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Homes selling for less than assessed values

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

The most recent real estate transactions for single family homes in Andover show selling prices going the same way as everyone's 401K statements — down, down, down.

Many homes at the end of 2008 were selling well below their assessed values, according to sales information compiled from the Registry of Deeds.

Here are some examples:
■ 25 Yardley Road is assessed at \$670,000; sold for \$575,000

— \$95,000 less than the assessed value.

■ 18 Summer St., Unit 5, is assessed at \$619,700; sold for \$547,000 — \$72,700 less than the assessed value.

■ 48 Tewksbury St. is assessed at \$378,200; sold for \$345,000

— \$33,200 less than the assessed value.

■ 56 Prospect Road is assessed at \$359,800; sold for \$326,000 — \$33,800 less than the assessed value.

Overall, the average selling price in Andover for a single

family home is also dropping. The most recent information from the Northeast Realty Association in Chelmsford shows a \$26,000 drop when comparing the third quarter of 2008 (the most recent data available) to the same quarter in 2007. The average selling price

for a single-family home during the third quarter of 2008 was \$540,000. During the same quarter in 2007, the average selling price was \$566,000, according to the NRA.

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United front

Andover 1 of 6 towns taking regionalization talks to state

By BRIAN MESSENGER
Staff Writer

Selectman Alex Vispoli and elected officials from five other towns are exploring the potential regionalization of local government services in an effort to reduce operating costs.

It's an idea that Vispoli said he has been interested in for over a year, but one that took on momentum when Gov. Deval Patrick paid a visit to Philips Electronics on Minuteman Road in July.

After the company announced it would move its North American headquarters to Andover, Vispoli spent several minutes chatting with the governor, and mentioned his interest in regionalization.

"He said the state would be very interested in participating," Vispoli said.

What's transpired since that July 22 conversation has now got Vispoli and selectmen from North Andover, Reading, North Reading, Tewksbury and Wilmington eager to collaborate more.

The group was formed starting with Andover, Wilmington and Tewksbury, three towns that have been working together for more than a year designing an Interstate 93 interchange in Lowell Junction.

Having met eight times since the summer, the group agreed early on that the regionalization of some services is necessary, especially in a time when more and more residents are struggling and town operating budgets are becoming increasingly strained.

"I think during lean times you see a lot of collaboration between towns," Vispoli said. "I don't know if we're breaking new ground. We're trying to organize this ... to spend taxpayers' money more wisely."

The selectmen began discussing ways to collaborate with how they pay for employee health insurance and how they purchase new technology.

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Joyful retreat



TIFFANY SHYU/Staff photo

The Rev. Jeff Gill and his wife, Carolyn, of Christ Church, will spend his six-month sabbatical traveling to four continents on a theme of joy.

Rector will travel globe on 6-month renewal sabbatical

By BETHANY BRAY
Staff Writer

The year 2009 will take the Rev. Jeff Gill all over the map — both geographically and spiritually. Gill, the rector of Christ Church, will take leave from his Central Street congregation in March for a six-month sabbatical spanning numerous American states and four continents.

The trip, centered on

GILL'S JOURNEY

When he begins a six-month sabbatical in March 2009, the Reverend Jeff Gill plans to keep in touch with his congregation and friends through a web blog. Keep up with his travels at www.JeffGillJourney.blogspot.com

themes of joy, will include a time to visit family and friends around the world, attend conferences and retreats, and complete periods of reflection, prayer and writing.

Also on the agenda is a father and son bike trip from Canada to Mexico, spanning 2,000 miles down the Pacific coast.

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Andover makes 2008 the year to go greener

By BETHANY BRAY
Staff Writer

As 2009 dawns, Andover's downtown has several new fixtures with a name that many people have just made a new year's resolution to avoid.

Four Big Belly trash cans were placed in downtown locations through the fall, the last installed in late November. Designed by Big Belly Solar of Needham, each Big Belly has a solar-powered trash compactor and can hold close to five times the amount of a normal downtown trash can.

The barrels, which look like a mailbox mixed with something from a Star Wars movie, were given to the town free of cost through a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust, said Sandy Gerraughty, business manager at the Andover Department of Public Works. Each Big Belly costs about \$4,000. They are self-sustaining, and Gerraughty anticipates little or no cost to the town to maintain the barrels. The only cost would be

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that eventually, years down the road, the bin's rechargeable batteries will wear out and need to be replaced.

"They have a sensor that tells it when it needs to compact the trash. They're pretty cool," Gerraughty said with a smile. "There is so much air inside a regular trash barrel. One of these (Big Bellies) could hold all the trash from downtown, which is about a dozen barrels."

Andover's four Big Bellies were placed in high-traffic areas downtown, including one each in front of CVS and Ultimate Perk on Main Street, in The Park at the corner of Chestnut and Bartlett streets, and in front of the Andover Spa on Elm Street.

Big Bellies reduce waste heading to landfills and make the

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What happened to...

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

The flooded dentist

Dr. Charles McQuade, a dentist with an office at 10 Main St., was forced out of his basement-level office due to flooding on Friday, Sept. 26. Like a good Novacaine, Orthodontist Jeffrey Leonard, whose office is on Chestnut Street, came to the rescue and graciously invited McQuade to temporarily set up his office on Chestnut Street. McQuade is on vacation this week, but an office worker who did not want her name used said the Main Street dental office is back to normal operations. McQuade moved back on Oct. 28, 2008, she said.

Court cases still there

Two well-known court cases involving Andover residents are still awaiting court dates in this new year. The former dean of the

business school at Merrimack College, Edward Popper of 120 Dascomb Road, was indicted on 37 counts of disseminating child pornography. He was arrested Aug. 13 at home. The 63-year-old is facing 10 to 20 years in jail on each of those counts, according to court documents.

And, a neighborhood quarrel in the Ballardvale section of town had caused hordes of media to descend upon Andover last fall. Developer Bill Johnson of High Vale Lane and his wife were arrested on charges of harassing a neighbor. The alleged harassment included a laundry list of harassment charges, like advertising a motorcycle for sale on an online service, which brought scores of potential buyers to the neighbor's home, according to court documents. There was no motorcycle.

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UPDATE: Neighbor's cell tower fight isn't over yet

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Cell tower fight will continue in 2009

Residents in the south of town plan to continue their fight against a proposed T-Mobile cell phone tower. The 125-foot tower is slated for construction at the corner of Route 125 and Prospect Road, on state-owned land used by the Massachusetts Highway Department.

Neighbors there have formed a group, Residents for Integrity in Telecommunications Evaluation

and Siting — or RITES, to advocate against cell towers in residential neighborhoods.

After initially being denied a special permit and variance, T-Mobile settled out of court with the Zoning Board of Appeals before it was denied a building permit in December 2008.

Andover Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore denied T-Mobile's building permit application for, among other reasons, failure to provide detailed designs of the tower and its foundation.

Before the denial, construction

of the tower was expected to begin sometime in 2009.

A T-Mobile spokesman has said the company will reapply for the building permit.

Oldest PA alum

Charles Yardley Chittick, the oldest Phillips Academy alumnus, was 107 when his prestigious alma mater honored him in an alumni parade in June. Known as "Yardley," he graduated with the class of 1918. He died on July 18, from injuries suffered in a fall at the Pleasant View Retirement Community in

Concord, N.H.

Fire victim not home yet

Volunteers are still working to get 81-year-old fire victim Mary Manock back into her Elm Street home. Manock's home was condemned after an Aug. 20 fire, but a group calling themselves Mary's Angels stepped up to help the admitted hoarder. More than a half-dozen dumpsters full of her belongings have been hauled from the property, located near Merrimack College, and hundreds of thousands of dollars in repairs have been made.

YEAR: Town goes greener

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downtown look cleaner, keeping litter off the streets and trash cans from overflowing, Gerraughty said.

The bins also use less resources because they need to be emptied roughly once a week by the town, compared to three or more times a week for a normal trash can.

This spring, once baseball season begins, the Big Belly on Elm Street will be moved to Deymond Fields, the town's Little League complex, Gerraughty said.

Environmental efforts

From Girl Scouts to grandmothers, everyone was going green in 2008.

Andover, already an environmentally conscience community, kicked things up a notch over the year, with "green" programs and activities for every age and interest across town.

One could say it all started with a bear — four bears, that is. In June, Memorial Hall Library installed "Vigilance," a work by Vermont sculptor Jim Sardonis depicting a mother polar bear and her three cubs. The sculpture, paid for by the board of trustees out of the library's trust fund, a private endowment, is meant to get people thinking about global warming. In October, the library also hosted a "go green @ your library" series, with guest speakers and kid's activities throughout the month.

Here are a few highlights of Andover's "green" initiatives throughout 2008:

Schools in town, in cooperation with the recycling committee, adopted an anti-idling policy where bus drivers and parents waiting to pick up children were asked to shut off their vehicles' engines, reducing harmful exhaust emissions. The campaign, launched in October, received mostly positive feedback, said Marya Lundgren, Andover Recycling Committee member.

The committee received a grant from the state to purchase signs, bumper stickers and other materials to launch the campaign.

In June, West Middle School teachers and administrators traded their automobiles for bicycles for their commute to work. The effort, part of the school's first Green Week, was spearheaded by a group of eighth-graders.

In all, 16 West Middle School staff members biked to work on June 5, according to engineering teacher Dan Miley. Along with teacher bike-to-work day, students tried to walk, carpool or ride the bus to school on June 4.

Other Green Week activities included a recycled-material sculpture contest, a "no-lights" day where classrooms tried to save as much energy as possible, a cleanup day on school grounds, and a day where students and staff dressed in green.

This fall, a troop of Andover fifth-grade Girl Scouts launched a movement to install recycling bins in downtown Andover.

The troop of nine girls, ages 10 and 11, built four recycling bins and, partnering with the Department of Public Works, placed them in downtown locations in October. The girls, under troop

leader Lisa Grecoe, monitored the homemade recycling bins for two weeks, tallying how many cans and bottles were collected.

The town has used the information gathered from the Girl Scout's project to consider installing permanent recycling bins in downtown Andover, said Sandy Gerraughty, business manager at the Andover Department of Public Works. This winter, a member of the recycling committee is going to start research and investigative work on other towns that have introduced recycling to their downtowns, Gerraughty said.

"Introducing recycling to the downtown is definitely not a dead subject, but rather some more information needs to be gathered at this point," she said in an e-mail. "It would not be prudent to just put recycling bins downtown without some sort of plan and cost analysis."

A main challenge in public recycling, she said, is educating the public not to throw trash in the receptacle, contaminating the entire batch of recycling.

To share ideas or get involved in the downtown recycling initiative, e-mail Gerraughty at dpw-business@andoverma.gov

This December, a baby boomer exercise class at the senior center went green. The class had a "Holiday Greenings" party, complete with an environmental Yankee gift swap.

Participants swapped environmentally friendly or recycled gifts, many wrapped with green paper and ribbons.

The class instructor, Denise Boucher, is a co-chairman of the Andover/North Andover's League of Women Voters Environmental Action Committee.

In May, Andover residents kept their unwanted items out of landfills at a "Zero Waste Day" organized by the recycling committee.

Despite gray skies and cool, rainy weather, Andover residents turned out in droves on Saturday, May 3, to donate used clothes, appliances, toys and other household items.

Volunteers counted 430 cars between 9 a.m. and noon, each packed with items to donate to 10 charities at the Brickstone Square office complex. Each organization — from Lazarus House and Bikes Not Bombs to the Lowell Wish Project and the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals — brought a truck, and drove away from the event with it packed full to the brim with donations from Andover households.

This spring was Andover's fourth annual Zero Waste Day, and organizers hope to hold another event in 2009, possibly splitting it into two collections, due to the huge turnout in May — more than double the amount of donations they received last year, said Marya Lundgren, recycling committee member.

VALUES: Average prices dropping below assessments

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Yet, Andover homeowners are facing a higher tax rate this new year. As of today, Jan. 1, Andover's tax rate is going from

\$11.69 to \$12.16 per \$1,000 of a residential home's value.

Assessor David Billard said homeowners need to remember that the state-regulated method of determining the assessed

value of a home is based on selling prices from the previous year.

"It's not a current gauge," he emphasized. "It's a historic gauge."

In other words, Andover's new tax rate is based on the home sales of 2007, Billard said.

"They are exposed to the open market," Billard said of community tax rates.

So, does that mean Andover will have lower taxes in 2010 because declining selling prices in 2008 will make assessed values lower?

It's too early to say, Billard said. Home sales information for the entire year has to be compiled, and it will not be compiled for weeks.

"It's premature to predict what will happen," he said. "We look at sales and what homes are selling for, but the information is not out yet."

Local Realtor JB Doherty of Prudential, Howe and Doherty Realty in Andover, said the trend of selling homes well below assessed values is "getting more common."

"Selling prices are all over the place," he said, stressing that home buyers of today still stick to the golden rule of real estate selling.

"Location and the home's condition are still most important," Doherty said.

A home's location and/or condition could be reasons why homes are selling well below the assessed value.

"In some situations, a home may not be updated and have an outdated kitchen and bathrooms," he said. "The house next door with the same square footage could be in better shape and will sell for a price much closer to the assessed value."

A newer home at 1 Whispering Pines Drive is an example of a home that sold for more than its assessed value. The home sold for \$901,000 and it's assessed at \$846,000. So, it sold for \$55,000 over the assessment.

Doherty is familiar with the home and said it is just 3 years old.

"That's what I mean about condition. That is a house in good shape, and the buyer wanted that," he said.

But, he said, it is more common these days for a home to sell below its assessed value.

No one can predict how the local real estate market will fare in this new year. But, keeping property updated is the best way to get the most bang for your buck.

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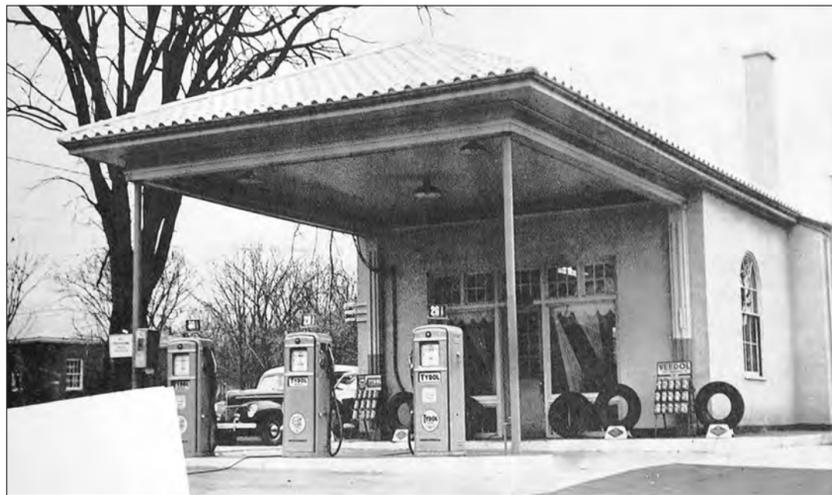
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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Elm Street Service Station in Elm Square had a new owner in May 1957, Joseph W. Connor. The station featured Good Year tires and batteries, Veedol oil and Tydol gasolines. The price per gallon on the pumps were 26 cents, 28 cents and 38 cents a gallon for super. Photo copied from the Andover Townsman, May 2, 1957.



NOW: The building at 15 Elm St., soon to be home to Craig's Auto Salon, was once the home of the Elm Street Service Station.

NEWS CALENDAR

MONDAY JAN. 5

The Andovers Village at Home meeting, Old Town Hall, 20 Main St., 9 a.m.
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY JAN. 6

School Committee, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 6 p.m. executive session and 7 p.m. regular meeting
Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Conservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY JAN. 7

School Building Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

THURSDAY JAN. 8

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.
Triad, Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 9:30 a.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing and deliberation, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY JAN. 10

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

MONDAY JAN. 12

Board of Health, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 6 p.m.
Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY JAN. 13

Preservation Commission, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 6:30 p.m.
Planning Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



"I THINK DURING LEAN TIMES YOU SEE A LOT of collaboration between towns, I don't know if we're breaking new ground. We're trying to organize this... to spend taxpayers' money more wisely."
Selectman Alex Vispoli on the idea of regionalizing some town services. News, Page 1.

"THE DRUG-FREE MESSAGE IS VERY IMPORTANT TO ME. I've seen people get their lives messed up..."
Chantelle Hache, 13, talking about her anti-drug poster, Education, Page 5.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 20, 2009, is the release date for the movie, "This Side of the Truth." Some scenes were filmed in Andover.
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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Jan. 5 to 9:

Elementary schools

Monday: Grilled crispy chicken patty with lettuce and tomato on roll, soup and tuna salad pocket, grilled hotdog on roll, BBQ beans, cucumber sticks and fruit cup.
Tuesday: Mexican style ground beef and macaroni, whole wheat pizza, cheese or pepperoni, manager's choice, orange glazed carrots, waldorf salad and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Oven fried chicken and biscuit, fish sticks, soup, greek salad with pita, cole slaw, baked red bliss potatoes, pudding with topping and fresh fruit.
Thursday: Nachos with ground beef, bean burrito, nachos and salsa, roast turkey sandwich on pita, pretzels, mexican corn, garden salad and fresh fruit.

Friday: Pan pizza, cheese or pepperoni, soup, chicken caesar salad, manager's choice, seasoned veggies, icy juicy and seasoned veggies.

chilled fruit and juice.

Thursday: Pan pizza, cheese or pepperoni, macaroni and cheese with bread, crispy chicken burger with lettuce and tomato, french fries, broccoli, cheese and rice casserole, applesauce and fresh fruit.

Friday: Meatball sub, manager's choice, soup and salad, italian cold cut sub, greek pasta salad, veggie sticks and dips, raisins and fresh fruit.

Andover High School

Monday: Pasta bar, spaghetti with meatballs, garlic bread, tossed salad, cinnamon applesauce.

Tuesday: Turkey pot pit, whipped potatoes, seasoned vegetables and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Oven baked chicken, broccoli with cheese sauce, rice pilaf and dinner roll served with strawberries and cream.

Thursday: Taco bar, taco, spanish rice, refried beans and mandarin oranges.

Friday: Mile long sub, french fries, veggies and fip 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.

New Web site link to affordable rental housing

The Patrick Administration has announced the launch of a redesigned housing Web site to help bridge the gap between residents in need of affordable, accessible housing and available apartments across the state. The new site, www.massaccess-housingregistry.org, features an expanded database of affordable rental housing in Massachusetts,

including accessible and adaptable homes for people with disabilities. "We know that many low and moderate income residents of Massachusetts, especially those with disabilities, find it difficult to find affordable, accessible housing," said Charles Carr of the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission. "This state-of-the-art website will help

make the housing search process more accessible for people with disabilities."

Some of the key features of the Mass Access housing Web site include vacancy and waitlist information for all affordable rental housing in Massachusetts, particularly for people with disabilities, and an automated mapping feature to track the location

of available units. Property owners and managers will now be able to log in to the registry and post available rental units and housing applications. At the same time, consumers will now be able to customize and save their housing searches and sign up for e-mail updates when new units become available.

Information night for women returning to school

Northern Essex Community College is sponsoring the Women Returning to School Information Fair on Wednesday, Jan. 7 at 6 p.m. in the Technology Center conference room on the Haverhill campus.

Area women who are interested in returning to school are

invited to attend this free event, designed to help ease common anxieties and apprehensions about returning to school after being away from the classroom for some time.

Staff and faculty will be available to answer questions, and women will be able to register for

free workshops offered through the Women's Network during the Spring 2009 semester.

Call 978-556-3735 for more information and to reserve a space. In case of a snow cancellation the Information Fair will be held on Thursday, Jan. 8 at the same location and time.

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Best of the police log from 2008

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Year in, year out one of the most popular features in the Townsman is its weekly police log that keeps people up-to-date with the crime and unusual incidents happening around town. Here's a look back at some of the unusual police calls from 2008:

Laundry day?

On Wednesday, Dec. 10, a Campanelli Road hotel called police to report a washing machine and dryer had been stolen.

Unfortunate sign of the times

On Wednesday, Nov. 5, a person called police at 4:45 p.m. to report that his car had been stolen, because it was not where he parked it. Before an officer responded, the caller spoke with his wife, who said the car had been repossessed by the bank.

Dangerous dog

On Friday, Nov. 7, a resident called police because his daughter was boiling hot dogs for his grandchildren and found a piece of a knife in one of the hot dogs.

He'll never graduate

On Wednesday, Oct. 15, Merrimack College police called Andover police at 10:04 p.m. because there was a skunk in the Haverhill townhouse dorm, and "it may be rabid." Animal control was called.

Clearly a police matter

On Sunday, Oct. 12, a resident called police to request an officer about a "suspicious card" they received in the mail. A responding officer found it was junk mail.

Not cold feet, just tired

On Saturday, Sept. 27, police were called to the Andover Inn at 9:53 a.m. because guests could not wake a man who was supposed to get married that day. He was in a locked room, and could not be awakened. Police and fire responded and spoke with the groom, who was fine and now awake.

Early Thanksgiving

On Tuesday, Sept. 16, a Wild Rose Drive resident called police at 5:29 p.m. to report that there were about 10 turkeys in their backyard.

Smells fishy

On Sunday, Aug. 24, a Lowell Street resident called to report he found a dead animal in his car. As a "prank," someone had wedged a dead animal into the wheel well of the vehicle, said Sergeant Cecilia Blais.

Hydrant prank baffles

An apparent student prank involving a fire hydrant and Andover High School's well-known boulder "the Rock" was halted after a school custodian called police in the early morning of May 23, the last day of school for seniors before their senior week of fun activities.

At 2:05 a.m., an officer located a fire hydrant set in cement atop the Rock, which is adjacent to the high school's entrance road off Shawsheen Road. The officer was able to remove the hydrant from the rock before the cement cured.

"Nobody knows where that (hydrant) came from," Sgt. Edward Guy said. "We weren't missing any fire hydrants that night."

For years, the Rock has been painted by students as a message board of sorts on campus. Since the renovations to the Andover High School campus in the 1990s, however, students have created most of their messages by placing cups into the tennis courts' fences.

Zoo day

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, nine animal complaints were reported to police from various locations around Andover between 7:03 a.m. and 2:48 p.m.

Cape caper

On Sunday, Jan. 6, 5:04 p.m., suspicious activity was reported on Corbett Street when a resident reported five males entering a cemetery wearing black capes. When a responding officer arrived, no caped crusaders were to be found in the area.

POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 — At 12:29 p.m., Ann Marie Frontera, 55, of 39 Chestnut Court was arrested and charged on several warrants.

At 7:51 p.m., a caller reported a suspicious vehicle in the area of Dascomb Road, driving with lights off. At 8:31 p.m., Alexander Charles Golan, 18, of 25 Windmere Drive was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor, possession of both class B and class D substances and a person under 21 transporting liquor.

At 10:06 p.m., an officer reported a vehicle that took off with no headlights at The Park, Bartlet Street. At 10:45 p.m., Michael C. Lightbown, 18, of 69 Maple Avenue was arrested and charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, operating under the influence of liquor, operating to endanger and failing to stop for police.

Saturday, Dec. 27 — At 11:14 a.m., Christopher C. Carey, 27, of 26 Mohawk Road, Burlington, was arrested and charged on a warrant for leaving the scene of property damage.

At 1:57 p.m., Edward L. McGinn, Jr., 49, of 10 Colonial Drive, Apt. 2, was arrested and charged with driving without an inspection sticker and suspended license.

Sunday, Dec. 28 — At 3 a.m., a Woburn Street resident called police because they heard a noise outside their home, and now a car is stuck in a snow-bank. At 3:25 a.m., Alexander F.

Caron, 19, of 22 Kathleen Drive, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation and operating under the influence of liquor.

At 4:03 a.m., Peter H. Rundquist, 18, of 95 Haverhill Street was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance (marijuana).

Monday, Dec. 29 — At 2:34 p.m., Kyong D. Kim, 41, of 48 Cross Street was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 6:23 p.m., Jason Leal, 28, of 600 Bullfinch Drive, Apt. 401, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, failing to stop for police and possession of a class A substance.

At 6:34 p.m., Amanda L. Catanuso, 28, of 185 McCarthy Way, Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

At 10:55 p.m., Manuel E. Berroa, 26, of 461 Broadway, Apt. 5, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with distribution of a class A substance.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 — At 12:49 p.m., an Essex Street caller reported that a company had just called her house, saying that she had won a million dollars. The company said they were on their way to her house to take her to the bank to take money out for a "processing fee."

At 5:46 p.m., a flower delivery person reported that after making a delivery on Carmel Road,

a resident's dog bit him in the leg.

Thursday, Dec. 25 — At 11:19 a.m., a resident reported a domestic assault incident, where her husband tried to kill her.

Saturday, Dec. 27 — At 11:45 a.m., a Andover Country Club Lane resident called 911 to report that their nanny would not leave their home.

Sunday, Dec. 28 — At 2:59 p.m., a Washington Avenue resident called 911 to ask if holly berries are poisonous. The caller was transferred to poison control.

Monday, Dec. 29 — At 11:32 a.m., a Post office Avenue caller reported credit card fraud.

Between 6 and 8 p.m., police received seven calls about solicitors going door-to-door, one of which was wearing a glow stick selling construction services.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 23 — At 12:12 p.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Main Street, between a caller's vehicle and a silver Volvo SUV.

At 4:26 p.m. a past hit-and-run on Chestnut Street was reported.

Wednesday, Dec. 24 — At 5:22 p.m., the Raini Nail Salon called to report that an employee's vehicle was struck while parked in front of the Free Christian Church today.

Thursday, Dec. 25 — At 1:05 a.m., a 911 caller reported a hit-and-run crash after being struck by a small white vehicle on Dascomb Road.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 24 — At 9:55 a.m., a caller reported that their vehicle had been broken into overnight at the Wyndham Hotel, Old River Road.

Friday, Dec. 26 — At 1:14 p.m., police were called to Shawsheen Road, after a father was teaching his son how to drive, and the son mistakenly hit the gas instead of the break, hitting a ballfield dugout.

Saturday, Dec. 27 — At 10:02 p.m., an employee of Chili's restaurant, River Road, reported that her rental car had been broken into, and several items were taken.

Monday, Dec. 29 — At 6:23 a.m., an Amherst Road resident called to report that two of her vehicles had been broken into sometime overnight.

At 7:04 a.m., a Rattlesnake Hill Road caller reported that someone smashed a window in his car and stole a wallet.

At 9:14 a.m., a Carter Lane resident called to report that they had four vehicles broken into overnight; a Hawk Ridge Road caller also reported an overnight car break at 9:14 a.m.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 24 — At 9:13 p.m., a Railroad Street resident reported the theft of some medication.

Thursday, Dec. 25 — At 6:47 p.m., a person walked into the police station to report the theft of their wallet sometime yesterday at Dunkin' Donuts.

Latino mothers' group receives \$5,000

Merrimack Valley Catholic Charities has received a \$5,000 grant from Children's Trust Fund of Massachusetts to fund The Latino Outreach Program.

The program, which offers a parenting education and support program series with topics ranging from family stress to child behavior management skills, is for Latino mothers with children ages birth through 6 years living in Lawrence, Methuen, Andover and North Andover.

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at ayda_diaz@ccab.org.

CTF awarded grants to 35 community-based organizations statewide to fund parenting education and support programs.

These programs help mothers and fathers increase their knowledge about parenting and child development, and develop their own community-based support networks.

Last year, approximately 750 parents and 950 children benefited from programs supported by CTF grants.

"All parents love their

children and want what's best for them," says Suzin Bartley, executive director of the Children's Trust Fund. "Parenting education programs help them achieve that goal by providing the tools to handle the tough job of being a mom or dad."

"I am grateful to the Children's Trust Fund for its support of families in the Merrimack Valley," said state Sen. Susan Tucker. "Better parenting means stronger families, happier children and healthier communities."

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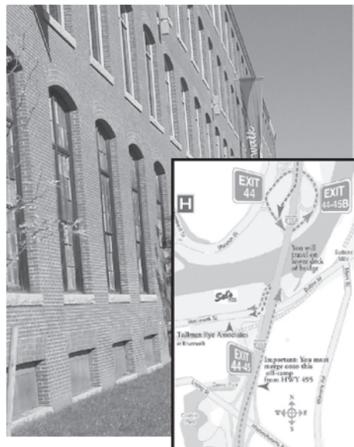
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Education

On the wall, always off drugs

Two Andover students on drug-free-campaign posters

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover teens Chantelle Hache and Sean McCall are poster children — literally — for being high on life.

Last year, Chantelle, 13, and Sean, 15, were selected as two of the 10 students across the state featured on posters in a drug prevention program by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Posters for the "Picture Yourself: Alcohol and Drug Free" campaign went up in schools across the state this fall. Each of the 10 poster designs features a Massachusetts teen engaged in a hobby or interest as an alternative to drugs or alcohol.

For Chantelle, an eighth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School, that hobby is kung fu, a sport she's studied since she was 6.

For Sean, a freshman at Andover High School, it was ultimate Frisbee, which he plays for fun with friends.

"The drug-free message is very important to me. I've seen people get their lives messed up by that kind of stuff. If even one person saw my poster, and thought twice about doing something, or even got interested in kung fu and didn't do (drugs), it would be really good," Chantelle said. "I was just really honored to be picked, because I know a lot of other people do really cool stuff, too. I just hope it helps somebody."

Wood Hill Middle was chosen as a pilot school for the Picture Yourself campaign. If they wanted to be involved, middle-schoolers filled out questionnaires last year to be considered for the campaign. One of the questions asked what

they would do if they found friends drinking at a party.

Sean, who was a Wood Hill eighth-grader when he was photographed for the poster, said he takes a live-by-example approach.

"They were just looking for someone who didn't sound like a health textbook (for the campaign). I was honest in my interview. I said if I found friends drinking, I would tell them to stop. If they didn't, it's their choice, and I'm not going to get involved with it. I think I have a realistic view," Sean said.

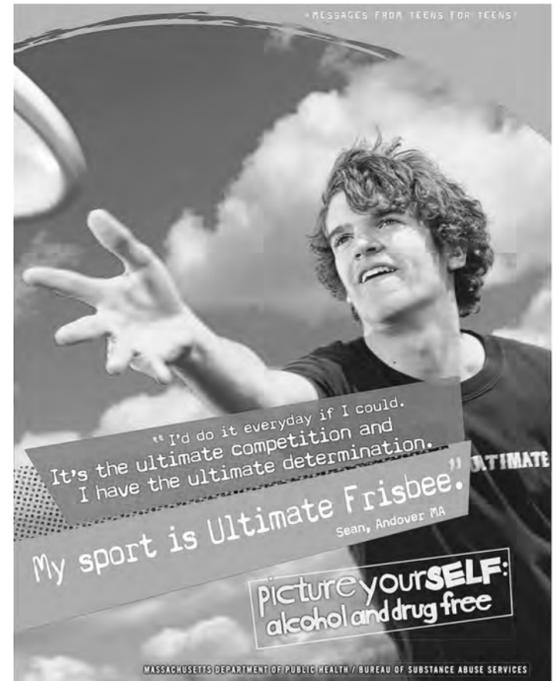
"We talk about it (drugs and alcohol) tons in high school health class. You know it happens, but it's their choice and I'm not going to get involved with it," he said. "You can't say what they can and can't do. You can't overtake their life, but can try to help them and hopefully get them through whatever they're trying to deal with."

The two teens agree that they were honored to be picked, but it was strange to see themselves on the walls of their school.

"The posters got put up in the beginning of the year, and it was a little weird to see," said Chantelle. "I didn't expect to see them on the first day of school. It was really different, I'm not used to (seeing my photo up)."

The Picture Yourself campaign included drug-prevention materials, distributed to teachers, and folders that were given to students.

"They put me on the folder — I'm on the back, throwing a frisbee. It was kind of weird. Seeing a poster of yourself is kind of different. I actually used my folder for health class, and people would say, 'Oh, is that you on the back?' It's kind of a goofy photo of me too," said



Andover residents Chantelle Hache, 13, an eighth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School, and Sean McCall, 15, a freshman at Andover High School, are featured on anti-drug posters for the statewide "Picture Yourself" campaign.

Q&A WITH LOCAL POSTER TEENS

The Townsman asked Andover students Chantelle Hache and Sean McCall what it was like to be on posters in the statewide "Picture Yourself: Drug and Alcohol Free" campaign.

Q: What was it like to do a professional photo shoot?

Chantelle: It felt great to be picked, and I was really excited. At the photo shoot, I was really nervous at first, but it ended up being really fun. I had to do kung fu moves for a long time, so I got really tired.

Q: Why did you get involved with the

campaign?

Sean: For the time it took, an hour to take some pictures, it might be bringing exposure to different things kids can do, like Frisbee. It was my way of saying, "This is what I do, maybe you can do it too."

Q: What do you love about kung fu (Chantelle) and frisbee (Sean)?

Chantelle: I've been doing it since I was 6 years old. I started kung fu because my brother was doing it, and I wanted to be like him. I like it because it's social and you get a lot of exercise. There are a lot of great people there,

and I take classes with friends. You'd expect the teachers to be intense because it's martial arts, but they're really nice.

Sean: I really just played ultimate Frisbee for fun last year with friends. This summer I did my first ultimate league (with Andover Youth Services), and found out that there's more to it than just tossing a Frisbee. I am going to try out for the AHS ultimate team next year. For now, I'm going to concentrate on baseball (he plays in town leagues) and training. I don't take sports too competitively, and play just for fun.

Q: Besides kung fu and frisbee, what are your hobbies?

Chantelle: I love music. I like to sing and I'm learning to play guitar. And I'm in the (Wood Hill) school play this year. I'm the cowardly lion in "The Wizard of Oz" spring musical.

Sean: I'm into theater. I'm part of the AHS drama guild, and I was Don (one of the characters trying out for the show) in "A Chorus Line" this fall. I also do Merrimack Junior Theatre.

I like to play baseball, just hang out with friends and play video games. The only thing I don't really like to do is homework.

Sean with a chuckle. Chantelle is the youngest

child of Belkis and Maurice Hache. She has a brother, Isaac,

16, and sister, Sacharie, 29. Sean is the son of Frank and

Tricia McCall. He has two older siblings, he said.



Taylor Goodwin, 5, sings Christmas songs with the class at Shawsheen School.



Music teacher Lori Smolinski leads the Shawsheen School Holiday Sing-Along Tuesday, Dec. 23, before the winter break. It was the last day before Christmas vacation, and the kids wore red, green or blue for sing-along. Students return to school Monday.

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Obituaries

Blanche I. Denis, 92



LAWRENCE — Blanche I. (Sirmard) Denis, 92, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008 surrounded by her loving family at the Wingate at Andover.

Mrs. Denis was born in Dracut, daughter of Henry and Ida (Labrie) Denis. Blanche received her education in the Lowell School System.

For many years, Blanche worked in Billerica, and Methuen at the former Army's Department Store and her occupation was in sales.

Among her interests she belonged to Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish's Rainbow Club.

A resident of Lawrence Mrs. Denis was the former wife of Paul

B. Connell, and was the widow of Robert B. Denis.

She is survived by children, Carl A. and her husband Robert E. Boileau of Andover; Shirley J. and her husband William D. Tierney of Bolton; her son, Jeffrey P. and his wife Cindy Denis of Carlisle, Pa.; one sister, Anita Karafelis of Boxford; a brother, Rene Simard; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Blanche was predeceased by her son, Robert A. Denis.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services took place Wednesday, Dec. 24, at 11 a.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Friends called before the funeral at the funeral home. For online condolences visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com.

Edna W. McDonald, 82



ANDOVER — Edna W. (Menchions) McDonald, 82, a long time Andover resident, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008 at the Nevins Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

She was born in St. Johns, New Foundland, Canada and was the daughter of the late Sarah and Aaron Tilley. Edna came to this country as a young girl. She was raised and educated in North Reading. She was a graduate of LD Batchelder School in North Reading, and Reading Memorial High School. For over 30 years, she was an executive secretary for Raytheon Corp, Andover facility. Edna was an active member of the Congregational Church in North Reading. She enjoyed summers at the beach but her greatest joy was the time spent with her family.

Widow of John "Red" McDonald, she is survived by two sons, John and his wife Lisa of Andover; William McDonald of Chelmsford,

seven daughters, Judith McDonald of Taunton, Beverly McDonald and her husband Ross Petty of Wayland, Joan D'Angelo of Boston, Kathleen and her husband Warren Boise of Hanover, Maureen McDonald and Patricia Retaliata of Kittery Point, Maine, Lynda and her husband Marc Abend of Ashland, Patricia McDonald and Robert Scott of Newbury; a brother William Tilley and his wife Fran of Salem, N.H.; a sister Barbara and her husband Charles Webb of North Reading, 11 grandchildren Toni, Sarah, Jennifer, Alex, Christopher, Courtney, Rachel, Zachary, Aaron, Olivia, Caroline, a great grandson, James and several nieces and nephews. She was the sister of the late Mary Peters.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were Tuesday at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Burial followed in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions in Edna McDonald's name may be made to a charity of one's choice. To place online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Dorothy McWhinnie, 77



ANDOVER — Dorothy "Dottie" (White) McWhinnie, 77, of Andover, lost her courageous battle with lymphoma on Thursday, Dec. 18, 2008, surrounded by

her loving family. Dottie showed what a special person she was to all who knew her, and even in her last days was the most gracious and dignified, conquering all limitations.

Dottie was born on Sept. 3, 1931 in Boston and spent her childhood years in Boston, before moving to Reading. She graduated from Reading High School in 1949. In her childhood years she loved field hockey and basketball. Her first job was at F. W. Woolworth in Reading. She was also later employed by L.B. Evans Co., Webster Electric, American Power Devices and Raytheon, where she retired from in 1995.

Dottie moved to Andover in 1953 after marrying Robert E. McWhinnie. He later died in 1986. She spent the rest of her life in the Ballard-Vale area. She was a faithful and devoted member of the Ballard-Vale United Church where she was a member of the women's guild, and previously taught Sunday school. She also was a member of two "Red Hats" groups, whom with she loved to play cards and dominoes. Dottie loved to knit, crochet, sew and do needlepoint. Many of her loved ones have pieces of her homemade creations.

She also spent years interpreting for the deaf through Deafness Resources.

Her life was filled with the joy of family and friends and each day till the end brought her pleasure and peace and the deep rewards of love and friendship. She found the things that mattered most to her and that gives her family a deep sense of satisfaction. She was especially admired by her oncologist, Dr. David Fisher and the entire Dana Farber/Brigham & Women's Cancer Center Team.

She is survived by her devoted husband of eight years, Richard Deveau. Daughters, Nancy and her husband Tony Farinacci of Walpole, Linda and her husband Bob DeLucia of Lawrence and son Robie McWhinnie of Andover. Grandchildren, Michael, Heather and Kevin Kirkpatrick and Nicholas and Kate-Lynn DeLucia and most precious and special grandson, Matthew, who resided with her and helped care for her until the end, five great-grandchildren, brothers, Roy and Phyllis White, David and Carole White, Robert White, Albert Spindler and sister Lorraine and Carl Pridgen, her 96-year-old mother-in-law Mabel McWhinnie, aunts, uncles, in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, Friday. Her memorial service was celebrated in the BallardVale United Church, Andover, on Saturday. Burial will be at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 44 Binney St., Boston, MA 02115.

Dorothy Sherry, 88



HAVERHILL — Mrs. Dorothy Sherry, 88, formerly of Long Island, beloved wife of the late Gerard P. Sherry, died Monday morning, Dec. 22, 2008 at Penacook Place in Haverhill.

Born and raised in Cleveland, she was the daughter of the late George and Gertrude Richardson. She moved to New York as a young woman and received her education to become an RN at Bellevue School of Nursing in Manhattan. Here she met Gerard to whom she was married for 32 years until his death in 1975. She resided on Long Island for many years until 2005 when she moved up to Andover to be with her daughter, Victoria Henry.

Dorothy worked for many years as a Pediatric nurse at Franklin General Hospital in Valley Stream, N.Y. Above all, she was a loving homemaker who loved spending time with her family and friends. She enjoyed excursions with her friends from the Widow and Widowers group on Long Island. Her interests were the theatre and music - our fondest memories her of

her listening to opera on the radio on Sunday afternoons while cooking the family dinner. She was a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother who will be missed by all who knew her.

Dorothy leaves behind her children, Christina DeFrancesco of Sparta, N.J., Victoria Henry of Andover; Peter Sherry of Sussex, N.J. and Gerard P. Sherry and his wife Rosemarie of Glen Cove, N.Y. She is also survived by her niece, Dr. Donna Borders; nephew, Bill Archer; 10 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The family wishes to convey their deepest gratitude to the entire staff at Penacook Place in Haverhill for Dorothy's loving care during the last several years of her life.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend her funeral Mass on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2008 at 10 a.m. at St. Michael's Church, 196 Main St., North Andover. Calling hours will be on Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 17 Third St., North Andover. For those who wish, Dorothy may be remembered through donations to Penacook Place, 150 Water St., Haverhill, MA 01830. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guest book, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

Lucy LaTorre, 78



METHUEN — Lucy (Lonardo) LaTorre, 78, of Methuen, died unexpectedly Monday, Dec. 29, 2008 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

She was born in Lawrence and was the daughter of the late Louis and Margaret (Razzak) Lonardo. Mrs. LaTorre was raised and educated in Lawrence and was a graduate of Lawrence High School.

She retired from Rathen Corporation in Andover where she worked for many years as an assembler.

She attended St. Lucy's Church and loved and enjoyed spending time with her family and friends, going to the beach and out to dinner.

She was the wife of the late Jo-

seph S. LaTorre and is survived by her son, Todd J. LaTorre and his wife Maria of North Andover; daughter, Patricia A. Hajj and her husband Danny of Andover; sister, Rose Michaud and her husband Roland of Nashua, N.H.; grandchildren, Nicole Hajj of Portsmouth, N.H. and Joey LaTorre of North Andover; and her close friend, Frank Cali, with whom she spent many happy times together. There are also several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend a funeral Mass of Christian burial on Wednesday, Dec. 31, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Lucy's Church, Methuen. Interment will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. Visiting hours were Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. For condolences, please visit our online Web site at www.cataudella.com.

Paul T. Sullivan

READING — Paul T. Sullivan, of San Francisco, died on Wednesday, Dec. 3, 2008, after a long battle with cancer.

He was a graduate of Reading High School, Class of 1978. Paul was son of the late Gertrude A. (Ottino) Sullivan.

He is survived by his father, Robert A. Sullivan; brother, Robert A. Sullivan, Jr. and his wife Linda of Andover; sisters, Maureen T. Sullivan of Andover, Denise M. Russo

and her husband Paul of Westford, Elizabeth A. Regan and her husband Daniel of Albuquerque, N.M., and Regina G. Brighton and her husband Stephen of Andover; nieces and nephews, Kathryn, David, and Peter Russo and Stephen, Krystal, and Sean Sullivan.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial Mass on Friday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., Andover. Burial will be private.

Mary L. McGuirk, 94



NORTH ANDOVER — Mary L. McGuirk, 94, of North Andover, died Sunday, Dec. 21, 2008 after a short illness.

Born and educated in Lowell, Mrs. McGuirk earned a Bachelors degree in education from the State Teachers College in Lowell in the Class of 1936.

Previous to living in North Andover, Mrs. McGuirk had resided in Andover for 46 years. She had attended St Augustine Church in Andover.

Mrs. McGuirk leaves her son, Kevin McGuirk of Acton, daughter, Kathryn McGuirk of North Andover and grandson, Brian McGuirk and his wife, Jill of Abington. Mrs. McGuirk was preceded in death by her husband, John F. McGuirk and daughter-in-law, Patricia McGuirk.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends called on Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. Funeral services were on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Arthritis Foundation of Massachusetts, Chatham Center, Suite 450, 29 Crafts St., Newton, MA 02458-1287 or to The American Diabetes Foundation, Massachusetts Affiliate, 330 Congress St., Boston, MA 02210.

Elinor D. Perkins, 85

METHUEN — Elinor D. (Kerr) Perkins, 85, formerly of Methuen, died Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Mrs. Perkins was born and brought up in Lawrence. She graduated from Lawrence High and the Macintosh Business School. She worked as a secretary for various insurance agencies. Following her husband's death in 1986, she was employed as the secretary for Neighbors in Need until her retirement.

She enjoyed square-dancing and traveling with her husband. She

was a devoted grandmother to her three grandchildren and was looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild in March. She also enjoyed spending time with several life long friends, including her dear friend Margaret Ball.

Elinor is predeceased by her husband, Aubrey R. Perkins and a sister Marion Gordon. She leaves her daughter Barbara Hargreaves and her husband Thomas of Methuen, a son, Bruce Perkins of Ossipee, N.H., three grandchildren, Tracy Black and her husband Jeffrey of Mansfield, Michael of Methuen and Geoffrey and his fiance

Anna Heisler and her son Marcus of Methuen, a sister, Dorothy Murgia and husband Raymond of Andover, and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends called on Tuesday, Dec. 30, at the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. A funeral service followed at the funeral home. Burial was at Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen. Donations may be made to the John Hancock Lodge Building Fund, P.O. Box 273, Methuen, MA 01844. To make an online condolence, visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Dominic B. Valenti, 89



ANDOVER — Dominic B. Valenti, 89, a resident of Andover, died on Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008 at Wingate at Andover.

Born in Law-

rence on Feb. 3, 1919, he was the son of the late Dominic and Maria (Nicolosi) Valenti. He moved with his family to Brooklyn, N.Y. where he attended elementary and high school. He later returned to Lawrence where he was employed as a cloth cutter for Papparella Brothers, Bronzetti Clothing and Polo Clothing in Lawrence. Upon his retirement he became a consultant for the Hickey-Freeman Company in Rochester, NY.

He was a member of Holy Rosary Parish and The Holy Name Society. He had a passion for photography and antique carnival glass. He was an avid golfer and a member for many years at Merrimack Golf Course in Methuen. He was devoted to his family and spent endless hours with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Dominic is predeceased by his late wife, Lillian DeCaro Valenti, to whom he was married for 68 years. He is survived by daughter, Marie and husband Atty. Samuel J. Concemi of Andover; grandchildren, Anne Marie Concemi and spouse Whitney of Andover, Lisa

(Concemi) Truchon and husband Mark of Methuen, Celeste (Concemi) Steffenson and husband Mark of Andover, Christopher Concemi and wife Diane of North Andover; great grandchildren, Dominic and Gianna Truchon, Madeline and Cora Steffenson, Samuel Stewart Concemi and Ava Concemi. He is also survived by a daughter, Elaine, wife of Peter Pelletier of Dracut and their two children, Marie and Dominic Pelletier.

The Concemi family wishes to thank the entire staff at Wingate at Andover nursing facility for the wonderful kindness and care given to Dominic.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends may call on Sunday, Dec. 28 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. A funeral Mass will be held on Monday, Dec. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Corpus Christi Parish in Holy Rosary Church, 35 Essex St., Lawrence. Burial will follow at the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Barker St., Lawrence. For directions and condolences, please visit our website and online guest book at www.cataudella.com.

A new year is here!

January 1 is the first day of the year on our modern Gregorian calendar. New Year's Day is a public holiday in all countries that share the calendar except Israel.

The night of December 31 is New Year's Eve. Many people celebrate with parties and fireworks at midnight.

How do different countries celebrate New Year's Eve and New Year's Day? Let's do a little more globe hopping.

In New York City, a huge crystal ball drops from high above Times Square. The ball starts its drop at 11:59 p.m. and reaches the bottom at the stroke of midnight.

Other ball drops occur at Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro and at Sydney Harbor in Australia.

Australia is one of the first countries in the world to celebrate the new year. Over a million people watch the world's largest New Year's Eve fireworks show in Sydney.

Denmark and the Netherlands also celebrate with fireworks shows.

In Russia, the new year is greeted by fireworks and is a family celebration with lavish dinners and gifts.

The Russian president usually counts down the final seconds of the old year. A giant clock chimes in the new year. People make a wish with each chime.

Many South Koreans travel to the country's east coast where the sun can first be seen each day.

In Switzerland the final match of the Spengler Cup ice hockey tournament is often held on New Year's Day.

In the Philippines, bamboo cannons sound to ward off evil spirits. People rattle coins in tin cans to bring more money in the new year.

Happy New Year!



Sydney, Australia hosts the world's largest New Year's Eve fireworks show. Photo courtesy of City of Sydney

What Year?	Year	Event
1492	1492	First powered airplane flight
1776	1776	Neil Armstrong walks on moon
1865	1865	9-11 attack on World Trade Center
1876	1876	Sputnik is first satellite in space
1903	1903	Telephone is invented by Bell
1927	1927	Slavery is outlawed in USA
1957	1957	America declares independence
1969	1969	First movie with sound
2001	2001	Columbus lands in new world

Pasadena, California hosts the Tournament of Roses parade, followed by the Rose Bowl football game. The beautiful parade floats are covered with real flowers and seeds.

In the United States, some hos-

pitals and communities give prizes to the first baby born in the new year.

Enjoy New Year's Eve and New Year's Day with your friends and families!



Newspaper in Education Activity
Search your newspaper stories for about New Year's Day activities.
Some people make New Year's resolutions, goals they hope to reach in the coming year. Make a list of resolutions for the coming year.

Opinion

Hits and misses of 2008

The year 2008 proved to be another active year for Andover. While the recession dominated much of the news, major construction started on Main Street and at Phillips Academy's public Addison Gallery of American Art. A Korean War veterans memorial was unveiled, police with dogs executed a surprise drug search at Andover High, and a family of polar bears arrived in the downtown.

Here's a look at some of the hits and misses in Andover news during 2008:

Hit: Engineering lessons for all

Wood Hill Middle School became the last of the town's three middle schools to create an engineering lab through the work of parents and a grant writer, joining West Middle, which began offering engineering for students for the 2006-07 school year and Doherty Middle, which did so last school year. Andover middle-schoolers take engineering in addition to regular science classes. They learn skills tested on the eighth-grade MCAS test and needed by Americans in the global economy.

Creating middle school engineering labs is the type of one-time or occasional capital item that parent organizations and grant writers should pursue. It quickly benefits all students in a school and across the district, unlike some flashy pilot projects that benefit only a few, would add significantly to the operating budget to continue, or could not reasonably be offered to all because of their expense.

Miss: Town fee for community event

A big miss this year went to town government for insisting on charging the Andover Business Center Association about \$1,000 to rent Old Town Hall for the annual Breakfast with Santa that is part of the Holiday Happenings event. Instead, the event was moved to the Free Christian Church, which offered its space for free.

Businesses paid for the horse-drawn hayrides, tree lighting and other events that made the Holiday Happenings event a community draw. There are few events that close Main Street in the downtown for special community events. The town and its leaders should have done its part in a timely manner to help this event that is open to all interested.

You can bet you will begin



File photo

Construction was underway in June in front of Old Town Hall, at the corner of Main and Park streets, during the Main Street redesign.



File photo

Launching bottle rockets filled with water during engineering class at Wood Hill Elementary School are, from left, Dina Roumeliotis, 14; engineering teacher Laurie Farrell; William Wolfendale, 14; Kevin Dou, 13; and Camedon O'Neill, 14.

seeing the closing of some stores in the downtown starting this month. Breakfast with Santa wouldn't have saved those, but it would have helped a struggling downtown business community.

Mixed bag: Polar bear migration

One of the early surprises of 2008 was the news that the Memorial Hall Library trustees would install a life-sized granite statue of a polar bear and its cubs. It was paid for entirely through money provided by the Library Board of Trustees, not with taxpayer's money.

Still, initial reaction was mixed. With the poor economy starting to dig in, some residents wondered if there wasn't a better way for the trustees to improve the library. On top of that, selectmen approved the library's statue with minimal discussion, after a far more rigorous vetting of the size, location and look of a donated memorial dedicated to Andover people who died in the Korean War. One would think that polar bears looking to move into the center of town would have to jump through more hoops than veterans.

However, once the polar bear statue was approved, supporters were smart to have a name-the-bears contest. The statues have drawn attention to the library and its "green" initiatives and seem to be a hit with young children, as intended. Plus, let's face it, the bears are a lot more inviting than the modern art placed at the back entrance to the library.

Hit: Helping hand

A group of residents and others have been working since Aug. 20 to help 81-year-old fire victim Mary Manock back into her Elm Street home. Dumpsters full of her belongings have been hauled away



FILE PHOTO

Mary Manock tries to clean up her house and make it livable before winter comes after a kitchen fire in August caused serious interior damage. Residents banded together and are working to rebuild her house.



FILE PHOTO

A crowd attended the unveiling of the life-sized sculpture of a mother polar bear and her three cubs in front of Andover's Memorial Hall Library in June. The sculptor, Jim Sardonis, far right, talks to people after unveiling his work of art.

from the condemned home and property by the group that has dubbed itself Mary's Angels. The cleanup and repairs

have not only given hope of moving back to her home to woman who has said she is a hoarder, but should result in improved living conditions for her and a safer and more attractive property near one of the "gateways" to Andover, Elm Street near Merrimack College and the town line with North Andover.

Mixed bag: Main Street construction

Nearly a decade since money was approved to better Main Street, it's been a positive to finally see workers building the redesign project meant to improve downtown traffic flow for vehicles and people. The appearance of new sidewalks and lampposts during the

summer helped show progress was being made.

Of course, no one likes to live with construction, including Andover residents, who had trouble adjusting to a treeless Route 28. (New trees will be planted in 2009.) Unfortunately, the timing of this work couldn't have been much worse for downtown shops struggling to get by in a recession.

Here's hoping next year brings the on-time completion of a project that improves traffic flow and the look of the downtown and benefits all in the downtown community. If so, that finished project is sure to be one of the big hits of 2009.

It's January — Slacker resolutionists unite

A Broader View

Sue Tabb



accumulated and filthy habits we've acquired. A time when we lie to ourselves that the new

year ahead will be different; we will exercise more, eat healthier, and write that novel we know is inside us somewhere. We will buy that gratitude journal that Oprah insists we need, and spend our evenings chronicling what we are thankful for rather than watching those silly reality shows like "Big Brother" and "Mama's Boy."

Snap out of it! If you're anything like me, the likelihood of any of that happening is about the same as seeing Angelina Jolie eat a pastrami sandwich. So just relax in the knowledge that you are among friends in your synthetic, superficial existence.

In fact, this year, I'm reveling in my ability to face the ugly truth head on. I will be no better this year than in past years; in fact, odds are that I'll be just a little worse. Let's face it, there are episodes of "Sex and the City" still worth watching; good wines that have yet to be tasted, and plenty of people just begging to be mocked. There are offensive jokes and little white lies that need to be told. And there is plenty of chocolate to be eaten.

So I will vow to be simply who I am this year because, after 40-and-a-few years, it is unlikely that I can affect any real, lasting change. Imagine Donald Trump spending a holiday in a soup kitchen or Regis Philbin not talking about himself incessantly? Yes, these would be welcome changes but almost creepy due to their sheer improbability. So I figure, why

scare the people who love me by going to the gym, eating fiber or learning a second language?

If I keep my standards posterously low, they will not be forced to adapt to the new and improved me. I'm doing this for my family (and for Angelina, who can take the good deed award for adopting 27 more children).

Now, in true David Letterman style, I will state the top 10 reasons you should avoid making any resolutions this year. However, since coming up with 10 reasons would be far too taxing a goal, I will lower the bar and provide just seven — less writing for me, less reading for you. It's really a win/win situation.

Refusing to make any resolutions will:

1. Save you the embarrassment of being laughed at you when you unveil the newest

plan for how you will attain your financial freedom ... in 10 days or less.

2. Help you avoid being accountable for your bad behavior. Hey, you didn't promise a rose garden.

3. Start a new trend — the slacker resolutionists. It has a nice ring to it.

4. Save a tree; think of the paper you'll spare by not writing down any goals. Be sure not to speak them aloud either ... or even think about them.

5. Spare you the time and agony of reading those self help books like "Eat, Pray, Love" and "The Secret." Self-Discovery. Awakening. Acceptance. (Blah. Blah. And Blah.)

6. Help others understand "tis always better to underpromise and overdeliver." Promising absolutely nothing is a surefire way to beat expectations.

7. And finally ... show the world that you are comfortable in your own skin — even if it just covers up your lazy, no good, do nothing body.

Don't you feel better now, knowing there are a whole lot of us out there that do not aspire to greatness? I mean, who needs to learn German or publish a book; there are plenty of us that are thrilled when we find a good parking spot, get that perfect cup of coffee or have another parent tell us that our kid is well mannered. Does this make us bad people?

In these crazy, uncertain times, I resolve only to be a good person. If I am successful at that, anything else — splitting an atom, winning a Pulitzer Prize, running a marathon — is all gravy. And if that makes me a slacker, well maybe I can live with that.

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WEB QUESTION: Looking ahead to 2009

As Andover rings in 2009 on Wednesday night, many folks will be making New Year's resolutions. In your opinion, what should the Town of Andover's new year's resolution be?

- Better communication between town officials and residents
- Better fiscal responsibility, and trimming the fat from budgets -- both the school and town sides
- Better upkeep of infrastructure, such as

pot holes, sidewalks and water mains

- Improve community friendliness, such as volunteerism and looking out for one another
- Less crime
- Better transparency of what goes on at Town Offices and the School Administration Building; be more open with debate and decisions
- Keep development at bay, and preserve Andover's green spaces

■ Finish the Main Street construction process, and make sure it doesn't bleed into 2010

- Keep taxes from increasing
- Other

To cast your vote, go to www.Andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way down to the bottom of the page. For lengthier answers, e-mail Editor Neil Fater at NFater@Andovertownsmen.com

OBITUARIES

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Iris Sarantos, 82



LOWELL — Iris (Laganas) Sarantos, 82, a member of a prominent Lowell family and a lifelong resident of the City, died Wednesday morning, Dec. 24, 2008 at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston surrounded by her loving family. She was the beloved wife of Charles P. Sarantos, with whom she recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on June 14, 2008.

Born in Lowell, April 26, 1926, the daughter of the late Costos P. and the late Anastasia (Andriopoulos) Laganas, she attended Draut Schools and was a graduate of Draut High School in the Class of 1943. She went on to graduate from the Forsythe Dental School in Boston where she became a registered dental hygienist.

Prior to her retirement, Mrs. Sarantos was co-owner, with her husband, of C&I Electrical Supply for many years. Previously, she worked as a dental hygienist for Dr. William Gilooly and Dr. Robert French.

Mrs. Sarantos was a member of both the Massachusetts Dental Hygienists Association and the American Dental Hygienists Association. She was a lifelong member of the Hellenic Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity. Mrs. Sarantos was well known in the community for her philanthropic efforts in many local, state and national, religious, cultural, edu-

cational, health, and charitable organizations.

Active with her church, she was a member of the Maids of Athens, the Daughters of Penelope, the Ladies Philoptochos Society and the Hellenic Cultural Society.

In addition, she was active with the Lowell Girls Club (aka Girls, Inc.) Lowell General Hospital Ladies Auxiliary, the Whistler House Museum, Vesper Country Club and the Lowell Garden Club.

Among her many interests, she enjoyed golfing and bowling.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Anastasia M. Sarantos of New York; a son, Constantine P. Sarantos and his wife Elizabeth of Andover; two grandchildren, Alyssa Sarantos and Christopher Sarantos both of Andover; five sisters, Mary C. Laganas of Lowell, Theda Triantafel and her husband George of Andover, Olga C. Laganas, Tula A. Laganas both of Lowell and Patricia A. Dukakis and her husband Arthur of Wellsley; a brother-in-law, George S. George of Needham; a niece, Amalie Ann George of Needham. She was also the sister of the late Helen George.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends called at the Hellenic Orthodox Church Of The Holy Trinity on Lewis Street in Lowell, Saturday, and the funeral service followed. Burial was in the Westlawn Cemetery. Those wishing may make contributions in her memory to the Hellenic Orthodox Church of the Holy Trinity, Lewis Street, Lowell, MA 01854. E-condolence at www.odonnellfuneralhome.com. Arrangements by Funeral Directors John W. Crane and James F. O'Donnell, Jr. (978 or 866) 458-8768.

RETREAT: Rector to travel globe on rejuvenation mission

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"Travel is part of the way we learn our place in the world. It gives you a perspective you can't get by staying in one place," said Gill, who first left the U.S. in high school, as an exchange student to Japan. "It opens your life in a big way. You experience life and God in a bigger way when you encounter people whose life experience is different than your own."

The sabbatical, Gill's first after six years at Christ Church, is possible through a grant from the Lilly Endowment's National Clergy Renewal Program. The Episcopal congregation applied for and received the \$45,000 grant to cover the expenses of Gill's sabbatical, as well as pastoral duties during the six months he's away.

Gill and Christ Church are one of 133 Lilly Endowment grants awarded to congregations in 36 U.S. states.

"I've worked really hard for the past six years, with a pretty ambitious agenda for ministry and outreach. I'm ready to rejuvenate," said Gill, smiling. "I want to come back fit and healthy, sound in body, mind and spirit."

The church's Assistant Rector Adam Schumaker will fill Gill's shoes while he's gone, as well as an interim rector, hired part-time for the six month period. The "nuts and bolts" details of his job will also be covered by lay leaders from the congregation, Gill said.

When Gill began to draft ideas for a sabbatical, planning to apply for the Lilly Endowment grant, he was drawn to the

FINDING AND SHARING JOY IN LIFE AND MINISTRY: SIX MONTHS, FOUR CONTINENTS

The Reverend Jeff Gill, rector of Christ Church on Central Street, will begin a sabbatical in March centered around the theme of joy. Here is a snapshot of his itinerary:

- Begin with a week of "sheer joy" at Red Sox spring training in Fort Myers, Fla., in early March.
- Jeff and his wife, Carolyn, will travel to Japan, near where they lived as a young married couple, spending time hiking the Basho trail, named for a 16th century haiku poet, as well as biking and enjoying a spiritual retreat. Jeff was a Japanese language major in college and is a self-proclaimed "Japanophile."
- Jeff and his 21-year old son, George, plan to bicycle from Canada to Mexico along the Pacific Coast Highway -- a 2,000 mile trek over six weeks. When George was 12, the duo completed a motorcycle trip from Portland, Maine to San Diego, but this will be their first bicycle trip.
- A week visiting family in Indiana
- Jeff and Carolyn will also attend a conference on the African Reformation in Johannesburg, South Africa, followed by a pastor's retreat, which Jeff will co-lead for an organization doing reconciliation work in Rwanda.
- Then time in Denmark, the "happiest place on Earth," according to a recent study, for visiting friends, biking and kayaking. Jeff will also catch up with a Danish "exchange brother" that lived with his family in high school, he said.
- After that, several weeks on retreat in England, spending time in prayer, reflection and writing. He plans to visit St. Deiniol's library in North Wales.
- From there, spending a month in Andover and Maine for a period of "re-entry," and back on the job at Christ Church in September.

theme of joy. "This is a pretty serious job. My wife always makes comments about my furrowed brow. (For a sabbatical.) I thought about experiences and places that have brought me joy in my life," Gill said. "(Upon returning to Christ Church,) I hope to be better equipped to connect with our joy in life. We lead chaotic, hectic, anxious lives in these times. I want to help people to connect with deep joy. If I can model that in some way, I hope to be a better leader and pastor in this community."

Through the National Clergy Renewal Program, the Lilly

Endowment aims to offer renewal for pastors, often "outside of the box," said Gill, opposite of the academic sabbaticals that most people think of, where a professor or pastor will do research or write a book.

Instead, the grants offer a "renewal of mind, body and spirit" and a chance for clergy to try things they don't get to do with the day-to-day, 24-7 demands of the job, Gill said.

"It's spiritual nurturing, but in a different way," Gill said of his sabbatical. "I feel very privileged."

Besides time in Japan, Denmark, England and multiple

regions of the U.S., Gill added a trip to South Africa to his itinerary after an inspirational month-long trip to six African countries last spring.

"The experience (in Africa) got deep down into my bones," said Gill, breaking into a smile. This summer, he will attend a conference in Johannesburg with his wife, Carolyn, and co-lead a pastor's retreat.

The globe-trotting will span six months, said Gill, so he doesn't look on the experience as exhausting, as some might think, but the opposite.

"There will be days of travel, but once I get to a destination, I can just enjoy, with no real agenda. Have time to decompress and just be," he said. "Reconnecting and making friends doesn't feel like work for me at all."

Gill, an Indiana native, and his wife have a son, George, 21, with whom he will ride the cross-country bike trek, a daughter, Liz, 29, and son-in-law, Duncan. Carolyn runs the Adelyn Road retreat center in Byfield.

The family first visited Christ Church in 1983, when Jeff was a student at Harvard Divinity School. They attended the Andover congregation for five years before he was ordained, said Gill, and their children were baptized at Christ Church.

After jobs at various churches, most recently at Trinity Church in Topsfield, Gill felt called back to Andover, he said, and became rector in 2003.

"It has always been a place that has meant a lot to us," said Gill of Christ Church. "And now, here I am."

UNITED: Towns look to join forces and save money through regional buying power

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Public bidding laws were also examined, as well as ways to reduce energy consumption.

"We think there are ways to do this," Vispoli said. "We're looking for ways for towns to save money more collaboratively. That's the way we approached it."

On Nov. 6, the group presented their preliminary ideas to Leslie

Kirwan, Patrick's secretary of finance and administration, and a representative from the state Department of Revenue.

"The reception was very positive," said Vispoli, who said their electronic presentation has since been distributed to other departments and agencies within state government.

Vispoli said the Patrick administration also hopes to appoint municipal liaisons to each

secretary in the governor's cabinet, in order to facilitate collaboration with cities and towns.

The selectmen are also getting their town managers involved. "We really want them to work as part of the team," Vispoli said.

Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski gave the North East Solid Waste Committee, Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority, Greater

Lawrence Educational Collaborative, Greater Lawrence Sanitary District, and North Eastern Massachusetts Law Enforcement Council as past examples of local governments looking to cut costs through regionalization.

But more can — and should — be done on the regionalization front, he said.

"Andover and North Andover, Reading and North Reading, they split because of political

differences, religious differences 150 years ago," Stapeczynski said. "Now I think we need to join together for our own economic survival."

Vispoli said he expects specific proposals for regionalization will be discussed by the collaborating towns this winter.

"We certainly can learn from each other," Vispoli said. "We think there's an opportunity to do some innovative things."

JOINT FORCES

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- Rosemary Smedile, North Andover
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2008: Year in Review

THE PHOTOGRAPHERS



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Every day Andover Townsman photographers take many photos from local events in Andover. Each photo assignment presents both challenges and opportunities. Today, staff photographers present their favorite photos of 2008, and explain how they were able to capture those images.

— Amy Sweeney

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ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Nov. 15, 2008: The Andover/North Andover Synchers work on their lifts during a clinic with 2008 Olympic coach Duke Zielinski at Greater Lawrence Tech.

Photographer's Take: I was thoroughly impressed at the talent and enthusiasm of the The Andover/North Andover Synchers. It's always a little tricky though to get strong pool photos without using underwater equipment. Fortunately I stuck around long enough that they decided to work on some lifts. I used a 50mm lens at 1.4 in order to have a fast enough shutter speed under the dim florescent lights.



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Aug. 27, 2008: Tyler Schwalm, 3, races his father Mark Schwalm during Dallas Night at the Andover/ North Andover YMCA.

Photographer's Take: Shooting for a small town weekly definitely has its fun side. A majority of assignments are filled with fun subjects and only demand that you capture people having a fun time. This was the case at the YMCA Dallas Night where the weather was perfect and a good time was had by all.



TIFFANY SHYU/Staff photo

Nov. 21, 2008: Paper Chaser cheerleader Devon Mullen, center, cheers the crowd during the game against Show Stoppa at Andover High School football field.

Photographer's Take: I am not much of a sports fan, not until I start shooting football games for the paper. I couldn't stop laughing at the guys wearing skirts and cheerleading while shooting. It was fun to see girls and boys swapping their roles on the field, and it was my first Powder Puff game ever.



TIFFANY SHYU/Staff photo

Oct. 21, 2008: The view of Central Street from the bell tower in South Church shows the seasonal changes well underway.

Photographer's Take: View from the top: It was the beginning of autumn and the leaves started turning yellow. I was assigned to take photos of Sunday school children from South Church taking turns ringing the bell 350 times as part of a national effort to bring attention to pollution. Climbing up to the top of the stairs, it was dark and narrow with spider webs all along the wall and ceilings. Finally we got to the top of the tower, I looked out the window, and I was amazed by the fall of New England.



TIFFANY SHYU/Staff photo

Oct. 27, 2008: The Prince greets one of the princesses played by Ava Grieco in the musical "The Princess and The Pea" at South Elementary School.

Photographer's Take: I like taking photos of people performing on the stage, and I was excited that I got to shoot some photos for an elementary school play. I did not use flash because I wanted to use the available light as it captures the mood on the stage better. I paid attention to the interaction between the performers and waited for the right moment. Some of the photos did turn out blurry, but this one was a keeper.



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Sept. 11, 2008: Governor Deval Patrick meets Greater Lawrence Tech nursing student Nairoby Corniel, 17, during her EKG class while he was on a walking tour of the school.

Photographer's Take: I was assigned to photograph Deval Patrick visiting Greater Lawrence Tech in the fall. He was visiting an EKG classroom when he met this nursing student. The teacher was showing the governor an EKG dummy when the student came over to introduce herself. When they shook hands, I really don't think they realized how funny it looked as they leaned over this lifeless plastic body lying beneath them. Luckily, I did and it made a pretty humorous image.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Jan. 24, 2008: Denise Carriere hugs her grandmother Mary Carriere after she is surprised with the news of her selection into the Hall of Fame for the Special Olympians, while at work in the Memorial Hall Library.

Photographer's Take: I was assigned to cover a surprise announcement at the Memorial Hall Library for an employee, Denise Carriere, who was named to the Massachusetts Special Olympics Hall of Fame. I met and photographed Denise years before when she was nominated for the hall, but later found out she didn't get in. When I went to the library, I met Denise's mother, Marilyn Carriere, and her grandmother Mrs. Peter (Mary) Carriere as well as a representatives of the state Special Olympics as we walked in. I knew that I needed to stay out of sight as family and friends sprang the good news since Denise knew me, and she would know something was up. Denise was very shy, and didn't like photos taken of her. So after she was surprised to see mom and grandmother at her work, I came out from behind a large bookcase and moved closer to get the shot. It was a nice moment to see Denise finally get into the Special Olympics Hall of Fame.

50th AHS class reunion a time for old and new

Bill Dalton



A few weeks ago, John Giovinco wrote a summary of his 50th class reunion. John moved out of town many years ago, and I asked for his impression of what Andover was like for a returning Townie. What better opportunity to publish his comments than the week we dedicate to the contemplation of time. And, although I didn't know it until a few days ago, for John and his wife, Carol, this week has a special meaning.

John's two sisters, Jenny and Eva, preceded him in high school and were both in the All Girl Band and then became cheerleaders. John was in Andover High School's first graduating class — 1958. He was one of the best athletes of his era, starring in baseball and basketball, and was a likeable guy. Underclassmen, like me, looked up to him.

Here's what John wrote about the class reunion and his impression of Andover.

"Well, the 50th reunion is now history and what a reunion it was. On a scale of one to ten, the class of 1958's reunion was an eleven. The reunion committee, which consisted of Bill Barnes, Brenda McKittrick Coletti, Donna Collins Dyer,

Norma Heseltine Gammon, Ed Monroe, Edie Leidich Torrissi, and chairperson Helen Ellis Watkinson, deserves kudos for a job well done!

"I told you I would give you my impression of Andover after not visiting here for 10 years. One of the reunion activities we enjoyed was a school bus tour of the town. It was narrated by your cousin, 'Mrs Andover,' Norma Heseltine Gammon, and Helen Ellis Watkinson. The Andover I remembered was not all there, but not totally gone either. Growth is in evidence, and yet the old flavor is still there. Norma mentioned that, when we graduated, the population was 15,000 and that it is now about 32,000. There are new buildings in town, new

sidewalks going in, new street lights going up. The corner by your dad's store was dug up so we couldn't stand there like we all used to do. (The corner of Park and Main streets, in front of Dalton's Drugstore, was a popular place to hang out.) Tax rates are up (so what's new?), so it must be hard for people our age to afford to live in Andover. At any rate, with all the 'new,' Andover still holds its charm by preserving some of the old.

"We went to West Andover and Strawberry Hill Farm is still there. My very first job as a kid was picking peas for Pete Loosigian at 50 cents a bushel. Those bushels were really big, and my back has never been the same. We stayed at my sister Jenny Lloyd's house while we

were there. It happens to be the house where we all grew up.

"We went past your old house — 57 Chestnut Street. It's still in good shape. Maybe it was my eyes playing tricks on me, but I think I saw a vision of that mean old pony in the back yard. (John is referring to the infamous nasty animal, 'Buddy the Downtown Pony,' which my family owned when I was growing up and which was the subject of previous columns.)

"So much is new, yet Andover will always be Andover, a place where I grew up, and a place that will always have a warm spot in my heart. IT'S MAGICAL!"

John and his wife, Carol, live in Scottsdale, Ariz. I've never met John's wife, although she

has been part of my correspondence with John. I asked John about her, and that's when I learned why this week is so special for them. What he wrote was so pleasing that I'm going to pass it on.

John says, "New Year's Day is a magical day for Carol and me. We were married on New Year's Day 1988. She is a native Minnesotan. She is 5 feet tall with the most beautiful eyes I've ever seen. We met at a night club in Minneapolis. I asked her to dance, and we've been dancing ever since."

I think that's a nice way to end 2008.

Bill Dalton's e-mail address is billdalton@andovertownie.com. He welcomes your comments and stories about Andover.

Townspeople

DECEMBER FIRST BIRTHDAYS



MAX DYER

Max Dyer celebrated his first birthday on Dec. 20. He is the son of Damon and Pamela (Rembisz) Dyer of Andover. Grandparents are Jack Rembisz, Gail and David Randall, and the late Cynthia Dyer. Great-grandmothers are Genevive Rembisz and Eleanor Turton. Max enjoys playing with his older sisters, Emma and Carly. He loves Guitar Hero and 52 pick-up. His favorite TV shows are High-Five and the NFL Network.



MEGHAN MARIE KELLEY

Meghan Marie Kelley turned 1 on Dec. 23. She is the daughter of Edward Ted and Carrie Kelly of Foxboro. Grandparents are Edward and Ann Kelley of Andover, Nancy Eliot of Westwood, and John Zawislak of Attleboro. Meghan has a brother, Ryan. She loves swimming in her pool with her brother and going to the YMCA for her swimming lessons. Meghan also enjoys crawling about the house, exploring as she goes.



JACQUELINE MAY IMAN SWEENEY

Jacqueline May Iman Sweeney celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 12. She is the daughter of Kirk Sweeney and Yaovaret Rachampoo of Hong Kong. Grandparents are Rebecca and Alan Kenney of Andover and Somsong Kaeomani of Petchabun, Thailand. Jacqueline enjoys playing with her sisters, Beatrice, 3, and Chariya, 13.

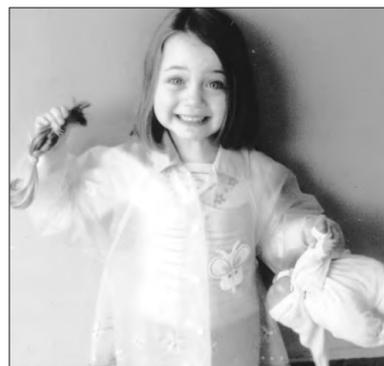


ABIGAIL JANET WALLEs

Abigail Janet Walles celebrated her first birthday on Dec. 10. She is the daughter of Danial and Mellissia Walles of Andover. Grandparents are Bill and Nancy Walles of Woburn and Craig and Sandy Capano of Raynham. Great-grandparents are George and Karen Kay of New Hampshire and Nancy Hurley of New York. Abigail is a very happy, cuddly and sweet baby, who loves to play with her brothers Andrew, 2, and Tyler 4.

Gifts of Love

Sarah Long, 4, donated 9 inches of hair from her first haircut to Pantene Beautiful Lengths, which makes wigs that are distributed by the American Cancer Society.



COURTESY PHOTO



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During the summer, Demetra Danas of Andover donated her ponytail to the Locks of Love charitable organization. Hair donation is a simple way to provide wigs for cancer patients. Hair that is 10 inches or longer can be donated so a child who has lost theirs can look more like themselves. Demetra is a kindergarten student at the Hellenic American Academy.

The Townsman usually publishes happy first birthday messages in the last issue of each month for babies who just celebrated birthdays in that month. First birthday messages for children born in January are due Friday, Jan. 23.

WEDDING

Devon Arsenault and Denise Banh



COURTESY PHOTO

Devon Arsenault and Denise Banh.

Devon Arsenault and Denise Banh were united in marriage on Aug. 8, 2008 in a civil ceremony in Los Angeles, Calif. They honeymooned in Maui, Hawaii.

The bride is the daughter of Hy and Julia Banh, La Crescenta, Calif., and attended La Crescenta Valley High School. She graduated from California State University in Los Angeles with a bachelor's degree in computer information systems. She is employed as a senior systems administrator with Republic Indemnity.

The groom is the son of Wayne and Daryl Arsenault of Andover and is a 1988 graduate of Andover High School. He received a bachelor's degree in physics from Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H., and works for California State University as a senior systems administrator.

The couple lives in San Gabriel, Calif.

ENGAGEMENT

Thomas Michael Woods and Liv Kathryn Taunton-Rigby



COURTESY PHOTO

Thomas Michael Woods and Liv Kathryn Taunton-Rigby.

The parents of Thomas Michael Woods formerly of Andover and Liv Kathryn Taunton-Rigby are pleased to announce their engagement.

Mr. Woods is a graduate of Brooks School and received a bachelor's degree from Babson College and a master's degree from Boston University.

Ms. Taunton-Rigby is a graduate of Lincoln-Sudbury High School and received a bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and a master's degree from Simmons College.

The couple plan a fall 2009 wedding.

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Kismet Kids Yoga offers classes for every age group, from early infancy through adolescence. At the core of the program is the belief that yoga should be introduced to children through fun and games. The result is that children build strength and flexibility that enhance their

performance in other activities and athletic programs, while learning techniques for dealing with stress and developing an appreciation for a healthy lifestyle.

Kismet Martial Academy allows children to enjoy the physical benefits of martial arts while learning discipline, self control, and respect through programs based on character development. Programs for all ages accompany children as they progress developmentally. Goals are set for children to reach higher ranks, based on the acquisition of physical skills and the completion of a character-development goal. Tweens kickboxing classes are offered in a fun upbeat class that allows girls to build strength and flexibility that can complement and improve their performance in other activities.

Kismet Kids Art is designed to stimulate imagination, while providing a creative outlet for children to experiment with various forms of art, including painting, sculpting, jewelry making, drawing and more. Art is introduced to pre-school children through engaging activities that allow them to develop an appreciation for creating and viewing art. The art program offers classes for all ages - tots to teens.

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SENIOR NOTES

Exercise Classes and Registration: The winter semester of exercise classes is just getting underway. Classes are being offered in strength training for women, tap dancing, low impact aerobics and modified yoga. The 12-week winter semester will run through Feb. 20. Call the center to see about space availability. Nordic Walking will resume in the spring. Registration for the senior center and "Y" collaborative classes will take place at the center the week of Dec. 15. Classes will be offered in men's exercise, fit-walk, water workout, cardio-flex, senior spinning and water yoga. "Y" membership is not required.

Gardner Museum Trip: Thursday, Jan. 15, at 10 a.m. The cost is \$36. Housed in a stunning 15th century Venetian style palace with three stories of galleries surrounding a sun and flower filled courtyard. The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum provides an unusual backdrop for the viewing of art. This beautiful spot will take you away from the New England winter for a few hours, while you admire works by Rembrandt, Michelangelo, Manet, Whistler, Sargent. Containing over 2,500 art works, the museum is the only private art collection in which the building, collection and installation are the creation of one individual. A guided tour will be followed by lunch, your cost, at Faneuil Hall Marketplace.

"Chowda Fest": Sunday, Jan. 13, from noon to 2 p.m., advance reservations. Come in where it's warm and enjoy an afternoon of food, fun and entertainment. We'll be serving chowder, soups, salad, hotdogs, pizza, beverages and dessert while you enjoy the foot stomping music of the New Orleans Jazz Band.

American Art as seen through the Addison Gallery Collection on Tuesdays, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 1:30 p.m. Advance registration necessary, cost is \$15. Topics covered in this four session course include an overview of the Addison collection, The American landscape from the Hudson River School through Impressionism, Winslow Homer and Images of the American city at the turn of the 20th century.

Friday Forum: Friday, Jan. 23, at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration appreciated. The speaker will be Tom Boudreau, Outreach Manager from the Massachusetts Equipment Distribution Program. This program enables people with disabilities to communicate over the phone. They provide specially designed telephones and accessories to qualified Massachusetts residents. Equipment is supplied at little or no cost depending on income. Adaptive equipment is available for those with low vision, hearing impairment, speech difficulties and other challenges.

Trip: Chinese New Year Spectacular at the Opera House, Sunday, Jan. 11, 2 p.m. show, cost is \$75 includes ticket and transportation. Come enjoy a wonderful afternoon of classical Chinese performing arts. The production showcases traditional Chinese dance, vocal and instrumental music in a two hour colorful performance. We have tickets on hold until Dec. 15.

Wii Games and Pizza Party: Thursday, Jan. 8 at 2:30 p.m.; Complimentary, please sign up in advance. Have you tried out our new virtual game system yet? Come on down and join our intergenerational team of virtual bowlers, tennis players and golfers. Pizza and beverages will be served, and the "younger generation" will be on hand to show us how to play. It's great fun, and good hand and eye coordination as well.

Movie Matinee: Monday, Jan. 12 at 1 p.m., no charge; "Swing Vote": Join us for a little post election comic relief with this recent release starring Kevin Costner. The mischievous antics of a 12 year old girl result in the outcome of the U.S. presidential election hinging on the vote of her apathetic, likable loser of a father. The two candidates are portrayed by Dennis Hopper and Kelsey Grammer.

Book Club Discussion: Thursday, Jan. 15 at 1:30 p.m. Come join us as we discuss the book, "In The Lake In The Woods" by Tim O'Brien. Our book club is open to all who enjoy reading a good book and gathering for a friendly discussion. Books are available for check out from the senior center.

Soups On Series: \$2, pre-registration is necessary, soup, dessert and beverages will be served at 12:30 p.m. and programs will be gin at 1 p.m. Promptness is appreciated as a courtesy to the speakers. Thursday, Jan 22, "The Culture of the Navajo". Come take an intimate look into the life and culture of the Navajo and Hopi people living in the Painted Desert in Arizona. Presenter is Elaine Meisinger participated in an Elderhostel service trip there where she explored the culture of the Navajo, visited a home, Hogan and taught art in a local school.

Pain Management Support Group: Monday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m. this monthly support group is open to anyone who is dealing with chronic pain management issues and newcomers invited to join the group at any time.

Computer Users Group: Monday, Jan. 12 at 1:30 p.m. all regular computer users are welcome to join us in the lower lever activity room at Memorial Hall Library.

Men's Breakfast: Friday, Jan. 16 at 8:30 a.m., advance reservations necessary, \$3. Andover and Her People as seen through postcards. Join us for our January breakfast when Bob Dominique will march us through an illustrated sampling of his extensive postcard collection of buildings and areas which may trigger some recollections. He will also show some commercial advertising cards that tell a story and postcards of the athletic teams which were sponsored by the various organizations and businesses.

Rhode Island Flower Show Trip: Thursday, Feb. 19, \$37, price include both admission and transportation from the center. We can all use a little mid-winter pick me up so take a break and enjoy a little bit of spring by traveling with us to the Rhode Island Flower Show, "gardens Of The World" is this year's theme which takes you on a visual journey to distant and exotic places.

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■ **Winter Writers' Group:** Winter is a great time to open yourself to the imagination and playfulness of writing together. Join Emily Kearns, Amherst Writers and Artists workshop leader. All welcome, no experience necessary. Thursdays, Jan. 15 and 29, Feb. 12 and 26, March 12 and 26 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$45 for six weeks.

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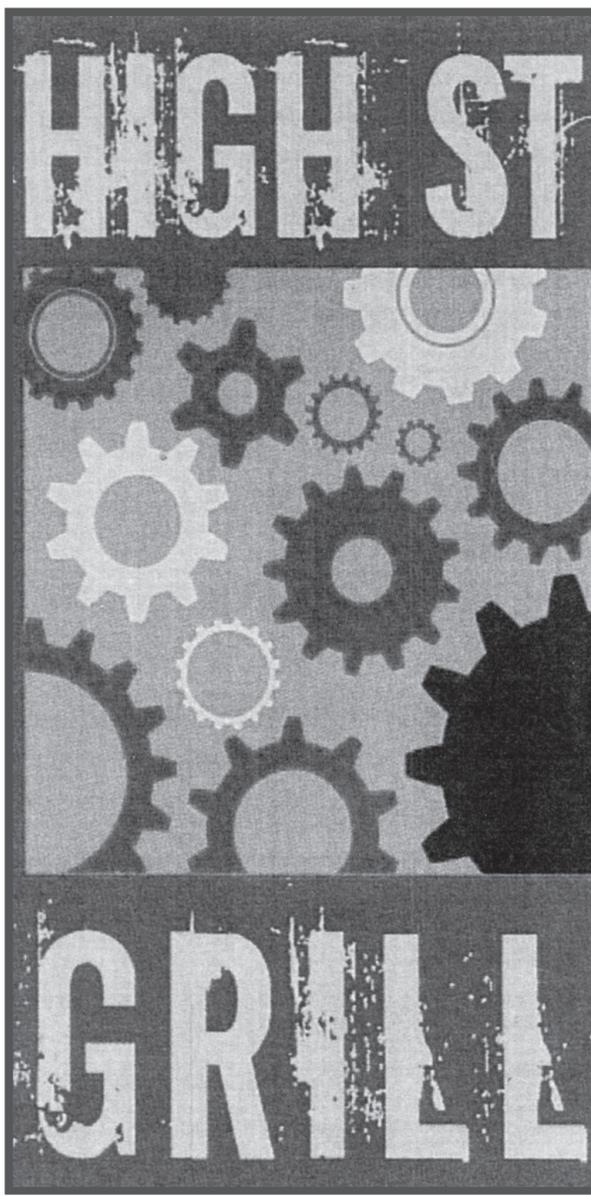
■ **Women's Work for Boomer Babes:** Shows that women's work can include the wonderful

world of home repair, leaky faucets, sticky doors, running toilets, etc., led by Susan Johnson, contractor and team leader for Habitat for Humanity's all-women building team. One-time-only session. Email your specific questions and Susan will work up an answer for that night! March 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$20.

Boomer Book Club: Every third Thursday. Next meeting Jan. 15 at 7:15 p.m.

All programs are held Thursday evenings at the Boomer-Venture Campus: 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Register now and see the schedule by visiting www.boomerventure.com. For information, call Karen at 978-623-8381.

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Glory offers fine dining, a full bar and lounge, entertainment and an outdoor patio in the summer months. Stepping through the front door, the bar always pulses with life and stories while the lounge, sunken beside it, nestles couples on couches. The subdued dining room glows from the fireplace, filling the room with sensual music and the energy of a staff that loves what they do. Owner Chris Pappadopoulos says

"the intention was to make a spot of equal parts everyday hanging out and special occasion memory-making, where the whole place comes together to welcome you with comfort and beauty in sight and sound. That's what we try to do. And everything our chefs cook for you is made with love and pride, and tastes like it."

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Arts & Entertainment

2008's movie madness in Andover



"Don McKay:" A scene from the movie was filmed at Palmers Restaurant in Andover. The owners of Palmers Restaurant, Jon and Rebecca Ingles, sit at a table and wait for a scene to be shot at their eatery.



"This Side of the Truth:" Crew members work at a house on Regency Ridge that was being used in filming.

The year Hollywood came to town

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Blockbuster comedy of 2009? Save the date of March 20 this new year and you can be the judge!

That's when a Hollywood movie that filmed scenes in a Regency Ridge mansion for a few days last May hits the big screen.

On that date, local moviegoers can see if "This Side of the Truth" clipped or kept its Andover scenes. The movie stars Ricky Gervais, Jennifer Garner, Tina Fey and Rob Lowe, among others.

According to the movie's Web site, the upcoming comedy is set on an alternate Earth, where no one has ever lied. Gervais, hailed by many as Britain's leading funny man as he wrote and stars in that country's version of the popular television show, *The Office*, tells the first lie. His character is in the film industry and tells that first lie for power and personal gain.

"Once he lies, he becomes the greatest storyteller in the world," Gervais says on the Web site.

The Hollywood comedy "This Side of the Truth" filmed scenes in a Regency Ridge home in May. Starring Jennifer Garner, Ricky Gervais, Tina Fey, and others, the movie will be out March 20, 2009.

Gervais directed the movie and also co-wrote it.

Location scouts at the time of filming in town said that they wanted a mansion that didn't scream New England as the home had to be appealing to moviegoers all across the country. And, a long, gated driveway was a must. The home at the end of the Regency Ridge cul-de-sac could easily sport a black wrought-iron driveway gate, supplied by Hollywood. It was a go.

Filming for another movie happened a few months later, in August and September. Scenes for the

movie "Don McKay" were shot at Letourneau's Pharmacy on North Main Street, Carriage House Photography on School Street and Palmers Restaurant on Elm Street.

This movie is categorized as an independent drama/thriller starring Thomas Haden Church and Elisabeth Shue. No official release dates have been announced.

This one is the story of Don McKay, a man haunted by a tragedy that forced him to flee his hometown 25 years earlier. He returns to the town when he finds out that his long-lost love (Shue) is dying. He gets caught in a web of confusion, deceit and murder.

Location scouts loved the homeliness of the pharmacy's counter and the unique brick adorning the walls of Carriage House Photography. Palmer's second floor was used for a dinner scene with Haden Church and Shue.

Who knows if any Andover scenes will make the cut or be left on the editing room floor. Both movies are still being edited before.



"Don McKay:" Hollywood actors Thomas Haden Church, left, and Elisabeth Shue take a break from shooting the independent film at Letourneau's Pharmacy on North Main St.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 1

NATURE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY, Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, Newburyport, 2 p.m. to dusk, for ages 10 and older with adult. Join Refuge volunteer Sue McGrath to search for wintering birds and usher in 2009 with the wildlife of Plum Island. Please bring warm clothing and waterproof shoes/boots, binoculars and a snack. Meet at refuge parking lot No. 1.

SATURDAY, JAN. 3

TWO SHOWINGS OF WARREN MILLER FILM, The Firehouse Center for the Arts, 1 Market Square, Newburyport. The latest Warren Miller film, "Children of Winter." Presented in high-definition and narrated by skiing icon Jonny Moseley, the film showcases incredible cinematography that will get you craving deep powder, fresh lines, and outrageous adventure. Shows at 3 and 7:30 p.m. Seats are

\$10 nonmembers and \$8 members/students/seniors. Purchase tickets online anytime at www.firehouse.org.

SUNDAY, JAN. 4

HIKE OR SNOWSHOE, about 2.5 miles at the AVIS Deer Jump Reservation along the Merrimack River, 1:30 p.m. Park on Launching Road off River Road. Trail entrance is past house No. 15 on the right. Heavy rain cancels. Led by Fred Snell, 978-686-3647, fred@snell.com.

MONDAY, JAN. 5

AUDITIONS FOR "NORTH SHORE STAR," a singing competition sponsored by the Beverly Rotary Club and North Shore Music Theatre; talent is being pre-screened from 6:30 to 9 p.m. and interested vocalists are asked to audition at North Shore Music Theatre, 62

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Begin the New Year at Memorial Hall Library

By EMILY CLASSON
COMMUNITY SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Memorial Hall Library has a plan to help residents keep their New Year's resolutions for 2009. A variety of programs will keep you healthier, help you locate a job, and keep your mind active. **Resolution No. 1: Be healthier and lose weight**
Women's Health Series: "Cardiovascular Health & Osteoporosis" on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 7 p.m. and "Weight Management" on Jan. 13 at 7 p.m.

Dr. Tara Greaves and Donna Schneider of FirstHealth of Andover will lead a two-part lecture series about cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis and weight

management. These programs will describe the risks, symptoms, prevention and treatment for heart disease and osteoporosis as well as the effects of weight loss on people's health. The focus will be on appropriate nutrition, supplementation and the current research regarding exercise.

Resolution No. 2: Find a New Job
Job Lock-In: Friday, Jan. 23 from 5:30-10 p.m.

Are you looking for a new job? Do you need time to update your resume? Are you looking for business data to help in your interviews? Do you need help finding where to start? Get exclusive after-hours access to career-planning resources,

business databases, resume and interview books, and computers at MHL's first Job Lock-In.

Reference librarians will be available to answer questions and provide assistance. A light meal will be provided. A \$10 fee is required on registration. Space is limited. To register, contact Emily Classon at 978-623-8401, Ext. 49.

Resolution #3: Challenge and Entertain the Mind

Conversational English Group will meet on Monday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon beginning Jan. 5. These classes are for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills.

Contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602 to register.

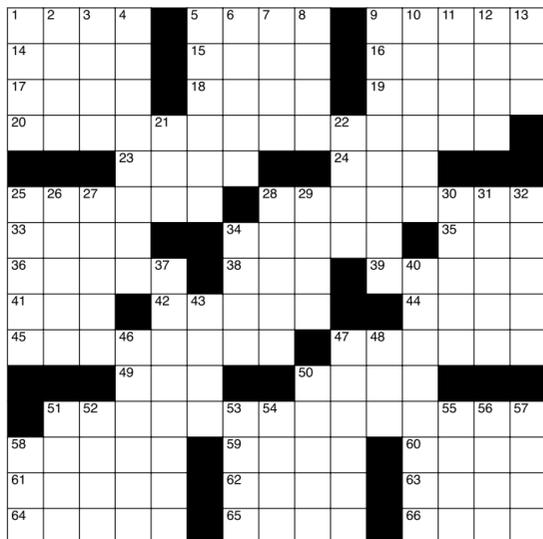
Celebration of American Musical Theatre concert: Sunday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m.

Journey through "A Celebration of American Musical Theatre" with solos, duets and trios performed by Susan Bishov, pianist; Diane Hagelstein, soprano; Lynne Johnson, alto; and Paul Johnson, tenor. The group's repertoire includes musical show and operetta music ranging from Gershwin through Simon.

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale: Jan. 22-25.

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Crossword puzzle



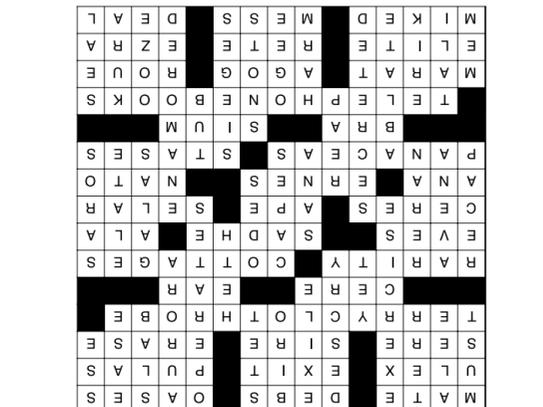
CLUES ACROSS

- 1. One of a pair
- 5. Females entering society
- 9. Green regions of desert
- 14. Gorse genus
- 15. A way out
- 16. Botswanan monetary units
- 17. ___ne: tranquil
- 18. Beget
- 19. Wipe out recorded information
- 20. Common spa garment
- 23. ___bral: intellectual
- 24. Auricle
- 25. Something unusual
- 28. Bungalows
- 33. Nights prior
- 34. The 18th letter of the Hebrew alphabet
- 35. Pie ___ mode
- 36. Roman Demeter
- 38. Imitate
- 39. Scad genus
- 41. Japanese airline
- 42. Sea eagles
- 44. European defense organization
- 45. Curatives
- 47. Conditions of balance
- 49. Women's undergarment

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Anything indisputable
- 2. Away from wind
- 3. ___ace: patio
- 4. Training by multiple repetitions
- 5. Catch sight of
- 6. Expel from a country
- 7. Kind of ballpoint pen
- 8. ___son: fedora
- 9. Performs surgery
- 10. Roman goddess of the dawn
- 11. Thick piece of something
- 12. ___ into things
- 13. Midway between south and southeast
- 21. Thus far
- 22. 8th Hebrew letter
- 25. Go over
- 26. Oats genus
- 27. Past tense of rerun
- 28. Cloaks
- 29. Lyric poems
- 30. Festivities
- 31. Fill with high spirits
- 32. Gulf of, in the Aegean
- 34. Capital of Yemen
- 37. In a way, oozed out
- 40. Smitten
- 43. Harvest
- 46. Remove by erosion
- 47. Encirclements
- 48. Vessel for bathing
- 50. Arrogant and annoying people
- 51. ___ban: Afghan faction
- 52. ___Erikson, psychologist
- 53. Damage
- 54. Double curve
- 55. Thick messy substance
- 56. Turkish river
- 57. Secure against leakage
- 58. 13th Hebrew letter

Solution



Performers sought for singing competition, ballet

North Shore Star screening

For the third consecutive year, the Beverly Rotary Club and co-sponsor North Shore Music Theatre will host the North Shore Star singing competition.

Talent is being pre-screened on Monday, Jan. 5 from 6:30 to 9 p.m. for "North Shore Star;" vocalists are asked to audition at North Shore Music Theatre, 62 Dunham Road, Beverly. Anyone interested in signing up for the audition should contact Michael Harrington at 978-232-0003. Vocalists must be at least 16 years of age, have singing experience, and live in the North Shore.

The actual competition will be Saturday, March 14 from 6 to 11 p.m., at Danversport

Yacht Club in Danvers. This event will include silent and live auctions, and a full-course dinner, followed by an evening of live music, featuring 16 of the region's most talented vocalists who will compete for the title of North Shore Star.

A panel of three professional theater and entertainment judges will select the winner, who will receive cash and other prizes.

Auditions for 'Sleeping Beauty'

New England Civic Ballet will hold open auditions for all area dancers ages 10 and up to cast roles for its March 21 and 22 performances of the classic ballet "Sleeping Beauty." Auditions will be at 4 Dracut St.,

just off South Broadway in Lawrence. Audition times will be held by age. There is a \$10 audition fee, but no production fees. For detailed information regarding levels and times, go to www.newenglandcivicalballet.org (click on company/auditions) or call the studio at 978-975-0289.

Under the direction of Phyllis George and assisted by co-choreographer Roshni Pecora, the ballet has been bringing productions of classical and original ballets for area dancers to perform and for audiences to attend and enjoy for more than 13 years. Many Andover dancers audition for roles and go on to perform in these ballets, according to the group.

LIBRARY: Plenty of fun at Memorial Hall to kick off new year

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Stock up on books for all ages, movies, CDs and more! Preview night is Thursday, Jan. 22, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for \$20 per person, or free for friends members.

Book sale hours are Friday, Jan. 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday,

Jan. 24, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, Jan. 25, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

Chess for Beginners (for ages 8-108):

Saturday, Jan. 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to play the most popular game in the world in one hour, and practice by playing against other beginners. Glenn

Davison, lifelong chess player and instructor, will show you how to set up the board, special moves, tips for a better game, and how to win a game in four moves!

The library offers a monthly craft group, three book discussion groups, and a children's

book and illustration group. Visit www.mhl.org for information and coming dates.

Events are sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library. For information, visit www.mhl.org, or call 978-623-8401, Ext. 31 or 32. Programs are held at Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square in downtown Andover.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Dunham Road, Beverly. Those interested should contact Michael Harrington at 978-232-0003. Vocalists must be at least 16 years of age, have singing experience, and live in the North Shore area.

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH GROUP BEGINS,

10 a.m. to noon. These classes are for students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills. Contact Carolyn Fantini at 978-475-4602 to register.

TUESDAY, JAN. 6

"STARTING MY GARDEN AND MAKING ART FOR IT,"

with Jill Nooney, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., South Church, Andover. The Andover Garden Club and North Andover Garden Club are hosting. Nooney founded and runs Fine Garden Art of Lee, N.H., making large and small pieces of sculpture using a variety of materials. Event begins with social time and refreshments, followed by a brief business meeting and the program. Guests welcome; free admission for club members, \$5 for nonmembers; pianopasta@comcast.net, 978-475-7119.

WOMEN'S HEALTH SERIES: "CARDIOVASCULAR HEALTH & OSTEOPOROSIS,"

7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library. Dr. Tara Greaves and Donna Schneider of FirstHealth of Andover will lead the first of a two-part lecture series about cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, and weight management. The focus will be on appropriate nutrition, supplementation, and the current research regarding exercise.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 7

WHOLE HEALTH DETOX FREE PREVIEW NIGHT,

7 p.m., Advanced Health & Wellness, 790 Turnpike St., Suite 300, North Andover. This is a chance to meet the doctors, learn about the health benefits of this program through a brief

presentation, register for the program at a reduced price and enjoy healthy refreshments; 978-327-5960.

SATURDAY, JAN. 10

WEST PARISH CHURCH HAM AND BEAN SUPPER,

129 Reservation Road, Andover, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Meal of spiral ham, homemade beans, macaroni and cheese and other dishes including homemade pie for dessert. Adults, \$8; children 12 and younger, \$4.

SUNDAY, JAN. 11

AUDITIONS FOR "SLEEPING BEAUTY" BALLET,

New England Civic Ballet will hold open auditions for all area dancers ages 10 and up to cast roles for their March 21 and 22 performances of this classic ballet. Auditions are located at 4 Dracut St. (just off South Broadway in Lawrence). Audition times are by age. There is a \$10 audition fee but no production fees. For more detailed information regarding levels and times, go to www.newenglandcivicalballet.org (click on company/auditions) or call the studio at 978-975-0289.

FREE TENNIS,

Cedardale Health and Fitness, 931 Boston Road, Haverhill, will be offering a free beginner tennis lesson for adults and juniors. The junior lesson will be held from 11 a.m. to noon. Adults will play from noon to 1 p.m. The lesson is designed for people who have never played before or haven't played in many years. Contact tennis director Adam Molda at amolda@cedardale-health.net or call the Cedardale Tennis Desk at 978-373-1596 to reserve your spot.

"A VIEW OF THE HARBOR,"

by Massachusetts Playwright Richard Dresse, opens at 7 p.m., Merrimack Repertory Theatre, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell, running through Feb. 1. Tickets range in price from \$26 to \$56 and can be purchased at MRT's online box office at www.merrimackrep.org, or in person at 50 E.

Merrimack St., Lowell, or by calling 978-654-4MRT (4678). Groups of six or more save up to 30 percent off single ticket prices.

HIKE OR SNOWSHOE,

Goldsmith Woodlands, 1:30 p.m., easy terrain in scenic woodland, about two hours. Park at Reservation entrance in front of 491 S. Main St. Led by Helen Palmer, hpalmer.fournature@verizon.net or 978-657-9153, and Pat Andres, pandres@partners.org.

"CELEBRATION OF AMERICAN MUSICAL THEATRE" CONCERT,

2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library. Solos, duets and trios performed by Susan Bishop, pianist; Diane Hagelstein, soprano; Lynne Johnson, alto; and Paul Johnson, tenor. Their repertoire includes musical show and operetta ranging from Gershwin to Simon.

TUESDAY, JAN. 13

FREE WORKSHOP ON SOCIAL NETWORKING,

and getting the most for your organization, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., with Neal Bocain, co-sponsored by Small Business Development Center, Salem State College, Salem, Mass.

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT LECTURE,

with Dr. Tara Greaves and Donna Schneider of FirstHealth of Andover. This two-part lecture will describe the risks, symptoms, prevention and treatment for heart disease and osteoporosis as well as the effects of weight loss on your health, 7 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; www.mhl.org.

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

"HOW A LENDER LOOKS AT YOUR LOAN REQUEST" WORKSHOP,

free, 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Learn from a banker and a consultant about credit quality, cash flow and collateral. This presentation will focus on preparing your existing business or startup venture for financing. Speaker: Bob Vieira, management consultant and former banker, Salem State College, Salem, Mass.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

A CAPPELLA MUSIC,

SwingTown! concert, a polished blend of favorites featuring everything from a cappella standards to oldies and rock, by the faculty and student group, including Joseph Thibodeau, Class of 2010 of Andover, 7 p.m., St. John Preparatory School, Kaneb Theatre, Alumni Hall, 72 Spring St., Danvers. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Proceeds from the concert will benefit St. Joseph's Food Pantry, Salem, Mass.

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

SINGLE EXECUTIVES SINGLES DANCE,

Holiday Inn Grand Ballroom, 4 Highwood Drive, Tewksbury, 8:30 p.m. to midnight. Free dance lessons from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$12, 978-640-9000, www.se-4u.com.

"WHOSE CLUES?,"

for ages 6 to 9, 1 to 2:30 p.m., at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge. How can you tell when an animal has been around? Can you discover the clues that they leave behind? Follow the animal tracks and become a wildlife detective in this fun, educational program. Program will include both indoor and outdoor activities so dress for the

weather. Meet at the Refuge Visitor Center, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport.

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

BOOK SALE,

sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, preview night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$20 per person or free for Friends members.

FRIDAY, JAN. 23

JOB LOCK-IN,

Are you looking for a new job? Do you need time to update your resume? Are you looking for business data to help in your interviews? Do you need help finding where to start? Get exclusive after-hours access to career planning resources, business databases, resume and interview books, and computers at Memorial Hall Library's first Job Lock-In, from 5:30-10 p.m., Reference librarians will be available to answer questions and to provide assistance. A light meal will be provided. \$10 fee required upon registration. To Register: Contact Emily Classon at 978-623-8401, Ext. 49. Space is limited.

BOOK SALE,

sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 24

BOOK SALE,

sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

AVIS CROSS-COUNTRY SKI/HIKE,

at the Rafton Reservation, 10 a.m. Beginners welcome; one group skis, another group hikes (conditions permitting, rain cancels). Hot chocolate, coffee, muffins and doughnuts provided. Park on High Plain Road at the leaf composting area. No pets. Led by Burt Batcheller, 978-475-3665, and David Dargie, 978-996-4475, david@dargie.com.

BOOK SALE,

sponsored by the Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JAN. 31

CHESS FOR BEGINNERS,

(for ages 8-108), 2-4 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Elm Square. Learn how to play the most popular game in the world in one hour, and practice by playing against other beginners. Glenn Davison, lifelong chess player and instructor, will show you how to set up the board, special moves, tips for a better game, and how to win a game in four moves. Memorial Hall Library; www.mhl.org or 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

SUNDAY, FEB. 8

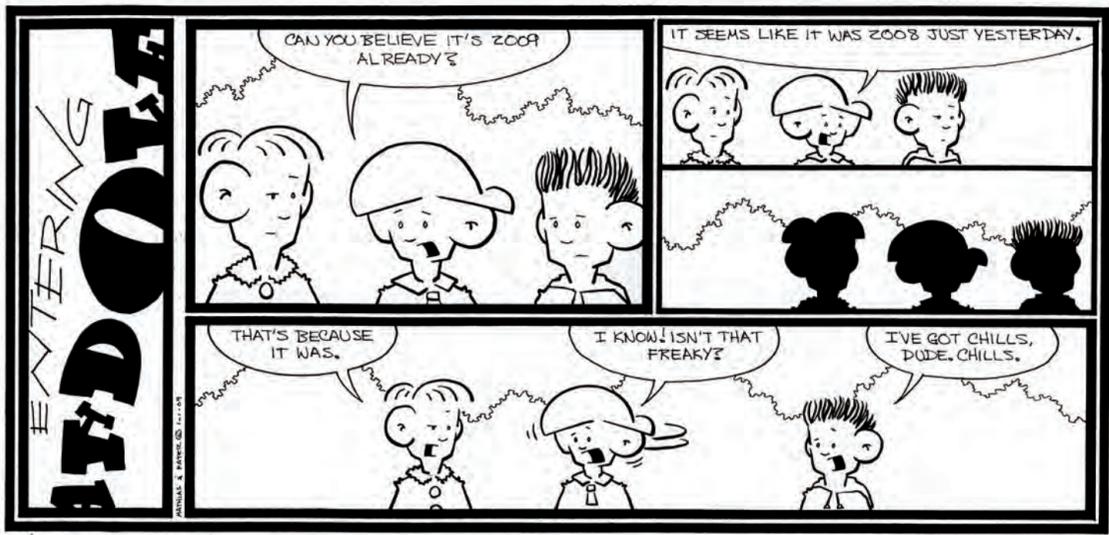
FAMILY MOONLIGHT SKI/HIKE,

at the AVIS Goldsmith Woodlands for all ages and abilities, 6 p.m. Ski or hike out to Fosters Pond for hot chocolate around a campfire; bring a headlamp or flashlight. Park at 491 S. Main St. at Goldsmith entrance. No pets. Rain cancels. Led by Burt Batcheller, 978-475-3665, and David Dargie, 978-996-4475 or david@dargie.com.

"LOVE & LYRICISM" VALENTINE'S CONCERT,

4 p.m., Rogers Center, North Andover. Lucy Chapman, violin; Paul Katz, cello; Julie Scolnik, flute, and Nina Scolnik, piano. For more information or tickets, visit www.andoverchambermusic.org.

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Sports

The Elite 8

A look back at some of the unforgettable moments of 2008

David Willis

It was another memorable season at Eugene V. Lovely Field, Dunn Gym, Peter Aumais Park and facilities in and around Andover for those that donned the Blue and Gold of the Golden Warriors.

But in 2008, athletes from Andover made their mark from the court at the TD Banknorth Garden, to The Great American Ball Park in Cincinnati and TCF Bank Stadium in Minnesota.

Once again, anyone who follows Andover sports in 2008 has to feel blessed.

Everyone is entitled to their favorite memories for the year. That's the fun part about sports; here are my favorite memories from 2008.

8. Ready for prime time

After a breakout junior campaign, **John Farrell** has earned a reputation as one of the most feared pitchers in the state. And, for one day, he was simply *unhittable*.

Using his blistering fastball and hard curveball, the righty struck out a stunning 15 batters over seven innings as the Golden Warriors downed Beverly 11-3 on June 1 in the Division 1 North first round. Farrell finished the high school season with 71 strikeouts.



Pitcher John Farrell's breakout junior season peaked when he struck out 15 batters in Andover's tourney win over Beverly. He ended the year with 71 strikeouts.



The Andover girls basketball team kisses the logo on the floor of the TD Banknorth Garden after downing New Bedford to advance to the Division 1 state finals.

One home run is memorable, and three in a career is stellar. But Andover softball infielder **Tricia Martin** hit a whopping three homers in *one game*. In a 11-9 victory over Chelmsford on April 17, the senior went 5 for 5 with the three round-trippers and seven RBIs. The final homer was a three-run walkoff blast. Coach **Stephanie Ragucci** said it was likely the first time a Golden Warrior had hit three homers in a game.

With 33 goals through her first two high school hockey seasons, and six through three games this season, **Sarah Oteri** has become known for her ability to find the back of the net. But none were more memorable than on Feb. 25.

With the game tied in the final moment of regulation, Oteri hauled in a rebound and fired it home with 15 seconds left on the clock to give No. 11-seeded Andover a 4-3 tournament upset of No. 4 Needham.

"It was unbelievable," coach **Bill McCarthy** said.



Andover's Ryan Hanigan emerged as the Cincinnati Reds' starting catcher this season. Here, he is congratulated after hitting his first major league home run.



Nick Drew was an intimidating presence in net for the Golden Warriors. In his only year as a starter, the senior won the MVC Division 1 Player of the Year.



After three years as a JV goalie, Heather Sullivan, center, moved to the field and broke Andover's single-season record for goals with 29.

7. Coaching congrats

Now in his 20th year as head coach, **Dave Fazio** has become synonymous with Andover boys basketball, and his consistent excellence was rewarded last season. On Feb. 12, with a 56-53 win over rival Lawrence, Fazio recorded his 300th career coaching victory.

Fazio, whose son **D.J.** is one of his starters and daughter **Ally** is a freshman starting on the Andover girls basketball team, now sports a 304-133 career record.

One coach who's been around longer than Fazio is boys tennis coach **Mike Wartman**. On May 5 of this season, the head coach of 23 years notched his 400th career victory when his Golden Warriors bested Haverhill. Wartman also just closed out his seventh year as Andover's head boys soccer coach.

6. Record-breakers

Penn State is known for its linebackers, USC produces quarterbacks, and Andover develops relay teams.

This spring, the team of **Melissa Knapp**, **Kayley Pettoruto**, **Vanessa Singleton** and **Colleen Shannon** capped off a stellar year by placing 11th at Nike Outdoor Nationals, shattering The Eagle-Tribune-area record with a 3:54.05. Knapp added a fifth in the 200 at Nationals.

That followed a winter in which Singleton, Pettoruto, Shannon and **Laura Cody** won the Division 1 title in the 4x400, leading the Golden Warriors to a victory as a team. All of the members excelled on their own as well.

On the boys side, **Chris McConnell** continued to emerge as a star. In the winter he won the 55-meter at All-States. Then in the spring, he finished second at All-States in the 100 by an inch and was third in the "Emerging Elite" division at Nike Outdoor Nationals.

For three years, **Heather Sullivan** was a goalie — on the JV team for Andover field hockey. But this season, coach **Maureen Noone** decided to move her to



Whether on the track or the football field, Chris McConnell, here catching a touchdown pass on Thanksgiving Day, was a star for the Golden Warriors.

the field, and history was made.

The senior finished the year with a whopping 29 goals, believed to be the Golden Warriors' single-season school record. The previous best was 26. She assisted on the goal by **Abby Cook** that sent Andover to the Division 1 North final for the first time in at least 20 years with a win over North Andover. And field hockey isn't even Sullivan's best sport. She scored 53 goals in her junior year of lacrosse.

On the ice, it was a record-setting year for a pair of Warriors. Forward **John Hyslip** had big shoes to fill as the only starting forward back from the team that went to the Division 2 state championship in 2007. But by the time the season ended, his numbers ranked among the best in program history. Hyslip recorded his 100th career point against Wakefield, and finished his career with 113. According to head coach **Mario Martiniello**, that placed him second in program history, behind only **Chris Cullen's** 170 points (97 goals, 73 assists) from 1992 to 1996.

After seeing little varsity playing time in his first three seasons, **Nick Drew** earned the starting goalie job as a senior. And all Drew did was go 12-4-4 with a 1.40 goals-against average and win Merrimack Valley Conference

Division 1 Player of the Year honors.

Anyone that is surprised **Meghan Thomann** is off and running as a freshman at Bentley never saw her during her prolific career for the Golden Warriors. A four-year standout for the basketball team, Thomann finished her career with 1,177 points, placing her third all-time in program history behind sisters **Charlotte Muller** (1,616) and **Jenny Muller** (1,498).

Andover native wide receiver **Nick Caro** made ESPN last year, but this year he made history. The junior wideout set a Williams College school record for receiving yards in a game with 218 on seven catches in a win over Middleton. Caro finished the year with 32 catches for 556 yards, and will be a captain next year.

5. Fabulous finishes

For two months during his freshman year at Andover, **Eric Hooker** could not walk after a serious concussion in hockey. Following the experience, golf became his focus, and he delivered a memorable senior season this year.

After going undefeated in the regular season and winning the Merrimack Valley Conference meet, the senior

became just the third Andover High golfer in the last 20 years to win the Division 1 North sectional outright.

Hooker shared Eastern Mass. Division 1 Player of the Year honors with teammate **Sean Burke**. Also a senior and two-time All-Scholastic, Burke finished 12-1-2.

Andover football experienced an up-and-down season, going 4-7. But after winning on Thanksgiving Day, receiver **Sean Ehlbeck** remarked, "This makes up for everything."

Ehlbeck opened the scoring with an 80-yard touchdown off a deflection as Andover shocked archrival Central Catholic. QB **John Hennessy** threw for 255 yards and four scores. His favorite target, track star **Chris McConnell**, caught five passes for 120 yards and two scores.

Hennessy finished the year with 20 touchdown passes, trying the single-season record set by **Mike Pierce** a season ago.

Northwestern defensive back and former Andover High standout **Brendan Smith** was the talk of college football after his interception return for a touchdown gave the Wildcats a 24-17 upset victory over then 20th-ranked Minnesota.

4. The colleges try

What more is there to say about swimmer **Nick D'Innocenzo**? Plenty. Last high school season he continued to rewrite the Massachusetts record books. He then became one of 16 swimmers to earn a place in the semifinals of the 200-meter individual medley at the Olympic Trials. More recently he placed fifth in the 200 IM at the US Short Course Nationals, won by three-time Olympic gold medalist **Ryan Lochte**.

That national dominance earned D'Innocenzo a full scholarship to elite Texas, which is the No. 1-ranked team in college swimming.

Plenty of other Andover High athletes will continue their careers in college. Joining D'Innocenzo on signing day at Andover High were a trio of lacrosse players: **Heather Sullivan** signed with Stonehill College, **Cat Gross** signed with University of Connecticut and **Josh Torres** will play for Providence College. **Cate Hannum** (Michigan State) and **Jenn Johnson** (Alabama) signed for crew.

Soccer standout **Jess Morrow** will play at Boston University, two-time Division 1 state champion **Katie O'Connell** will dive for Penn State and St. John's Prep standout **Mike Yastrzemski** of Andover will play baseball for powerhouse Vanderbilt.

3. Give him a Hanigan ... again

Ryan Hanigan was heading back to his hotel on the night of Aug. 9, 2008, when his phone rang. It was his manager at Triple-A Louisville, **Rick Sweet**, to tell the 28-year-old he was heading back to the majors.

Less than 24 hours later, the former Andover High star was in the starting lineup for the Cincinnati Reds, and hit his first career major league home run.

It was not Hanigan's first trip to The Show — he had spent some time with the Reds in 2007. But this time around, he was not just a September call-up.

Hanigan, whose family still lives in Andover, emerged as Cincinnati's starting catcher. In 31 games he hit .271 with two doubles and nine RBIs and 10 walks. He expects to compete for the Reds' starting job in training camp next season.

"Ryan just knocked down the door," said his father, **Michael Hanigan**.

2. Garden party, and more

The road was far from easy for the Andover girls basketball team.

In the Division 1 North semifinals the Golden Warriors exorcised their demons, downing Lowell, who had eliminated them in the semifinals the previous two years. In the North finals they beat archrival Central Catholic, with Boston College-bound center **Katie Zenevitch**, for the third time in the season.

Andover then rolled past New Bedford in the state semifinals on the TD Banknorth Garden court that would host the NBA finals a few months later to advance to their first Division 1 state final since the 2003-04 season.

The run may have ended in a loss in the title game — to Northampton at the DCU Center in Worcester — but that didn't make it any less memorable, as they battled to the final moment.

Led by the core three of All-Scholastics **Meghan Thomann** and **Laura Renfro** and Eagle-Tribune All-Star **Lauren Hughes**, along with the likes of **Camille Fantini**, **Natalie Gomez-Martinez**, supersub **Ilana Cohen** and **Kelly Driscoll**, it was a special, special run.

1. Doing it for dad

No one would have blamed **Christina Muccio** if she had sat out the Eastern Mass. Division 1 Championships. After all, the meet took place the same day as the wake for her father, **Fran**, who had passed away following a 10-year battle with ALS. But Muccio not only ran, she excelled.

In honor of her father, who was an emotional rock for her, the senior placed second in the 100 in 12.53 before heading to the wake.

"He wouldn't want me to feel guilty," Muccio said after the meet. "My career has been for him so it's kind of like this is my place to be, to run the 100."

It was quite a career for Muccio. Last winter she earned Eastern Mass. Runner of the Year after winning the All-State title in the 55-meter dash (7.33) and leading the Golden Warriors to an All-State crown. In the spring she anchored the 4x200 relay team that set the All-State record, capping off a record-setting four-year career.

It was the most poignant and memorable moment in another special year in Andover sports.

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► High School Roundup

Sophomores spark Andover to upset win

BOYS BASKETBALL

Sophomores **Joe Bramanti** (13 points) and **Brian Miller** (11 points) combined to lead Andover to a 62-51 victory over defending Division 1 State semifinalist BC High last Tuesday, Dec. 23. The win snapped a 27-game home winning streak for the Eagles, who are ranked No. 5 in Eastern Mass. The Golden Warriors were not ranked in the top 20.

Andover improved to 3-0 with a 62-51 win over powerhouse BC High last Monday, Dec. 22. **Kevin Polanco** continued his big start with a team-high 16 points and **Sean Ehlbeck** had eight for the Golden Warriors.

Andover fell behind by five points in the first quarter, but switched on the tenacious defense that turned it into a three-point advantage by half-time as the Golden Warriors went on to down Methuen 60-47 in the opening round of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament on Friday, Dec. 26.

"Our offense has a ways to go, but we have 10 guys in our rotation who can play some defense," Andover coach **Dave Fazio** said. "Hopefully, we can wear teams down."

The Golden Warriors did just that, forcing seven turnovers in the second frame, holding the Rangers to just eight points.

Sophomore **Joe Bramanti** knocked down a whopping four 3-pointers on his way to a team-high 17 points. **Kevin Polanco** added 15 points while **Connor Arnold** tallied nine points and **Brian Miller** had six for the winners (4-0).

GIRLS TRACK

Brilliant relays teams bring home 3 golds

It didn't take long for Andover's relay teams to reach their usual dominance, recording three wins at the Boston Holiday Invitational over the weekend.

On Saturday, Dec. 27, the team of **Colleen Shannon**, **Melissa Knapp**, **Emily Shields** and **Jessica Salley** won the sprint medley in 4:20.72



STAFF FILE PHOTO

George Flanagan, right, had one of the great days in the history of the program with five goals vs. Chelmsford.

over 1,600 meters. Then, **Knapp** and **Shields** teamed with **Vanessa Singleton** and **Laura Cody** to win the 4x200 in 1:47.82.

On Sunday, Dec. 28, **Knapp**, **Shannon**, **Shields** and **Cody** won the 4x400 relay in 4:09.64.

BOYS HOCKEY

Flanagan's five goals lead Golden Warriors

After scoring just one goal in his first three games, **George Flanagan** broke out in a big way last Monday, Dec. 22. The senior recorded a whopping five goals as Andover pounded Chelmsford 6-2.

"Everything he threw at the net went in," Andover coach **Mario Martiniello** said. "Since I have been the coach here (five years) I don't believe we have ever had a player score five goals in a game."

Paul Russell added the final goal and two assists while **Cam Smith** assisted on three goals, **Riki Retelle** had two assists and **C.J. Boilard** and **Matt Eriksen** each

had one helper in the win. **Derek Wakefield** made 18 saves for the Warriors.

SWIMMING

Brotherly love for Warriors

There was no sibling rivalry for Andover swimming. Brothers **John** and **Peter Belanger** teamed with another set of brothers, **Dave** and **Paul Hunter**, to take the 400 freestyle in 3:47.40 as Andover blew out Burlington 89-77 last Tuesday, Dec. 23. **John Belanger** added wins in the 200 IM and 100 backstroke while **Paul Hunter** took the 50 freestyle and 500 freestyle and swam with **Peter Belanger** on the winning 200 medley relay.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Oteri, Andover keep rolling

Sarah Oteri notched a hat trick and an assist for the second straight game as Andover drubbed Cambridge 7-0 on Saturday, Dec. 27. **Nicole Giroux** scored two goals and **Heather Paonessa**

and **Jill Manning** each scored once. **Meaghan McCarthy** added three assists and **Laura Drew**, **Laura Cahill** and **Meghan Pierce** each had one helper. **Megan Pettoruto** made 13 saves for the shutout.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Fazio paces Andover

Ally Fazio scored 12 points to help Andover win its third straight with a 65-38 drubbing of Chelmsford last Monday, Dec. 22. **Nicole Boudreau** again led the way with 20 points and **Natalie Gomez-Martinez** chipped in with 11 for the winners.

Nicole Boudreau scored a team-high 16 points, but was held scoreless in the final three quarters as Andover fell to Pinkerton 70-57 in the first round of the Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament on Saturday, Dec. 27. **Ally Fazio** once again stood out with 15 points, **Alex Alois** had 11 points and **Natalie Gomez-Martinez** tallied 10 points for the Warriors (3-1).

Boys Basketball

Andover 62, B.C. High 51

Andover (62): Arnold 3-2-8, Torres 1-0-2, McNiff 0-0-0, Fazio 0-0-0, Ehlbeck 4-0-8, Johnson 0-0-0, Connors 0-2-2, Bramanti 4-4-13, Polanco 6-3-16, Riemer 0-0-0, Miller 5-1-11, Baroni 0-0-0, Rose 0-0-0, Haak 1-0-2. Totals 24-12-62
B.C. High (51): Albanese 2-1-5, Hurley 3-2-8, Hedpin 2-0-4, Galloway 1-1-3, Richardson 0-1-1, McDonald 4-6-14, Charozza 2-5-10, Papdjonovic 2-0-4, Colon 1-2-4. Totals 17-18-51
3-pointers: A — Bramanti, Polanco; BC — Charozza
Andover (3-0): 12 13 26 11 — 62
B.C. High (1-2): 11 12 16 12 — 51

**Andover 60, Methuen 47
Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney**

Andover (60): Connor Arnold 4-1-2-9, Josh Torres 0-0-0, D.J. Fazio 0-1-2-1, Ehlbeck 0-2-2, Jimmy Johnson 3-0-0-6, James Connors 0-0-0-0, Joe Bramanti 6-1-2-17, Kevin Polanco 7-1-2-15, Brian Miller 2-2-4-6, Spenser Rose 2-0-0-4, John Raak 0-0-0-0. Totals 24-8-12-60
Methuen (47): Edwin Gonzalez 4-6-6-16, Michael Gorman 2-2-2-8, Matt Richardson 5-0-1-11, Cal Carroll 0-0-0-0, James Staples 2-0-0-6, Chris Murach 1-0-0-2, Randy Minaya 0-0-0-0, Jason Doyle 2-0-0-4. Totals 16-8-11-47
3-pointers: A — Bramanti 4; M — Gonzalez 2, Gorman 2, Staples 2, Richardson
Andover (4-0): 11 16 14 19 — 60
Methuen (2-3): 16 8 15 8 — 47

Girls Basketball

Andover 65, Chelmsford 38

Andover (65): Fazio 5-1-12, Gomez-Martinez 5-0-11, McDonald 0-0-0, Long 2-0-4, Cataldo 2-0-4, Scarpa 3-0-7, Miller 0-0-0, Cooney 2-0-4, Bill 0-3-3, Nagy 0-0-0, Boudreau 8-2-20, Drivas 0-0-0. Totals 27-6-65
Chelmsford (38): Gillis 2-0-4, Sheridan 0-3-3, Tucca 2-0-4, L. Cote 0-2-2, Janiak 3-0-6, Shea 1-0-3, Mark 1-1-3, Barton 1-1-3, Brickley 4-0-8. Totals 14-9-38
3-pointers: A — Fazio, Gomez-Martinez, Scarpa, Gomez-Martinez 2; C — Shea
Andover (3-0): 21 18 16 10 — 65
Chelmsford (0-1): 5 14 9 10 — 38

**Pinkerton 70, Andover 57
Greater Lawrence Christmas Tourney**

Andover (57): Fazio 7-0-15, Gomez-Martinez 5-0-10, Cooney 1-1-3, Bill 1-0-2, Boudreau 6-0-16, Alois 5-1-11, McDonald 0-0-0, Cooney 0-0-0. Totals 25-2-57
Pinkerton (70): Guidi 4-1-12, Reid 2-0-5, Harris 2-2-6, Pierce 3-0-7, Sayward 3-0-6, Johnston 9-4-22, Uchich 1-0-2, Ledbetter 4-1-10. Totals 28-8-70
3-pointers: P — Guidi 3, Reid, Pierce, Ledbetter; A — Boudreau 4, Fazio
Andover (3-1): 24 11 10 12 — 57
Pinkerton Academy (4-0): 20 17 20 13 — 70

Boys Ice Hockey

Andover 6, Chelmsford 2

Goals: A — George Flanagan 5, Paul Russell
Assists: A — Cam Smith 3, Russell 2, Riki Retelle 2, C.J. Boilard, Matt Eriksen
Saves: A — Derek Wakefield 18; C — 41
Chelmsford (1-2-0): 0 0 2 — 2
Andover (3-1-0): 1 4 1 — 6

Swimming

Andover 89, Burlington 77

Andover winners: 200 medley relay: (Paul Hunter, Abe Iyengas, Peter Belanger, Yubo Liu) 54.87; 200 freestyle: Nick D'Innocenzo 1:47.84; 200 IM: John Belanger 2:13.21; 50 freestyle: Mike Bakies 24.00; 100 butterfly: P. Hunter 58.40; 100 freestyle: Bakies 53.43; 500 freestyle: P. Hunter 5:13.53; 200 freestyle relay: (D'Innocenzo, Colin Trapichio, Liu, Bakies) 1:42.50; 100 backstroke: J. Belanger 59.37; 100 breaststroke: Peter Nelanger 1:07.84; 400 freestyle relay: (J. Belanger, P. Belanger, D. Hunter, P. Hunter), 3:47.40

Girls Ice Hockey

Andover 7, Cambridge 0

Goals: A — Sarah Oteri 3, Nicole Giroux 2, Heather Paonessa, Jill Manning
Assists: A — Meghan McCarthy 3, Oteri, Manning, Laura Drew, Laura Cahill, Megan Pierce
Saves: A — Megan Pettoruto 13; C — 29
Cambridge (1-1-1): 0 0 0 — 0
Andover (2-1): 4 0 3 — 7

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Business



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Manager of Dish, Skye MacKay, puts together a customer dinner order.

Dish on Dish Owners step back but still involved

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
Staff Writer

Four years into their five-year business plan and these business owners say the future is like their famed pot-roast-in-a-pot dinner — delicious.

The five-year plan for Lea Savely and Amy Aycock of Dish, a meal-on-the-go business on Andover Street, was to step back a bit. Their business plan projected less involvement with the day-to-day operations of Dish by 2010. This new year may be a year early for that goal achievement, but the timing was just right. So, these businesswomen are doing just that.

Dish is still operating successfully, and there are no plans to change anything. The only difference is that Aycock and Savely have taken that step back. They have found a well-suited store manager, Skye MacKay, whom these women say is a great fit for their store. MacKay, of Andover, has been at Dish for about two years.

Stepping back has allowed the warm-weather loving Aycock to move out of Andover. Married with four children, the Aycocks sold their Andover home and the family moved to Atlanta, Ga. a few weeks ago.

Meanwhile, Savely, married and a mom of three daughters, still lives in town. But her plan was always to be most involved with menu research and development and the taste kitchen at Dish. This new year, she will have time to do that.

"It was always our plan to step back after five years. We have groomed Skye to take over, and she is someone clear on our mission," Savely said. "We're still active with the business, just in different roles."

"It's a virtual world," Aycock said of her approach to staying connected to Dish from Atlanta. "Dish is still our baby," said Aycock, who was in town for two weeks before Christmas to help out with the busy holiday



Owners, Lea Savely, left, and Amy Aycock in their kitchen at Dish on Andover Street in Andover.

season. "It was all hands on deck," she said.

In these times of failed businesses and poor sales, Dish's success stands out. The two owners, who met years ago through a neighborhood book club, had this to say about their food business success:

Why has Dish been successful?
"Even in tough times, you have to eat," Aycock said. "More people want to stay home to eat, but they want good food. ... That's what we provide."
"...and, I think getting food at Dish is a stress reliever," Savely said. "At the last minute you can come in and bring home good food. ... Customers say, 'I'm so glad you're here.'"

What trends have you noticed?
"We're planners (when it comes to menus for their own families), but no one else is. People are very last minute. We learned that in the first six months and made changes fast. We stocked our freezer instead of thinking everyone plans their menus," Savely said. "I'd say about 80 percent of our customers are last-minute. ... We needed to see that and remember it's grab and go."
"We're also a weather-driven business. People like to nest when there's a storm or it's

freezing out, and we've learned to stock up on their cravings, like pot roast for when it snows," Aycock said.

What strategies work for your business?
"Our approach to fundraising has produced results. ... We give the nonprofit groups, like the Ultimate Frisbee Team at the high school or the girls hockey team, 10 percent of our sales on their fundraising night ... the checks have ranged from \$300 to \$800, and it gets new customers in the door. They say, 'I didn't even know you were here.' And, they come back," Aycock said.
"We had Frisbees with our menu and then a hockey shirt raffle. Our kitchen catches the buzz ... and, we have about two events a week, now. It's fun for us," Savely said.

What are your future business plans?
"We'll be looking at franchising this new year and checking out additional locations (for another Dish)," Aycock said. "Lots of communities in Massachusetts and other states have Andover demographics. We'll see what happens."
"Our customers always tell us how their relatives and friends live in places where they would love to have a Dish," Savely said. "We'll see."



Courtesy photo

Marking the Anti-Defamation League's partnership with the NBA at an event at Landmark Center in Boston Dec. 4 are, from left, Beth Shulman, ADL Regional Director Derrek Shulman, Board Chairman of ADL New England Region Esta Gordon Epstein, Celtics Coach Doc Rivers, ClearChannel Outdoor president Stephen Ross of Andover, and Celtics owner Bob Epstein.

Ross and Clear Channel recognized for donation

An Andover man's company was recognized by the Boston Celtics for spreading a message of respect.

The Anti-Defamation League and World Champion Celtics recently announced a new anti-

hate campaign titled, "RESPECT ... It's the Way Champions Play." The RESPECT billboards are now visible in locations around Boston, thanks to a donation of billboard space by Clear Channel Outdoor.

ADL Board Chair Esta Gordon Epstein presented a ball, signed by all the Celtics, to Clear Channel Outdoor President and Andover resident Stephen Ross for donating the billboard space for RESPECT campaign.

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Melvin Zaft, top left, of Haverhill, and Rabbi Elizabeth Beraha, bottom right, of Andover, lead, from right, Joan Friedman of Pelham and Linda Siegenthaler of Lawrence as Friedman and Siegenthaler celebrate their Bat Mitzvah at Ansha Sholom.

TOWN TALK

Sunny holiday spirit

Feel like some sunshine this snowy holiday season? Gingerbread houses on display at the Senior Center are sure to warm you up — for free. Town departments show their holiday spirit by making the holiday houses. The town's Assessor's Department contributed a sunny-themed paradise for a smiling Santa who is relaxing at a hot-weather resort on the beach. Colorful gumdrops and pastel NECCO wafers are perfectly aligned on this gingerbread house. Nearby, the Department of Community Services had fun decorating its gingerbread house in Poms Pond style. There's a concession stand, docks and chaise lounges. The replica is spot on.

It's all about bringing on warm smiles, said DCS Recreation Director Kim Stamas, and these town departments certainly accomplished that goal.

— Judy Wakefield

Cheers to better health this year

Resolving to make this New Year more healthy? (Who isn't?)

The YMCA on Haverhill Street sure is. For starters, the organization is in the midst of its Activate America campaign. It's a 10-year pledge to strengthen the health of everyone.

And, a generous donation of \$18,000 from Andover's Philips Medical, zooms in on the kids at the YMCA. The HOPSports Training System makes its debut on Wednesday, Jan. 7, at 5 p.m. The training system will be unveiled with 30 kids participating in this interactive fitness program. Stability balls, jump ropes, Hopsticks and stretch bands are the featured guests to promote physical activity, nutrition



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Steve Caron of Andover and his son Tom fill up their plates during the Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Breakfast at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover. The breakfast is in its 24th year, and those that attended donate baby products for Neighbors in Need.

and wellness messages. Guests welcome. Call Covino at 978-681-1126 with questions.

— Judy Wakefield

Hanukkah revisited

The snow and ice storm canceled the pre-Hanukkah music event at Temple Emanuel in Andover. It was scheduled for Dec. 19. But the good news is that the musical event has been

rescheduled for Friday, Jan. 23. Renamed the "Winter Music Concert," organizers said lots of holiday music will be featured including a performance by the cappella group Honorable Menschen. Organizers said it will be the same show as previously planned. The music starts at 7 p.m.

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