hypertension, a common forerunner to heart disease, kidney disease and stroke."

The AHA reports that 24 percent of people ages 32 to 59 who sleep for five or fewer hours a night develop high blood pressure versus 12 percent of those who get seven or eight hours of sleep.

"Lowering blood pressure can reduce the risk of stroke by 35 percent and of heart failure by more than 50 percent," commented Dr. Malins, who explained that "hypertension can often be effectively controlled with lifestyle modifications including a combination of dietary changes, weight loss, regular exercise and improved sleep."

"Be sure to discuss with your doctor any concerns you may have with regard to your sleep," recommended Dr. Malins. "In particular, if you have a tendency to snore or are sleepy during the day, these may be indications of obstructive sleep



apnea (OSA)." OSA may have serious implications for your overall health, including hypertension and heart disease.

While many aspects of sleep are still the subject of scientific research, we know that not getting enough pillow time causes disruption of the body's internal mechanisms. The amount of necessary sleep varies from person to person, but most of us need between seven and nine hours. Getting the right amount of sleep might be just what the doctor ordered to help keep you and your heart in good health.

For more information about sleep services call the Saints Sleep Center, at 978-934-8373.

Everyone Should Get... A Good Night's Sleeeeeeep



Did you know... nearly 47 million adults are putting themselves at risk for health problems due to lack of sleep? Sleep is an active state important to renewing our mental and physical health.

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Director of the Sleep Center at Tufts New England Medical Center, Boston, sleep specialist at the Saints Sleep Center and assistant professor at the Tufts School of Medicine

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Rather Than Risk a Heart Attack, Let It Snow

Thanks to the advice of cardiovascular researchers who report an increase in the number of fatal heart attacks related to heavy exercise such as snow shoveling, word regarding this potentially significant health risk is gaining ground.

"Shoveling snow creates an unexpected and often sudden demand on the heart, causing an increase in heart rate and blood pressure. After only a few minutes of shoveling, heart rates can be higher than those recorded during rigorous aerobic exercise," said Robert Shulman, MD, a specialist in cardiovascular disease at Saints Medical Center.

Moving around all that white stuff in the driveway is often made worse by frigid winter conditions. We work harder to breathe during cold weather, which contributes to extra strain on the body. There is also the risk for hypothermia, a decrease in body temperature, if not dressed correctly for the weather conditions (dressing in layers is advisable so that overheating can also be avoided by peeling off clothing as needed).

Rest assured that not everyone who shovels snow is going to have a heart attack. In fact, snow shoveling can be good exercise when performed correctly and safely by those who regularly exercise. However, there are certain individuals who should avoid this activity. If you have a history of heart trouble, you should not shovel snow unless you clear it with your doctor first.

Because shoveling can raise both heart rate and blood pressure dramatically, experts stress to take it slow. "If possible, it is best to wait until late morning or afternoon to shovel as there is scientific research showing an increase in heart attacks when exercising strenuously first thing in the morning," stated Dr. Shulman. "Also, avoid eating heavily and drinking caffeine products before shoveling. That morning mug of coffee raises your blood pressure before you even lift your shovel."

It is well documented that exertionally-related heart attacks most often occur during and in the first hour after heavy exercise such as shoveling. It is advisable to start out slow, take your time, avoid becoming dehydrated and cool down when finished. "Most importantly," advised Dr. Shulman, "if you run out of breath, take a break, and if you feel tightness in your chest, stop immediately and seek medical attention."

Ask the Doctor

In this issue Carolyn D'Ambrosio, MD, sleep specialist at the Saints Sleep Center answers questions about sleep apnea.



Q. What is sleep apnea?

A. Sleep apnea is a potentially life-threatening condition that occurs when the brain fails to properly control breathing. Obstructive sleep apnea occurs when the throat muscles fail to keep the airway open during sleep despite efforts to breathe.

Q. What are some of the signs of sleep apnea?

A. Snoring and excessive daytime sleepiness are the most common complaints. Sleep apnea patients may experience sensations of gasping or choking while sleeping. When breathing is impaired, the sleeper awakens just in time to resume normal breathing, often without being aware of the sleep disruption.

Q. What is the connection between sleep apnea and heart disease?

A. People with other cardiovascular problems such as heart failure and stroke have a high prevalence of sleep apnea. Research does show that for those diagnosed with sleep apnea, chances increase for developing hypertension in the future. Heart patients with apnea should know that treating the sleeping disorder may improve cardiovascular health.

Q. How is sleep apnea diagnosed?

A. Physicians may refer the patient to a hospital-based sleep center for an accurate diagnosis. The patient is usually given a polysomnography (a test that records a variety of body functions during sleep). Sleep disorders are treatable, so those experiencing sleeping difficulties should contact their physician.

The Sleep Center at Saints Medical Center offers a special diagnostic study, which involves making a recording that identifies different sleep stages and classifies various sleep problems. For further information, call 978-934-8373, Monday through Friday, from 8 am to 5 pm.

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Opinion

Korean War memorial finally at home

Korean War veterans seeking a memorial to Andover's war dead faced public forums and waited years for selectmen's approval. Library supporters seeking a polar bear sculpture to remind people about the ice caps were approved the same night they approached selectmen. Why? If anything, one would expect a town more quickly to support a memorial to town residents who gave their life for their country.

It should not have been quite so difficult for veterans of Korea to get their due.

Some 1,200 Andover residents served in the war — 10 percent of the town's population in 1950. Four men were killed in action.

Andover's Korean War veterans waited decades to have a memorial they felt was appropriate. More recently, Korean War veterans had been asked to wait until after the dedication of monuments to World War II veterans in 2004 and Vietnam veterans in 2006. When, finally, they thought their time had come, they faced resistance from those who now said the Park is too crowded with war memorials. Selectmen had two public forums about the monument during which people expressed their preferences among several options. The town's Design Review Board also worked with the veterans to change the design and location of the monument. The library sculpture also will go before that board.

Veterans such as Earl Efinger say the result was a better design and placement for the monuments. That's a good thing. But if such a process is needed for veterans, why was a polar bear sculpture not vetted in the same way?

Both items are roughly the same size, neither donated addition will cost taxpayers a dime to construct, and both will be placed on town land.

The Korean War was the first time the Cold War standoff between free, democratic nations and those living under communism flared into armed conflict. It would not be the last. Those who question the value of those fights need only look at the two Koreas.

We all hope that no other war memorial is ever needed. But in the future, all sculptures on town land, regardless of perceived political message, should face the same level of scrutiny. Certainly, memorials to Andover's fallen sons should not face a more difficult path than other ideas.

WEB QUESTION

What makes someone a townie?

Last week's *Andover Townsman* Web question was, "How do you feel about Valentine's Day?"

Less than 18.2 percent said, "Love it. I'm in a relationship."

Less than 4.6 percent said, "Love it. I'm single."

Exactly half of those responding said, "Don't care."

Less than 4.6 percent said, "Hate it. I'm in a relationship."

More than 13.6 said, "Hate it. I'm single."

The rest of those responding said, "Other."

This week's Web question is,

"What do you think makes someone a townie?"

■ That they were born in town.

■ That they love the town.

■ That generations of their family have lived here.

■ All of the above.

■ All of the above, for starters.

■ None of the above.

■ Other.

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THE GOOSE THAT GOT AWAY



Tim Jean/Staff photo

Bill Tanguay, left, and Alan Johnson of the Animal Rescue League of Boston's Rescue Services Department used a kayak and nets to attempt to rescue a goose on Friday. The goose, with an arrow through its breast, has been seen several times. The goose flew away.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Observations from a returning Andoverite

Editor, Townsman:

As a former Andoverite reconnecting after 43 years living in New York City, I've noticed changes in town, good, bad and questionable. My impression is I left a town and returned to a municipality. This town once had character with its persona of "hill, mill and till." It seems current Andover with its upwardly mobile citizens are shutting out those who don't have the means to keep up the town's voracious demands. The safety center on North Main is overkill. I visited the APD headquarters and was amazed you conduct business through an intercom and glass. I could go to any precinct in New York City and walk into an open station. The town has gobbled up some prime Pearson Street real estate for parking to satisfy town employees. It's a pity as several homes were architecturally sound. The former Friendly's site should have been captured rather than have another bank.

The school system is a huge bureaucracy compared to my day and its demands are confusing. Why do we need an assistant superintendent and why the request of an extra \$58,000 a head for nine plus personnel? I've caught a few TV shows starring the superintendent and pupils and am overwhelmed by the systems ambitions. My old high school is the new Town Hall and that makes sense. The old Town Hall with its attendant roof problem has debatable status, speaking of which: Who dreamt of polar bears? Where are the missing Civil War cannons that once flanked the front steps of Memorial Hall Library? Memorial was to remember the Civil War and any cannons would probably blow away polar bears.

Recent voting was a lamentable experience because of traffic jams at a centralized school location. I witnessed cars turning around on Stevens Street although maybe some were nonvoters. Voting should be accessible by districts. Schools could be used for voting and pupils should have the day off. I used to vote near the Peabody museum on Phillips Academy's campus. I strongly believe in more local community venues for town ser-

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vices. My house is close to the North Reading line and frankly I go south often, as getting downtown is a trip and a half. I don't see the relevance of the stores downtown. Unbelievable that a jewelry store dominates most of a block; Tiffany on Fifth Avenue pales to that frontage!

House architecture in Andover is now becoming sterile with vapid wasted space. New houses, apartment buildings and commercial seem to defy form and function. I thought my old neighborhood in Queens was bad with its new age design of turrets and columns from the McMansion school of architecture.

I can't wait to see what will be dreamt next by "town planners" that will cost the extra buck. I expect lit gas lamps in the downtown area. Will that require a lamp-lighter? Was it necessary to brick pedestrian crosswalks? What happened to painted lines? Improving traffic flow in the downtown shopping district would be better served if there weren't so many ways for pedestrians to wander into the street. Let them walk a bit extra. Seems Andover has the wish to be a town when it really is a municipal entity.

Robert J. Stefani
332 S. Main St.

CPA is proven match for our town

Editor, Townsman:

I support passage of the Community Preservation Act because it is a proven program that already provides state matching funds to one-

third of the communities in Massachusetts. Andover needs more money, and the CPA has a great track record, helping to fund affordable housing, historic preservation, and open space and recreation projects in 127 other communities. The CPA is a flexible tool that enables towns to enhance their communities in countless ways, from building new playing fields to funding the costs of historic building repair and renovation (avoiding sudden repairs like the Town House roof). Examples abound — take a look at www.AndoverCPA.org for more information.

Taxes are always hard to swallow, but as approved by Town Meeting, the CPA offers three important exemptions from the 1 percent surcharge on property tax: for the first \$100,000 of each property's value; for low-income households; and for seniors meeting certain income criteria.

This means that for a small surcharge (less than \$60 for the average household), and with the state match, the town will have more than \$1.2 million per year that can be used for qualifying projects, with all expenditures approved at Town Meeting. CPA can help fund the cost of renovating Memorial Auditorium; we can develop new playing fields to replace those at the landfill; we can fund essential repairs to affordable housing units; and we can leverage CPA funds through private and government grants that use CPA funds as seed money. Even with more towns participating and a slow real estate market, the 2009 state match (from a dedicated fund) is predicted to be 50 to 75 percent — where else can we get that type of return on our hard-earned tax dollars?

Please join me in supporting the CPA on March 25.

Amy Janovsky
6 Snowberry Road

Time for paid, elected leaders to decide

Editor, Townsman:

The town leadership should be commended for asking each department to identify budget cuts that, in theory, would be made in the absence of an override. That said, the exercise overlooks an important aspect of any budgeting process: prioritization. Making cuts proportional to every department's

overall budget ignores that not every fiscal expenditure is of equal importance or contributes equal value. For instance, if our family has an unbalanced budget, no one would expect that we reduce our budgets for necessities like food, shelter and clothing proportionately to reducing our budgets for dinners out, entertainment and other luxuries. While, instinctively, we might take aim at our mortgage, a large budget item, more likely we would focus our cost-cutting efforts on items that are less critical to our family's well-being.

Likewise, the budget for our public schools is an easy target because it is so large. But even if you do not have children attending Andover public schools, you probably place the school budget at or near the top of the priority list because our schools are a huge reason why Andover property values remain so high, even in a down market. (Andover was recently described on NPR as a "trophy community" whose property values are weathering the real estate storm.) This is good for everyone. To slash the school budget proportionately to its size relative to other budgets makes as little sense as slashing a household housing budget for the same reason. We are not suggesting that the school budget should be free from all scrutiny or cuts; surely there are areas where money is not being well spent. But does anyone really think it is acceptable for our schools to run out of basic supplies before the school year ends? Or that during a national epidemic of child obesity (not to mention increased competitiveness in college admissions), high school athletic programs should be eliminated?

It is time for the town leadership to do what they are either paid or elected to do: make common-sense decisions commensurate with town priorities. Until that happens, as much as we might disagree with the cuts to be made, we cannot support an override that is nothing more than an easy way out of a complex and difficult problem. We do not pay or elect our leaders to take the easy way out. If they choose to do so, we should all reconsider whether they deserve to remain in their positions.

Trevor W. Barcelo
Tracey E. Spruce
23 Woodhaven Drive

THURSDAY FILE

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

Look, I don't want to wax philosophic, but I will say that if you're alive you've got to flap your arms and legs, you've got to jump around a lot, for life is the very opposite of death, and therefore you must at very least think noisy and colorfully, or you're not alive.
- Mel Brooks

Choosing a goal and sticking to it changes everything.
- Scott Reed

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.

Thus the little minutes,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity.
- Julia A. Fletcher

To do things today exactly the way you did them yesterday saves thinking.
- Woodrow Wilson

She lacks confidence, she craves admiration insatiably. She lives on the reflections of herself in the eyes of others. She does not dare to be herself.
- Anaïs Nin

We all choke, and the man who says he doesn't choke is lying like hell.
- Lee Trevino

Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine our deeds.
- George Eliot

Everyone must row with the oars he has.
- English proverb

He who walks in the middle of the road gets hit from both sides.
- George P. Schultz

Most men fail, not through lack of education, but from lack of dogged determination, from lack of dauntless will.
- Orison Swett Marden

Every man should be born again on the first day of January. Start with a fresh page. Take up one hole more in the buckle if neces-

sary, or let down one, according to circumstances; but on the first of January let every man gird himself once more, with his face to the front, and take no interest in the things that were and are past.
- Henry Ward Beecher

Don't worry about the world coming to an end today. It's already tomorrow in Australia.
- Charles M. Schulz

Time has no divisions to mark its passage, there is never a thunderstorm or blare of trumpets to announce the beginning of a new month or year. Even when a new century begins it is only we mortals who ring bells and fire off pistols.
- Thomas Mann

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Talks finished: Korean War monument a go for Park

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

Roughly one in 10 Andover residents served in the Korean War. Four Andover men were killed in action.

"We need to recognize that," said town Veterans Director Michael Burke. "That's your neighbor. That's your mechanic. Everyone had somebody serving in the Korean War."

Andover's Korean War veterans will be recognized, after an updated plan to erect a Korean War monument within The Park downtown was approved by the Board of Selectmen on Feb. 13. The monument will be dedicated on Memorial Day, May 26.

"We're looking forward to it," said Burke. "They've been waiting a long time."

The decision to erect the monument comes after veterans lobbied for two years to be recognized for their wartime service with a structure they believe is appropriate. Currently a bronze plaque on a rock on the Ballardvale Green noting the men who were killed in the



Earl "Gill" Efinger, 74, a former Marine and Korean War veteran and member of the Korean War Memorial Committee, stands next to the small memorial dedicated to Vietnam and Korean war veterans on the Ballardvale Green.

Korean and Vietnam wars is the only monument for Korean War veterans. Vietnam veterans received a monument of their own in 2006. A monument to World War II veterans, built in 2004, also stands in The Park.

"It was a long process," said Ko-

rean War veteran Earl Efinger, 74, who served on a veterans committee that helped see the project through to completion. "I had a strong feeling that the town would do the right thing."

The Korean War monument will be erected in southwest section of

The Park, near Town Offices and Bartlet Street.

Burke said several meetings were held with the town's Design Review Board before a final design was agreed upon. Members of the town's Preservation Committee, Patriotic Holiday Committee and Ballardvale Historic District Commission were consulted during the last several months, he said.

"I just knew they needed to be involved and have input," said Burke. "Any design we brought through, they needed an opportunity to weigh in on it."

Since the fall, Design Review Board member Judith Holt has worked closely with Burke and Korean War veterans to finalize a new design.

The shape of the six-foot-tall stone monument was selected to abstractly mimic the shape of the Korean peninsula, while a line across the front and different textures represent the 38th Parallel separating North and South Korea, Holt said.

"It went from being a rectangle to this pointed shape that I think will

HONORING FOUR WHO HAVE FALLEN

The new monument recognizes the four residents killed in action during the Korean War:

- John P. Andonian, 21, Army, May 1951
- Frederick H. Gravis Jr., 25, Army, October 1950
- Donald W. Lee Jr., 19, Marines, February 1953
- Samuel F. Turner, 21, Army, June 1951

be more attractive from afar," said Holt.

The location of the monument and accompanying bench was also chosen with care.

"We just felt it provided the nicest setting for it, where the trees and the landscape could provide for a nice sanctuary," said Design Review Board Chairwoman Ann Constantine. "It's a part of history and it should be a place for everybody to learn about the conflict."

The monument's location is also

the original one proposed by Efinger, who said the Korean War veterans were persuaded initially to erect their monument in Ballardvale.

"It was frustrating at times," said Efinger.

"In all fairness, I'm glad they're doing what they're doing," he said. "There should be an oversight committee to oversee monuments. They really, in the end, helped us through the process."

Margaret Doherty Chambers and Richard Chambers will pay for the \$22,000 monument, which will honor American veterans who "waited in the shadows" after coming home from battle after World War II and before the controversial conflict in Vietnam, according to Burke.

Hired by the town in May, Burke said that one of his first-year goals as veterans director was to finalize the plans for a Korean War monument.

"The monument we have is actually the culmination of a lot of work," he said. "We have a meaningful monument. It's going to be in a meaningful place that people can see."

New assessor will judge value of Andover homes, businesses

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A new person will be in charge of judging what your property is worth.



David Billard

Selectmen unanimously approved David Billard as the new town assessor. Billard will replace Bruce Symmes, who is retiring after eight years in Andover.

Billard arrives from the same job in Reading at a tough time for any assessor, because Andover will go through a re-evaluation this spring, which happens every three years. The value of every property — from residential to commercial buildings — must be re-assessed at a time when, nationally, real estate values have been crashing and the economy has a dismal outlook.

"It's a big, big year. He's going to have a big work load," said Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, who recom-

mended Billard to the selectmen on Feb. 6. "The big issue will be with the falling (real estate) values, making sure the analysis is done properly and taking the time to get it right. He is up for the challenge."

"His biggest piece will be being able to estimate what our new growth will be, with new homes and new businesses in town. The new growth plays a huge role in next year's budget. We needed someone that was pretty experienced and knew the area," said Brian Major, selectmen chairman.

Billard said he's ready for the challenge.

"I'm looking forward to a change. I've been in Reading for 15½ years, so a new town is exciting to me. I'm looking forward to working with the financial team and assessment devising. They seem like all very knowledgeable and professional people," said Billard.

Billard, 47, lives in Gloucester. He holds a degree in economics/econometrics from Suffolk University.

"Reading, although somewhat smaller than the town of Andover, has a very diverse class of property. He was with the

Department of Revenue for four years, which controls the assessment process across the Commonwealth. He knows the people there, knows the concerns, issues and analysis they need to have from a municipality," Stapeczynski said.

Symmes, chief assessor in Andover since June 1999, gave notice during the summer. A committee reviewed resumes, interviewed about a half-dozen candidates and gave Stapeczynski the top three. After meeting them, Stapeczynski submitted Billard to the selectmen.

"We're pretty excited to bring him on board. He comes with some real strong credentials from Reading. Knowing this area, he should be able to hit the ground running, and he's going to need to, because we have a re-evaluation this year," Major said. "He'll be working hard. People in Reading had said they're losing a great candidate and we're getting a great candidate. It was an easy decision."

Symmes has been filling in until his replacement's arrival.

He has no big plans for retirement, but will "see where life takes me," he said.

ABOUT DAVID BILLARD

- **Start date:** Feb. 28
- **Background:** Worked in Reading assessor's office since 1992. Previously worked at Massachusetts Department of Revenue, bureau of local assessment, providing property assessment support to cities and towns, assisting with valuations, recertifications and data analysis.
- **Personal:** Unmarried, 47, lives in Gloucester
- **Why apply for the Andover job? How will it be different than Reading?** "Andover represents a really good career move for me. It's a bigger town and higher pay," he said. "The responsibilities are kind of the same, but it's a much bigger town than Reading. Andover is much higher in median values and median taxes."
- **What is your favorite part of being an assessor?** "All of the sales analysis. I tend to be more of a numbers person — with my background in statistics I tend to enjoy that part of it," he said. "I majored in economics, so my favorite subjects have always been math and theory. Assessing has enough numbers to keep it concrete, and enough theory to keep it interesting."
- **What's your favorite part of being an assessor?** "I've been involved in assessing ever since I got out of college. It is really kind of a live market to watch."

ABOUT BRUCE SYMMES

- **Retirement date:** His last day on the job is Feb. 22
- **Background:** Started career in Danvers assessor's office in 1971; became Andover chief assessor in June 1999
- **Personal:** Lives in Danvers
- **What's been the favorite part of your job in Andover?** "My office staff. Everyone knows what they're doing and everyone does a great job," he said.
- **What's the biggest challenge in being chief assessor?** "Just dealing with the people, because owning residential property is an emotional thing more than a valuation thing. The toughest thing now is the economy. You've got budgets getting tighter, but valuation problems getting as bad as they've been in years," he said.
- **What's your favorite part of being an assessor?** "We're required to update property values every year, and it's just more and more work. When the market goes up or the market goes down it affects our job. By law we always have to be looking a year behind — the 2006 sales were higher than 2007, people are looking at a value that's one year out of date."
- **Advice to David Billard?** "To rely on his office staff, because they know the community as well as anybody," Symmes said.

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Townspeople

What makes a townie, a townie?

Townie. The word can spark warm memories — or heated words. Some love to consider themselves townies and take pride in their Andover heritage. Others consider the tag to be a put-down, as if to be a townie means you have only parochial interests.

But just what is a townie? Ask 10 residents and you might get 10 answers. We've tried.

For some, to be a townie, you had to be born in town. As in, *in town* — not in a hospital in a neighboring city. For others, you had to go to school in Andover and remain here to raise your family. For still other people, being a townie isn't about so much about where you live now, it's about where your heart is.

“I think a townie belongs to a town. It's a love of the land, places and people,” says Judy (West) Stevens, who spent 16 years away from Andover and has spent 49 in town. “It's a place you belong and I think you can become a townie at any given time in your life and you don't have to live here forever to be one.”

Whatever your definition, we suspect you might agree with former resident Cathy Wojtkun, now of Nashua, N.H., who says her mom, Janina Wojtkun, was a *true* Andover townie. Her mom was born in town and hosted hundreds of people each Thanksgiving who would come to their home for hot punch during half-time of the Thanksgiving football game.

However, that's not the reason she was a dyed-in-the-wool townie. “When she was pregnant with my younger brother, Joe, she purposely did not wake my father up to take her to Lawrence General Hospital. She was determined to have Joe born in Andover to carry on the tradition. She woke up my dad a few minutes before Joe was born and as Dr. Ceplikas was rushing to the front door at 2 a.m., Dad delivered Joe, and thus Joe was one more true Andover townie,” Wojtkun wrote to columnist Bill Dalton.

“Mom and Joe were taken to Lawrence General in the ambulance, and Mom soon discovered that Joe's birth was registered as Lawrence. She personally went up to the Town Hall with Joe in her arms, and all of us behind her, and strongly defended his right to be documented as born in Andover. She fought the battle and won!

“Joe was then and now, an official Andover-born townie. Joe passed away a few years ago from cancer, but my Mom still lives in Sarasota, Fla., still claiming Andover as her birthplace and home,” she says.

— Neil Fater, editor

Here's what some others think:

Dana Wilson

Andover native
Lived here most of his life
Owner of Raspberries Eatery
“The true test is if you know what a chicken barb is,” says Wilson. “That's a phenomenon within a five-mile radius of where we're standing.”

(Explanation for non-townies: a chicken barb is a shredded chicken sandwich, with no connection to barbecue or barbecue sauce at all.)

Being a townie means “spending your formative years growing up here, going to public schools. Having some roots here as well. It's a generational thing: my generation remembers what the Andover Co-op was, or going to Lawrence to the Den (a restaurant). There's a certain camaraderie and respect for each other,” says Wilson. “Townies stick around. Your roots are still here. My life is here.”

Arthur Glines

Born and raised in Andover, raised his family in town
Now of Methuen
Glines was spending time at the Senior Center drop-in center at the Town House (Old Town Hall to non-townies) on Main Street
“I just know I'm not a townie. I've only been here 53 years and had to get permission to come here for coffee.”

Janet Wallace

Andover resident all her life
“A critical component of being a townie — how about longevity?” she says, referring to families who have lived in Andover for several generations. She and her husband Norman “never having left probably puts us in the elite category of townie. My dad still lives in his home on Route 133 that he built himself and will turn 95 in April,” she says. “An added note: I never even left Andover for work reasons.”



In this photo from 2007, Dana Wilson, owner of Raspberries Eatery, talks about photographer Richard Graber, who captured scenes of Andover during several decades. Wilson says, “Townies stick around.”

TIM JEAN/Staff photo

HOW DO YOU DEFINE “A TOWNIE”?

Are you one? We want your response. Go online and click on the story “What makes a townie, a townie?” Check back regularly to see the latest responses.



Courtesy photos

James “Jimmy” Carmichael

James ‘Jimmy’ Carmichael, 86,

of Whittier Street
Lifelong Andover resident
“You have to be born in Andover and lived here all your life. And, I mean born here, not at the Lawrence (General) Hospital. My mother came in from plowing the fields, had me, and went back to work. That's a townie.”

Bart Stefani

Born here, current resident
Lived in Andover for 32 years
Lived in New York City for 43 years
“The definition should include those who know the town with its idiosyncrasies, its characters, history, participation in the education process [i.e. schools] — which brings me to the definition of townie as seen from a Phillips Academy student's viewpoint: the local yokels.”
As a Phillips student, he says, “You probably knew kids that you went to school with that went to P.A. and they might have referred to you as a townie, even though they were also townies according to the boarding student. Talk about class distinction.”

Herb Muller

Nearly a lifelong town resident
“I was born in Andover, was raised here and then went into the service. And I lived in Hawaii for five years. But I came back, so I think I am a townie.”

Karen Courtenay

Has lived in town for 42 years
Lived out of town for 26 years
“I consider myself a townie, and I lived in North Reading until I was 7, although I attended Andover schools from age 5. Furthermore, I was gone from Andover from age 16 to 39. (I) have been back here for 28 years, though, and never lost my connection to the town, even though as a teenager I had the usual fervent desire to get out of it forever.
“My parents, born in Lawrence, met, courted, and married in Andover; when I returned to Andover in 1979, I had six sets of relatives living here. It wouldn't occur to me to claim any other place as home, not even Los Angeles, where I



Illustration by Don Mathias

“Townies lived in shanty town or Salem Street, they were ‘Vale’ kids or lived in the corporate town housing of Shawsheen. His/her lineage meant squat.” — Mike Barry

lived for 14 years after college. Yes, I'm a Mayflower descendant, and one of my ancestors was among the founders of Andover in the mid-1600s, but that's irrelevant for townie status.

“I think where you attended school (not college) tends to make you a townie.”

Mike Barry

Born in Andover
Resident of Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
“A townie can be living in Ketchikan, Ark., Sturgeon Bay, Wis., or Hollywood, Calif., but when you speak of home it is the place of your birth or where your fondest memories lie. Mayflower lineage has no place in the heart of true townie but swimming at Poms Pond, belonging to the Andover Youth Center (the guild), putting pennies on the tracks off Harding Street, remembering hockey pucks from Tyer Rubber, or getting fish at Rickey's truly means something. Townies lived in shanty town or Salem Street, they were ‘Vale’ kids or lived in the corporate town housing of Shawsheen. His/her lineage meant squat, whether they had parents of considerable wealth or dire poverty, the memories in their heart constitute what a true townie is.”

Billy Gallant

Born in Andover
Lifelong resident
“What are the rules for being an ‘Andover townie’? Let me try: You had to go to public school. When you are young you have to have had a disdain for PA students (pure jealousy).
“For older townies: You must know who General Cox is. You must know who the Barron was.
“While growing up you must feel Shawsheen, The Vale and West Andover are considered foreign countries
“Know that no matter where you end up in life that Andover is the greatest town and you always want to come back.”

Ginny Reck

Has lived in Andover a total of 54 years
Spent 8 years elsewhere
Spends half of year in Florida
“I always felt like a townie because I was raised in Andover and my parents were raised in Andover. My grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins lived in

Andover. Some of my teachers also taught my parents, aunts and uncles. So being a townie means that my family and I have roots and history in Andover.

“As I drive into town, I feel like I am at home even when I am not a full time resident of Andover. In total I have lived in Andover and have had a house there for 54 years. If that doesn't qualify me as a townie, I don't know what would.”

Barbara Kennedy

Andover native, graduate of St. Augustine and Andover High schools
Lived in Michigan for a few years after getting married, then returned with her family
“I know I couldn't wait to get back to Andover to start my business, and bring my family up here, and re-felt like I belonged back here. This is where my family and good friends are, this is where my roots are. We all have a sense that this is where our roots are. It all boils down to family.”

Homer Judge

Lifelong town resident
Self-described townie
“I've been here 79 years, was born at the Lying Inn (a birthing facility formerly located at the corner of Burnham Road and York Street) and still live here in a rural part of town behind the Academy.”

Dave MacDonald, 84

With Homer Judge, a regular at the senior center drop-in
Born at home on North Main Street
Lived his whole life here except for his 3 1/2 years in the service
“Anyone who associates himself with the Academy is not a townie.”

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What's a townie? We all have our definitions

Bill Dalton



Joan Pa-trakis calls herself a “West Andover townie.” She was born and raised on a West Andover farm, graduated from Punchard High

School, lived in Andover almost all her life and is deeply involved in the Historical Society. Joan makes some good points about being a townie: 1) Social standing and the neighborhood you're from are irrelevant; 2) A townie can be born in Andover, raised in Andover, or lived all or most of her life here; 3) A townie must have first-hand knowledge of or connection to Andover's historical past.

TOWNIE RULES

1. If you are born in Andover, you are automatically a townie.
 2. When newcomers have children in Andover, those kids are townies.
 3. You can lose your “townieship.”
 4. You don't have to be born here to be a townie, but you'll have to pay your dues.
- Her comments got me thinking. Prior to writing this, I contacted several regular contributors to my column and asked them how we should define “townie.” I had an enthusiastic response. While we all realize that we're not

trying to find the Unified Theory of Physics, we can have some fun with our little subject and we might learn something — however small.

I've already learned something small: the Oxford English Dictionary, the final arbiter of words, prefers the spelling to be “towny.” (I rather agree.) The OED says that, in America, the word is used in several ways, two of which are relevant to our discussion. 1) In a university town, townie refers to the locals. 2) In a town, townie refers to a fellow townsman. This second definition will be subsumed by our overall discussion.

On the other end of the definition world, we have the useful Wikipedia. It adds a couple of definitions of townie. 1) In towns, it refers to someone who has not left the town he was born and raised in. 2) In rural areas, it refers to people from urban areas, especially people who move to the rural area and complain about smells. (I promise I'm not making this up.) Since, sadly, almost all of Andover's farms are gone, we don't have to address this last definition.

The OED's definition relative to university towns is helpful. Although we are not a university town, Phillips Academy is an integral part of Andover. My father grew up here at the beginning of the 20th century. Town kids were called “townies” by PA kids, sometimes signaling the beginning of a brawl. Loring Batchelder was a town kid who went to PA (class of '45) but lived at home. He was called a townie by his PA friends who lived at school. He said the word was descriptive and not pejorative. The OED says “towny” has been used in town/gown settings since 1852. We can assume the use of the word “townie” in Andover originated at PA.

No matter what its origin, the word as presently used by townspeople in Andover means, at the least, those who have a long-term, permanent attachment to the town. The genesis of this meaning logically occurred during the 20 years after World War II, when so many newcomers moved to town.

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SENIOR NOTES

Book Club will meet on Thursday, Feb. 28, the group will discuss "The Five People You Meet In Heaven" by Mitch Albom. Copies of the books are available for check-out at the center and all are welcome.

Men's Breakfast: "Holy Smoke" on Friday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$3. Advance reservations are required. Come meet Mike Mansfield, fire chief for the Town of Andover. Chief Mansfield will have a presentation and lecture on the latest fire fighting techniques.

"Armchair Travel" on Thursday, Feb. 21, as part of our Soup's On

series. Cost is \$2. Preregistration is required. Soup served at 12:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 1 p.m. Join the Retelles as they take us on some armchair travel to Maine, Nova Scotia and the Maritime Provinces.

Candidates' Forum: The Council on Aging Board will sponsor a candidates' forum for those running for town offices on Friday, March 7, at 9:30 a.m. Come hear what candidates running for moderator, selectmen, school committee & housing authority have to say. A continental breakfast will be served, and preregistration is appreciated.

BOOMERVENTURE

Energize with exercise: Get a great workout without going to the gym from March 13 through May 1 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. Build strength and flexibility with an exercise buffet. No prior experience required. Cost is \$45.

Serenity yoga: Delve into your yoga practice with a series of gentle postures to build strength, balance and flexibility of mind and body from March 13 through May 1 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Suitable for all levels. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Cost is \$45.

Boomer bridge: A beginning basic

bridge course covering modern bridge theory and play of the hand from April 3 through May 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Each lesson will combine lecture, discussion and plenty of time for putting new information in to real practice. Manual available at additional cost. Cost is \$150 for all eight weeks.

NOW - New Opportunities for Women: The first in an on-going dialogue about women reinventing themselves in the boomer years on Thursday nights from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Cost is \$20 for the series.

Schedule: Alexandra Mezey, life clarity coach, will start the dialogue the dialogue as we open Pandora's Box and explore your plans as you approach retirement on April 10. Gain new perspective on traditional retirement and generate possibilities for your post-career life; Attorney Debra Silberstein will plan ahead with us to maximize assets and examine our estate planning as we explore how philanthropic values and wealth are passed on with generation on April 17; Darin Courtney, director of Mutual Fund Services for AARP Finan-

cial, presents "Your Finances, Your World, Your Guide to Retirement Income Planning" on April 24. Hear AARP's seven tips to avoid common pitfalls as you near retirement.

All programs take place at the Andover Senior Center, 30 Whittier Court, and preregistration is required. Registration starts Feb. 28 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Fitness classes require a yearly health form. Light meals and chair massage available with 24-hour notice. For more information, call 978-623-8321 or visit www.boomerventure.com.

TOWNTALK



Courtesy photo

Several members of the Bradford Ski Team fared well at the recent Piche Qualifier meet at Ski Bradford on Feb. 11, earning spots to represent Massachusetts at the 2008 Francis Piche Invitational Championship at Gunstock next month. Pictured, back row, from left, are Jack Denley of Georgetown, Nicole Papamechail of Danvers, Kurt Geffken of Andover, Joey Cavallaro of North Andover, Dylan Taylor of Topsfield, Sara Heath of Andover; front row, from left, Julia Stackhouse of Reading, Kerry Christopher of Andover, Rachel Jean of Georgetown and Sara Bresette of Andover.

Ski Bradford's team hosts, performs well

Andover residents Sara Heath, Kerry Christopher, Sara Bresette and Kurt Geffken, members of the Bradford Ski Team, did well at the recent Piche Qualifier meet, held at Ski Bradford on Feb. 11. The youngsters each earned themselves a spot as one of 36 racers that will represent Massachusetts at the 2008 Francis Piche Invitational Championship at Gunstock in March.

At the qualifier, 130 racers skied for the 36 spots open on the Massachusetts state team.

The Piche championship is a regional alpine ski race that invites top racers from Massachusetts, Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, New York, Rhode Island,

Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Bradford Ski Team racers were able to clinch 10 of the 36 spots on the Massachusetts state team.

—Bethany Bray

State to have Web site listing unsafe toys?

Keeping tabs on unsafe children's products could become easier if the state legislature passes an act co-sponsored by Rep. Barry Finegold, according to the Andover resident and father of two young daughters, Ella, 2, and Ava, 4.

"It's something that affected me personally," said Finegold. "A couple of months ago I had to take away Tommy the Train from Ella. It's something that's scary."

Due to recent product recalls, Finegold said his family was forced to return a bib and toy train. But under "An Act Relative to Children's Safety," sponsored by Rep. James Vallee, D-Franklin, such products would be listed with others deemed unsafe on the Department of Public Health's Web site. Day care providers and pediatricians would also be notified under the act.

"The last thing you need to worry about is which toy you bought them, if it's safe," said Finegold. "This will be a way for people to check."

—Brian Messenger

Consciously connecting

Organizers of a folk concert held recently to raise money to reconnect a Samaritans hot line for

troubled teens may soon be looking for a phone number.

Organizer Noni Yount said \$850 was cleared at this month's concert featuring Bob Franke while another \$550 was sent to Ballardvale Church by people who simply want to help. That's \$1,400, with another \$2,500 needed to reconnect the hot line.

Another fundraiser, a yard sale, is set for May 17. Donations may be sent to Samaritans Teen Crisis Line, Family Service Inc., 430 N. Canal St., Lawrence, MA 01840.

—Judy Wakefield

Never too late

It's well after Christmas, but it's never too late for a Christmas gift. Especially one that says: You can go home again — and we'll help pay for it.

Jenny and Kelly Higgins and their children, Anna, 6, who goes to South Elementary School, and Charlie, 5, took part in a Christmas scavenger hunt when they visited relatives in Seattle, Wash., for the holidays.

They had to find 13 trees and 60 Nutcrackers and have their "passport" stamped when they did. Those who succeeded were entered in a drawing and the Higgins' passport was pulled as a winner. The event raised money for health-related services in the city.

The family has won a \$1,000 prize package, including a two-night motel stay, dinner and a car service that can be used for the family's next trip to see relatives in Seattle.

—Judy Wakefield



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

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

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

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. Founded by late entertainer Danny Thomas and based in Memphis, Tennessee, St. Jude freely shares its discoveries with scientific and medical communities around the world. No family ever pays for treatments not covered by insurance, and families without insurance are never asked to pay. St. Jude is financially supported by ALSAC, its fundraising organization. For more information, please visit www.stjude.org.

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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OBITUARY

James E. Twohig, 92

DENNIS — James E. "Jim" Twohig, 92, of Dennis, and Hollywood, Fla., formerly of Lynn, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Feb. 9, 2008 at Cape Cod Hospital.

Born in Lynn in 1915, he was the son of the late Edward James Julia Belle Twohig. Jim attended schools in Lynn and graduated with honors from Lynn Classical High School in 1937 where he was the leading scorer and captain for the basketball team his junior and senior year.

At Salem Normal School Jim continued to dominate on the basketball court. In his senior year as captain, Jim led his team to the New England Basketball Championship by beating the Division - Boston University team. He was later named to the College All New England Team. After graduating from Salem in 1937, Jim returned to Lynn Classical where he worked as a teacher and basketball coach from 1940 to 1953.

From 1955 to 1966 Jim continued his career as a teacher and basketball coach at Salem State College. His dedication and loyalty as a coach and player are honored annually in the presentation of the James Twohig Award to an outstanding basketball player.

In 1986 Jim was inducted into the Salem State College Athletic Hall of Fame because of his athletic accomplishments, integrity, sportsmanship and character. In 2001 Jim's many contributions to Salem State College as an outstanding athlete, coach and alumnus were recognized in the naming of the gymnasium at the O'Keefe Center as the James Twohig Gymnasium.

During World War II he served as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific. Jim's public service career included the school committee, a councilor at large and city assessor for Lynn, and many years

of service to the YMCA. Throughout his life Jim remained an avid fan of the Boston Celtics, the Red Sox and the Patriots and every summer he enjoyed the college baseball teams in the Cape Cod League.

He had a special affection for horses and watched them race across the country. Since his retirement Jim traveled as much as he could always visiting with friends wherever possible.

Jim's extended family grew as he shared his warmth, wit and affection with those who surrounded him. Survived by his daughter, Kathleen Salvi and her husband Walter; his son, Kevin Twohig and his wife Joann of Andover; his son, Mark Twohig of North Carolina; his step son, Dr. Walter Murphy and his wife Linda of Plymouth; his step daughter, Ann Malbon and her husband Lee of North Smithfield, R.I.; 11 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and his companion, Dorothy Tanco of Dennis.

Predeceased by his wife Ruth Twohig, his wife Frances Murphy and his daughter, Jane Twohig Perrin.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 23, 2008 at 10 a.m. in the St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Salem State College Athletics c/o Tim Shea, Salem State College, 352 Lafayette St., Salem, MA 01970. Burial will be private.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago

William B. Cheever of T.A. Holt Co.'s store has been ill this week with the grip.

Alexander Lindsay has purchased a fine new ice bout for winter sport on Martin's pond.

Dr. Arthur H. Cutter of Lawrence will lecture in the South church on Sunday evening on "Ventilation, Personal Hygiene and Baths." Cordial invitation to all to attend this medical lecture.

A number of local people attended the athletic meet which was held in the City Hall, Lawrence, Wednesday evening.

75 Years Ago

Misses Marilyn Hughes and Doris McDonnell, operators at the telephone exchange, are back at their duties after an illness.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Baker of Billerica, first couple married by Rev. Frederick A. Wilson, celebrated their golden anniversary last Monday.

John Martin, recreation specialist of the National Recreation association, New York City, has been secured as instructor in games, stunts, and crafts, for the recreation institute opening Thursday morning, Feb. 9, at Andover Guild. The institute will last for three days closing at noon Sat-

urday. It will be conducted for interested men and women throughout the community free of charge.

Andover's fire loss for 1932 was over a fifty per cent drop from that of a year ago, according to the chief of the fire department's annual report.

Twenty-two more names were added to the voters' lists Tuesday night as a result of a meeting of the Board of Registrars held in Ballardvale.

The Andover School Committee last night refused to change its stand on the eight percent salary cut which went into effect Jan. 1.

Andover's political race gathered momentum during the past week when a few more candidates took out nomination papers.

50 Years Ago

Dino G. Valz of Stratford Road has announced his candidacy for the School Committee. The three candidates are seeking the two seats open this year.

March of Dimes contributions to date amount \$3,716, according to Co-Chairman Woodrow Crowley. The sum of \$3,590 was collected last year.

A senior at Phillips Academy - William H. Weihofen - is one of the 40 students selected, from

among 25,039 original contestants, to receive honors in the 17th annual Westinghouse science talent search.

Spirited contests for six elective offices will highlight the town election March 3. And in addition, the town manger question, defeated a year ago, will again be on the ballot for voter decision.

25 Years Ago

Houses may be rising on the "Tea Lots" in Ballardvale in the spring if the planning board gives final approval.

A group of Andover teens who formed a band are determined to "make it" and are playing dates in the area.

Andover police will begin enforcing new traffic and parking regulations in the downtown area.

Andover landowners interested in selling residential parcels of no more than two acres may find a buyer in the Massachusetts Division of Capital Planning and Operations.

Getting people involved was the topic of discussion when John

Slavin, chairman of the Secondary School Study Committee, presented to the school committee on Jan. 25 a draft questionnaire through which students, parents, staff and citizens will rate the effectiveness of Andover's secondary schools.

10 Years Ago

If there were any doubts that tension within the Andover Police Department over the selection of a new chief has entered public consciousness, they were dispelled Friday. Boosting the department's morale was one of the chief issues on the minds of a group of Andover leaders, gathered by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski last week, to discuss what they would like to see in the next chief.

If you look for Claudia Bach next fall, the last place you can expect to find her is in the Andover schools superintendent's office. That's even if she is in fact hired as Andover's new superintendent of schools. Bach, now a superintendent in Milton-Freewater, Ore., said she would spend most of her time in the classrooms and in the community.

—Compiled by Michelle Wiener

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When one person in a marriage wants to have counseling against the wishes of the other, coming to therapy can become an issue. Mr. MacGillivray says that the person who wants to come to counseling can feel powerless. However, he says that one person doing therapy is likely to change the dynamics of

the marriage.

"Marriage is a living, breathing thing. The quality of the relationship is what each brings to it. Those pieces that haven't been resolved in each of us get played out in relationships. When we do work on inner issues, that will shift some of the behaviors in the relationship. People can make changes in what they experience and can learn to behave and respond differently to things that happen in a way that works better for them. A lot of behavior is habitual - done without awareness. The questions for awareness are 'what and how.' What are you doing that's not working for you and how are you doing that? What follows? What is the conse-



quence (everything has a consequence - nothing's for nothing)? And what does work and how do you do that? My job is to get you to think about yourself in ways you haven't thought before. Increased self awareness helps people make changes in problem-solving strategies," he has said.

"When I'm asked, 'Why should I be the one who has to

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Obituaries

Frances B. Campbell, 84



ANDOVER — Frances B. (Byrne) Campbell, 84, of Andover, died Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 at Caritas Holy Family Hospital, Methuen.

She was born in Andover on Sept. 9, 1923.

She was a member and Eucharistic Minister at St. Augustine Church in Andover.

Frances was a member of the Andover Senior Center, Andover Historical Society, the Hybernians, and the Red Hat Club.

The widow of Robert J. Campbell Sr., she is survived by two daughters, Eileen Soucy of Lon-

donderry, N.H. and Maureen Landry and her husband Richard of Windham, N.H.; two sons, Robert J. Campbell Jr. and his wife Alice of Andover and Frank Campbell and his wife Renee of Northfield, N.H.; eight grandchildren, Jay, Michael, and Caitlin Soucy, Jen, Rich, and Elizabeth Landry, and Erin and Chrissy Campbell; several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a funeral Mass on Thursday, Feb. 21 at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Calling hours were Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery.

Cecile M. Guy, 90



NORTH ANDOVER — Cecile M. (Cote) Guy, 90, of North Andover, died Friday, Feb. 15, 2008 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Cecile was born on Dec. 24, 1918 to the late Joseph and Valentine (Poulin) Cote. Cecile was a long-time North Andover resident. She was born and raised in Lawrence and was a homemaker.

The widow of the late Edward Guy, who died in 1984, she is survived by her daughters, Cecile Albert and her husband Roger of Methuen, Margaret Contarino and her husband Peter of Salem, N.H. and Annette Kotzian and her husband Bruce of Minnesota. She is also survived by her sons, Edward J.

Guy Jr. and his wife Eileen of Methuen, Philip Guy and his wife Elizabeth of Lowell, Raymond Guy and his wife Bonnie of Methuen, Joseph Guy and his wife Jan of Methuen and Thomas Guy of Florida. Also among her survivors are her sisters, Doris Godin and Marie Bernard and her husband Leo, all of Andover; 25 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; as well as several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be offered on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, North Andover. Burial will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover. Family and friends may call on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. For directions or to offer on-line condolences please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Rose M. Burdon, 84

ANDOVER — Rose M. (Perry) Burdon, 84, of Andover, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008 at Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born in Stirling, Scotland, Dec. 4, 1923.

She was formerly employed by Sun Life of Canada, where she was an executive assistant.

She was a member of West Parish Church, Andover Newcomers Club, and Empty Nesters of Andover.

She is survived by her husband, Derek Burdon of Andover; a daughter, Diane M. Sullivan and her husband Michael of Ipswich; two sons, Derek R. Burdon and

Bethanie J. Warnock of Florham Park, N.J. and Peter D. Burdon and his wife Allison of Bedford, N.H.; seven grandchildren, Allison and Caley Sullivan, Kayla, Tyler, Perry, Graham and Brooke Burdon.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to meet at the Chapel at West Parish Garden Cemetery on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. for a memorial service to start at 11 a.m. There are no calling hours. Cremation will take place at Linwood Crematory. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in her memory to the National Kidney Foundation, 85 Astor Ave., Suite 2, Norwood, MA 02062-504.

Anthony J. Noon Jr.



NEWTON, N.H. — After a long illness, Anthony J. (Tony) Noon Jr., of Newton, N.H., passed peacefully surrounded by his

loving family on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008.

Tony was the husband of Paula A. (Webb) Noon and the father of Anthony J. (Tony) Noon III of Andover and Matthew M. Noon of Manchester, N.H. His immediate family includes a wonderful daughter-in-law, Heather and two beautiful granddaughters, Mollie Lynne and Maggie Glen of Manchester, N.H.

Tony, known for his hunter-orange hat and custom blue and white painted truck attended Amesbury schools and was a graduate of Haverhill Trade School.

He was a skilled carpenter and craftsman. Tony was a member of the Haverhill-Lawrence Carpenter's Union for 30 years. His love of wood-working and wooden boats lead to establishing his own business on the Merrimack River in Amesbury, A.J. Noon Jr. Woodworking. Tony primarily built and repaired wooden boats for several years. He was also known for the steam-bent wooden children's sleds and toboggans he handmade.

Tony loved the outdoors. He was an avid skier, sailor, hunter and fisherman. His love of the Merrimack River was central to his life and to those whom he surrounded himself. His laughter was strong,

his love deep, and he was a straight forward man.

Tony was the son of the late Anthony J. and Virginia M. (Kimball) Noon and brother of the late Donald R. Noon. Besides his wife and immediate family he is also survived by three brothers, M. Ralph Noon of Amesbury, Stephen P. Noon and his wife Martha of Amesbury and John P. Noon and his wife Linda of Yarmouth Port, England; three sisters, Jane E. Noon-Durgin and her husband William of Candia, N.H., Virginia Noon and her husband Sidi Ould Boyah of Amesbury and Kristin M. Noon-Batmaca and her husband Murat of Amesbury; father and mother-in-law, Glen and Lucille Webb of Hampton, N.H.; brother-in-law, G. Mark Webb of Seabrook, N.H.; and sisters-in-law, Pamela Noon of South Hampton, N.H., Pamela Hanson and her husband Roger of Bolder, Colo. and Sandra Hammond of Terrell, Texas. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a funeral Mass of Christian burial on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Joseph's Upper Church of the Holy Family Parish, School Street, Amesbury. Burial will follow in Union Cemetery, Amesbury. Calling hours will be Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the E.V. Jutras & Sons Funeral Home, 118 Friend St., Amesbury. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made in Tony's memory to Aplastic Anemia & MDS International Foundation, P.O. Box, 613 Annapolis, MD 21404.

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Mary J. Centrella, 82



WILMINGTON — Mary J. Centrella, 82, of Wilmington, died at the Winchester Hospital, Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 following a lengthy illness.

She was the beloved wife of John A. Centrella with who she shared 50 years of marriage.

Born in Athol, she was the daughter of the late Giuseppe and Giovina (Sabone) Masiello.

Mary was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She cherished time spent with her loving grandchildren and enjoyed cooking for her family and also enjoyed tending to her garden.

In addition to her beloved husband John, Mrs. Centrella is survived by her devoted daughters, Lillian Montalto of Andover and

Carole Keller of Reading. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Michael, Amanda and John Monge and great-grandchildren, Alex and Michael. She is further survived by her brother, Anthony Masiello of Medford and many cherished nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by her brother, the late Francis Masiello.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral will be held from the Dello Russo-Cavanaugh Funeral Home, 374 Main St., Wilmington, Wednesday at 11 a.m. followed by a funeral Mass celebrated in St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 126 Middlesex Ave., Wilmington, at noon. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Visiting hours Tuesday 4 to 8 p.m. Services will conclude with burial at Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the Wilmington Fire Dept., 1 Adelaide St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

Frank T. De Rosa, 80

ANDOVER — Frank T. De Rosa, 80, of Andover, died Monday, Feb. 11, 2008 at his residence.

Born in Boston on April 20, 1927, Frank graduated Jamaica Plain High School and attended Vesper George Art School. He served in the U.S. Army in Korea.

Frank was employed as a sign painter at Western Electric and AT&T for 30 years.

His family was his life and world. Our world is forever diminished. He is now in the cradle of the universe with the wind at his back.

Frank is survived by his wife Jean A. (Mc Sherry) De Rosa of Andover, his daughter Bonnie De Rosa of Cambridge Mass two sons, Tim De Rosa and his wife Barbara of Las Vegas and

Thomas De Rosa of Andover. Also among his survivors are his two brothers, Anthony De Rosa and his wife Patricia of Chatham, and Peter De Rosa and his wife Denise of Dorchester. Frank is also survived by his two grandchildren, Nicole Dee and Rachel De Rosa and his mother-in-law Isabelle Mc Sherry of Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 at 2 p.m. at the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Advocacy Center, 200 North Glebe Road, Suite 730, Arlington, VA; or Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg. 9, Lawrence, MA 01843. To offer online condolences or for directions, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Phuocnam Yip, 85



ANDOVER — Phuocnam Yip, 85, of Andover, died Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008 at Lawrence General Hospital.

He was born in Vietnam on Oct. 26, 1922 to Yuk and Linam (Shen) Yip.

Mr. Yip attended schools in Vietnam and owned and operated a lumber shop in Saigon, Vietnam for over 30 years.

He is survived by his loving wife-Chien Chan Yeh of Andover, three sons, Chenkuo Yeh and his wife Yuh of Andover, Tingkuo Yeh of Edison, N.J., and Changkuo Yeh and his wife Jessi of North Andover, three

daughters, Weilan Fong and her husband Singkit, Chinlan Lo and her husband Sam of Edison, N.J., and Peilan Wei and her husband Andy of Edison, N.H., and a brother Phuocchi Yip of Atlantic City, N.J. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and many cousins. Mr. Yip was preceded in death by two sisters.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen, on Saturday, Feb. 16, 2008 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Cemetery in Tewksbury. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to Lawrence General Hospital, 1 General St., Lawrence, MA 01841. Please visit www.cataudella.com to view this obituary or to place an online condolence.

Barbara E. Haefling, 79



ANDOVER — Barbara Ellen (Anderson) Haefling died Wednesday, Feb. 13, 2008 at home surrounded by her family, after a long

courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Mrs. Haefling was born in Stewart Run, Pa. on Feb. 27, 1928, daughter of the late Samuel and Twila (Thomas) Anderson. She graduated from Tionesta High School, Tionesta, Pa., and attended Clarion State Teachers College, Pa.

She had been a resident of Andover for 56 years. She was the loving wife of Robert Henry Haefling who died June 3, 2001. She was a bookkeeper for the Andover Shop in Andover for over 20 years.

Mrs. Haefling was a 50-year member of West Parish Church in Andover. She enjoyed participating in all aspects of church life. She was a member of the Andover Seniors Sunrise Singers and a member of the Andover Sister Town Association. She also volunteered for the Samaritans. Mrs. Haefling

loved to bowl and was an avid Red Sox fan.

Her surviving family members are her daughters, Beverly Ellen Call and husband Thomas of Windham, N.H., Cynthia Ann Stinson and husband The Rev. Dr. J. David Stinson of Glen Ridge, N.J. and Andrea Jean Haefling of Andover. Her grandchildren, Abigail Aldous and husband Michael, Thomas C. Call, Hannah E., Phoebe C., Jesse D., and Lydia L. Stinson; her great granddaughter Margaret Louise; her sisters, Phyllis Griffin of Florida, Jean Copeland of Texas; her brother Ralph Anderson of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by two brothers, David Anderson and Wendell Anderson.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral service will be on Monday at 10 a.m. at the West Parish Church in Andover. Burial will follow in the West Parish Garden Cemetery. Family and friends may call on Sunday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Dewhirst and Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, MA 01810. Memorial contributions may be made to the West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, MA 01810. For directions or to leave online condolences, please visit www.confetfuneralhomes.com.

Judith E. Burke, 69

STAFFORD SPRINGS, Conn. — Judith E. (Fox) Burke, 69, of County Road, Stafford Springs, Conn., passed away on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008 at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford, Conn.

She was born in Lawrence, daughter of Mary (McKenna) Fox and the late Charles Fox. She was a member of St. Edward Parish.

A loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Judith is survived by her husband of 48 years, Brian J. Burke of Stafford Springs, Conn.; her five children, Kathleen Ball and her husband James of Franklin, Mass., Brian J. Burke Jr. of Rocky Hill, Conn., Susan Brault and her husband Stephen of Suffield, Conn., Christopher Burke and his husband Sean Sweeney of Dorchester, and Nancy Schwenker and her husband Andrew of Warren, Mass.; nine grandchildren, Bridget, Heather,

Kristen, Daniel, Caitlin, Erin, Elizabeth, Charlie, and Norah; her mother Mary (McKenna) Fox of Andover; a brother, Charles Fox and his wife Judy of Methuen; a sister, Kathy Field and her husband Sid of Methuen; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral will be held on Monday, Feb. 18, 2008 with a procession forming by 10 a.m. at Introvigne Funeral Home, Inc., 51 East Main St., Stafford Springs, Conn., followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. at St. Edward Church, High Street, Stafford Springs, Conn. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family in St. Mary Cemetery, Lawrence. Calling hours are on Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Evergreen Health Care Center, 205 Chestnut Hill Road, Stafford Springs, CT 06076. For online condolences or directions, please visit: www.introvignefuneralhome.com.

Norman Bial, 84

DELRAY BEACH, Fla. — Norman "Noike" Bial, a resident of Delray Beach, Fla., formerly of Chelsea, entered into rest at age 84 on Sunday, Feb. 17, 2008 after a long illness. Norman was the beloved husband of 61 years to Gertrude (Florence) Bial.

The son of the late Morris and Esther (Bornstein) Bial, Norman was born and raised in Chelsea where he attended the Chelsea Public Schools and graduated from Chelsea High School.

He enlisted in the United States Army in 1942, and served with the Headquarters Squadron 13th Air Force Service Command. He was stationed in the Pacific Theater, where he was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Bronze Stars, and the Victory Medal.

After completing his military service, Norman began his lifelong career in the furniture and upholstery industry. Like his father before him, Norman crafted furniture designed to last a lifetime. Norman was well-known and respected by his many colleagues on Canal Street in Boston, where he owned and operated Bial Upholstery Company.

When Noike and Gert relocated to Florida, he expanded his artistic talents to ceramics. He took special pride in gifting his dear family and friends with unique pieces crafted with as much love as talent. His love of the arts further extended to classical music and opera. He was also a talented bowler and card player, who proudly taught his children and grandchildren, both the fundamentals and a few secrets.

Thomas M. Neil, 88



INDIANAPOLIS — Thomas M. Neil, 88, died on Thursday, Feb. 7, 2008 in Indianapolis after a sudden illness. He has been living with his

daughter, Linda Neil Yee, for the past six years.

He was born on March 12, 1919 in Andover.

He graduated from Punchard High School in Andover before attending Bentley College.

He served his country proudly in World War II with the U.S. Air Force.

He then worked for the Bay State Gas Company for many years.

He was an enthusiastic garden-

er, golfer and builder.

He was preceded in death by his best friend and wife of 54 years, Alice (Bertram) Neil. He is survived by two daughters, Linda Yee (Dr. Robert) of Indianapolis and Patricia N. Howard (Wesley) of Denver; four grandchildren, Dr. Jillian Yee, Dr. Allison Yee-Wentworth (Jonathan), Alex Howard, Libby Howard; and a great-grandson, Jackson Wentworth.

ARRANGEMENTS: Memorial contributions may be made to Creating Hope Inc., 11134 Wintermere Blvd., Fishers, IN 46038, (www.creating-hope.org). Creating Hope helps people cope with cancer through self-expression and creativity. Thomas was a man of few words, but many deeds. He was also a wonderful husband, father and friend who will be missed greatly.

Lillian T. O'Brien, 95

LOWELL — Lillian T. (Tomasulo) O'Brien, in her 95th year, a longtime resident of Lowell, and more recently of Bath, N.H., died peacefully, surrounded by all of her children, Sunday afternoon, Feb. 17, 2008 in Tewksbury. She was the wife of the late Philip E. O'Brien, a lifelong resident of Lowell.

She was born in Forest Hills, N.Y., on Aug. 29, 1913, daughter of the late Dr. Joseph and Sofia (Legniti) Tomasulo, and was a graduate of Barnard College, Class of 1933.

Proficient in many languages, she worked as a translator for the Federal Government in Washington, where she met her husband. She moved to Lowell with him in 1939.

An avid opera fan, she was a communicant of the Immaculate Conception Church, a member of the Lowell College Club, a volunteer at St. John's Hospital, and was an active Cub Scout den mother.

Surviving her are her four children: Joanne O'Brien Reilly, of Boston; Philip E. O'Brien Jr. and Brenda of Lowell; Kevin M. O'Brien and Eileen O'Flahaven, of Lowell; and Deedee O'Brien, of Bath, N.H.; her grandchildren, Ted, Becky and Alex Reilly; David O'Brien and Beth O'Brien Feury. She also leaves a sister-in-law, Virginia Tomasulo Anthes, five great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends may call from 4 until 8 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 21, at the Mahoney Funeral Home, 187 Nesmith St. (Route 38). Her funeral Mass to be offered Friday at 11 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, Lowell. Burial in St. Patrick Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Lillian requested that donations be made in her name to Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm; 450 Lowell St., Andover, MA 01810. Arrangements by Mahoney Funeral Home. www.mahoneyfuneralhome.com.

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Business

McAlister Drive driven to succeed in music

Local act wins battle of high-tech bands contest

BY BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

It's been a long road for McAlister Drive, a band with Andover ties that hope to follow in the musical footsteps of town musical success stories Apollo Sunshine, Piebald and Boys Like Girls.

To make it in such a competitive industry, both Christoph Krey, McAlister Drive's front man, and Brock Bouchard, the group's lead guitarist, understand that they must often think like entrepreneurs as well as musicians.

Since their early days as a basement act and through the formation of their own limited liability partnership, the two members of the Andover High School Class of 2001, both 25, have sought a balance between the creative and business sides of the music industry.

The pair, along with bassist Adam Richter and drummer Bill Melanson, opted for LLP status several years ago to save money and in turn help promote their debut album, "Something to Sleep With," released in 2007.

"Sometimes you have to look at it from two sets of lenses," said Bouchard. "It helps if you know the money you're putting in can be tax deductible. On the flip side, you can't look at it as a business all the time. You have to think like a band."

At the root of any successful business is a good idea, said Bouchard, a software engineer.

The challenge, he said, is in finding and acting on an opportunity people will notice.

"The challenge with the band is that there are millions of other bands out there," said Bouchard. "You've got to create a piece of music that is unique. That can certainly be challenging. You've got to create songs and sometimes throw yourself out on a limb."

Both Krey and Bouchard describe McAlister Drive's sound as an energetic and accessible blend of indie and pop.

When they're not in the studio, playing live or rehearsing, the two musicians hold down full-time jobs.

"Our guitar player is a techie—he's pretty analytical," said Krey of Bouchard. "I'm an accountant; I'm the same way."

"In a weird way, I think a lot of technology work is very creative. To me it's not unexpected that a lot of techies and geeky people are also very talented musicians."

Brock Bouchard of McAlister Drive



Christoph Krey, 25, is a 2001 graduate of Andover High School.

The worlds of music and business collided on Jan. 22 when McAlister Drive won first place for most innovative live performance at the Xconomy Battle of the Tech Bands at the Middle East Rock Club in Cambridge.

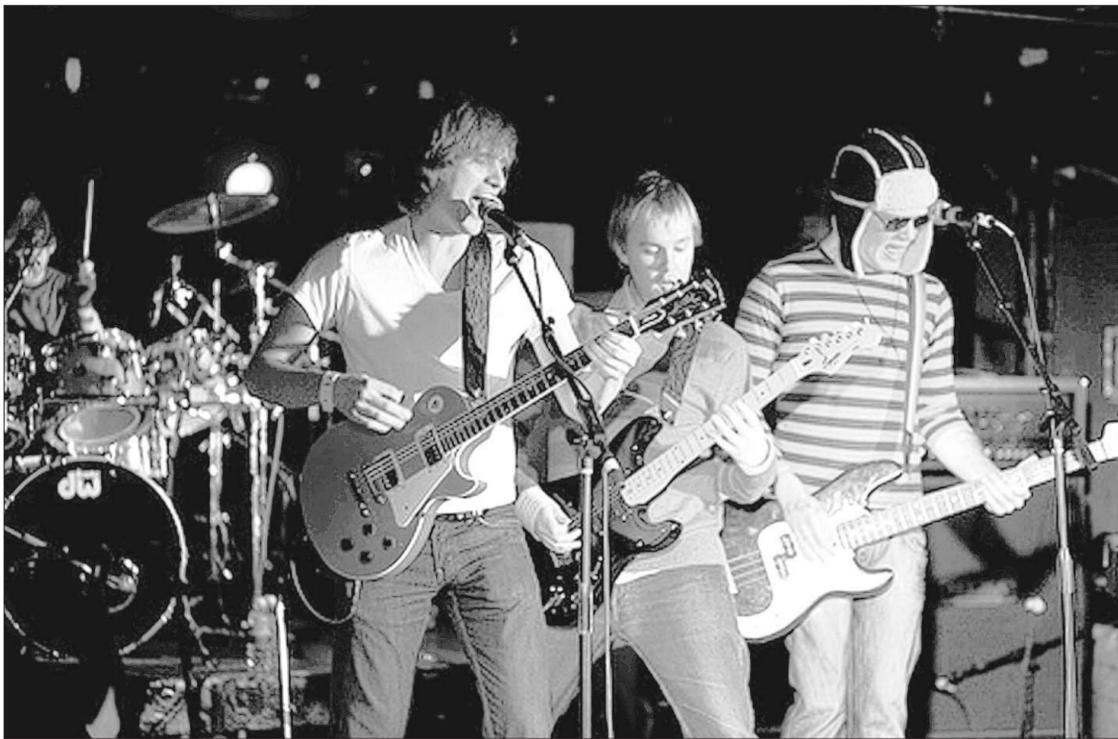
A requirement of the event was that each of the six performing bands had to have at least one member who was also an employee of a local technology company. Bouchard works for Linedata Services of Boston.

"It was definitely tons of fun," said Bouchard. "In a weird way, I think a lot of technology work is very creative. To me it's not unexpected that a lot of techies and geeky people are also very talented musicians."

McAlister Drive performed for 15 minutes in front of more than 300 people, playing a mix of original compositions and cover songs. The band's victory earned them seven free hours of recording time in a Boston studio.

In addition to the live music, the battle of the bands was promoted as a night to seek out high-tech job opportunities, as corporate sponsors announced their openings on stage and a raffle was conducted using business cards.

"It was definitely a networking event," said Bouchard. "But first



MARK RENOUF/Courtesy photos

From left, Christoph Krey and Brock Bouchard, both from Andover, are in the band McAlister Drive with Adam Richter.

and foremost, it felt like a rock show."

As the landscape of the recording industry evolves, Bouchard said networking and self-promotion have become vital to a band's success. McAlister Drive uses networking sites like Facebook, MySpace and Reverb Nation to get themselves heard.

"It's certainly changed now," said Bouchard. "It's a really do-it-yourself environment."

Krey and Bouchard started playing music together in high school, eventually forming the band Crown.

Some of the material from "Something to Sleep With" was actually written during their senior year at Andover High.

"Essentially, the album was kind of pieced together over the last four or five years," said Bouchard, noting that recording was done during winter and summer breaks from college, since Krey attended Tulane University in New Orleans.

The band's name was changed to McAlister Drive in 2005, after the main street on Tulane's campus.

Krey, who also plays piano and guitar and is learning the har-



McAlister Drive's frontman Christoph Krey plays piano and sings.

monica, said the band expects to play its first show at Tulane this spring after spending the winter honing its live show and concentrating on promotion.

"We've been working as much as we can, practicing two or three

times a week and playing shows every weekend all around Boston and New York, and we're going down to New Orleans this spring," said Krey.

The band also played Old Town Hall recently for an Andover

Youth Services-sponsored concert. "It's just fun because we all still know a lot of people," said Krey. "We're really trying to get our name out there in whatever avenue we can to sort of make this the real deal."

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Local real estate agent earns new appointment

EXIT Group One Real Estate announces the appointment of Brian Emmons to Andover's Massachusetts Real Estate Instructor List. As a Real Estate Instructor in Massachusetts, Brian will instruct both prelicensing and continuing education courses in Andover and Tewksbury. His commitment to satisfy clients, powered by his enthusiasm to educate new agents and strengthen skills of existing agents, will prove to be a positive experience. EXIT

Group One Real Estate is at 28 Andover St. For more information, call 978-474-0400.

Gentle Giant earns coveted award

Gentle Giant Moving Co., a residential moving and storage company owned by Andoverite Larry O'Toole, was awarded the 2007 Angie's List Super Service Award. This exclusive recognition is awarded at the beginning of each year to companies that have achieved and maintained a superior service rating on Angie's List throughout the year. This is the sixth year that Gentle Giant

Moving Co. has been recognized by Angie's List for providing superior customer experience.

Refocus on resolutions

If you haven't made much progress on your New Year's resolutions, not to worry. It may be February, but better late than never.

Next week you will have the chance to catch up on those resolutions as representatives from five personal care businesses in town will be hosting a seminar. The event, How to Make 2008 Your Best Year Ever, will be held at the Town House on Main Street on Thursday, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. Tardy

resolutionists are welcome.

"The purpose of this event is to teach residents a proven strategy for achieving their New Year's resolutions of health and fitness," said organizers from Fitness Together, Lisa and Steve Swanson. They are certified fitness and nutrition professionals with 30 years experience.

Andover Spine Center, Elements Therapeutic Massage, Indra Salon and the Acupuncture Center of Andover will also take part.

The seminar benefits Challenge Unlimited, a nonprofit organization in Andover. Attendees must be over 15. The price is a \$10 do-

nation to Challenge Unlimited. For more information, visit www.andoverchallenge2008.com.

Chamber events

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "Kick Off for Young Professionals Network" on Thursday, Feb. 21, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Salvatore's Restaurant, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. The cost is \$10 for members and \$20 for nonmembers.

Together with Enterprise Bank, the chamber will present A Sweet Opportunity for Mixing and Mingling business networking mixer on Tuesday, Feb. 26, from 5 to 7

Gootz joins Susan Sells

Kelly Gootz, Realtor, has joined the Susan Sells Real Estate Team at Keller Williams Realty in Andover. Gootz is licensed in Massachusetts and New Hampshire and specializes in working with qualified buyers and delivering a success plan whether first time, moving up or down or second home investor buyers.

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 21

Nature Tots: Furry Friends: Introduce your preschooler to the wonders of the furry mammal friends on the refuge through stories, songs and fingerplays from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 1 to 2 p.m. at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. For ages 3-5 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.parkerriver.fws.gov.

Drop-in art activity: Paste Paper, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Art Studios, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Made possible by the Lowell Institute and American Dental Partners. Cost included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Artist demonstration with book artist Annie Zeybekoglu, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Atrium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Made possible by the Lowell Institute. Cost included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Family art workshop: Accordion-Style Book, 1 to 2 p.m., Art Studios, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Create your own book with artist Annie Zeybekoglu. Designed for children ages 7 and up with accompanying adult. Made possible by the Lowell Institute. Reservation by Feb. 20. To make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

"Creative Salon: Japanese Aesthetics," 6 p.m., Phillips Library Auditorium, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. No reservations needed. Cost is \$8 PEM and AIGA members, \$10 nonmembers, \$6 students. For more information, call Franz Buzawa at 978-994-9694.

"Final Exam" by Pauline Chen will be presented at 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. As a transplant surgeon, Chen talks about how the medical profession is unprepared for dealing with end-of-life issues. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, FEB. 22

Little Sprouts will have a special appearance from **Leona the Lion** from the award winning WGBH series "Between the Lions" from 8:30 to 9 a.m. She will be singing and reading to the children. For more information, call 781-929-2858.

Family art workshop: Accordion-Style Book, 11 a.m. to noon and 1 to 2 p.m., Art Studios, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Create your own book with artist Annie Zeybekoglu. Designed for children ages 7 and up with accompanying adult. Made possible by the Lowell Institute. Reservation by Feb. 20. To make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

Drop-in art activity: Paste Paper, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Art Studios, Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Made possible by the Lowell Institute and American Dental Partners. Cost included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$13 adults, \$11 seniors, \$9 students. For more information, call 866-745-1876 or visit www.pem.org.

"What's it Worth," an antiques ap-

praisal event hosted by the Andover Historical Society, will be held from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Locke Street. As guests enter, they can register their appraisal item, place it on tables in front of the hall and take a seat in the audience. Skinner appraiser and "Antiques Roadshow" regular Stuart Whitehurst will examine and discuss each item, appraising up to 50 items during the event. Coins, stamps, jewelry and musical instruments will not be appraised at the event. Tickets are \$25 for Society members, \$30 nonmembers. For more information or to register, call the Historical Society at 978-475-2236.

Phillips Academy music department will present the Academy Concert Band and ensembles under the direction of Vincent Monaco on Friday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover. The program will feature works by Gustav Holst, Joe Garland, Henry Fillmore and G. F. Handel. The concert is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu.

SATURDAY, FEB. 23

"A New Year, A New You, Yoga and Wellness Retreat" on Feb. 23 and 24 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center. Participants may attend for one or both days, and overnight accommodations are available for those who wish to stay. The retreat features either flow style or gentle yoga classes, wellness workshops, lunch, refreshments, time for relaxation, and additional wellness services such as massage, reiki, reflexology, craniosacral therapy and holistic health counseling. Registration are required. For more information or to register, call 978-387-0126 or visit www.dr-ishityogaandwellness.com.

The Bald Eagle: Live and Close Up: Tom Ricardi, director of the Massachusetts Bird of Prey Rehabilitation Facility, will conduct an educational program for the public with live birds of prey including a bald eagle at 1 and 3 p.m. at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport. Registration not required. First come, first served. Space is limited. Cost is \$10 adults, \$8 children and seniors. Proceeds benefit the Friends of Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. For more information, visit www.parkerriver.fws.gov.

SUNDAY, FEB. 24

Free jazz concert: The Friends of Memorial Hall Library present the Essex Jazz Ensemble, featuring flutist Michael Finegold of Andover and pianist Tom McKinley, at 2 p.m. in the library's Memorial Hall. The free performance will also include bassist Bruce Gertz and drummer Jim Lattini. For more information, visit www.essexchambermusicplayers.org.

Phillips Academy music department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students at 2 p.m. at the Timken Room at Graves Hall, 180 Main St., Andover. Graves Hall is wheelchair accessible. The concert is free and open to the public.

The program will include movements of chamber music by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Debussy, Glinka, Beethoven, Brahms and Mark O'Connor.

For more information contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu.

Tewksbury Interfaith Choir rehearsals for the annual spring concert will be Sunday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m. at the Tewksbury Congregational Church in the center of Tewksbury. For more information, call Arlene Wright at 978-851-2809.

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How much did you say it was worth?

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Appraiser can answer

Like an old family heirloom, antique-appraising events attract the interest of even casual observers. Tomorrow night's fundraiser for the Andover Historical Society should be no exception.

Skinner Appraisers returns to town Friday, Feb. 22, to raise money for the Andover Historical Society. Appraiser Stuart Whitehurst, a regular on the television show "Antiques Roadshow," will again be featured. This will

mark the third time in a year that an antiques appraiser has visited Andover.

While other recent appraisals have focused on specific items — Ken Gloss of "Antiques Roadshow" was here in December to view books — this round of "What's It Worth?" encourages residents to pack up their treasures and find out if their attic, garage or mantle holds a valuable item.

Guests are limited to one item to be appraised.

WHAT'S IT WORTH?

When: Friday, Feb. 22, 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St.
Why: Benefits Andover Historical Society
Cost: \$25 Historical Society members; \$30 non-members
More info: 978-475-2236

CURIOUS POSES



Courtesy photos

Photographer Arno Rafael Minkkinen of Andover inserts himself into his landscapes, often in seemingly impossible poses.

Andover artist to lecture at BU

The Photographic Resource Center at Boston University will present its spring 2008 lecture series featuring four acclaimed presenters.

The series begins with the PRC's newly established Polaroid Spotlight Lecture, which features renowned photographer Arno Rafael Minkkinen of Andover. Minkkinen's conceptual self-portraits enjoy international acclaim.

Minkkinen's work, in which he inserts himself into the landscape—often in impossible poses—explores parallels between the physical environment and the human landscape. Knighted in his Finnish homeland, Minkkinen has long resided in Massachusetts. This is, however, the first time the artist has delivered a public lecture in the city of

POLAROID SPOTLIGHT LECTURE

- Arno Rafael Minkkinen, "Unplugged, as Always"
- Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
- Location: BU's Photonics Center, Auditorium 206, 8 St. Mary's Street, Boston

Boston.

The artist's photography and writings have been collected, exhibited, and published across the globe. A mid-career retrospective of his work, "SAGA: The Journey of Arno Rafael Minkkinen, Thirty-Five Years of Photographs," premiered

at the DeCordova Museum and Sculpture Park in 2005, and has since traveled to numerous venues including the Bucharest Museum of Contemporary Art, the Lianzhou International Photography Festival in China and the Salo Art Museum in Finland. The show moves next to Palazzo Magnani in Reggio Emilia, Italy, and the Winnipeg Art Gallery in Canada.

Minkkinen is currently professor of art and head of the photography program at the University of Massachusetts Lowell.

The artist will be available to sign copies of "SAGA," which will be available for sale.

Admission to the lectures is \$10 for PRC members, \$15 for general admission, \$5 full-time students, and is free for students of institutional member schools. For more information, please visit preboston.org.

Author to discuss Salem Witch Trials at Andover bookstore

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Eve LaPlante grew up hearing tales of family history from her great-aunt Charlotte May Wilson, the family genealogist. Now she writes about them.

Her latest novel, "Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall," is about the only judge from the Salem Witch Trials who later regretted his decisions.

LaPlante, a Boston-area author, will be at the Andover Bookstore for a talk and book signing on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m. She will speak about her novel, lead a discussion and answer questions.

"I try to make the story relevant to us, in terms for today," said LaPlante. "It's an example of how a society goes astray, but everybody does it. With very few exceptions, they do something that's wrong and try and shove it under the rug. We do that today, just accept the conventional wisdom."

In researching and writing nonfiction novels about New England Puritans, LaPlante is continuing the tradition started by her aunt, who passed away in 1980. LaPlante has also written about controversial Puritan minister Anne Hutchinson, who, like Judge Sewall, is a distant relative of hers.

Sewall — pronounced "Sewl," like "jewel" — is LaPlante's sixth great-grandfather. She lives with her family outside of Boston on land that was once owned by Sewall. Hutchinson, whom LaPlante

wrote a novel about in 2005, is her 10th great-grandmother.

Sewall, born in England in 1652, came to the American Colonies at age 9. He became a prominent Salem judge who sentenced 20 people to death during the Massachusetts witchcraft hysteria of the late 1600s, including two of his close friends.

He later regretted his decisions during the witch trials, and publically apologized for his actions — the only judge to do so. Sewall later worked for the rights of American Indians and for equality of the sexes, and wrote an antislavery tract — all revolutionary ideas for the time.

"Growing up, I was told about him. I didn't know why Aunt Charlotte was so excited about Samuel Sewall (as a child)," said LaPlante. "The normal thing to do, in his society, was to convict and hang anyone known as witch. He later publically repented, and spent 35 years of his life trying to undo that sin, in his eyes, trying to right the wrongs of society."

If Aunt Charlotte could read her latest novel, she would approve, said LaPlante.

"I think she'd be very pleased that I've finally shown some interest in these people. I think she'd be very happy that I've followed her lead," she said. "I've fleshed out some of the stories she told me. I wish she were alive, so that I could



Eve LaPlante

AUTHOR VISIT AND BOOK SIGNING

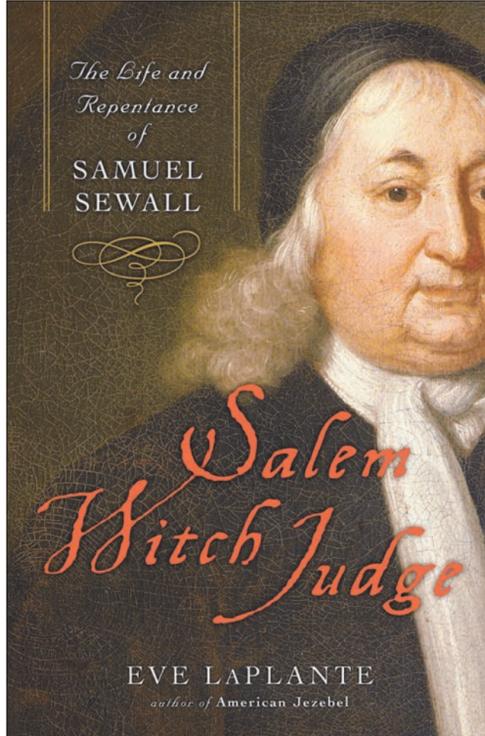
- Eve LaPlante, author of "Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall"
- Thursday, Feb. 28, 7 p.m.
- Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.
- For details, visit www.andoverbookstore.com; visit the author's Web site at www.evelaplante.com.
- Can't make the event? The bookstore will set aside a book and have it signed for you. E-mail info@andoverbookstore.com or call 978-475-0143 with your name and credit card information.

ask her questions. Some of the things she told me were not written down."

LaPlante spent three and a half years doing research and writing her novel about Sewall, she said, which was released in October 2007. Sewall lived in large mansion in Boston, roughly on the site where Filene's Basement is now, and left behind a 1,200-page journal chronicling his life. His family and life are extremely well documented, said LaPlante. She also made use of a tool her aunt never had — the Internet.

LaPlante was able to find and include several of Sewall's favorite Psalms to sing, both the text and exact melody.

"It's a very hopeful message, but a message that we in our own lives can learn from," she said of her book. "What do you do when you make a terrible mistake?"



Courtesy photo

Eve LaPlante's "Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall" (HarperOne, 2007).

SEWALL'S CONNECTION TO ANDOVER

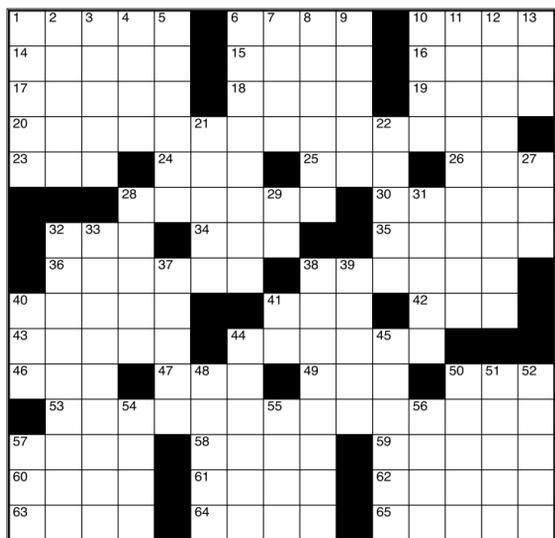
Samuel Sewall sat on the Colonial court that tried hundreds of people accused of witchcraft — several of whom were from Andover.

In Salem on Sept. 22, 1692, seven women and one man were hanged. Among them was Samuel Wardwell, an Andover farmer, and an Andover widow, Mary Parker. By October, many well-placed people stood accused of witchcraft. They included Dudley Bradstreet, an Andover justice of the peace whose father was the beloved old Colonial governor.

Ministers' families were suspect. The witchcraft court had tried and sentenced two daughters of Andover's senior minister, Francis Dane, in September, and both were now in jail.

— Eve LaPlante

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

1. Pants
6. Lucretia C. ___, Am. advocate
10. Seuss character ___ Am
14. One who has attained enlightenment
15. Flushing Meadows stadium
16. Pre-collegiate school
17. City in N. Zambia
18. Chinese dynasty from 557 - 589
19. River in Florence
20. Dracula in "Love At First Bite"
23. Airborne (abbr.)
24. Before
25. Cologne
26. Chinese cooking pan
28. Shipping boxes
30. Chili con ___, Mexican dish
32. Used to be U ___
34. 1/100 yen
35. Bitter compound from aloe
36. ___ and Ladders: game
38. Negative of can
40. Come down violently
41. Provide with clothes
42. Shoshonean people
43. Knife used with fruits or vegetables
44. Loves intensely
46. One point east of due south
47. Mined metal-bearing mineral
49. People related by blood or marriage
50. Helps little firms
53. "The View" creator & star
57. Sunrise (Spanish)
58. Festive occasion
59. Yellow-fever mosquitoes
60. Live Aid rocker Bob ___ of
61. Essential oil obtained from flowers
62. Showing lack of skill
63. Lyric poems
64. Dried up (esp. of vegetation)
65. Designers Charles & Ray

5. "Life in Biblical Israel" author Lawrence
6. Large heavy knives
7. Federal job safety law
8. Unifying ideas in literary work
9. Narrow headband
10. Petty quarrel
11. Cooking thickener
12. Annabaptist
13. Corporation's first offer to sell stock to the public
21. Rub out
22. Pharsalia poet
27. Barbie's boyfriend
28. Small earthenware jar
29. 14th letter
31. Alder genus
32. Covered with sparse vegetation
33. OK to portion out
37. Pulsate
38. Puts & pans
39. Of agriculture
40. Hz
41. End zone score
44. Expose to fresh air
45. Entwine
48. Hindu melodies
50. Fleshy leaved perennial
51. Norwegian footballer Hangeland
52. Donkeys
54. Radioactivity units
55. Axillary
56. Biu-Mandara
57. In the past

Solution



CLUES DOWN

1. Rural Croatian singing
2. Egyptian dry measure
3. Shoe (pl., archaic)
4. Precision approach and landing radar (abbr.)

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MONDAY, FEB. 25

Andover Women's Club February meeting: 6:30 p.m., North Andover High School Cafeteria. This meeting is the National Honor Society Recognition Night. For more information, call 978-689-4172.

TUESDAY, FEB. 26

Compulsive hoarding seminar: Defining, identifying and treating compulsive hoarding is the focus of the innovative seminar entitled "Personal Space, Community Risk" from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Elder Services of the Merrimack, 360 Merrimack St., Lawrence. The program will cover topics from the causes of compulsive hoarding to differentiating between hoarding and clutter, and knowing when a situation is a health or safety risk. This program is approved for 2.0 Social Work CEUs and is supported by a Lawrence Community Development Block grant. Space is limited. To reserve a seat, call Alicia Hussey at 978-946-1496.

Fishing the Elbow of Cape Cod: Al Del-Dotto, author of numerous articles published about fishing coastal waters of Massachusetts, will talk about in-shore light tackle fishing for striped bass and blue fish in the Chatham area at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Hall Library. Free fishing tackle catalogs, fishing and boating publications, fishing maps, and camping guides of New England will be available. Fishing videos will be shown from 6 to 7 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. For more information, call Emily Classon at 978-623-8401 ext. 49.

THURSDAY, FEB. 28

Author reading and signing: Eve Lantente will read and autograph her book "Salem Witch Judge: The Life and Repentance of Samuel Sewall" at 7 p.m. at the Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, FEB. 29

The Symphony and Chamber orchestras of Phillips Academy will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover. Cochran Chapel is wheelchair accessible. The program will include Bach's Brandenburg Concert No. 3, directed by Christina Landolt; "Fisher's Hornpipe," arranged by Mark O'Connor; James Matheson's New Work for String Orchestra, directed by Elizabeth Aureden; Schumann's Piano Concerto with Sophie Scolnik-Brower, Phillips Academy Class of '08; Brahms Serenade No. 1 in D Major, Op. 11; Debussy's "Dances Sacree et Profane" for Harp and Strings; and Tchaikovsky's Serenade for Strings, Op. 48, directed by James Orent.

The concert is free and open to the public. For more information call the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail music@andover.edu.

SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Children's book signing: North Andover resident and author Anne Broyles will be signing her new children's picture book, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks," from noon to 2 p.m. at Borders Books in Methuen. Based on a true story, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks" is about a young slave girl, who in 1838, walks the Trail of Tears with her Cherokee owners. For more information, e-mail annebroyles@annebroyles.com.

Drop-in art activity: Japanese Dolls Day: Make a paper hina doll in honor of Japanese Hinamatsuri from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studio at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. Cost is included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. Members, youth 16 and under, and residents of Salem are free. For more information or to register, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

Old School Freight Train will perform at 8 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 239 Woburn St., Reading. Admission is \$18, \$15 seniors and students. For more information, visit www.osft.net.

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Are you a high roller?



File photo

On Saturday, March 1, the Andona Society will host a casino night.

Casino night benefits Andover's youth

What happens there might not stay there — after all, it's still in Andover. But residents can still enjoy a night of Las Vegas-style entertainment next weekend.

On Saturday, March 1, the Andona Society will host its annual spring event to benefit the youth of Andover: a casino night. Guests will be able to try their luck at Blackjack, Texas Hold'em, Roulette and more.

This year the event will be held at the Old Town Hall, Main Street in downtown Andover from 7:30 to 11 p.m. In addition to playing games of chance, people can enjoy music, light food, drinks and a silent auction. The evening will also include raffle items featuring a 42-inch flat panel LCD HDTV, a diamond pendant necklace and a golf package for four from the Andover Country Club.

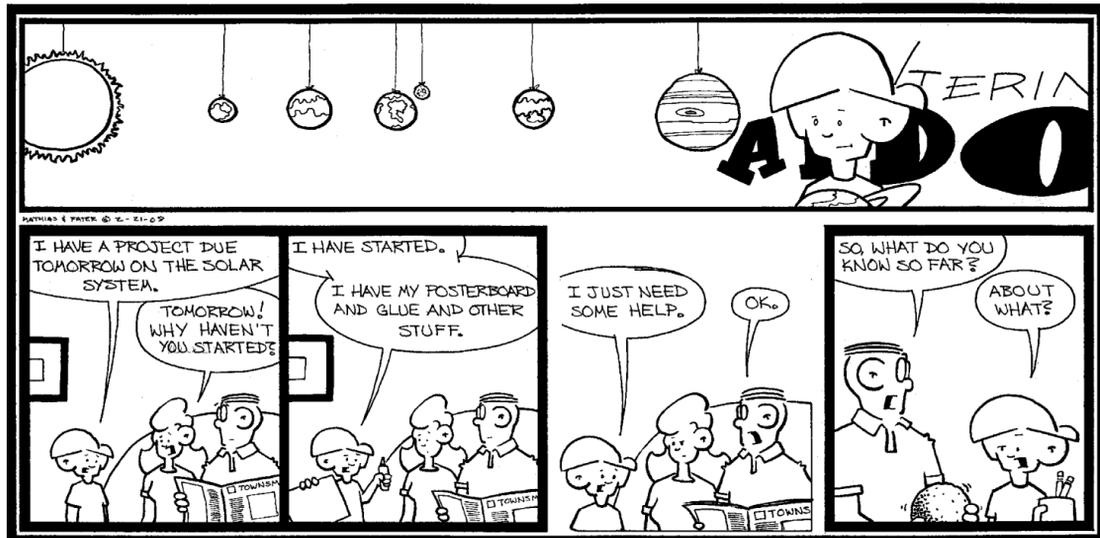
Choose your stake: Gamer (\$50 for 1,000 Andona bucks), Shark

(\$75 for 2,000 Andona bucks) or High Roller (\$100 for 3,000 Andona bucks). At the end of the evening, cash in your Andona Bucks for raffle tickets; 500 Andona bucks gets you one raffle ticket. Raffle tickets, at \$25 each, will also be available for purchase by check throughout the night.

For more information on event and raffle tickets, visit the Andona Web site at www.andonasociety.org.

All proceeds go directly to the youth of Andover. Programs sponsored last year include the expeditionary learning Outward Bound program at Wood Hill Middle School, the engineering lab at Doherty Middle School, and the seismology program at Andover High School. The Andona Society also awarded \$10,000 in college scholarships and \$15,000 for Andover children to attend summer camp.

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Andona's Casino Night will be held from 7:30 to 11 p.m. at the Old Town Hall. The event will feature Blackjack, Texas Hold 'em, Roulette and more. Music, light food and cocktails will be served. There will be a silent auction with such items as a flat screen television, a diamond necklace, a golf package and more. For more information, visit the Andona Web site at www.andonasociety.org.

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

Lecture: Internationally recognized journalist Kevin Cullen will share his observations of today's Ireland in a lecture entitled "A Terrible Beauty: Ireland in the 21st Century" during the Northern Essex Community College White Fund lecture at 2 p.m. in the White Fund Room at 78-82 Amesbury St., in the Louise Haffner Fournier Education Center in Lawrence. Parking is available behind the building. Additional parking is available at the Buckley Garage across the street from the campus. Parking is free to those attending NECC events. For more information, call 978-738-7403.

Phillips Academy music department will present the **Academy Jazz Band and ensembles** under the direction of Peter Cirelli at 3 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. The groups will be performing a variety of pieces by Sonny Rollins, Benny Golson and Duke Ellington, as well as songs by Brazilian composers Edu Lobo and Rafael dos Santos. For more information, call 978-749-4263.

Art and nature story time on Dr. Seuss' birthday: Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with a reading of "Thidwick the Big-Hearted Moose," explore the ways animals depend on one another and create a set of antlers from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Art Studio at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This program is designed for ages 3 to 6 with an accompanying adult. Cost is included with museum admission. Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. This program is made possible by New Trade Winds/ECHO. For more information or to register, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra will perform at 2:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., Route 114, North Andover. The cost is \$18 for adults, \$12 for seniors and students and \$5 for children ages 4 and up. For more information, call 978-685-3505 or visit the Web site www.mvpmusic.org.

Northshore Youth Symphony Orchestra Chamber Music Concert will perform at 3 p.m. at the First Parish Church, 225 Cabot St., Beverly. Several Andover children will be performing. The event is free to the public.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

Children's book signing: North Andover resident and author **Anne Broyles** will be signing her new children's picture book, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks," from 10 a.m. to noon at South Elementary School. Based on a true story, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks" is about a young slave girl, who in 1838, walks the Trail of Tears with her Cherokee owners. For more information, e-mail annebroyles@annebroyles.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

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, as well as the opportunity to see dozens of Merrimack Valley businesses catering to all their prom needs. For more information on how to become a vendor, volunteer or sponsor, call 978-764-6672 or e-mail promexpo@comcast.net.

Opening reception for the exhibit "Impermanence," photography by Shelley Zatsky, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery at the Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence. For more information, call Cathy at 978-685-2343 or e-mail cathyssexartcenter@yahoo.com.

Phillips Academy music department will present a concert with the **Academy Chorus and Fidelio Society** under the direction of faculty member Christopher Walter at 7:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. The chorus will perform works by George Gershwin and Gwyneth Walker along with Japanese folk songs arranged by Allen Combs. The Fidelio Society will be singing folk songs, madrigals, popular songs and the premiere of a new work by composer-in-residence James Matheson. This concert is free and open to the public. For more information, call 978-749-4263.

ECOC program: "The Great Marsh": Explore the beauty of the North Shore's Great Marsh with award-winning photographer Dorothy Monnelly and Franz Ingelfinger from 7:45 to 9 p.m. in the Phillips Library Auditorium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This program is free and designed for teens and adults. It is co-sponsored by the Essex County Ornithological Club. Museum admission is \$15 for adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. For more information or to register, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

Annual New Trade Winds/ECHO Performing Arts Festival: "Keeping the Fire in the Dark Moon Times" entertains and educates through music, dance, oral traditions, humor and stories as presented by representatives of the cultures of Alaska, Hawaii and Massachusetts from noon to 4:30 p.m. in the Atrium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. A main performance will take place at 2 p.m. Related drop-in art activities will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Art Studios.

'Is That Thunder?'



Courtesy photo

On Sunday, March 9, Portland Taiko will perform a concert at the University of Massachusetts Lowell appropriately titled "Is That Thunder?"

Cost is included with museum admission. Admission to the museum is \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500 ext. 3011.

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Workshop: Artist and educator Annie Zeybekoglu helps visitors create their own oragami-style book from 12:45 to 2:45 p.m. and 3 to 5 p.m. in the Art Studios at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This workshop is made possible by the Lowell Institute. Reservations are required by March 7. Cost is included with museum admission. Admission to the museum is \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

India painting workshop: Create a contemporary work of art that draws inspiration from Indian and Persian miniature painting from 1 to 4:30 p.m. in the Art Studios at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. All materials supplied by the museum. Cost is \$75 for members, \$90 nonmembers. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

Open auditions for ages 13 through 18 for the Lawrence YMCA's Music Clubhouse second annual "Clubhouse Idol" singing competition will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Lawrence Music Clubhouse in the YMCA, 40 Lawrence St., Lawrence. Registration is required prior to March 14. The first round of competition will take place on March 21 from 6 to 8 p.m. The top-10 competition will take place on March 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. It is open to

the public and the audience will decide the winner. For more information, call 978-686-6191 or visit www.lawrencemusicclubhouse.org.

Boston Artists Ensemble concert at 8 p.m. in Phillips Library Auditorium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. The program concludes with Beethoven's Opus 9 String Trio, which hints at Beethoven's later exploration of string quartets. Tickets are \$20 for members, \$24 nonmembers, \$12 students. For more information or tickets, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Children's book signing: North Andover resident and author **Anne Broyles** will be signing her new children's picture book, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks," from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Annie's Books in North Andover. Based on a true story, "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks" is about a young slave girl, who in 1838, walks the Trail of Tears

with her Cherokee owners. For more information, e-mail annebroyles@annebroyles.com.

Artist demonstration by Siona Benjamin, whose work reflects her background of being raised Jewish in predominantly Hindu and Muslim India, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Atrium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This event is made possible by the Lowell Institute. Cost is included with museum admission. Admission to the museum is \$15 adults, \$13 seniors, \$11 students. For more information or to make a reservation, call 978-745-9500, ext. 3011.

"Dance Katha" with Anita Ratnam at 12:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the Atrium at the Peabody Essex Museum, East India Square, Salem. This program incorporates classical and contemporary storytelling and dance. It is made possible by the Lowell Institute.

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DOING IT FOR DAD

Inspired by father, Andover's Muccio stands out on track



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Andover's Eric Heath flies down the slope during the Interscholastic Ski Meet.

Andover's Fazio wins No. 300

BOYS BASKETBALL

Behind 14 points by **Derrick Beasley**, Andover edged Lawrence 56-53 to earn head coach **Dave Fazio** his 300th career victory last Tuesday.

"It's great to have gotten it," said Fazio, whose is in his 19th year as Golden Warriors head man. "What makes it better is that it was on senior night, and I have seven seniors on this team who have been instrumental to many of our wins."

Andover trailed 15-7 at the end of the first quarter, then cut the deficit to three at the half before erupting for 17 to put the game away in the third.

Tristian Shannon scored a game-high 17 points, **Zach Burdeau** had 11 and **D.J. Fazio** stood out while knocking down a 3-pointer.

"Coach said this was all about us, being senior night," said team captain **Greg Cook**, "but it felt really good to get it for him because we have been waiting a while to get this one."

Andover couldn't hold onto a nine-point halftime lead and dropped a 45-41 overtime decision to Brookline in the first round of the Warrior Classic on Monday. **Derrick Beasley** led the Warriors with 20 points while **Tristian Shannon** had 12 rebounds to go along with five points

Despite 18 points by **Tristian Shannon**, Andover fell to Brockton, the No. 5 team in Eastern Mass., 84-61 on Friday. **Derrick Beasley** scored 13 points and **Chris Abreu** stood out on defense for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SKIING

Heath leads Warriors

Eric Heath was sixth overall and first in for Andover as the Golden Warriors took third in the North Shore Ski League championship meet at Bradford Ski Area on Friday with 422 points. St. John's Prep was first with 540 and North Andover was second with 466. **Nathan Weiner** was 11th, **Nick Sherman** was 12th and **Gavin Lynch** was 16th overall for the Golden Warriors.

Adam Carrington of Andover was first in the freshman/sophomore

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By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

In her stance, just before the gun sounded to start the 55-meter dash at the Massachusetts Division 1 State Meet on Sunday, Christina Muccio looked down at her right hand and the letters "FPM" as she has done before every race of her varsity career.

"I write my father's initials on my hand every time before I run," said the Golden Warriors senior. "I look at it right before I go for inspiration."

The initials stand in for Fran Muccio, who could not be at the race because of his struggle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), often referred to as Lou Gehrig's Disease, which he has been battling since 1999.

"It's been tough," said Muccio. "But I always call him after every meet and tell him how I did. I am always really excited to tell him."

Muccio had plenty to tell her father on Sunday when she took first in the 55 at the Division 1 States with a blazing time of 7.33, just off her personal best time and just enough to defeat Hannah Janeczak of Doherty (7.36). She also ran the second leg of the 4x200 relay that won in 1:45.28, breaking their own state record they set a season ago. The Andover team took third overall.

"I had to relax because I stiffen up when I worry," said the senior. "It came down to me and (Janeczak) and I came out on top. It was unbelievable. I had a good feeling and it was just great to win."

And she left no doubt where her motivation came from.

"I visit my father at the hospice in Reading before every meet and he hypes me up for it," said Muccio. "He always tells me to get mad and have an attitude out there. That's part of remaining me to have confidence and be focused to run my best and try to improve."

Even though her father cannot attend races anymore, Muccio still had a vocal cheering section at the Reggie Lewis Center Sunday.

"My brother (2004 Eagle-Tribune Defensive Player of the Year Mike Muccio) came back



ANDY BAUMGARTNER/Staff photos

Christina Muccio, center, flies past the competition in the 55-meter dash at the Massachusetts Division 1 state meet. Inspired by her father, who is battling ALS, Muccio won the dash in 7.33 and ran a leg of the winning 4x200 relay team.

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Christina Muccio

from college and my mom and a couple of my friends were all there," said Muccio. "They are the loudest ones. I can hear them all the time."

Once meets end, she gets to celebrate her victory once again with her dad.

"They video tape every meet and put it on the internet now," she said. "It's been awesome. I get to go and watch the meet again with him. He really likes that."

He has had many stellar matches to watch this season, which has been a banner one for his daughter. She won the 55 in the MVC Meet two weeks ago and at the Mass. Elite meet the week before with a personal best 7.31. She has lost only once this season. She also broke the MVC record in the 50-yard dash with a personal-

best 6.1 against Haverhill.

"It's amazing what she has been able to do with her father struggling," said Andover coach Peter Comeau. "This seems to be her way of saying, 'I love you.' It feels great to see her do this her senior season, after all she has been through."

Muccio will now run in the All-State meet on Sunday, once again at the Reggie Lewis Center.

Relaying success

The Golden Warriors' 4x200 relay team faced a challenge leading up to the meet, when senior stalwart **Bizzy DiTroia** went down with an injury.

But they weren't going to be held back.

With **Emily Shields** taking

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Senior Christina Muccio and sophomore Chris McConnell pose together after each won the 55-meter dash at the Division 1 State Meet.

THROUGH THE YEARS

12 YEARS AGO

After missing nine consecutive shots, **Charlotte Muller** stepped up and knocked down a 3-pointer with 12 seconds left to give Andover a 50-49 victory over Methuen. Muller hit two 3-pointers in the final 1:15, and finished with a team-high 31 points and five 3s for the game. Muller would go on to become the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,616 points.

Led by **Susan Ashlock's** win in the mile

in 5:35.8, Andover edged Lowell 44-42 to clinch second place in the Merrimack Valley Conference. **Beth Contos** added a win in the hurdles in 7.2, **Kristen Munson** won the two-mile in 12:29.9 and **Randi Spiegel** won the 50-yard dash.

Andover's **Dave Burke**, a freshman at Bates College, broke the school records in the 3-meter dive with a 267.05 and the one-meter dive with a 251.80.

Tim Connors, a sophomore at Spring-

field College, qualified for Division 3 New Englands in the 200 and 400 individual medleys, the 200 breast-stroke and the 200 backstroke. **Scott Nicholson**, also of Springfield, won the rings against UVM.

James Perry of Andover crossed the 1,800-point plateau with 38 points for Malden Catholic in a win over Haverhill.

24 YEARS AGO

Tim Perry notched a team-high 33 points as Andover crushed Dracut 73-50.

Mark Narbonne added 18 points and **Mike Gibson** had five.

Lorna Turgess scored a game-high 19 points as Andover bested Lawrence 44-34. **Kathy Neaves** stood out on defense and **Mary Tropeano** excelled for the winners.

Karen Hodgkinson won the shot put, remaining unbeaten on the season, with a 35-4 as Andover took third at the Northern Area meet. The Golden Warriors were first among MVC teams. **Dolyne Divino**

broke her own school record in the 2-mile (11:18.6) and **Karen Hoffman** won the 600 (1:34.5).

55 YEARS AGO

Behind 17 points by **Paul Whitley**, Punchard High downed Danvers, 63-30, to improve to 11-0 on the season. **Billy Stack** and **Bill Yancey** each had 14 points for the Blue Devils, which had won 28 of their last 34 dating back to last season. **Eddie Dwyer** scored 20 for the Punchard JVs.



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ROUNDUP: D'Innocenzo breaks swim records

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division of the Bove Memorial race on Thursday. Kurt Geffken of Andover was third in that division while Gavin Lynch of Andover was third in 47.82 in the junior/senior division.

GIRLS SKIING

Guy places third, Andover wins league title

Andover's Jackie Guy took third overall in 51.71 to vault the Golden Warriors to victory at the North Shore Ski League championship meet at Bradford Ski Area last Tuesday with 537 points. Masonomet was second with only 422 points and North Andover with third with 388.

Cayley Christopher was sixth overall and second for Andover with a 52.99 and Sarah Heather was 10th with a 55.54 for the Golden Warriors.

Andover High's Cayley Christopher took first in 51.0 in the junior/senior division of the Bove Memorial race last Thursday.

In the freshman/sophomore division, Patricia Conrad of Andover was second and Rose Ganley of Andover was third.

SWIMMING

Records keep falling for D'Innocenzo

Nick D'Innocenzo broke his own state record in the 200 IM in 1:50.67 and set a meet record in the 500 freestyle in 4:33.18 for Andover at the North Sectionals at MIT on Sunday. The Golden Warriors placed third overall as a team.

D'Innocenzo also teamed with Mike Bakies, Paul Hunter and Peter Saunders to take the 400 freestyle relay in 3:12.03. Saunders added a second in the 100 butterfly, Hunter was third in the 100 backstroke and they teamed with D'Innocenzo and Zach Hamer to take the 200 medley relay.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Andover's Mattison takes bars

Freshman Rachel Mattison won the uneven bars with a 9.225 for Andover at the Massachusetts State Invitational on Sunday.

"We knew she was capable of it," said Golden Warriors coach Kristen Vadala. "But we know she had to hit everything per-



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fectly to win. She is a heck of a gymnast." Mattison also took sixth on the floor while Lauren Colby was fourth on the beam (9.1) and Jenn Quirnbach was eighth on the bars with an 8.65 for Andover.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Big second half vaults Warriors

A 21-point surge in the third quarter allowed Andover to close out its regular season in style, pounding archrival Central Catholic 55-42 last Thursday.

"I told my seniors that they had 16 minutes left and that this was their legacy to win their last game on this floor," said Andover coach Jim Tildsley.

And the Golden Warriors, ranked No. 3 in Eastern Mass., responded led by star guard Meghan Thomann.

"We were getting good looks in the first half, we just weren't making our shots," said Thomann. "We knew we just had to keep shooting and they would fall."

Thomann erupted for all of her team-high 18 points in the second half, including five 3-pointers.

Central opened the final period with two big 3-pointers to take a 38-37 lead. But, with six minutes remaining, Andover's Laura Renfro (9 points, 7 assists) hit a 3-pointer, was fouled and made the free throw. The 4-point play seemed to break Central's spirit. The Raiders would score only four points the rest of the way.

Freshman Natalie Gomez-Martinez scored five of Andover's 16 first-half points on her way to an 11-point night.

Lauren Hughes scored a team-high 14 points and stood out on defense as Andover bested Billerica 56-42 last Wednesday. Camille Fantini tallied 12 points and Ilana Cohen stood out on defense while knocking down a 3-pointer for the winners.

BOYS HOCKEY

Hyslip, Andover play Central to tie

The disappointment was clear on the face of John Hyslip.

"We played hard tonight and we knocked them out of the tourney," said Hyslip. "So that feeds into the rivalry. But a tie right now is good and bad."

Hyslip had just scored two goals to give

Andover the 3-3 tie that knocked archrival Central Catholic out of playoff contention on Saturday. But the draw was less than satisfying.

"We really wanted that MVC/DCL championship," said Hyslip. "But we still have a good chance at it against Westford."

The victory would have clinched the Golden Warriors a share of the Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League Division 1 title. Andover sat in a tie with Westford.

Matt Perry gave the Golden Warriors a 1-0 lead, and Hyslip made the score 2-0 before Central scored twice within 33 seconds to tie the game. Hyslip then scored a fluke goal with four seconds left on the clock in the second to give Andover the lead. The Raiders' Tim Houston scored with 1:10 left in the contest for the tie.

Andover fell to Westford, 2-0, on Monday in a game that decided the winner of the Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League Division 1 title. Nick Drew stood out with 25 saves.

George Flanagan scored one goal and assisted on another as Andover played Arlington to a 2-2 tie last Wednesday. Cam Smith scored the other Golden Warriors goal while John Hyslip had two assists.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Pettoruto vaults Andover to upset

Megan Pettoruto made 13 stops for her area-best fifth shutout of the season as Andover upset Everett, the No. 10 team in Eastern Mass., 1-0 last Wednesday. Sarah Oteri tallied the lone goal, a third-quarter tally. The Crimson Tide entered the game with a 14-1-2 record.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Davidovits excels in state meet

Andover's Aaron Davidovits continued his excellent season by taking fourth in the all-around with 43 points at the Massachusetts state meet on Friday with 141.2 points. Burlington was first, 28 points better.

Davidovits finished third on bars (7.5), and sixth on the floor exercise (8.1), and will compete at the national high school championships, which will be held over Memorial day weekend in Nashville.

Andover coach Steve Sirois also earned league Coach of the Year honors.

TRACK: McConnell is 'confident'

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DiTroia's role as the third runner — after Melissa Knapp and Muccio and before Vanessa Singleton — the relay team won with a time of 1:45.28.

"I think the connection between us is great," said Muccio. "Handoffs are really important. If you have four fast girls and bad handoffs, then you don't have much."

Andover led right off the bat with Knapp's start.

"I have to come out hard," said Knapp. "You have to move really fast and you have to drive your arms and push as hard as you can. By the end we were in the middle cheering our hearts out."

Anchor Singleton had a big day. She had the pleasure of not only finishing off the winning 4x200, but also the 4x400 relay.

"She's only a sophomore but she is a tough competitor," said Comeau. "There is no one I would rather have running an anchor leg right now."

Singleton teamed with Laura Cody, Kayley Pettoruto and Colleen Shannon to take the latter relay in 1:45.77, setting a school record.

"I was pretty nervous and it relaxed me to know the other girls were nervous too," said Singleton. "You have to judge the race and not go out too crazy. You have to pace yourself and be able to adjust."

McConnell keeps cruising

Despite his success, Andover's Chris McConnell still plans to start baseball in a few weeks instead of outdoor track.

"Coach (Comeau) still tries to talk me out of it all the time," he joked.

A year after finishing a disappointing

fifth at the Division 1 State Meet as a freshman, McConnell blew the competition away this season with a stellar 6.42, shattering a personal best and finishing well ahead of second place Ruben Sosa of Lawrence (6.57).

"Last year I was a freshman and came in very nervous," he said. "This year I was confident. I knew if I had a good start it would be a good race and I would have a good chance of winning."

The time was the fastest time run in Massachusetts this season and broke McConnell's previous school record. It was also 0.01 off of the meet record set a season ago by Lexington High's Darius Walker, who is now running for the University of California Los Angeles.

"He is having an incredible season," said Comeau. "We know he's fast, but he just keeps lowering and lowering his times. His time (Sunday) was one of the top five fastest times in state history."

Boys Division 1 States

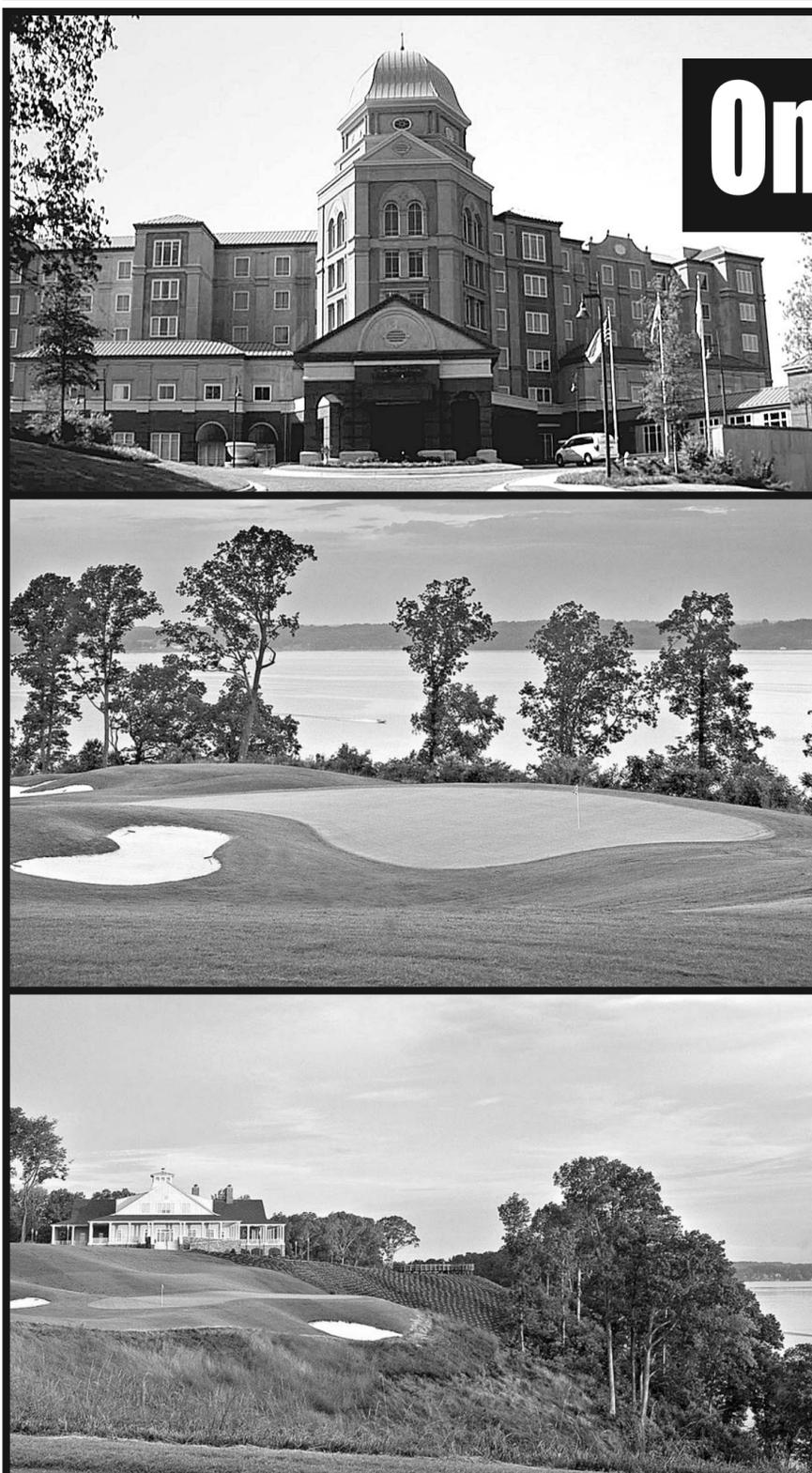
Top 5 and local team scores: 1. Brookline 57, 2. St. Johns (Shrewsbury) 51, 3. Newton North 47, 4. Brockton 31, 5. BC High 28, 12. Andover 13
Andover top 12
55 meter dash: 1. Chris McConnell 6.42; 4x200: 6. Andover (McConnell, Brendan Crawford, P.J. Farnham, Mark Vetere) 1:34.24; 4x400: 5. Andover (Crawford, Vetere, Connor O'Neil, Rob Martin) 3:31.77; 600: 13. Rob Martin 1:26.68; 1,000: Mike Primes 2:43.23; High Jump: 8. John Bigelow 11-0; Long Jump: 10. Santi Costello 20-0

Girls Division 1 States

Top 5 and local team scores: 1. Lincoln-Sudbury 66, 2. Newton South 48, 3. Andover 38, Acton-Boxboro 30, 5. Somerville 28, 7. Haverhill 22.5
Andover top 12
55 meter dash: 1. Christina Muccio (Andover) 7.33; 55 hurdles: 8. Mallory Cayon 9.31; 300: 7. Melissa Knapp 42.24; Mile: 7. Casey Harrison 5:17.08; 600: 5. Kayley Pettoruto (Andover) 1:38.18; 1,000: 3. Colleen Shannon (Andover) 2:59.99; 4x200: 1. Andover (Melissa Knapp, Muccio, Emily Shields, Vanessa Singleton) 1:45.28; 4x400: 1. Andover (Singleton, Pettoruto, Laura Cody, Shannon) 4:01.00; High Jump: Jess Forster 5'1; Long Jump: 11. Vanessa Singleton 15-9 1/2; 12. Abbey Pettoruto 15-7

THE WEEK AHEAD

Date	Event	Time
Feb. 22	Swimming Mass. State Meet (Reggie Lewis Center)	4:30 p.m.
Feb. 22	Track Mass. State Meet (Reggie Lewis Center)	
Feb. 26	Boys Skiing Mass. State Meet (Wachusett Mountain)	10 a.m.
Feb. 26	Girls Skiing Mass. State Meet (Wachusett Mountain)	10 a.m.
Feb. 23	Girls Gymnastics at North Sectionals (Hudson High School)	11:30 a.m.
Feb. 22	Boys Basketball State tourney pairings announced	
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Honors: Meredith Bird, grade 9; Sam Miller, grade 9; and Laura Murrely, grade 7.

The following students are on Central Catholic's first quarter honor roll:

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Seniors: Casey Connors

Juniors: Stephen Daniels, Lindsay Fague, Timothy Gibson and Samantha Shea

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Sophomores: Thomas Flannery, Caitlin George, Christina Iannalfo, Stephen Lannan, AnnMarie O'Brien and Larissa San

Jennifer Ortiz Foundation's second annual Prom Expo and Fashion Showcase will be held March 7 at the Elks Lodge, 652 Andover St., Lawrence. This year's event will include two contests to award four scholarships to 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. In addition to the contests, students will have the opportunity to see dozens of Merrimack Valley businesses catering to all their prom needs. Entry deadline for both contests was Feb. 8. For more information on how to become a vendor, volunteer, sponsor or contest participant, call 978-764-6672 or email promexp@comcast.net.

Audrey Wilson of Andover, a junior and daughter of Susan and Anthony Wilson, was one of eight Pingree School students that lead a case study discussion on the afternoon of Jan. 21 addressing identity, racism and self-determination. The school remained open on the holiday to ponder and appreciate the work of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with a full day of activities, including a guest speaker, panel discussions, breakout sessions, a musical tribute, a video of one of his famous speeches, and a rendition of the U2 song entitled "MLK" by the Pingree Varsity A Capella singing group.

The following students were named to the Phillips Exeter Academy honor roll for fall 2007 — Luke W. Miller, high honors, son of Bill and Robin Miller; Samantha L. Pellegrino, high honors, daughter of Anthony and Stephanie Pellegrino; and Nathan B. Elkin, honors, son of Ross and Jennifer Elkin.

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

For more than two decades, students have paraded through the hallways of South Elementary School on Valentine's Day, pulling homemade floats behind them. But this year, the parade held an extra-special meaning for Principal Eileen Woods — it was her last before she retires.

This year's float parade, with 96 different themed floats decorated by students, was dedicated to Woods who has led South for 15 years.

"It was very cute, very creative," said Woods with a smile as she watched students return to their classrooms. "Very emotional."

The first float in the parade was a tribute to Woods, designed and pulled by kindergartners Jason Alesse, 5, and Lauren Jeffery, 6. Their cart had heart-shaped balloons, multicolored streamers and hand-made posters that read: "We love you, Dr. Woods!" They also had matching T-shirts with photos of Woods and the same message.

The duo could have picked any theme, but honored Woods "because we love South School," said Lauren with a shy smile.

Jason said he "felt proud" as they pulled their float through the cafeteria, as the first in the parade, and the students erupted with cheers. Woods gave them both a big hug as they reached her.

For the parade, which lasted over an hour, students in kindergarten through the fifth grade brought in floats they'd made at home, each with a different theme. The youngsters pulled them through South's hallways last Thursday, finishing their pa-



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Students at the South Elementary School walk their "jungle float" through the parade route at the Valentines Day parade.

"It's always fun looking at all the floats."

Fifth-grader Elizabeth Bambury of South Elementary School

rade in the cafeteria.

Fifth-graders Sarah Czarnecki and Elizabeth Bambury were part of a group of four girls who designed a float they named "the

ice cream shop." They put several of their favorite stuffed animals on the float, and taped ice cream cones they'd made out of paper to the animals' paws.

They thought long and hard about the theme for their float, they said, because it was their last parade at South before moving onto middle school.

"It's always fun looking at all the floats," said Elizabeth of the annual parade.

Sarah agreed, saying, "It's neat to see the younger kids' floats."

She said this year's parade was special because it was both her last and the last one for Woods, too.

Students cheered and applauded as each of the 96 floats entered the cafeteria. No two floats were alike, and themes ranged from "High School Musical" and Hannah Montana, to a jungle with stuffed animals and a tribute to a

favorite professional sports team. Webkins and Lego toys were popular float themes.

Woods stood at one end of the crowded cafeteria, and the sea of parents, school staff and students left an open path so the floats could parade through the cafeteria towards her. She congratulated the designers and gave each student a pencil for their efforts.

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Three students learn about architecture on vacation

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Friends may have been out of town skiing or getting a tan during school vacation week, but for youth hoping for a future in architecture, a historical house on Main Street was the place to be.

Fourteen-year-old Matt Chiampa, an eighth-grader at Doherty Middle School, honed his architectural interest by studying the historic Amos Blanchard home at 97 Main St.

"I really like to study architecture," said Matt, who is one of three students in town taking a workshop about the architecture of the buildings on Main Street. "That's why I signed up."

Officially named "Main Street: An Architectural Workshop," the three-day program for middle-schoolers was held Feb. 19-21 and run by the Andover Historical Society, which is located in the Blanchard home. Matt was joined by Doug Lewis, 13, and Xavier Briggs, 11, a sixth-grader at Doherty Middle School.

Museum educator Sarah Sycz ran the workshop with Martha Briggs of the Merri-



DEBORAH HAMMOND/Staff photos

Matt Chiampa, 14, of Andover draws on some graph paper while taking part in a class on architecture and design. A small group of kids received a crash course in architecture then toured the Andover Historical Society's building to learn about design from different time periods.

mack Valley Preservation Group. The purpose was to encourage kids to become experts on one Main Street building. The workshop topic ties in with the Main Street redesign project that will begin this spring.

On the first day of the workshop, attendees toured the Blanchard home and were

asked to determine the year it was built based on the home's features. Features include a front center staircase, a wallpaper style indicative of its era, faux marble tiles, high ceilings and maid quarters.

Sycz's lips were sealed as she pointed out features and left it to workshop partici-



Martha Briggs from the Merrimack Valley Preservation Group measures the width of floor boards while in the basement of the Andover Historical Society Tuesday afternoon. From left are Doug Lewis, 13, of Andover; Andover Historical Society educator Sarah Sycz; Matt Chiampa, 14, of Andover; Briggs, and Xavier Briggs, 11, of Andover.

pants to figure out when the home was built (1819). She offered only clues.

"Ceiling height was important as the higher the ceilings were, the wealthier the family was," Sycz said. "And this ceiling is

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ARCHITECTURE: Blanchard Home housed 18

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pretty high." In all, the boys learned that the home had 18 occupants in its heyday. The Blanchards had two sons and a housekeeper. The rest of the rooms were rented to 13 students

who attended Phillips Academy. Andover's third-grade curriculum includes a field trip to the Blanchard home. Doug Lewis, who is now 13 and a seventh grader at Doherty, remembered the tour and said it was fun to be back. He enjoyed revisiting the home, al-

though he is still deciding if he will pursue architecture in school. But it was great to take part in the workshop, he said, as it was a good way to learn about historical architecture. The group planned to make models of some downtown buildings.

GOODBYE: Parade was in honor of Woods

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One float had a fiesta theme, complete with an inflatable cactus. The two girls who pulled the float wore giant sombreros and faux black moustaches. Another float, created by a

group of boys wearing bright red pigtailed, was a tribute to Wendy's fast food restaurant. The float had oversized French fries made out of foam — with ketchup for dipping. After the parade, the excited youngsters returned to their

classrooms for snack time, parking their floats in the hallways. Woods said students look forward to the float parade every year, and she believes "it spurs productive thinking and creativity."

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Feb. 25-29:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Monday: Breakfast buddy sandwich with egg, cheese, ham or sausage; hamburger on roll with lettuce and tomato; vegetable chili with roll; hash browns, garden medley salad, fresh melon and juice.

Tuesday: Nachos topped with hamburger and sauce; raisin bagel with yogurt; oven-fried chicken with mashed potatoes, roll; black bean salad, jello with fruit and topping, fresh fruit, corn and juice.

Wednesday: Rotini with meatballs, marinara sauce, garlic stick; tuna salad wrap, sun chips, garden salad; pudding with topping and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Turkey and noodles with dinner roll; chicken tenders with dippers, buttered noodles, roll; bagel and yogurt, seasoned mixed veggies, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Pan pizza, plain or pepperoni; mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, cauliflower and broccoli salad, confetti veggie and pasta salad, fresh fruit and juice.

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Monday: BBQ ribs on a roll, chicken tenders with dips, grilled cheese sandwich on whole wheat, baked potato wedges, cream of vegetable soup, carrots, corn and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: American sub on foot long bread, pan pizza, plain or

veggie, baked honey BBQ chicken, red bliss potatoes, broccoli salad, pudding with topping, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: Chicken salad pocket, spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, bread, baked potato with broccoli and cheese, ham and cheese on French toast bread, garden salad, peaches and juice.

Thursday: Twisted edge pizza, cheese or chicken, grilled hot dog on roll, pickles, baked beans, oven roasted potatoes, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Roast turkey with noodles, dinner roll, crispy fish sandwich with lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, veggie sticks with dip, jello, fruit and juice.

ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Monday: Assorted pasta with choice of meat, garlic or marinara sauce, garden salad, garlic bread and fresh fruit cup.

Tuesday: Sausage sub with peppers and onions, Athenian chicken, Hawaiian chicken served

over rice with chilled pineapple. **Wednesday:** Cobb salad, grilled cheese with bacon, chicken pot pie, whipped potatoes, carrots, biscuit and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Buffalo chicken sub with blue cheese, steak and cheese panini, southwestern chili macaroni, garden salad, garlic bread and fruit.

Friday: Italian sub with the works, pastrami panini, oven-baked haddock, seasoned vegetables, rice pilaf, dinner roll and fresh fruit.

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; and milk.

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

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

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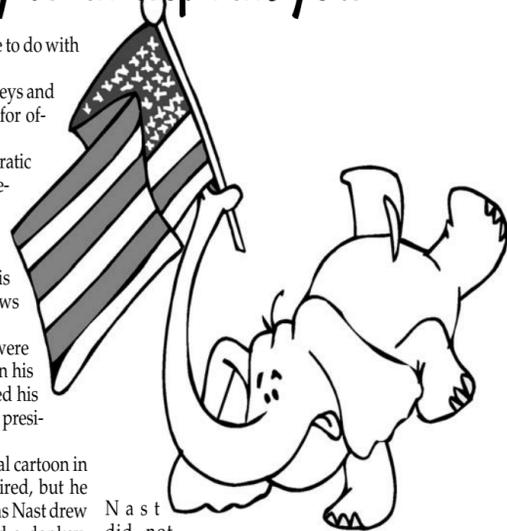
The donkey is the symbol for the Democratic Party. The elephant is the symbol for the Republican Party.

The donkey first appeared in a presidential election in 1828.

Andrew Jackson ran for president. His opponents called him a donkey for his views and his slogan "Let the people rule."

Jackson turned it around on those who were calling him names. He used the donkey on his campaign posters. The donkey represented his stubbornness on certain issues. He won the presidential election.

The donkey appeared again in a political cartoon in 1837. President Andrew Jackson was retired, but he was still a Democratic Party leader. Thomas Nast drew a cartoon showing Jackson trying to lead a donkey.



Nast did not know that Jackson had used a donkey earlier.

Over the years the donkey became a mascot for the Democratic Party. It was never officially adopted.

Nast also made the elephant popular as a symbol for the Republican Party.

The elephant had been connected with the Republicans before. In 1874, Nast used it in a political cartoon in the Harper's Weekly. The cartoon showed animals running away from a donkey. The elephant was labeled "The Republican Vote."

The Republicans have made the elephant their official symbol.

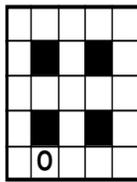
Critics say the donkey is stubborn, silly and ridiculous. However, Democrats think the donkey is humble, firm, smart, hard-working and courageous.

Critics say the elephant is bungling, stupid, pompous and conservative. However, the Republicans think the elephant is dignified, strong and intelligent.



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Use logic to place the six given words in the grid to complete the crossword.



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4. Draw a political cartoon using the donkey and the elephant.

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Sarkis Sarkisian

Born in the family home on Sarkisian Farm's property

He and his wife, Rita, are second-generation owners/operators

Both have lived in Andover their entire lives

"I can only go by my situation. I was born right here on 153 Chandler Road. I guess that makes me a townie," says Sarkisian with a laugh. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. We have a very nice situation here and we love it. Of course, there's been many changes in this town, some I like and some I don't like, but I guess that's par for the course. The pluses are greater than the minuses."

His farm was started by Sarkis' father, Ovogen Sarkisian, who immigrated to Andover from Armenia in 1932. Sarkis took over the farm in the late 1960s.

Norma Gammon

Moved to Andover at age 3
Been here since then

"When people say to me 'You're a townie,' I feel I have to correct them because I was not born here," she says in an e-mail.

"Now in discussions with other 'Andoverites' the feeling is if you have gone through the Andover School system and stayed on you are a townie, if you have gone through the Andover Schools and later came back and raised your family here, you are a townie."

"I went through the Andover School system, married and returned to Andover 2 years after our wedding and have lived here with my husband, brought up two girls here who have gone through the schools and we have lived in the same house on Abbot Street for 43 years. Now am I a TOWNIE?" she asks, before adding, in all caps, "I SAY, YOU BET YOUR LIFE I AM AND IF ANYONE WANTS TO DISPUTE THAT, COME SEE ME AND I WILL TAKE YOU ON..."

Pat Giblin

Born in Andover
Lived in Andover 21 years
Wakefield resident who has lived out of town for 48 years

"I always lived in Andover until I got married. My parents were both born in Andover and lived there all their lives. My



Rita and Sarkis Sarkisian have lived in Andover all their lives, and transformed the family farm into a driving range and ice cream stand.

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aunt still lives there. I heard stories from way back when they were children. I work with someone who lives in Andover, and though I never thought of it until now, consider him a 'newcomer.' He doesn't know anything about the old town. And I'm sure doesn't care either."

Ed Seero

Lived in Andover 45 years

"A townie had a family member who was actually a member of 'The Andover Boosters Club."

■ A townie remembers that kids used to buy coconuts at Pete's on Memorial Day.

■ A townie knows the last Graduation of Pynchard High (1957).

■ A townie remembers when the exit driveway from Poms was so steep most cars burned rubber all the way up.

■ A townie remembers when opening day of Little League started with a march down Main Street in uniform.

■ A townie can walk two minutes in Spring Grove and spot former teachers and relatives.

■ A townie knows that Pynchard High won the state football championship in 1939 with such luminaries as 'Buck' Buchan and Doug Howe.

"Though I entered the Andover School system in first grade my dad was from Wakefield so I'm a newcomer."

Russell Doyle

Born Andover
Lifelong resident

"Since I was born in town I guess I qualify," he says. "However, townies, in my head, lived and were brought up in no more than a half mile radius of Town Hall. These townies frequently patronized the library, went to school for all 12 years at the present Town Hall/Senior Center, former Jackson School and Stowe School complex, used the Playstead as a recreation area when school was closed, frequently went to the movies at the Playhouse on Essex Street, kids patronized the Guild on Brook Street, and dropped in at The Paper Store and Five and Ten on Main Street to buy penny candy."

"Having been brought up on Chandler Road, which was a dirt road when I was born, I didn't get exposed to any of the above until the bus hauled us to fifth grade in the Stowe School. My early years were spent 'outside the loop' and this puts limitations on being a true, dyed-in-the-wool townie."

DALTON: A townie overview

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The people who were already here called themselves townies, while newcomers were ... well, "newcomers."

Let's locate some threads for our discussion. I'll begin by using the analogy of natural born citizenship created by the 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution. If you are born in the U.S., you are automatically a citizen. Taking this to the local level, if you are born in Andover, you automatically are a townie. When newcomers have children in Andover, those kids are townies. However, unlike U.S. citizenship, you can quite easily lose your "townieship." (I just coined that word, by the way.) There is no townie tenure. As an example, if a child is born here and his family moves him away in his infancy and he

never returns to Andover, he has lost his townieship.

A second issue is whether a person not born in Andover can become a townie. Let's suppose a child is born out of town and her family moves to Andover when she is a week old. She spends the rest of her life in town, graduates from Pynchard High, is deeply involved in Andover institutions and is generally assumed to be a townie. It seems to me that person is a townie, even though not born here.

There's a lot more to the issue than this simple overview, and I would like to hear from you.

Bill Dalton is a former moderator and selectman, and he invites your comments and stories. He can be reached at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

Harold Wright

Former fire chief
Lifelong resident

"Remembering the Andover Spa was 'Pete's,' Rickey's was where you got fish and chips on Fridays, and Chicks was just a little farther down the street. Swimming in Poms Pond during the summer, going to the playground and making bracelets. Playing sports for the Andover High Blue Devils (I still have a Blue Devil window sticker). Subs at Santina's or ice cream at HoJo's or Shattucks farm in West Andover. Christmas lights at St. Francis on River Road, the Guild on Brook Street with the manual pin setting [for bowling]."

"After the service and/or college remaining in Andover, sometimes working for the town and also serving on various boards and committees giving back to the town, trying to keep Andover the kind of place we were glad to grow up in. Raising our families here and giving our children the sense of belonging."

"On a personal note, I grew up in Andover, raised my family in Andover, served 34 years on the Andover Fire Department, and in 2006 buried my wife in Andover at Spring Grove Cemetery where some day I too shall lie. Does this

make me a townie? I don't know, but I sure am glad that I had the childhood that I did in this town, and that I still live here."

Loring Batchelder

Born in Andover
Lived in Andover 31 years
Now a Lexington resident

"I am 80 years old and moved out of Andover 50 years ago. I still consider myself a townie. — or more specifically, a West Andover townie. Probably because my happiest memories are of growing up in Andover. When I went to P.A. I was called a townie by the live-in students. I still look back fondly at the three years of riding my bicycle to the Hill every day."

"In fifth and six grades I delivered milk around town before being dropped off at Stowe School. I got to know a lot of people in the small town, but my closest friends lived in the so-called 'sticks' of West Andover. Growing up on a farm, with three brothers and three sisters was a wonderful experience. It was a strong foundation for the rest of my life, and is probably the primary reason that I still consider myself a townie."

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