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Preschool, full-day K fee hike coming

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Parents will pay hundreds more next year to send a child to the public schools' full-day kindergarten and preschool programs, following a unanimous 4-0 vote of the School Committee.

The full-day kindergarten tuition will increase by \$200 for the 2009-10 school year, to \$4,400. Parents can receive a \$200 discount if they pay the tuition in full by an early deadline before the school year begins.

Preschool tuition will increase by 15 percent from fiscal year 2009 to 2010, with the actual cost based on how many days per week a student attends. Those who attend preschool five days a week will pay \$3,622, an increase of \$472.

"What a crying shame that is. We're a public school, and we have to charge fees," said School Committee member Dick Collins. "Just maybe we are depriving something that is so vitally important to a student, who loses out simply because their parents can't pay."

The committee plans to "revisit" the tuition mid-year, and see if it can be adjusted in any way, members said at their Jan. 20 meeting. School Committee member Arthur Barber left the room for the entire discussion and did not vote, because his wife is a full-day kindergarten teacher in town, creating a conflict of interest.

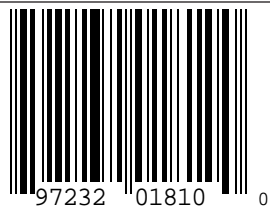
Committee chairwoman Debra Rahmin Silberstein said she supported the tuition increase "with a heavy heart."

Fee increases are just one of the measures that will have to

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Voters to be asked to control cell towers

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Having spent the summer and fall fighting a proposed cell phone tower that could be built 186 feet from her children's bedrooms, Pamela Dunn wants Town Meeting voters to change how town boards agree to locate

and permit cell towers.

Co-written by Aileen Peters, the private warrant article is one of 13 submitted to the town clerk by last Friday's deadline. Andover citizens will vote on both private and town warrant articles at Town Meeting, beginning April 29.

The proposed cell tower near

Dunn's Prospect Road home would be built at Route 125 and Prospect Road by Omnipoint Communications, a subsidiary of T-Mobile USA.

Peters and Dunn's warrant article does not keep cell phone towers from coming to town, which is illegal according to the Federal Communication Act of

1996, Dunn said.

"We don't want to prohibit cell towers in town," Dunn said. "Our goal is to review existing bylaws regarding cell tower siting and placement, and revise them to adequately address the complex technical and legal issues involved."

"We want to create laws that

allow town boards to work better with telecommunications companies, to meet the needs of the town and neighborhoods," she said.

The proposed warrant creates a six-month moratorium on the permitting and siting of

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A view toward Washington



TIM JEAN / Staff photo

Bea Pfister, left, and Marty Doyle, both of Andover, watch the Inauguration on TV at Memorial Hall Library. See story, Page 2.

Many savor inaugural moments

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

As new President Barack Obama was standing to take the oath of office, the only person sitting at the counter of the Lantern Brunch was bored waitress Margo Duarte.

The downtown Andover lunch spot was as empty as the Mall in Washington was packed.

"We're all looking at the clock," said cook Kathy Healey. "This is totally amazing. It's been almost a half hour."

Because the restaurant is almost always bustling at noontime, the staff believed Andover residents and workers were staying at their homes or offices to watch America's 44th president be sworn in. There is no TV at Lantern Brunch.

"There's definitely a buzz about him (Obama)," said Healey, who in the days before the inauguration heard customers with children talking about the kids staying home from school to watch the event.

"If I was home, I'd be watching it," said Duarte. "Because he's a new hope for us. He gives a new spark to America."

It wasn't until somewhere around the time Obama was talking about "a failure to make hard choices" that two customers came into the diner to make some choices of their own — how to fill their stomachs.

"I do care, but I'm hungry, too," said Greg Eaton, an Andover lawyer. "If it was anybody else, I probably wouldn't make a special attempt to watch it either. Understanding it's historic — but I'm hungry."

"My wife is at home watching it. We'll see the Cliff Notes version on the news," said Tom Busta, Andover High School ski team coach and Eaton's lunch companion.

For many in town, that wasn't enough. Sovereign Bank employee Heidi Muskavitch, who works upstairs in the bank, made a point of

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Schoolchildren witness history, after studying slavery, Civil War

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Schoolchildren in classrooms and cafeterias across town were witness to history on Tuesday, as many watched the inauguration of Barack Obama, the 44th president of the United States and its first African-American commander in chief.

"It was too amazing to describe. I can't find the words," said High Plain Elementary fifth-grader Jack Schleifer after watching the inauguration. "It was the most amazing thing that has happened

to me."

This fall, Schleifer volunteered with Obama's campaign, he said, while describing Tuesday's inauguration as "spectacular."

"It helps us realize the long way America has come. It's amazing that someone once thought unequal now has the highest position," said High Plain fifth-grader Prashasti Upadhyay. "It tells us those that fought in the Civil War didn't lose their lives for no reason. It helped change the

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BETHANY BRAY/Staff photo

Susan Infantine's first-grade class at Shawsheen School dressed in red, white and blue for Inauguration Day.

Town has \$30M wish list for new president

By BRIAN MESSENGER
STAFF WRITER

The town wants a share of President Barack Obama's proposed economic stimulus plan.

Earlier this month, Andover officials sent a list to the state detailing more than \$30 million in local projects that could be eligible for federal money.

A portion of Obama's roughly \$800 billion stimulus package proposal is expected to be funneled to cities and towns through state

governments.

The proposed stimulus package is expected to target the nation's aging infrastructure, including bridges, roadways, public buildings, and water and sewer systems.

It is unclear when or if the package, which still must be approved, will gain approval. Andover submitted 18 projects in all to Lt. Gov. Timothy Murray on Jan. 8.

The two largest were for sidewalk repairs, including \$6.1 million for sidewalk reconstruction and \$4.6 million for new sidewalk

construction.

The federal government is interested in local projects that are considered "shovel ready," or able to begin within 180 days and completed within two years.

"There's minimal planning to go with sidewalk reconstruction or construction," said Public Works Director Jack Petkus.

Despite the development of a townwide sidewalk master plan years ago, little money has been included in the annual operating

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WATCHING: Many residents turned to television at noon

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using her lunch break to walk across the street to a doughnut shop to get the best seat for watching the shop's TV.

"I have seen all the inaugurations since I was a child. He's our next commander in chief, and I think it's important to see him sworn in," she said.

Like Muskavitch, schools across Andover had special plans for the day and about 50 people each at the Andover Senior Center and Memorial Hall Library watched the ceremonies on flat screen TVs (see related stories).

The inauguration was on all sorts of computers, radios and televisions, including a small tabletop set at the Gulf gas station.

"We care. That's why it's on. Our customers care. As you see,

there's no traffic right now," said owner Sam Dagher.

Dagher's lone customer at the time, Andover resident Denise Regan, watched the TV while she waited for her car, but when her vehicle was ready she jumped right in. She said it wasn't important to her whether she watched Obama's speech because she didn't believe he would be able to make a difference.

Alan Dunn, an Andover letter carrier who was making deliveries during the speech, said he had no interest in hearing Obama.

"I do not care. I just don't support the president-elect or his views," said Dunn. "I don't care if I see a second of this one."

However, as he made his way along his route, Dunn said he saw the inauguration playing on the televisions in offices to which he delivers.

"I think people do care. I think I'm in the minority. I learned a long time ago just because you are in the minority doesn't mean you're wrong," he said.

Considering the Obama ticket carried Andover 10,138 votes to 7,786 votes for McCain-Palin, Dunn was in the minority. There were plenty of Obama true believers to be found.

Wearing blue-and-red star-shaped earrings and an Obama button, Andover Bookstore events coordinator Karen Harris showed off the store's Obama Countdown clock key chain that read 0:00, meaning he was now officially president. She and the other three bookstore employees working Tuesday were listening to the speech on radio and watching a live Internet feed. They said their store had emptied shortly before Obama made his way out

of the Capitol Building.

"As you can see, we're happy we have no customers; we're happy people are watching it. That's the only time we'll say that!" said manager John Hugo.

Other stores also had some drop-off in traffic. In the words of CVS assistant manager Tom Daly, the convenience store was "dead empty right now" during the heart of the Obama speech. There were only a trickle of customers there and at the Dunkin' Donuts downtown.

"If I wasn't working, I would probably be watching," said Antonio Rondon, Main Street Dunkin' Donuts assistant manager.

"There's a lot of people who see it as a historic moment. There were a lot who came in this morning talking about it. Then there are a lot like me who say, 'I have to work,'" he said, with a shrug.

Library turns into living room for inauguration

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Memorial Hall Library's Teen Room looked all grown up as its new, flat-screen television broadcasted the ceremony around President Barack's Obama's inauguration late Tuesday morning.

What got the most laughs was when CNN showed new Vice President Joe Biden taking his own photographs at the swearing-in ceremony.

"We wanted this to feel like a living room for the community," said assistant librarian Beth Mazine, who clearly had some patriotic spirit as she was dressed in red, white and blue with an Obama button written

in Yiddish pinned to her red jacket.

"We wanted to share and share together," she said. "Everyone on staff is here, so we thought it would be good to open it up to the community."

Refreshments were available in the shadow of a life-size Obama cutout that visitors could pose with if they wanted.

Emily Classon, community services librarian, estimated about 50 people dropped by the teen room at different times to get a glimpse of the inauguration. The library hosted the drop-in event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

"People who visited the library stopped in and that's what we wanted," said Classon, who wore a red, white and blue tiara.

LIST: Town looks for president to help with local issues

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budgets to maintain sidewalks.

A total of \$75,000 for minor sidewalk repairs on Park, Barnard, Chestnut, Central, Essex, and Elm streets and Punchard Avenue was recommended by Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski for next year.

The town has more than 50 miles of sidewalks, and according to the town's Capital Improvement Program, more than half of them are in need of reconstruction.

Road and bridge repairs

Andover also proposed \$4.5 million in roadway paving and reconstruction projects.

No money has been included in the CIP for road repaving next year.

Petkus said the \$1.3 million for town bridge repairs requested would pay for repairs to the Stevens Street and Andover Street bridges. Both span the Shawsheen River.

State divers identified damage to the underside of the Stevens Street bridge caused by flowing water, and

the concrete deck of the Andover Street bridge in Ballardvale needs to be replaced, Petkus said.

Water main improvements

Petkus said there have been about a dozen major water main breaks in town over the last several months, the most recent of which occurred this week on Tanglewood Way.

Some of the town's water mains date back to the 1800s, he said.

"It's certainly old infrastructure," said Petkus.

Petkus said the town would see a reduction in water main breaks through a \$750,000 request for new water mains. The current, often brittle, cast-iron mains would be replaced with ductile iron, he said.

A \$850,000 request for water main improvements would pay for the cleaning of existing mains with a boring machine. They would then be lined with cement to improve water quality.

Plant and facilities projects

A \$1.8 million request would pay entirely for the construction

of new playing fields on Blanchard Street, along with associated underground irrigation systems, lighting, benches, and a 180-car parking area, according to Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantadosi.

A \$930,000 request to install energy-efficient lighting in Old Town Hall, Sanborn and South elementary schools, Shawsheen primary, and Doherty Middle School would result in "huge savings," Piantadosi said.

A \$150,000 request for drainage improvements at Andover High School would pay for the construction of new drains at Andover High, which was flooded last spring.

Piantadosi said nearly an inch of standing water flooded the Richard Collins Field House.

"Some of the high school drain lines are just overtaxed in an event where you get a lot of rain in a short period of time," said Piantadosi.

Fire Department requests

Andover fire Chief Michael Mansfield said a \$200,000 request for an underground water storage cistern in the south of town would assist his department during emergencies. There is a lack of sufficient water pressure in the area of Harold Parker Road, he said.

"We look for any static water supply we can," said Mansfield about a typical fire response in the area. "As a last resort we have to look for backyard pools if we have to."

A \$300,000 request was also made for boat ramp access to the Merrimack River and Haggets Pond. Mansfield said his department was forced to rely on assistance from Lawrence and Methuen during incidents on the river within the last year.

"Right now Andover does not have any public safety boat access to the river at all," he said.

Several locations for a ramp have been identified along Haggets Pond, including land near the Water Treatment Plant, where there is current access to the water for boats.

"We're just looking for something a little more permanent to backup a truck and launch a boat," Mansfield said.

The other local public projects that may be eligible for federal funds include:

- \$4 million for repairs to a sewer outfall interceptor
- \$2.35 million for removal of dams along the Shawsheen River
- \$1.1 million for a culvert on High Plain Road
- \$600,000 for a new parks and grounds division building
- \$320,000 for a boiler at Sanborn Elementary School
- \$300,000 for a walking path along the Shawsheen River
- \$150,000 for a Shawsheen River flood study.

CHILDREN: Witness history

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future."

Fifth-graders in Joyce Rawlinson's class at High Plain Elementary watched the inauguration together, and the impact of an African-American commander in chief really hit home with students, she said, because they just finished a unit on slavery.

"It's unbelievable that we've gone from having slaves to having a black president," said fifth-grader Andrew Soucy. "It's inspiring. It makes me want to do something great for the world."

"I told the class, I hope you always remember where you were (as Obama was sworn in)," said Rawlinson. "It was special that we could watch it together as a class."

Youngsters at Shawsheen Primary School wore red, white and blue for inauguration day, Jan. 20, gathering in the gym, cafeteria and classrooms to watch the ceremony in groups.

First-graders in Susan Infantine's class had written to Principal Moira O'Brien, suggesting the idea for the school to wear patriotic colors for the occasion. As Obama delivered his first speech as U.S. president on Tuesday, Infantine's class sat on the floor, rapt. Waving flags they had colored and made in class, the children wore their most patriotic garb, many with flags, stars, stripes or Obama's face emblazoned on their shirts.

"He's one-of-a-kind," said first-

OUT OF THE MOUTH OF BABES

Thoughts about Barack Obama's inauguration from Andover school children:

"It made me thankful, to know we're in good hands," said Emma Horn, a High Plain Elementary fifth-grader. "It was overwhelming (to watch) because he's the first black president."

"I think a lot of things will change because we have a new president. People will respect one another more." - High Plain fifth-grader Colleen Mullins

grader Grant Soltes, who wore a sweater with an American flag knitted on the front and an Obama pin.

One thing that surprised Grant and his classmates? "How many people there are (on the Mall in Washington, D.C.)," he said.

First-grader Molly Graw, who wore a pink T-shirt that read "Obama Kid," said the day was "exciting."

Infantine said her class had been talking about the inauguration and incorporating it into history and other lessons. As a homework assignment, each student wrote a letter to the new president, which Infantine will mail this week, she said.

In their letters, the first-graders asked Obama to keep their families safe, outlaw smoking, and ensure there are no more wars and that every citizen has enough food and is treated fairly.

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ONE OF MY DREAMS WITH THE HIGH school team is that one of the kids (AHS alumni) will come back and coach, and I can retire.

— *Marilyn Fitzgerald, who will retire tomorrow, Jan. 23, as pool director and event coordinator at Greater Lawrence Technical High School, but not yet as coach of the Andover High School girls' swim and dive team. She has led the team to nine state championships. Story in Townspeople, Page 11.*

Andover High School girls' swim and dive team. She has led the team to nine state championships. Story in Townspeople, Page 11.

MOM-AND-POP RESTAURANTS ARE A DYING BREED FOR A number of reasons. Being a mom and pop, I can try whatever I want and push in different directions. That's definitely what speaks to me about the business.

— *Adrienne Pappadopoulos on Glory, an Essex Street establishment that will celebrate its 10th year with a party next week. Story in Arts & Entertainment, Page 6.*

WE WERE UP AT 5 (A.M.) AND LEFT GUAM AT 7:40 a.m. But once we stopped in Hawaii it was 6 p.m. the previous day. That was like a time warp ... We landed at 5 p.m., and the Andover meet started at 5:30 p.m. So we fought through the traffic and got there right at the end of the meet. The guys were in a pinch, so I looked for a place to change and did my part to help them win. It was something. That day lasted about 36 hours.

— *Andover High swimmer Nick D'Innocenzo who started Jan. 13 in Guam for the Junior Pan Pacific Games and ended it back home for a local meet. Story in Sports, Page 16.*

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For a complete list of the online and hybrid courses offered at NECC go to <http://cit.necc.mass.edu/distance/courses/index.php>. For more information call 978-556-3700.

Health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Jan. 26, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays, Jan. 21 and 28. No appointment is necessary.

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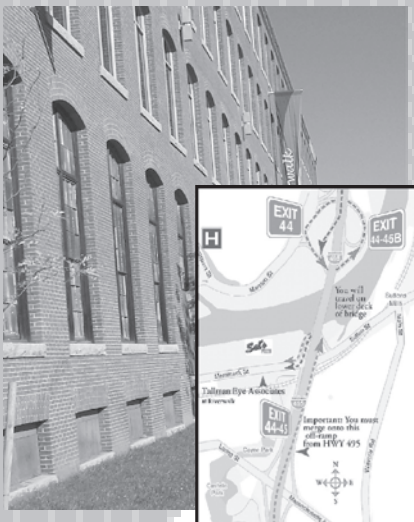
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■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS
Thursday, Jan. 15 - At 4:32 p.m., Arturia Berrios Garcia, 43, of 320 Jackson St. Apt. 3, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.
At 6:27 p.m., police received an anonymous 911 call about a domestic situation taking place

in apartments on Lowell Street. After a mix-up between building and apartment numbers between the police and caller, the correct apartment was found. An ambulance was requested, and firefighters and detectives also responded. One patient was transported to the hospital. At 6:53 p.m., Sebastian M. Roc, 19, of 311 Lowell St. Apt. 2314, Andover, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a household member, indecent assault and battery on a person 14 or older, two counts of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and malicious destruction of property over \$250.

Friday, Jan. 16 - At 3:55 p.m., Louis M. Cafarelli, 20, of 7 Village Green Drive, North Andover, was arrested and charged with resisting arrest, disorderly conduct and driving with a suspended license.

Sunday, Jan. 18 - At 2:57 a.m., a caller reported a female sleeping in a vehicle with the engine running, partially in the road in front of Kaps on Main Street. A responding officer arrested Kenra L. McCarthy, 24, of 54 Forrester Road, Wakefield, for operating under the influence of liquor.

Monday, Jan. 19 - At 3:54 p.m., Brian J. Brazil, 24, of 7 Lancalott Court Apt. 4, Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with failing to wear a seat belt and driving with a suspended license.

At 6:41 p.m., Joao B. Garcia, 32, of 433 Central St. Apt. 2, Lowell, was arrested and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle trailer with a suspended license and revoked registration.

INCIDENTS
Tuesday, Jan. 13 - At 7:55 a.m., an ambulance responded to Brookside Drive for an unresponsive female. The police log reads "fire department on scene and declare active code. Trauma Intervention Program notified at 8:10 a.m. Detectives responding for photos."

At 10:19 p.m., a person called the police reporting that the driver of a tractor trailer unit on the Interstate 93 ramp from Dascob Road "may have thrown out a large bag of beer."

Wednesday, Jan. 14 - Someone at Doherty Middle School, Bartlet Street, reported finding a bullet in the school exercise room next to the gym. A responding officer reported he did not believe the item was a bullet.

Friday, Jan. 16 - At 11:47,

Slippery travel



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

A state trooper speaks with a motorist who drove off Interstate 495 while traveling northbound near Route 28 during Sunday's snowstorm.

Wingate nursing home called reporting some type of burning going on in the front yard of a house. A responding officer found that it was a permit burn on Blood Road.

Saturday, Jan. 17 - At 1:16 p.m., CVS on Main Street reported that one customer dropped a large sum of money and another person was seen picking it up. The incident was recorded on surveillance cameras. CVS was able to identify the person who picked up the money because the person had just had a prescription filled. A responding officer went to the person's house and took the money back, to give to the person who originally dropped it.

At 4:12 p.m., a 911 caller walking a trail at Haggetts Pond reported being chased by a coyote.

At 10:51 p.m., detectives reported a possible house party with underage drinking on Salem Street. Responding officers reported that everyone was leaving.

Sunday, Jan. 18 - At 10:51 a.m., multiple 911 calls reported a woman fixing a screen on Railroad Street fell out of the window and fell four stories. Two ambulances responded, one for the woman, who was conscious but having trouble moving, and for the woman's husband.

Monday, Jan. 19 - At 9 a.m., a person on North Main Street called to report her car was missing. Police confirmed that the caller's car was towed the night before for expired registration.

At 7:11 p.m., police received an

anonymous report that two children were being left alone every night at an Andover home, from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. A responding officer found that both children were fine, and that a neighbor is looking in on them.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Friday, Jan. 16 - At 11:32 p.m., an officer requested a tow truck for a vehicle with revoked insurance on Lowell Street. The driver was given a written warning for an unregistered and uninspected car, and given transportation.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Jan. 13 - At 10:15 a.m. an employee of Vicor, Frontage Road, spoke to an officer about corporate identity theft.

At 12:04 p.m., a caller from the Mobil, Lowell Street, reported that her purse was stolen from her car when she went into the gas station to pay for her fuel.

Thursday, Jan. 15 - At 12:40 p.m., a person came into the police station to report a theft of jewelry with now defunct Constantine Jewelers in town.

Monday, Jan. 19 - At 11:24 a.m., Phillips Academy security on South Main Street called to report a student with a missing or stolen laptop computer.

At 6:01 p.m., an Iron Gate Drive resident came into the police station to report credit-card fraud.

AUTO ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 15 - At 9:13 a.m., the DPW reported that a truck

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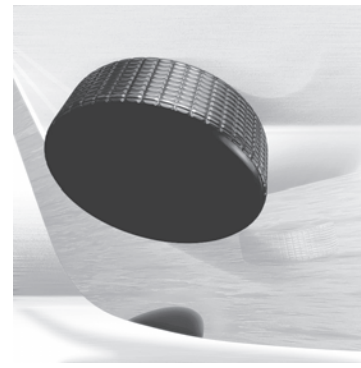
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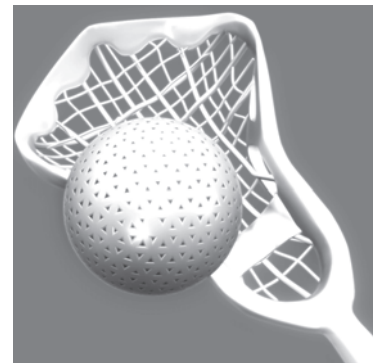
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More burning than usual expected after December ice storm

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

A month after a Goliath of an ice storm caused hundreds of trees to snap and topple — especially on the western side of town — the season to burn leftover storm-caused tree debris has arrived.

Burning season started last Thursday, Jan. 15, and 25 permits were given out that day, according to Deputy fire Chief Richard

Dolan. The burning season lasts until May 1, and a permit costs \$25.

Typically about 300 burning permits are issued during the burning season in Andover, Dolan said. He's expecting more this year as a result of the Dec. 12 ice storm. More residents are expected to need to do extensive yard cleanup because of the numerous fallen and broken trees.

"I think more people will pull

permits this year because of that ice storm," he said. "But, it's been so cold ... I think we'll see more people when it warms up some."

If you're inclined to do so, you can dig up any snow-covered brush, safely pile it somewhere on your property and light it up as long as you have the permit. Brush burning hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

In spite of the frigid temperatures, it's ideal brush burning weather, Dolan said. With so

much of the town's landscape covered in snow, brush fires can safely burn with minimal threat of fire sparks getting out of control.

"We keep an eye on the wind and high winds mean there is no burning," he said. "There's less of a problem with that when the ground is snow-covered."

Residents often pile their brush and then cover the pile with a tarp. Then, they take off the tarp and burn the brush pile.

Dolan said a burn permit is only good for brush. Small tree logs can be burned, but the diameter should not measure more than 4 inches, he said.

Looking back

The ice storm hit late Thursday, Dec. 11, and into Friday, Dec. 12. School was canceled and numerous businesses closed as the ice formed on electrical lines and also on trees. Some 6,000 National Grid customers lost power at some

point during the storm.

Hardest hit was northwestern Andover with the Merrimack River serving as the key weather indicator. North of the river received significantly more ice than the neighborhoods located two miles south of the river.

"Private tree companies were great and helped us clean up everything," Dolan said. "There may still be a few trees that need to be removed, but it's all non-emergency at this point."

Coming clean

Celebrating the opening of ABC Cleaning Services with a ribbon cutting are from left, Mary Ann Murray, mother of the owner, Joe Bevilacqua of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, Owner Ann Marie Murray-Milot, her niece Collette Borys, and Kettler Bosse, of NY Life Insurance Company.

TIM JEAN/Staff photo



MEETING: Articles submitted

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cell towers in Andover, giving the town more time to evaluate and change its zoning bylaws after reviewing the bylaws of other towns, such as Acton and Medfield, said Dunn.

"We feel the bylaws that are in place are somewhat vague in what needs to happen," Dunn said. "It takes a lot to know all the intricacies of working with that law (the telecommunications act of 1996) ... We should really specify what the process needs to be."

Other private warrant articles submitted include:

■ A bid for \$800,000 to acquire land for conservation purposes, submitted by David Cooper, Conservation Commission chairman. No specific property or address is named in the warrant.

■ A request for the town to appropriate \$2 million to the school department's operating budget from the town's stabilization account, from Clark Road resident Bill Pennington. Last year, Pennington proposed a similar warrant to transfer \$1.25 million from the stabilization fund to the school budget. The warrant was eventually withdrawn and not voted on at 2008 Town Meeting.

■ Two articles asking for the town to pay for road improvements on private roads, with the residents of those streets paying back the town through betterments. Posters Pond and Pomeroy roads would be repaved with \$50,000 and improvements

would also be made to Pine Tree Lane for \$25,000.

■ Two warrant articles submitted by lawyer Mark Johnson, regarding a town-owned parcel of land off Essex Street. The warrant authorizes the transfer of the "care, custody, management and control" of the land to the board of selectmen, and allows them to sell, convey or lease the land on "terms and conditions they deem in the best interest of the town, even if the town receives no financial payment." A second article regarding the same Essex Street property authorizes selectmen to grant utility, access and or parking easements on the land.

■ The annual effort to augment the efforts of Duffon Road resident Jerry Silverman, who spearheads fundraising to have fireworks and family festivities in town on the evening of July 3, the night before Independence Day.

Silverman is pledging to raise as much money as he can to cover the fireworks, music and celebration himself, but has also submitted a private warrant article for \$10,000 of town money for festivities.

■ Five articles by resident Bob Pokress seeking more financial information and more limits on the spending town officials can agree to in town contracts.



Jerry Silverman

FEES: Committee to re-evaluate at new fiscal year

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happen "across the board," she said, during this tough budget season.

The committee will discuss kindergarten and preschool tuition again before June 30, the end of the fiscal year. With a better sense of enrollment numbers and other costs, tuition could drop midyear, said School Committee member Dennis Forgue.

Currently, 243 students attend the district's all-day kindergarten program, and 216 are projected for next year, said Business Administrator

David Keniston.

Keniston noted the increased tuition figures are "bare bones" numbers, figured on actual costs of staffing, health expenses and "modest" amounts of supplies and materials.

"The project is currently breaking even," Keniston said of the preschool and full-day kindergarten. "These fees are derived on actual costs incurred."

Tuition paid by full-day kindergarten students is the amount incurred for the extra hours they stay beyond half-day kindergarten students, who attend the

public schools for free.

At the close of 2008, the program brought forward a surplus of \$167,000, and Keniston said he anticipates that happening again this year. The surplus goes into a revolving account, and can only be used for the kindergarten program, he said.

"It's not, in fact, a huge cushion," member Tony James said.

Dan Kowalski, an Enfield Drive resident and parent of a prospective full-day kindergarten student, suggested eliminating the early deadline discount and lowering the tuition across the board for parents.

"Is it even on the table to discount to \$4,300 for all parents?" he asked.

Superintendent Claudia Bach answered that "the incentive to pay has been important in the past," in getting parents to send their checks by deadline.

Keniston said charging \$4,300 would put the district in the red by \$25,000, forcing them to dip into the surplus.

Letters and information packets will be sent to families with prospective full-day and preschool children later this week, Bach said. The first deposit of \$500 is due in March.

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SATURDAY, JAN. 24

LIVE SACRED CHORAL MUSIC OF THE ENGLISH RENAISSANCE, with Exsultemus, including works by Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, John Taverner, and Orlando Gibbons under the reigns of Henry VIII, Edward VI, Mary I, Elizabeth I, and James I, at 7:30 p.m., Christ Church, 33 Central St. Tickets cost \$35, \$25, \$15; \$20, and \$10 students and seniors; 857-998-0219 or www.exsultemus.org.

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PUPPET SHOW, Jack and the Beanstalk by Spring Valley Puppets, Puppet Showplace Theatre, 32 Station St., Brookline, 1 and 3 p.m., \$10 per person, prepaid reservations recommended, 617-731-6400, www.puppetshowplace.org.

OPENING RECEPTION, for Pastel Pleasures, 2 to 4 p.m., an exhibit featuring pastel works from Elizabeth Craumer, Anatoly Dverin, Cathleen Leavitt, Catherine Meeks, Sandy Machell, Shauna Smith, and Pamela Wamala, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen Street, Lowell; 978-452-7641, www.whistlerhouse.org Lowell.

SUNDAY, JAN. 25

INTERACTIVE "PARLOR MEETING," with local storytellers Susan Lenoe and Lani Peterson in this dramatic historical representation with Sarah and Angelina Grimke, 19th century Quaker women who were abolitionists and feminists, 5 p.m., West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover. A light meal will follow the presentation. After the meal we will have a discussion of this event, donations accepted, sponsored by the Governing Board of West Parish Church; 978-475-3528.

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LIVE MUSIC, the musical group Leeward Rail is set to perform at the Parker River National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center in Newburyport, this acoustic group performs songs about the sea, including ships, fish, wrecks, and New England Coastal History. The concert, entitled "Icy Decks and Frozen Wrecks" will take place from 1-2:30 p.m. and admission is FREE and open to the public. For more information, please visit http://parkerriver.fws.gov or http://captkevin.blogspot.com/

MONDAY, JAN. 26

CHORUS NORTH SHORE, will hold the first rehearsal for their June concert, 7 p.m., in the Choral Room of Ipswich High School. No auditions

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CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Adrienne Pappadopoulos, co-owner of Glory Restaurant on Essex Street in Andover, is celebrating the restaurant's 10th anniversary.

Roll back the clock — and Cosmo prices Glory celebrates first decade with party, 'recession-friendly' deals

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Like in the pop song by Prince, patrons of Glory are going to party like it's 1999 on Jan. 25.

The Essex Street restaurant opened its doors for the first time on Jan. 28, 1999, and will celebrate its 10-year anniversary with a special party Sunday.

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Pappadopoulos, who co-owns the restaurant with her brother, Spiro Pappadopoulos. "It feels really good to be here and to look back at the past, building what we've built and learning all along the way. A restaurant is such a creative beast. It's great when things are

good and people like what you're doing, but you always need to be looking ahead at what you can do in the future.

"It feels good. I'm pretty proud to have been able to do it, and to have such a team of people work with me. I have employees that I couldn't have done it without," she said.

To continue the celebration, Glory will offer favorites from their menus from 1999 to the present. A special promotion offers five wines and appetizer plates that are \$5 each at 5 p.m., which the staff refers to as the "five for five at five," said Adrienne Pappadopoulos, chuckling.

At the bar, there also is a special drink list of libations for \$6 each, which was the average drink price

when Glory opened in 1999, she said.

After 10 years, Pappadopoulos said her favorite moment at Glory is when the restaurant is busy and she looks around the dining room to tables of people enjoying themselves and meeting friends.

She credits her father, Christos Pappadopoulos, for being instrumental in helping her open Glory 10 years ago. Christos and his wife, Eileen, opened the Italian restaurant Pasta Villaggio in Andover in 1990. Adrienne worked at her parents' restaurant "from day one until Glory opened," she said, and learned the workings of a restaurant on the job.

"I never would have been able

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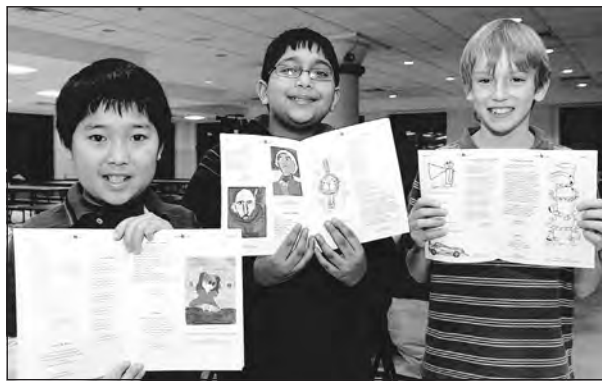
'Appleseeds' magazine launch



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Andover students from the Bancroft School had their poems published in "Appleseeds" literary magazine, from left, Hannah Roos, 10, "The Campfire"; Erin Walsh, 10, "Wonder in the Sky"; and Liddy Kasraian, 9, "Stars."

Andover students Steve Pien, 10, of Bancroft School; Chiraag Gohel, 10, of High Plain School; and Evan Lundgren, 9, of Bancroft School, show off their works at the "Appleseeds" literary magazine launch on Jan. 14 at South Lawrence East Elementary School.



Library offers online resources for children

By EMILY CLASSON
COMMUNITY SERVICES LIBRARIAN

Andover's library has new online resources for children and young adults.

The BK Club is a blog about "fun and interesting stuff" by children's librarians Beth Kerrigan, Kim Bears and Kate Belczyk. Visit www.mhl.org/kids/fun to read about things they find funny, crazy and most important. Information about the children's room, programs, books, and fun, quirky facts are included.

People can visit often and tell the library what they think by clicking on "comment" at the end of each post.

Kids can respond to the site's many questions such as "What is your favorite cheese?" or "What do you think the most fun thing about living in the White House would be?"

"Something about the Author" online is a database new to Memorial Hall Library, but the resource is not new. Until this summer, the library purchased the print version of "Something

about the Author" and it now gets an online version that picks up where our print copies left off. Each volume has information about children's and young adult authors and their works. The online version is available in the library or remotely with an Andover library card.

Scholastic's BookFlix is another database available in the library or remotely using an Andover library card. This early literacy database for preschool to grade two is useful for parents, teachers and young children learning to read or interested in using books online. Each category has pairs of books (one picture book in video format and one nonfiction title related to the theme) plus puzzles and games, links to other Web sites and lesson plans. Each video or book can be read aloud or read along with and unfamiliar words are highlighted and defined.

For more information or to register for any of these programs call the children's room at 978-623-8401, ext. 39 or e-mail bker-rigan@mhl.org.

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GLORY: Andover restaurant is celebrating 10 years in business with party, deals

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to do three-quarters of the pie without him. We've always had a beautiful partnership," she said of her father. "He let me learn on the job. When I first started I was 22 and didn't know as much as I thought I knew. Now, I feel

extremely confident in what I do because of how sincerely I learned how to make things work."

Christos Pappadopoulos initially bought the space at 19 Essex St. when his daughter was graduating from college with a writing degree, she said.

He remains a partner in the restaurant.

"Mom-and-pop restaurants are a dying breed for a number of reasons. Being a mom and pop (at Glory), I can try whatever I want and push in different directions," said Adrienne Pappadopoulos of Glory's artsy flair.

"That's definitely what speaks to me about the business. You never know what Glory might be doing tonight. We have live entertainment, and try different things. Our image is not too rigid in any direction for something not to flow. It's a fun place, it's a funky place."

The restaurant's original name

came after a brainstorming session with her father, said Adrienne Pappadopoulos. She was suggesting obscure words, trying to get around licensing issues, she said.

"My father took the dictionary out of my hands, and said, 'You're trying too hard. If the

food's good, people will come' (no matter what the name is)," she said.

Christos Pappadopoulos opened the dictionary to a random page, closed his eyes, and pointed to the word "glory."

The rest, as they say, is history.

CALENDAR

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are required, subsequent rehearsals will be at 7:30 p.m. each Monday as the Chorus prepares Haydn's "Lord Nelson's Mass" for their June 6th concert; www.chorusnorthshore.org; e mail president@chorusnorthshore.org or call Kathy at 978 356-3807.

TUESDAY, JAN. 27

DRUMMING FOR JOY, a monthly drumming circle led by storyteller/drummer Jane Gossard at Rolling Ridge Retreat Center in North Andover, 7-9 p.m. Drumming happens from 7-8:30 with dessert and coffee to follow. Drumming experience is not necessary. Drums will be supplied, or bring your own. The cost is \$15 with pre-registration (call 978-682-8815 or go to their website: www.rollingridge.org) or \$20 at the door.

THURSDAY, JAN. 29

CEDARDALE HEALTH & FITNESS, hosts a panel discussion on the Science, Art, Psychology and Joy of Running featuring local running phenomenon Buddy Bostick and four others, free, for runners of all ages and abilities. Please contact Cedarvale Health & Fitness' Front Desk at (978) 373-1596 to reserve your spot. Questions

may be forwarded to Fitness Director Lori Guile at lguile@cedardale-health.net

FRIDAY, JAN. 30

ATTENTION HOCKEY FANS, The Friends of Merrimack College invite hockey fans to enjoy a dinner in Merrimack College's Blue Line Club, then cheer on Merrimack's Warrior hockey team as they face-off against #1 ranked Hockey East rival the Boston University Terriers, Volpe Athletic Complex, Merrimack College, dinner at 6 p.m., game at 7 p.m., \$20 per person. Only 50 tickets are available. Order tickets before Jan. 26 by calling (978) 837-5117 or e-mail: joanne.mermelstein@merrimack.edu.

CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION, the Peabody Essex Museum will host a special screening of Red Heroine, one of the first silent Kung Fu films, with live musical accompaniment by Boston's Devil Music Ensemble; More details about these and other events can be found at www.pem.org/events.

THE NEW WORKS FESTIVAL 2009, 8 p.m., provides insight on the playwriting process from conception to presentation. This opportunity to see talented people in New England spans two weekends and is presented by the Firehouse Center for the Arts and sponsored in part by Focus Publishing. The cost is \$12 adults, and \$35 for a four-day festival pass. All seats are reserved. For more information, call 978-462-7336.

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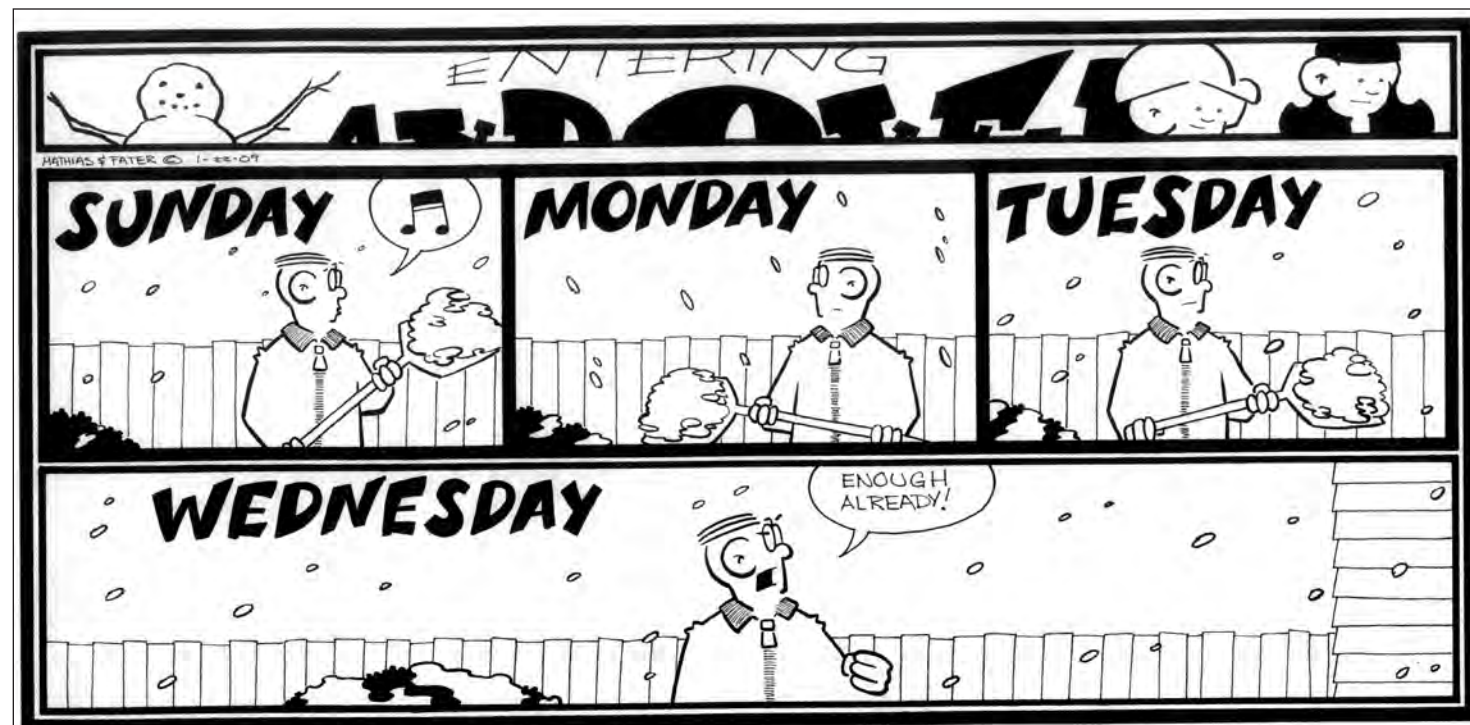
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- Popular school organization
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- Tokyo
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- Unintentional act
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- Previous Soviet Union
- Steeple
- Largest silver coin
- The inner self
- Exchange goods
- 8th Jewish month
- Makes angry
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- Mongol tents
- Fill to satisfaction
- Vouchers
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- 12th Jewish month
- __ short pulse laser
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Home Improvement

Get the Midas touch on a minimalist budget

Do you look through home design magazines with envy, wishing you could create the same type of high-style, inspired looks featured on their glossy pages? Do you dream of what you would do to your home if you only had the budget?



COURTESY PHOTO

To create an attractive centerpiece at the sink, be sure to install an affordably priced faucet with unparalleled styling.

Your resources may be limited, but your home decor doesn't have to reflect that. "Decorating on a budget isn't about being cheap, it's about being smart—making informed decisions and getting the best value for your money," says Kristan Cunningham, interior designer and host of HGTV's Design on a Dime.

Here are some ways you can get the Midas touch and stretch your decorating dollars to make your home look like a million bucks — even if you spend significantly less.

Choose a centerpiece

Home furnishing magazines often feature rooms with a creative centerpiece — a great fixture, dramatic lighting or original artwork that creates a bold, dramatic statement at the center of the room. Create your own bold statement on a budget with some fabulously priced items.

When updating your kitchen, look no further than the faucet as your piece de resistance. The faucet is the most used — and therefore most noticed — item in this room. To create an attractive centerpiece at the sink, be sure to install an affordably priced faucet with unparalleled styling like Moen's Camerist kitchen faucet. Its high-arc

spout adds to its appearance and facilitates a variety of everyday tasks like cleaning and filling tall pots.

Camerist's transitional styling will complement almost any decor and is offered in today's most popular finishes including Oil Rubbed Bronze, Chrome and LifeShine Stainless. Plus, it's available in a highly efficient pullout model to add function and fashion at the sink.

Chandeliers are quickly becoming a staple of distinguished decoration in every space from the dining room to the bedroom. If you love the look of a stunning chandelier, but are stunned by its price tag and the task of wiring for one, adorn your home with a candle chandelier, like the Living Accents Candle Chandelier, available at Ace Hardware. Besides providing a beautiful focal point, these chandeliers give your room a cozy, warm glow when lit — no electrical work required.

Supporting statements

Once you choose your room's focal point, move on to its supporting details. If you don't have the money for new furniture or bedding, decorative pillows and throws can help you make a statement. Look for coordinating — but not identical — patterns and hues, to connect everything without overdoing it. Add a simple curtain to pull the look together and give your room some warmth.

When it comes to wall coverings, don't underestimate the power of a good coat of paint. A gallon of quality paint costs approximately \$20 and is a great way to pull a room together. Paint manufacturer Sherwin-Williams predicts the "it" colors of 2009 will include water-inspired blues, spicy reds and oranges, hues with hints of gray and neutrals that resemble natural elements. Pick one of these shades to make your home colorful and current.

If you think you don't have the money to redecorate, think again. By using the tips above, you can give your room a Midas touch without paying the price for designer items.

For more information on Moen products, visit www.moen.com or call (800) BUY-MOEN (800) 289-6636.

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Homeowners can build their own home theater with a few basic tips.

Home theater tips for do-it-yourselfers

Building a home theater is one of the hottest trends in home improvement, and electronic items like home theater systems promise to continue as hot sellers. If the idea of having your own home theater is appealing, you don't have to pay pros to do the job for you. You can enjoy a home theater experience without the expense of professional installation by doing it yourself.

Here are some basics for building your own home theater:

Have a seat

First, decide where your home theater will be. If you have a basement or spare bedroom you can convert, bravo! If you don't have a spare room, a little improvisation can make a home theater work in your family or living rooms. In wide, open spaces like the basement, consider investing in authentic movie seats, complete with tilting backs and cup holders. If you're setting up your theater in the family room, a comfortable sofa and a few recliners will perform well. Whatever type of seating you choose, remember to position it so that everyone has a good view of the screen.

Screening the possibilities

A true movie screen — available in various sizes, fabrics and



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Mounting a flat screen TV is important for aesthetics and safety.

prices — and a projector may be the essence of the movie experience. But if those items are outside your budget, a flat-screen TV makes a great understudy for pricier projection screens. Prices on high-definition plasma or LCD TVs have been dropping over the past year, and retailers are sure to offer some great deals in order to entice buyers this holiday season.

If you're ready and able to invest in a fabric screen, you'll have plenty of choices. High-end cloth screens can roll up and down at the touch of a button. Or, you can find the freestanding square screens similar to those your high school teacher might have used. The type of projector you buy will play a role in deciding what kind of fabric screen you purchase.

Mounting is paramount

Proper mounting of all components of your home theater system is important for both aesthetics and safety. You'll put a lot of time, thought and some money into pulling together your home theater, so you'll want a better way to store components than to precariously perch them on an accent table or — worse yet — leave them sitting on the floor.

If you've purchased a projector, a ceiling mount will give you the best theater experience. Sanus Systems, a leading manufacturer of mounts for audio-visual components, makes a Universal Projector Ceiling Mount simple enough to be installed by the average do-it-yourselfer.

If you've opted for a flat-screen TV, Sanus also makes a variety of TV mounts that will allow you to put the screen on the wall and angle it to meet your needs. Audio components like speakers also perform best when wall mounted. And you'll want to consider placing components like the DVD player and satellite receiver on the wall too, possibly with a mount from Sanus' line of Vertical Foundations furniture.

Once the technical aspects of your do-it-yourself home theater project are taken care of, enjoy the movie theater experience in the comfort of your own home.

— Courtesy of ARAcontent

Winter blues? Revitalize your home for spring

Winter can be dark and cold, but spring is a time for warmth and light. Few things will

brighten your mood as much as transforming your home to greet the season.

Even inexpensive touches can have a big impact. Some simple spring redecorating will lift your spirits as much as spotting the first returning robin.

Your secret weapon is color. The vibrant colors of spring will brighten otherwise ordinary home decor. Let nature lead you to your color palette: delicate pink cherry blossoms, lavender blue hyacinths, sunny yellow forsythia and the pale green of new leaves. Do you smile when you see a basket of tulips? Why not take your cue from nature and be surrounded by those beautiful colors?

You can easily and inexpensively change a room by buying a couple of gallons of paint and doing the job yourself.

For years, white or ecru were the standard wall colors, but no longer. Be daring and choose a

color that makes you feel good, and a little "out there." If you don't like it, you can always paint over it.

Slipcovers are an age-old way of changing the look of a room from winter to summer. You might be able to find them ready-made and inexpensive.

At least, buy new pastel throw pillows which will quickly upgrade a room and give it a new look.

Don't forget to arrange fresh flowers in bright vases from the craft store or in your own pretty crystal. Spring flowers growing in your garden are free and, for city dwellers, choose the least expensive bouquets at the corner market. These flowers don't know they're not prize orchids, and will give their all to lift your spirits.

"In any room, hanging botanical drawings, framed or unframed, is another way of bringing nature into your home, says Elizabeth Polish, interior designer and instructor at The Art Institute of New York City. If you don't want to buy original drawings, cut images from magazines, and mat and frame them yourself."

Freshening the bathroom is also easy. Change the shower curtain and towels and you have an instant new look. Look for sales on bathroom accessories to complete the picture.

About the kitchen, Polish says, "Even if you can't redecorate, start an herb garden on your windowsill. Grow fresh dill, chervil, and mint. Watching things grow brings you in tune with the season of rebirth. And be sure to use the herbs to spark up your meals."

Bring on the spring. You will be ready with a home that has been refreshed, revived and renewed.

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Opinion

Time for tough choices is here

In a sober speech that touched on a number of the problems facing America, President Barack Obama in his inaugural address laid out the road before America and talked of how we would get beyond the difficult stretches. In part, he spoke about “our collective failure to make hard choices,” later adding, “But our time of standing pat, of protecting narrow interests and putting off unpleasant decisions — that time has surely passed.” He said it was time to end government programs that do not work. “And those of us who manage the public’s dollars will be held to account — to spend wisely, reform bad habits and do our business in the light of day — because only then can we restore the vital trust between a people and their government,” he said.

In Andover, Annual Town Meeting is meant as the yearly opportunity for residents to hold their local government to account and, with their own raised hands, to make the hard but necessary choices. Often, however, because most of the town’s spending is agreed to in closed-door sessions between officials and union representatives, the budgets and therefore tax-inflating decisions that most affect the pocketbook are approved with little public discussion.

It appears at this year’s Town Meeting, it will be time for the Andover community to discuss the way it does some of its business and to decide if it should continue. Five articles proposed by resident Bob Pokress and one by resident Bill Pennington could force a look at how Andover is doing its business.

Pennington’s article seeks to take \$2 million from a town rainy day fund and spend it on the school operating budget. Education supporters have suggested similar actions in the past, believing Andover doesn’t spend enough on its schools. But such ideas always raise — or should — a very basic question: where will the town find up to \$2 million the following year, and the year after that, to continue programs saved or added?

Pokress wants to rein in contract costs by eliminating expenses such as allowing employees to carry dozens of days of sick time from year to year. He wants to stop paying employees for stockpiles of unused sick days when they retire. In effect, Pokress wants Town Meeting to have more say and more knowledge of contracts before they are finalized. He also wants Town Meeting to insist officials provide residents with better information about what Town Meeting votes will cost each individual, both immediately and in the following five years.

Because of their financial effect, contractual issues that add not just to this year’s budget but to future need greater discussion and resolution. It is time for some approaches to end and for tough decisions to be made. Andover is struggling to meet its annual operating budget and the spectre of debt for the pensions promised its employees sits just over the horizon. Indeed, the time for putting off unpleasant decisions has passed.

At the least, we hope the Town Meeting articles prod the town to discuss and then act on the issues of spending, contractual decisions made year after year and the town’s ability to pay for them going forward.

WEB QUESTION

Your thoughts on the inauguration

How you watched the inauguration

Last week’s Townsman Web question asked you how planned to watch Barack Obama be sworn in as the 44th president of the United States, if at all. Here’s how you responded:

- “I’ll be watching it on television” received 34.78 percent of the votes.
- “I’m not going to watch, I voted for the other guy” collected 30.43 percent
- “I’ll catch highlights on the news after it’s over”: 17.39 percent
- “I’m just not interested. I have other things to do”: 13.04 percent
- “I’ll take a few minutes to watch at work, with colleagues”: 4.35 percent

This week’s question: What stood out to you on inauguration Tuesday?

- How much pomp and circumstance there was.
- The speech.
- The millions of people who went to Washington, D.C. to be there in person.
- The reaction and celebrations around the globe.
- Media coverage — just about every TV and radio station broadcast the ceremony.
- The hope and energy felt.
- The security precautions, and that not one person was arrested from the crowds.
- Michelle Obama’s fashion.
- I didn’t watch the inauguration.
- Other.

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page.

A DAY OF UNITY



Robert Smith, a member of Andover Baptist Church, smiles in response to the attention of Zoe McClinnis, of Methuen, during a special Unity service at Andover Baptist Church held on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Take discount and check your attitude at door

Sue Tabb



It’s inarguably a tough time. Even if you are doing fairly well, it’s hard not to be affected by the plummeting stock market, growing unemployment

rate, shrinking job opportunities and the probable cancellation of “Dirty Sexy Money.”

We are all looking for ways to cut back in light of all of the uncertainty. We have to be prepared, just in case something inexplicably absurd happens like losing all of the money in our retirement funds, gas prices arbitrarily shooting up and down, and our mortgages being underwritten by companies that can’t afford a pencil. Wait ...

My point is that many of us are turning to discount stores for our shopping needs — unless you are Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen, who are fortunate enough to own their

own clothing empire and have plenty of money to buy those ridiculous looking designer sunglasses that are larger than their two bodies combined ... but I digress.

I wanted to tell you about a recent shopping trip I made to a local discount store. I was picking up a pair of very chic \$4 reading glasses when I spotted a well-dressed woman (with a sort of Audrey Hepburn meets Cruella de Ville look) who was intent on letting everyone in the store know that she had been dragged into the store and was disgusted by the mere thought of being among “us.”

“Sarah, I can’t believe you brought me here,” she said loudly and with distinct disdain. “I usually shop at Saks Fifth Avenue; you have got to be kidding me.” She then found a mirror and began adjusting her fur-lined hat and admiring herself as she smoothed her wind-blown locks.

At this point, it took all the restraint I had to not throw a 99 cent bottle of hair spray at her. Or, at the least, ask her where her limo might be waiting (and

suggest she go lie in front of it). I’m sorry, but Little Miss Muffet had some nerve. If you’re not Bill Gates, Warren Buffet or Oprah Winfrey, you should take advantage of whatever discounts you can find and check your attitude at the door. Remember the old saying “There but for the grace of God go I?”

No one is above trying to get the most value for their money. And no one should make others feel like they are peasants for doing so. The rest of the customers in the store stood dumbfounded, not knowing whether to run for cover or ram her with their shopping carts. Either way, she made an impact, all right. She was able to swoop in and out and make everyone feel inferior in less than 60 seconds. Way to go.

I think all of you reading this would know better, but just in case there is a rogue among you, here are some tips for what not to say in a store, any store, ever:

- (From the dressing room) “Wow, these size 4 pants are way too big. Do you think they come in a 2?”
- “I know it’s only a pack of

gum, but do you have change for a hundred?”

■ “I’m sorry, I only have one item and this line is 20 people deep, mind if I cut to the front?”

■ “My aunt is an extra-large — I’d say just about your size — would you mind trying this on for me?”

■ “What a bunch of crap; who would buy such crap?”

Generally speaking, these are statements that will incite otherwise decent, law-abiding citizens to start plotting how they will maim, torture and kill you. So just be a little sensitive to other people’s predicaments. They may be a little different than yours.

Are you listening, Miss Muffet? There may be people among you who could never afford to shop at Saks; some that could and choose not to; and some that could buy and sell you 100 times over but would never say it in public. And those people might be standing in line right next to you at your local discount store. Imagine that? Those are called people with class. You should try having some.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Did superintendent do a good job?

Editor, Townsman:

If I understand it correctly, Dennis Fergie and Tony James of the Andover School Committee explained their votes against the superintendent’s contract by saying, in effect, that she has done a great job but that she has done this great job for too long a period of time. I am baffled by their logic.

Either she has done a good job or she has not. If, as they claim, she has done a good job, then why would someone seek to remove her based, apparently, solely on her longevity in her position?

BOB PIANTEDOSI
6 Marland St.

Mom of barred student: Apology still in order

Editor, Townsman:

I’m very proud to say I am the mother of Sarah Pearson (“Mission Accomplished,” Jan. 8 Townsman), who received her Andover High School diploma dated June 2, 2008, just before Christmas, from Kim Bergey, her extraordinary guidance counselor. Getting the diploma was never in question, and neither she nor I expected her to receive it at the June graduation ceremony with the Class of 2008, with whom she attended school since kindergarten. Sarah completed her diploma requirements (1.25 credits) over the summer.

The point of barring Sarah from participating in the ceremony still escapes us, and we appreciate the overwhelming support of those

who agree. There is a bitter taste over doing this to a student whose father was diagnosed with Stage 4 cancer in her freshman year, and who at 16 watched him die. She adored him, as he did her. More than once she had been chastised at school because her academic career was not her first priority. I suspect such people have never been in this situation, or lack the sensitivity to fathom going through it at her age. Thanks to the compassion and support of the majority of the Andover High faculty and staff, Sarah is enrolled at Northern Essex Community College. But the memory of her high school graduation will always be a sadness instead of a joy.

Sarah has never been a troublemaker, never rude to a teacher, never cheated, mixed up with drugs or in trouble with the law, and I can guarantee she would never pull a false fire alarm. Yet students who have done so have been allowed to attend graduations.

This was a bad decision, badly executed and without due process, by elected and appointed school officials: We were notified in writing she could not participate conveniently after the last School Committee meeting prior to graduation, given no information about rights of appeal, denied a copy of the policy, and were told that no such policy exists. Only Dick Collins of the School Committee returned our phone call at the time, and Claudia Bach refused to even speak to us, except to tell us to have the media stop calling her. We contacted the media because school officials wouldn’t speak to us. This should not have happened to anybody’s child, nor should it in the future.

The media ban at the graduation was not necessary on our part. We would never have wanted to disrupt the ceremonies for the other graduates and their families. But an explanation is in order and apologies would at least be an attempt to begin to

make things right. This is very much not over.

LYNDA C. MCNEIL
14 Lucerne Drive

More recycling achievable

Editor, Townsman:

I am a strong supporter of the SMART (Saves Money and Reduces Trash) Plan for Waste Reduction in Andover. It preserves our free trash collection for normal amounts of trash and provides for inexpensive collection for unusual amounts when necessary in some (hopefully few) weeks. It helps preserve our natural resources through recycling, and it minimizes adverse environmental hazards of landfills and incinerators.

A ratio of about seven containers or bundles for recycling compared with one container for trash seems about the right ratio, and it is achievable.

When we moved to Andover nearly 35 years ago, we purchased so-called “Andover” trash bags at an Andover supermarket for all of our trash. It was neither difficult nor expensive.

The proposed waste reduction plan will be easy to follow and will have great benefits to our environment and to our town budget. Please join me in supporting the plan.

FRANK HOPKINS
4 Brady Loop

English’s dedication will make him good selectman

Editor, Townsman:

Will English is a young leader running for selectman in the town of Andover. Just as the rest of the country is going through a period of change, so is Andover.

English has shown exceptional leadership qualities throughout his years in college, having been chosen for several awards such as the Bob Walter Award for “contributing most to his school during the four years he was a student.” His commitment to the town of Andover has been no different then his commitment to his college. Over the years he has been on staff at Andover Youth Services, as well as served as a board member for the Andover Youth Foundation and the Andover Housing Project.

The awards English has been honored with were not given by chance. They were earned by hard work and dedication, two qualities that anyone serving the people needs to be successful. The list of accomplishments he has achieved can only grow if given the chance to represent our community. I say give English a chance to show what one young, intelligent and driven person can do for a community.

JONATHAN KONJOIAN
228 Chandler Road

Trash fee plan deserves support

Editor, Townsman:

The waste reduction program proposed last week in the letter from Candy Dann and others (“Charge fee for extra trash”) deserves our support. In these very tough economic times, the chance to save the town of Andover \$250,000 of our tax dollars is a valuable opportunity. The overwhelming majority of residents will never have to use a paid-for bag; one barrel holds most of what we all cannot recycle. Plus, the environment wins, since we will all be more motivated to fill that blue recycle bin.

MARIA BARTLETT
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POLICE LOG

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had struck the railroad gate on Pearson Street. The gate was down and placed off to the side. At 6:06 p.m., a resident came into the police station to report that her car had been hit that Sunday in the parking lot at Memorial Circle and her bumper had been damaged. The person said they believed they knew which car hit them, and that car was now parked back at Memorial Circle.

On Friday, Jan. 16, several calls of motorists hitting deer were received from various locations around town.

Friday, Jan. 16 - At 7:59 a.m., a caller reported a hit-and-run

crash near 10 Brook St. Saturday, Jan. 17 - At 2:02 a.m., Wilmington police contacted Andover police and reported pursuing a vehicle headed into Andover. The vehicle had failed to stop for police in Wilmington. At 2:03 a.m., a 911 call was received from a home on Lovejoy Road, where the vehicle the police were chasing crashed through a fence and into a house. The vehicle ultimately drove into Lawrence, where it was abandoned. Police transported the suspect to the state police barracks, said the cop log.

At 10:46 a.m., a motor vehicle crash was reported in a parking lot on Ballardvale Street, with a vehicle roll over. The caller reported rolling the vehicle back upright themselves. Two people

were taken to the hospital by responders.

On Sunday, Jan. 18, dozens of calls were received, from locations all over town, requesting more salt on slippery roads, and minor accidents and spin-outs due to weather.

Sunday, Jan. 18 - At 5:08 p.m., a worker at the town yard reported that a town truck had struck a parked car on Morton Street.

At 6:51 p.m., a 911 caller reported his truck was on fire on Main Street. The fire was put out with a fire extinguisher.

Monday, Jan. 19 - At 12:21 p.m., a Bullfinch Drive caller reported a hit-and-run crash, where their vehicle was hit by a snow plow.

- Compiled by Bethany Bray

Coming together at Unity Brunch



JAN SEEGER/Staff photos

Friends, from left, Kendra Moore, 9, and Danya Baron, 9, both of Andover, sit together near the front of Andover Baptist Church during a special Unity Service on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day.



Medical Connection
by Bill Daly, M.D.

TOXIC AIR?

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Dizziness, nausea and headaches can be symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning. Since these symptoms have many possible causes, your doctor must take a very careful history to accurately determine the problem. In my internal medicine practice, I ensure proper time and attention to investigate each of your symptoms. This way we usually "get it right the first time," and minimize the need for unnecessary tests or specialist referrals. For more information, please browse my website, or call 978-470-0001.

P.S. Ceiling-mounted carbon monoxide detectors are the best choice because carbon monoxide rises.
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After making sure everyone has had their fill, Saul Perry, of Haverhill, a member of the Andover Baptist men's ministry, makes himself a plate, during a Unity Brunch at Andover Baptist Church. Perry is described by another member of the men's ministry as being "the captain of the ship."



From left, Monica Morell, of Andover, Cherie Welsh, of Andover, and Henry Darnell, of North Andover clasp hands during the opening prayer of the Unity Service at Andover Baptist Church.

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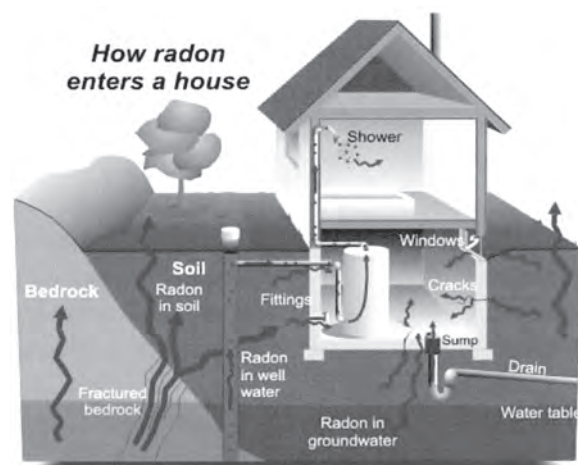
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guidelines allow. He and his experienced crew can install affordable remediation systems that permanently reduce radon concentrations to safe levels.

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The crew at **Radon Diagnostic Services** reminds you that the EPA recommends that you test for radon levels at least every two years if you have a remediation system in place, and that you should check frequently to make sure that your system is working properly.

Dick will be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have about radon testing and remediation and can be reached at 978-475-1977.

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Townspeople

“If someone has tried to write the script that has been my wonderful life in this town, they couldn’t have dreamt it. It’s been an honor.”

Marilyn Fitzgerald, retiring GLTS pool director



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Marilyn Fitzgerald will retire this week after 23 years as aquatics director at Greater Lawrence Technical High School. “I’m always smiling,” Fitzgerald said. “No one comes to the pool to be depressed.”

Leaving ‘baby’ behind

Fitzgerald retires as GLTS pool director; will continue as AHS coach

BY BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

When Marilyn Fitzgerald refers to the pool at the Greater Lawrence Technical High School as her “baby,” she’s not exaggerating.

After the facility underwent renovations last July, Fitzgerald, 66, slept overnight on the pool deck, like a mother with her sick child.

“I slept out on pool deck the night the pool was filled. I had to keep track of filling, so I slept on the floor,” said Fitzgerald with a laugh. “The police department checked on me during that night.”

This week is Fitzgerald’s last in an official capacity at Greater Lawrence Tech. She will retire after 23 years as pool director and event coordinator at GLTS on Jan. 23.

Local sports fans will be glad to know she will continue as coach of the Andover High School girls swim and dive team, which she has coached to nine state championships in the past 16 years.

“If someone has tried to write the script that has been my wonderful life in this town, they couldn’t have dreamt it. It’s been an honor,” she said.

Aquatics is a passion for

BY THE NUMBERS

Marilyn Fitzgerald: swim coach, aquatics director, community volunteer and mother

1960: Her Andover High School graduating class

3: years as pool director, facility and events coordinator and swim team coach at Greater Lawrence Technical High School

9: state championships as AHS girls swim and dive team coach in 16 years

3,200: number of lifeguards she’s trained as a volunteer

40: years volunteered with the YMCA and Red Cross

3: children Linda, John and Patty

6: grandchildren Sally, Bruce, Connie, Michael, Riley and Colin

1: great-grandchild Justus

Fitzgerald, something she can’t imagine her life without, she says. After retiring this week, she will continue to teach swim lessons, referee swim meets and coach.

“One of my dreams with the high school team is that one of the kids (AHS alumni) will come back and coach, and I can retire,” said Fitzgerald. “I just plain love it (coaching the AHS girls swim and dive team). I get far more from it than I could ever give to it. I’ve always felt lucky to have that job.”

Fitzgerald was first hired by the Greater Lawrence Technical High School 23 years ago. At that time, the swimming pool used by both Greater Lawrence and Andover High had fallen into disrepair and the GLTS administration was considering closing the facility. Now, two decades later, the pool is considered state-of-the-art and is used by scores of children and adults from all over the Merrimack Valley, from beginners taking swim lessons to those training with an elite private swim club.

“I can leave knowing the pool is in its best operation. It’s been my baby, so to speak, for 23 years,” said Fitzgerald. In retirement, Fitzgerald says she hopes to spend time at Lake Winnepesaukee in N.H., her most “favorite place in the world.”

Retirement will allow her more time with family, Fitzgerald said, which she is looking forward to. Fitzgerald, who has lived in Andover since age 11, has three children, six grandchildren and just became a great-grandmother this year. Her parents, Gil and Blanche DeMoor, still live in the house on Rock Ridge Road they’ve owned since 1954. Her sister, Norma Morava, also lives in town.

Q&A WITH MARILYN FITZGERALD

The Townsman caught up with Fitzgerald, to catch up on 23 years as pool director at Greater Lawrence Technical High School:

How did you come to work at GLTS?

When I first came 23 years ago, there were questions that they were going to close the pool. It was in huge disrepair, and hadn’t been kept up because they had never had a pool director. I was aquatics director at the YMCA at the time, and I knew once you shut a pool, you would never get it back. As a community resource, it would just be horrendous to do that.

I spoke to the GLTS board, and explained all the things that could be done with the pool — lifesaving and water safety courses, and swim lessons.

That was July 1986. I wasn’t looking to change jobs. I thought I was the luckiest person alive to work a half-mile from my house, and had friends there (at the YMCA).

That fall, the GLTS committee took a vote to create the job of pool director. I applied, and then boom. The rest, in terms of the pool, is history.

What are you proud of from your time at GLTS?

“Of all the things I’ve done, I’m probably most proud of the number of kids I’ve personally trained to be lifeguards.

If they’re doing a good job, they’re

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Andover man’s rescue mission in documentary

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It was a Sunday, a May day in 1967 in Cau Song Be, Vietnam. It was pay day for the troops. First Lieutenant Commander Al Croteau, who has lived in Andover for more than 30 years, had the day off. He decided to tag along with the paymaster and pilot, who was a buddy of his, to make a little extra money.

In those days, the U.S. Special Forces Paymaster flew from camp to camp in a Huey helicopter delivering payroll from a briefcase. It was to be a joyride for Croteau. Or so he thought.

Shortly, there was news of trouble as a company of South Vietnamese soldiers and their U.S. advisers had been surrounded by enemy troops. There had already been casualties and a rescue mission was vital.

The paymaster Huey, equipped with two .30 caliber machine guns, was no longer a payroll distribution helicopter. It was now on a rescue mission to save about 120 people along with a chaplain’s helicopter also pressed into action that day. And Officer Croteau was now a door gunner.

This rescue story is so dramatic that it is set to be told on television and will be broadcast on the Smithsonian Network featuring interviews with Croteau and the pilots. National Geographic International also plans to air the story on its network as part of its “Helicopter Wars” series. The story will air in the United Kingdom under the name of “Helicopter Warfare” in March.

“It’s just one story ... so many guys over there could have had their stories told,” said Croteau, a father of two

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Courtesy photo

Al Croteau of Andover is featured in a documentary on the Vietnam War.

The surprise and beauty of Holt Hill

Bill Dalton



I wanted take my wife, Katharine, somewhere a little different — somewhere big and outside — so I told her to dress warmly, wear

comfortable boots, and we’d go to a place in Andover that would surprise her.

We were feeling confined. The two of us with our two Boston terriers, as well as a lot of stuff we wouldn’t entrust to movers, had filled our small hotel suite for two months, while we’d looked for a new home. We finally found a house about the time of our wedding anniversary, and, although we were still in the hotel while we waited to close on our new home, we were in a celebratory mood.

Off we went and, on the way,

stopped at the Vineyard to pick up the makings of a picnic. Katharine asked several times where we were going, and I, wanting to keep it a mystery, responded only that it wouldn’t take us long to get there. From the Vineyard, I said we’d be there in minutes.

Driving south on Bypass Road (Route 125), a steady wind whirled snow ghosts on the pavement. The snow had fallen the day before and it was fresh and bright. It was 2 p.m. and the sun was beginning the final phase of its low, December arc, which would make the lighting just right. It was nearly winter solstice.

We took a left on Prospect Road and parked on the Ward Reservation. When we left the car, it was cold. Although the temperature was in the low 20s, the wind chill was a good 10 degrees lower. Even in our warm clothes, it would get uncomfortable pretty fast once we settled into our picnic at the

top of the hill.

The top of Holt Hill in the Ward Reservation was our destination. It was a favorite place for my dad to bring his kids for a walk and I often played “cowboys” with my friends there when I was growing up.

Holt Hill is the highest place in Essex County at 420 feet high, and the flatness of the terrain looking south toward Boston makes the hill feel higher than it is. It’s named for one of Andover’s original settlers, Nicholas Holt, who came to the area in the 1600s and built a farmhouse near the top of the hill in 1709. On June 17, 1775, people from town climbed the hill to watch the clouds of smoke over the Battle of Bunker Hill. Anyone with a telescope might have seen the flow of combat.

In 1917, it was Andover’s good luck to have the Holt farm purchased by Charles W. and Mabel Saunders Ward. Mr. Ward died in 1933, and seven

years later his widow gave 107 acres to the Trustees of Reservations, dedicating it to her husband’s memory. (The Trustees of Reservations is a nonprofit corporation that owns many beautiful properties open to the public.) Mrs. Ward added another 169 acres to the reservation during her lifetime and passed away in 1956.

The Wards’ grandson, John Kimball, became steward of the land upon his grandmother’s death, and the Ward and Kimball families have continued to acquire and add land to the reservation, so that the Charles W. Ward Reservation now encompasses 700 acres, including the southern half of Boston Hill. (The northeastern side of Boston Hill, which is on Route 114 in North Andover, was a ski area until about 20 years ago.)

John Kimball, now a retired Tufts professor of biology, grew up at 50 School St. and graduated from Phillips Academy in 1949. Since 1957, he and his

wife, Margaret, have lived in the old Holt farmhouse, a private residence in the middle of the reservation. He stays busy maintaining his Web site, “Kimball’s Biology Pages” (<http://biology-pages.info>), and, with the help of his wife, taking care of the reservation.

Katharine and I climbed a trail to the top of the hill and then walked around, admiring the view. She said she had no idea there was a place like this in Andover, and thought it was beautiful. There is much to praise about the maintenance of the reservation. The view is more open than it was years ago, thanks to work done removing trees and brush, and the scene of the Boston skyline is prettier than from any other perspective. It would be a nice painting.

Approximately 70 years ago, after visiting Stonehenge, Mabel Ward had stone markers placed on the top of Holt Hill to indicate the four primary

compass directions and to mark the setting sun of the solstices. We sat on the middle stone of the compass and tried not to eat too quickly as the wind made us colder each minute. Soon, happy children and dogs wanting to share our picnic joined us, the vanguard of two families that approached us from the northeast. We had a pleasant conversation with the folks and then watched them walk away. My wife said later that, besides the view, the thing she liked most about the hill was watching the families having fun.

The Ward Reservation has more to it than Holt Hill, but it’s the hill that is the centerpiece and has so many memories for me. It is the town’s most beautiful place. The Wards and Kimballs have given us something that is pure and clean.

Bill Dalton’s previous comments and stories and can be reached at billdalton@andovertownsmen.com.

WEDDING



Deborah and William Houston

Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Siller of Andover are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter, Deborah A. Siller, to William J.P. Houston on July 19, 2008, at North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, North Andover.

The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. William F. Houston, White Bear Lake, Minn.

The maid of honor was Amy Voegeli of Chicago, Ill. She was accompanied by bridesmaids Jessie Parker, Dianna Hahn, Sharon Horozaniecki and Alyssa Vangeli.

The best man was James Leuschen of Washington, D.C. He was accompanied by groomsmen Paul Keenan, Adam Reding, John Ashford and Lucas Goring. Elliot Hoke was the junior groomsmen.

Other attendants were Quin Hoke, Owen Plourde, Jacob Plourde and Tessa Plourde, nephews and niece of the groom.

The couple honeymooned in Bora Bora, French West Indies.

The bride is a graduate of The Pike School (Andover) and Lawrence Academy (Groton). She earned a Bachelor of Science at the Kelly School of Business, Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind., with majors in finance, accounting and international business. She is employed as a financial analyst with General Mills at its international headquarters in Minneapolis, Minn.

The groom graduated from Omaha Central High School in 1998. He subsequently received a Bachelor of Liberal Arts from St. Thomas University and a Bachelor of Science in computer science from the University of Minnesota, both in Minneapolis. He is enrolled in the MBA program at the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. He is principal and operations manager for Houston and Associates LLC, an energy-price risk-management consulting group.

SENIOR NOTES

American Art: The Addison Gallery Collection on Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 1:30 p.m. Advance registration necessary, cost is \$15. Topics covered in this four-session course includes 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.

Prescription Advantage: Friday, Feb. 6 at 9:30 a.m. Pre-registration appreciated. Changes to benefits for prescription advantage members went into effect on Jan. 1. To understand how these changes will affect you, plan on attending this upcoming presentation. A Shine counselor will answer questions and explain how prescription advantage will continue to assist patients with prescription coverage through 2009.

Soups On Series: \$2, pre-registration is necessary, soup, dessert

and beverages will be served at 12:30 p.m. and programs will begin 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 Elaine Meisinger participated in an Elderhostel service trip where she explored the culture of the Navajo, visited a home, Hogan and taught art in a local school.

Andover, Mass. to Andover, England: Thursday, Feb. 5. This past October, 19 members of Andover Sister Towns Association journeyed to Andover, England. For the next week they stayed with host families and enjoyed many planned tours and activities arranged by their English hosts. Come get a glimpse of what this unique experience is like and learn more about the association as well. Presenter will be Evelyn Retelle.

Chowda Fest: Sunday, Jan. 25, 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 a la carte chowder, soups, salad, hot dogs, pizza, beverage and dessert while you enjoy the foot stomping music of the New Orleans Jazz Band. Be sure and come by and pick up your ticket this week.

Rhode Island Flower Show Trip: Thursday, Feb. 19, \$37, price include both admission and

transportation from the center. The theme of the Rhode Island Flower Show is "Gardens Of The World." It will be a visual journey to distant and exotic places.

Chinese Cultural Series: Monday, Jan. 26, Feb. 2 and Feb. 9, 1:30 p.m., \$15, advance registration is necessary, come enjoy a three week "virtual" trip to China with Meg and Jack Holmes at the senior center. Do some armchair traveling to parts of China that most western tourists never see via Jack's fantastic photographic slide show learn about the "Monkey King," China's beloved folk hero through Meg's professional storytelling and end by sampling a Chinese buffet luncheon followed by a chi demonstration.

America In Story and Song: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, cost is \$15, advance registration is necessary, instructor is Terri Kelley, she is a professional pianist, organist, vocalist and teacher. Well known in the Merrimack Valley area, Terri is a lecturer and performer with the White Fund Enlightenment Series, the author of two books, a cable TV host and last year's recipient of the Eartha Dengler award for her efforts in bringing classical music to the city of Lawrence. Come join us as we explore the history of the American music scene from "Sea To Shining Sea."

Movie Matinee: Monday, Feb. 2, at 1 p.m., our movie of the month will be Mamma Mia. We invite you to come down and enjoy the recently released version of this

beloved Broadway musical. This should look great on our new 50" large screen TV purchased for the center through the generosity of our "Friends" group.

Valentine Brunch: We'll be hosting our annual Valentine brunch on Sunday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., advance tickets only, cost \$8. Frank's famous brunch will feature hot entrees, omelets made to order, hot and cold cereals, baked waffles, bacon, home fries, bagels, muffins, danish pastry, fresh fruit, a dessert station, juice and coffee. This event is always a sell out so get your tickets early.

Andover Chamber Music Valentine Concert: Sunday, Feb. 8, at the Rogers Center. Tickets for this popular concert series are \$15 if purchased through the senior center, a \$10 savings off the regular price.

Share Your Story: Do you have stories or pictures of your personal or family history from the Great Depression or Dust Bowl Years of the 1930s. If so, we'd like to talk with you about possibly participating in a community discussion coming up this spring. Contact Pat at the senior center.

Tax Preparation: AARP tax preparers will be available at the senior center in February and March. These volunteers have been trained and certified to assist with simple tax forms only. Contact the senior center if you would like to schedule an appointment.

BOOMERVENTURE OFFERINGS

Energize With Exercise: Great aerobic workout without going to the gym. No prior experience required. Thursdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 26 from 6 to 7 p.m. The cost is \$50.

Serenity Yoga: Two levels: beginner and moderate yoga. Gentle, basic yoga practice with individual correction for safety and personal instruction. Thursdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. 26, beginner: 6 to 7 p.m. moderate: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. Cost is \$50 for eight-week series. Bring a yoga mat, towel and pillow. Class size is limited.

BoomerBridge: Part 1: Getting started: bidding and

responding. Thursdays, Jan. 22, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Part 2: Build on the fundamentals and add complexity. Thursdays, March 26, April 2, 16, 23 and 30, May 7, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$110 per six-week series. Terry Kay Bargar is an accredited bridge instructor.

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 are welcome, no experience necessary. Thursdays, Jan. 29, Feb. 12 and 26, March 12 and 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Cost is

\$45 for six weeks.

Take Five to Energize: Part 1: Five-minute daily energy routine to give you the zest and focus you need to face the day. Part 2: Menopausal Relief: natural and powerful five-minute per day self-help approach to this time of life. Led by Ann Knowles, Shiatsu and Eden Energy practitioner. Feb. 5 and 19, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$15 for each class or \$25 for both.

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. E-mail 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. 22 at 7:15 p.m. All programs are held Thursday evenings at the BoomerVenture Campus, 30 Whittier Court, Andover. Register now and see the schedule by visiting www.boomerventure.com. For information, call Karen at 978-623-8381.

For week of Jan. 18-24, 2009



"Today we begin in earnest the work of making sure that the world we leave our children is just a little better than the one we inhabit today."

President Barack Obama

It's a historic week in the United States

This week marks several historic events in America. We celebrate Martin Luther King Day, say goodbye to President George W. Bush and his wife, Laura, as they leave Washington DC, and inaugurate the first African-American president.

President Barack Obama and his Vice President, Joseph Biden Jr., take their place in history as they are inaugurated on Jan. 20.

Our new president was born in Hawaii on Aug. 4, 1961. His dad, Barack Obama, Sr., was raised in a village in Kenya. The senior Obama grew up helping his father herd goats for the British. Obama's mother, Ann Dunham, spent her childhood in a small Kansas town. Her family later moved to Hawaii. She attended the university there.

She fell in love with the young man from Kenya who had won a scholarship, but Barack's dad later returned to Kenya.

Barack grew up with his mother in Hawaii, then in Indonesia. He moved to New York where he graduated from Columbia University in 1983. He earned his law de-

gree from Harvard. There, he was the first African-American president of the Harvard Law Review.

He began his political career as a state senator in Illinois, where he served for eight years. In 2004, he became the third African-American since Reconstruction to be elected to the U.S. Senate.

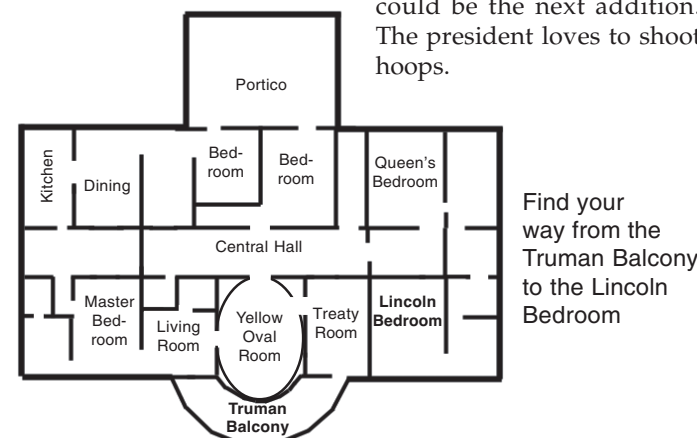
President Obama and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters, Malia and Sasha.

The Obamas move into their new home, the White House, this week. Marian Robinson, Michelle's mother, makes the move with them. She will help with the girls as they settle into their new home and school.

The home at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue is a 200-year-old mansion. The first floor houses the historic state rooms. The second floor is the residence for the First Family. It is seldom seen by the public. The 16 rooms on the second floor include a living room, sitting rooms, a kitchen, and five bedrooms.

The four-story White House has about 80 staff members. Mrs. Obama has told the staff that the girls will make their own beds and keep their rooms neat.

The young First Family will find features such as a swimming pool, tennis court and a private children's garden tucked away amid the trees. A basketball court could be the next addition. The president loves to shoot hoops.



Newspaper in Education Activity
 1. Search your newspaper for other historic events that take place in your community this week. Make a list.
 2. What makes the events on your list historic?

VETERAN: Rescue focus of documentary

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who lives on Shawsheen Road near Andover High School, with his wife, Suzanne. "That's who I'm thinking of, those guys who never made it home."

Croteau and pilot Jack Swickard accompanied a film crew and revisited the rescue site in Vietnam last October. It had been 40 years since the rescue day when Croteau pulled the bodies of those dead and alive into the helicopter. The helicopter made five trips in just under three hours while being shot repeatedly.

"It's a miracle that we made it and I have no idea why we made it. But we did," said Croteau, now 65.

It was no easy task, and each of the men have been cited for "gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life and beyond the call of duty on 14 May 1967."

Using the helicopter rotor

blades, the pilot cut through thick jungle bamboo to land in the remote Vietnamese outpost of Cau Song Be, near Tay Ninh City.

"Jack told me to look for the pop smoke ... I saw purple and then I saw yellow smoke and yellow meant it was the U.S. Purple was the enemy," Croteau said.

"And, so that's where we landed."

The citation letter continues the story, quoting Croteau's description of one landing that day:

"(I) saw numerous gun flashes coming from below and in front of me and heard the sound of small arms service. At the (landing zone) on the ground, it was just panic. The ground troops and I started to load the ship with dead troopers. I have never seen so many dead bodies..."

"We were able to rescue all of the South Vietnamese soldiers and their Special Forces who were still alive. Only the dead were

left in the ambush zone and were recovered several days later."

The citation says "Lt. Croteau's actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the U.S. Army Air Corps, and reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of his country." A letter from Congressman Stevan Pearce calls the efforts of the pilots and crewmembers "Herculean."

Perhaps the best news Croteau has received after 40 years was to learn from Swickard that his group had rescued a lone South Vietnamese soldier, whom Croteau thought had been left behind because his helicopter was too overloaded to fit him.

"He held on to the helicopter skis and we got him out. I found that out when we went to Vietnam," said Croteau who was more than relieved, because the image of that soldier had troubled him for years. "I always wondered if that guy ever got out."

Q&A: Fitzgerald to miss time with co-workers

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keeping thousands and thousands of people safe, and have taught other people to swim. I always hope there's one kid in the classes I teach that will be turned on to aquatics as I have been.

Some of the bilingual GLTS students have gone on to be lifeguards at state pools.

Also, (GLTS now has) a state-of-the-art filter system that should carry this pool for another 40 years. [Fitzgerald oversaw the project.] It was paid for with rental incomes, and installed in July. We shut the pool down for five weeks.

"I'm proud that it was self-paid for, and we didn't have to ask to use any taxpayer money."

What would you have changed?

My single regret is that more people in the town of Andover do not choose this (GLTS) pool for the education of their kids (through swim lessons and other courses). Some of the things that take place here are mind-boggling."

How did you first get interested in swimming?

A friend of mine invited me to go with her to the YMCA in Lawrence to go swimming. I was 26 or 27. I started swimming my laps, and the lifeguard stopped me. She asked if I would be interested in teaching swim lessons. I was flattered that she thought my swimming was such a caliber that I could teach. From there, I started to get certified.

I just fell in love with the

teaching part. Within a year I was coaching, too. My lifetime friend, Carol Beaulieu, started the AHS girls swim team, and I eventually took it over for her.

I taught handicapped swim lessons at the YMCA, and the students were bussed from communities in Greater Lawrence. I think that was one of the greatest things I've ever done in my life. We had children learning how to swim, whose parents never dreamed that they could do this. On parent night, the parents and us (teachers) too would be crying. I can't begin to tell you the amazing thing that was. It was just wonderful."

What will you miss?

I will miss the interaction with co-workers and colleagues. Many of them have turned out to be my best friends.

I've watched others, much younger than me, walk out the door to retire, and that's when I knew it was time. The day-to-day interaction with people will be a big part of it (what I miss).

The district committee and four superintendents over the years, the support they've given me has been fantastic. Most of the time they don't know what happens at the pool, [laughs], but whenever I go to them, they're very supportive."

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Obituaries

John T. Batal Jr., 78



RYE, N.H. — John T. "Jack" Batal, Jr., 78, of Rye, N.H. and formerly of Andover, passed away peacefully Saturday, Jan. 17, 2009 after a long illness.

The son of the late Dr. John T. and Mary (Higgins) Batal, Jack was a graduate of both the Brown and Nichols School and Bates College.

Jack built a career as an investment broker and was associated with such firms as: Merrill Lynch, Fahnstock and upon his retirement, First Albany Corporation. Following retirement he devoted much time to teaching school and continuing his work on several boards in the investment industry. An active parishioner of St. Theresa Church, Rye Beach, N.H., Jack was an avid Red Sox fan and enjoyed spending his time playing both golf and bridge.

Jack is survived by wife of 48

years, Nancy (Scanlan) and their daughters, Marcia Batal-Rogers and husband James Rogers of Hampton, N.H., and Lee Anne Hanawalt of Wakefield. He is also survived by his sister Jean and husband Robert Moran of West Chester, Pa. and North Hampton, N.H. and his brother Robert and his wife Irene "Sandy" Batal of Fairfax, Va. and Rye Beach, N.H. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at Saint Theresa Church, 820 Central Road, Rye Beach on Friday, Jan. 23, 2009 at 11 a.m. Family and friends are invited to call to the Robert K. Gray, Jr. Funeral Home, 24 Winnacunnet Road, Hampton, N.H. on Thursday, Jan. 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. Contributions in Jack's memory may be directed to The Jimmy Fund, Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226 Attn: Contribution Services. Arrangements under the direction of the Robert K. Gray, Jr. Funeral Home, 24 Winnacunnet Road Hampton.

Rose Johnson, 92

ANDOVER — Rose (Schwartz) Johnson, 92, of Andover, died Sunday morning, Jan. 18, 2009, at Wingate at Andover.

She was born in Montreal, Canada, May 18, 1916, daughter of the late Louis and Annie (Kahansky) Schwartz.

Mrs. Johnson moved to Methuen at an early age and was educated in the Methuen school system.

She was employed in the local shoe industry. An avid reader, she also enjoyed traveling and going out to eat.

She was the wife of the late Gilbert C. Johnson and sister of the

late David Schwartz. Her survivors include a brother, William and his wife Ina Schwartz of Lawrence, a niece Ellie Schwartz and her husband Bruce Labitt, two nephews, Alan Schwartz, Steven and his wife Ann Schwartz, as well as several grandnieces and grand-nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral service will be at the convenience of the family with burial in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D.C. Arrangements are by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Haverhill and Bradford. Condolences to her family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.



Carl J. Giolito, 63

HAVERHILL — Carl J. Giolito, 63, died suddenly Sunday, Jan. 18, 2009 at Merrimack Valley Hospital.

He was born in Haverhill on Oct. 10, 1945 son of John and Margaret (Masera) Giolito.

He was a graduate of Haverhill Trade School, Class of 1962, and served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Giolito formerly was employed by Haverhill Sheet Metal. He also worked as a technician for Zerox Corporation. After leaving Zerox, he started his own carpentry business called Yankee Millworks.

Besides his mother Margaret, he is survived by his wife Linda

(Loffredo) Giolito; one son and his wife John and Jennifer Giolito of Danvers; a daughter and her husband Kerry and Brendan Cronin of Hanover; his brother Vincent Giolito of Haverhill; his sister and her husband Patricia and David Bales of Andover; his two grandchildren, Anthony and Emma Giolito of Danvers. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral will be held Thursday, Jan. 22, 2009, at 9 a.m. from the Scatamacchia Funeral Home, 358 Washington St. followed by a Mass of Christian burial in All Saints Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery. Visiting hours were held Wednesday from 4 to 8 p.m. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA, 01701. To send online condolences go to www.Scata-macchiafuneralhome.com.

William C. Moore, 83

LONDONDERRY, N.H. — William C. "Smoky" Moore, 83, of Londonderry, formerly of Andover, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 at the Parkland Medical Center.

William was born, raised and educated in Andover. He was a

1943 graduate of Pynchard High School. During high school he played football, basketball and baseball. After graduation, he enlisted with the U.S. Army where he served in active service during World War II in the 303rd infantry regiment, Private First Class. He fought in both the European theater and Asian Theater from 1943 to 1946. He was a sharp shooter and received his combat infantry badge. He returned to Andover following his service and worked as a truck driver for the Steven's Mill, Andover. He then became an Andover Firefighter where he worked for 30 years, attaining the rank of Lieutenant. William was injured several times during the line of duty, recovered and eventually retired in 1987. After retirement he moved to Florida for 16 years before returning to New England to live in Londonderry where he has remained since 2005.

William was active in many Andover youth sports programs

as both a coach and an assistant. He attended St. Augustine's Church while living in Andover and most recently attended St. Mark's Church while living in Londonderry. He was a member of the K of C in Andover. William loved to watch sports, especially the Red Sox and Bruins. He most enjoyed spending time with his family and he will be dearly missed by all that knew him.

William is predeceased by his brother, Robert Moore and a sister, Barbara Moore. He leaves his loving wife of 54 years, Winnifred (Dumond) Moore, four sons, James M. Moore and his wife Marian (Buco) of Methuen, Brian W. Moore and his wife Kathy (Bolduc) of Londonderry, N.H., Kevin P. Moore and his wife Janet (Sweeney) of Methuen and Barry T. Moore and his wife Karen (Kelley) of Tewksbury, a daughter, Sandra J. DiBurro and her husband Robert of Methuen, nine grandchildren, one great-grandchild and many dear friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends called on Friday, Jan. 16, 2009, at the Charles F. Dewhurst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. A funeral Mass was held on Saturday at 1 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church, Andover. Burial followed at Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Donations in William's name may be made to American Heart Association, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For directions or to make an online condolence, visit www.dewhurstfuneral.com.

Jean Carey Davis, 66



ANDOVER — Jean Carey Davis, 66, beloved wife of Dr. J. David Davis of Andover, died peacefully at her home on Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 14, 2009.

Born in Winchester, she was the daughter of the late A. Kenneth and Catherine (Lane) Carey. She lived in Peabody in her youth where she attended schools, and graduated from St. John's High School. She went to Merrimack College in North Andover for her undergraduate studies, which was fateful as she met her husband there. She received a Masters degree at Boston College, and later was an assistant professor at Merrimack College for 10 years. While teaching full time and maintaining her role as a dedicated mother, wife and nurturing her family, she attended and graduated from Boston College Law School earning her Juris Doctor degree.

Mrs. Davis' practice focused on estates, probate and elder law with Ardifff, Ardifff & Morse in Danvers,

then in her own personal private practice in Andover.

Jean will be remembered for her passionate devotion to her clients, family and friends and her manner of living with simplicity. She will be dearly missed by friends and family, including her husband, Dr. J. David Davis of Andover, with whom she shared 42 years of marriage; two sons and their wives, and her two grandchildren, Kenneth and Leah Davis and their daughter Lila Summer, and Ian and Vicky Davis and their son Aidan, all of Andover; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Nancy Lane Carey of Danvers and Catherine Marie Carey and her husband Gary Townsend of Los Angeles, and four nephews and a niece.

ARRANGEMENTS: A visitation was held Sunday at the Conway, Cahill-Brodeur Funeral Home, 20 Church St. location, Peabody. Her funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, Jan. 19, 2009, at 11 a.m. in St. John's Church, Peabody. Cremation will follow the mass. Memorial donations are requested to either the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701 or to a charity of one's choice. Please visit www.ccbfuneral.com to sign the guestbook.

Warren R. Naylor, 63



GEORGETOWN — Mr. Warren R. Naylor, 63, of Georgetown, died Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2009 at The Oxford Healthcare Center.

He was born in Lawrence, Dec. 15, 1945, son of Robert Naylor of Georgetown and the late Elaine Y. (Rainville) Naylor. Warren was educated in the Andover Public Schools and was a graduate of Andover High School.

He served for 26 years in the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War and Gulf

Wars, and was stationed in Germany and Wales. After his retirement, he worked part-time at the Radio Shack in Plaistow.

Besides his father, his survivors include a sister, Beverly J. and her husband Stephen C. Anzalone of Bradford, and two nieces, Rebecca and Kathryn Anzalone.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral Services will be private at the convenience of the family. Contributions in his memory may be made to Beacon Hospice, 350 Main St., Haverhill, MA 01830. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Haverhill/Bradford.

Robert J. O'Brien, 85

ANDOVER — Robert J. O'Brien, 85, of Andover, died Friday, Jan. 16, 2009 at Sawtelle Hospice House in Reading.

Born in Boston on Oct. 25, 1923 to the late Jerome E. and Mary (Burke) O'Brien, Robert attended Boston public grammar schools and graduated from Hyde Park High School in 1940 and also from Northeastern University with a B.S. in Engineering. He was a U.S. veteran having served in the Army Air Corp.

Robert was employed as an industrial engineer at Digital, now Hewlett Packard, until his retirement. He enjoyed reading and golf and volunteered at the Andover Senior Citizens Center as well as the Memorial Hall Library also in Andover.

He was a member of S.C.O.R.E. (Service Corporation of Retired Executives) a service organization lending help and experience to new business executives.

The widower of the late Eleanor

(McLean) O'Brien, Robert is survived by his daughter, Paula A. Mosca and her husband Joseph of Clinton, Conn.; his two sons, Robert O'Brien and his wife Deborah of Winchester and Mark D. O'Brien of Wauwatosa, Wis. Robert was predeceased by a son, Allen Turner. Also among his survivors are seven grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, as well as several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass was offered on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Augustine's Church in Andover. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery also in Andover. Family and friends may call on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Memorial contributions in Roberts name may be made to either Merrimack Valley Hospice, 360 Merrimack St., Bldg 9, Lawrence, MA 01843 or Sawtelle Hospice House, 320 Haverhill St., Reading, MA. For directions or to offer online condolences please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

William L. Schneider, 83

MONT VERNON, N.H. — William "Bill" Louis Schneider, 83, died in his sleep on Saturday, Jan. 3, 2009.

A longtime resident of Mont Vernon, N.H., and Andover, Bill lived at Granite Ledges in Concord, N.H. for the last 2 and a half years. His loving wife, Helen Sedgwick "Sedgie" Schneider, predeceased him.

He was born in Chicago, on Jan. 13, 1925, the son of Daniel Charles and Gertrude Bertha (Schwartzkopf) Schneider. After high school he joined the army and served on a B-17 Bomber until the conclusion of World War II. Returning to Chicago, Bill graduated from Northwestern University with studies in music and art. In 1949 Bill accepted a position as music professor at Phillips Academy in Andover. During his tenure at Phillips he conducted the chorus, string orchestra, and small ensembles, taught violin to countless students, and was the co-director of many musical stage productions. Following his teaching career he retired to his beloved summer community of Mont Vernon. Bill stayed busy teaching woodcarving to many adults and children in his home. He volunteered for the Hillsboro County 4-H working with seven whittling groups,

and in 1985 he represented NH at the Salute to Excellence ceremony in Chevy Chase, Md., honoring 4-H Volunteers from around the country. Bill served on the Mont Vernon School Board and directed the choir at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church. In 1987 Bill and Sedgie organized the annual Community Messiah Sing at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church, which Bill conducted for many years. Whenever possible, Bill enjoyed quiet time with his fishing rod.

He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, John and Patricia Schneider of Warren, R.I., and by his daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Andy Ditkoff of Londonderry, N.H. He has two loving grandchildren, Sarah and Matt Ditkoff.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church, 4 South Main St., Mont Vernon, N.H., on April 4, 2009, at 11 a.m. Contributions in his memory may be made to the N.H. Audubon, 84 Silk Farm Road, Concord, NH 03301. The family wishes to extend their heartfelt thanks to the staff of Homestead at Granite Ledges in Concord for the excellent care they gave to Bill. Smith & Heald Funeral Home, 63 Elm St., Milford, NH, is handling arrangements. To leave an online condolence, please go to www.smith-heald.com.



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BOOK REVIEW

'THE COALWOOD WAY' BY HOMER HICKAM

Rocket boy's memoir strikes heavenly balance

By MARI MIYACHI
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

Memoirs are a tricky genre. While they may tell the story of one person, memoirs also remain a reflection of a certain time and place, putting them at the risk of seeming dated after a certain number of years. However, great memoirs can transcend time by relying on universally relatable themes: coming of age, heartbreak, revelation of self. When a memoir is written well, it has an irresistible appeal, a perfect balance between story, history and personal reflection.

"The Coalwood Way" by Homer Hickam is one such great memoir.

Hickam recalls the autumn of 1959 in his hometown of Coalwood, W. Va., showcasing the ever-relevant clash between old tradition and new technology. A senior in high school, Hickam and his friends are chasing their dreams of leaving Coalwood and coal mining for college educations and white-collar jobs. These dreams are manifested in the gang's pastime of making and launching rockets at "Cape Coalwood," which soon becomes a town spectacle. All this is to the displeasure of Hickam's father, who remains hesitant to support his son's ambitions. "The Coalwood Way," more than anything else, is the story of transitions: Hickam from high-schooler to adult, and the town of Coalwood

from embracing customs to modernity.

Hickam possesses the innate ability to weave complicated themes and metaphors into his memoir, creating a resounding story not just of a young man coming of age in a world on the brink of change, but a beautiful portrait of a mining town fighting for survival. "The Coalwood Way," with all its emotional highs and lows, is a true testament of the human spirit, an inspirational story of a boy, a town and a country.

"The Coalwood Way" is the second book of Hickam's "Coalwood" trilogy, preceded by "Rocket Boys" and followed by "Sky of Stone." However, this memoir, while related to the other books, also stands independent and can easily be read separate from the other two. Hickam has called "The Coalwood Way" "not a sequel but an equal."

I would give "The Coalwood Way" a 9 out of 10. A classic memoir, its themes remain relevant nearly 50 years after the events. Hickam achieves that covetable balance while telling a story about a developing teenager with big dreams and bigger obstacles, the history of vanishing mining towns of the 20th century, and a personal reflection on human determination.

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Mari Miyachi is an Andover resident and student at Phillips Academy who writes reviews for young adults.



Michael Farren's son Jacob, 7, played the Lion in the play Brown Bear and Friends in the Developmental Day School at the Professional Center for Child Development.

School grins and Brown Bears it

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Cats, dogs, bears and other animals took the stage and created a proud moment for students, parents and teachers last Wednesday as the Professional Center for Child Development put on the play "Brown Bear and Friends."

Three- and 4-year-old students in the PCCD's preschool program joined 3- to 7-year-old students from its developmental day school who have complex development and medical needs.

"It was a full house, and flashbulbs were going off like crazy," said Linda Sliwoski, program director of PCCD's day school. "It was a team effort, and lots of fun. We really wanted to give each of the kids a chance to shine. There were a lot of big, giant smiles that day."

PCCD, which works with children including those with multiple disabilities and complex health-care needs, adapted the "Brown Bear" story line from a popular children's book so that every student could participate. Sliwoski explained that nonverbal students in wheelchairs used



Performers in the show included, from left, Liam, playing a shark, Jacob, as a lion, Avery as a fish, Everett as a dog, and Sammy as a fish.

sound output devices to deliver their lines in the play, hitting a switch to activate the recorded line at just the right moment.

The preschoolers also helped with the play, standing in as the sun, flowers and other scenery pieces.

"We like to do as much as we can all together, with kids of all abilities," Sliwoski said.

The school's play was based on the children's book "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do

You See?" by Bill Martin Jr. and illustrated by Eric Carle. Each year, PCCD highlights an author as part of its literacy curriculum, Sliwoski said, and this year it's Carle, who also wrote the children's favorite "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." Each page of the "Brown Bear" story introduces another animal and color, such as a yellow duck and a green frog.

In PCCD's version of the show, each child played a

different animal, and came on the scene as one of the school's music therapists sang the narration.

Students and staff had been working on the production for months. After being postponed by the December ice storm, "Brown Bear" went on for a packed audience of parents and friends on Jan. 14.

Sliwoski said the staff loved the opportunity to try adapting the book to fit the school.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Andover Public Schools, Jan. 26-30:

Elementary schools

Monday: Toasted cheese sandwich, sloppy joes on a roll, pizza burger on a roll, soup, macaroni salad, three-bean salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Cheese or meatball whole wheat pizza, macaroni and cheese, bread stick, soup, bread stick, garden salad, chilled peaches and cream, and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Early release. No lunch.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets with dips, nachos with veggies and cheese sauce, manager's choice, baked sweet-potato fries, steamed vegetables and fruit cup.

Friday: Cheese or pepperoni french bread pizza, vegetable stromboli, manager's choice, caesar salad, apple crisp with topping and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: Veggie chili in a bread bowl, mozzarella stick with marinara sauce, manager's choice, garden veggies with dip, fresh fruit and juice.

Tuesday: Buffalo chicken with whipped potatoes, cheese or pepperoni pan pizza, manager's choice, roasted winter veggies, Italian bean and corn soup, fresh fruit and juice.

Wednesday: American chop suey, garlic bread, turkey pie, mashed potatoes, biscuit, manager's choice, green bean casserole, applesauce cake

and fruit cup.

Thursday: Cheese or vegetable pan pizza, garden salad, French toast, strawberries and cream with yogurt, manager's choice, red bliss potatoes, fresh fruit and juice.

Friday: Chicken parmesan and side salad, manager's choice, rib-a-q on a roll, baked beans, steamed carrots, fresh fruit and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: Crispy chicken with lettuce, tomato and bacon, french fries, broccoli salad and fresh fruit.

Tuesday: Turkey pot pie, biscuit, mashed red bliss potatoes, glazed carrots and fruit cup.

Wednesday: Shepherd's pie, garden salad, roasted vegetables and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Pasta bar, meatballs or chicken parmesan, garlic bread and fresh fruit.

Friday: Manager's choice.

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.

Middle school students tackle geography bee

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

From studying Angola to learning about Zimbabwe, middle-schoolers in Andover have been boning up on their geography recently. This winter, Andover's three middle schools organized geography bees, an annual chance for students to test their world knowledge.

Wood Hill Middle School held its "geo bee" in December. West Middle School held its contest on Jan. 9 and Doherty Middle School tested students' geographic prowess on Wednesday, Jan. 14.

Daniel Zhang, an 11-year-old sixth-grader, won the West Middle School bee. He had lived in three countries before his second birthday, which has "something to do with his passion in geography. He was born in England while we studied there, but lived in China for a year, before coming to the U.S.," said his father, H. Harry Zhang, in an e-mail.

The geography bees begin with every student participating in classroom contests. Each grade level then sends finalists to the



Daniel Zhang, sixth-grade, was the winner of West Middle School's annual geography bee.

schoolwide finals, in which students stand on stage and answer questions into a microphone, as in a classic spelling bee.

Geography questions and bee materials come from the National Geographic Society, said Brian Carey, a teacher who organizes the Wood Hill Middle bee.



Emily Field, eighth-grade, answers a question during West Middle School's annual geography bee.

WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winner: Daniel Zhang
Runner-up: Information not available from school by press time

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winner: Ari Pike
Runner-up: Stephen Perrone
Finalists: Sixth-graders Rebecca Savord, Jason Grosz, Amanda Hornick and Gwyneth Miner; seventh-graders Natalie Stamatides, Connor Batsimm, Katie O'Hara and Connor O'Reilly; eighth-graders Ted Sorota, Stephen Perrone, Sarita Ballakur and Ari Pike

WOOD HILL MIDDLE SCHOOL

Winner: Jeremy Hindin
Runner-up: Timmy Lee
Finalists: Eighth-graders Hemang Kaul, Tyler Smith, Bianca Wiltshire, Jeremy Hindin, Timmy Lee, Kylie Moynihan, Haley Cowart-Sciarone and Victor Liu; seventh-graders Stephanie Sauvageau, Kyle Kelloway, Santiago Alegria, Rachel Marinelli, Patrick Hogan, PJ Gavel, Nick Gerroir, David Blatman, Katherine Geffkin, Marcus Marini, Ben Brown, Elana Goldstein, Patrick Pengeroth, Rebecca Cheng and Jack Wilkie; sixth-graders Nick McNulty, Justine DiPasquale, John Mahlebjan, Ian MacGregor, Sarah Vrontas, Drew Farris, Chris Ruiz-Henriquez, Sylvia Leung, Jason Bortolussi and Matt Ferreira

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Sports

“Nick’s not only a phenomenal swimmer but a great character. ... Nick’s success is our success.”

Andover swimmer Mike Bakies



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From Andover to Guam, Nick D'Innocenzo continues to make his mark on the national swimming scene. The 18-year-old will take his skills to the University of Texas next season.

No time to rest

University of Texas-bound D'Innocenzo reaches new heights

By DAVID WILLIS
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Always in training as one of the country's premier swimmers, Nick D'Innocenzo is used to long, busy days. But Jan. 13 of this year was a little much by any measure.

On that day, D'Innocenzo woke up in Guam (South Pacific) after competing in the Junior Pan Pacific Games, and after nearly 24 hours of constant travel he arrived in Massachusetts in time to help lead Andover swimming to a victory over Lexington.

“It was pretty rough,” he said with a laugh. “We were up at 5 (a.m.) and left Guam at 7:40 a.m. But once we stopped in Hawaii it was 6 p.m. the previous day. That was like a time warp. Then we left for (Los Angeles), and finally from there we got to Boston.

“We landed at 5 p.m., and the Andover meet started at 5:30 p.m. So we fought through the traffic and got there right at the end of the meet. The guys were in a pinch, so I looked for a place to change and did my part to help them win. It was something. That day lasted about

THE NICK D'INNOCENZO FILE

Age: 18
Sport: Swimming
College try: Top-prospect signed with the University of Texas in November. Longhorns currently ranked No. 1 in the nation and sent seven swimmers to the 2008 Olympics. Second choice was Auburn.

Continuing to improve: In first event as member of US Junior National team, set a meet record in the 200 IM at the Junior Pan Pacific Games in Guam. In December, set four personal bests at the 2008 Short Course Nationals in Atlanta. His Web site, “www.nickdinnocenzo.com,” features a countdown to the 2012 Olympic Games.

36 hours. It would have been nice to go home from the plane, but I wanted to do my part.”

D'Innocenzo has never been one to take the easy way out. It is that dedication that has allowed him to build a reputation on the national swimming circuit. And it is a major reason why he will be swimming for superpower University of Texas next season.

“I have dreamed about going to Texas

my entire life,” said the senior. “Growing up, people always asked me if I wanted to swim in college. I would always tell them yes, and that I wanted to do it at Texas. It is unbelievable I will really be doing it.”

In November, D'Innocenzo officially signed with the Longhorns, the unanimous No. 1-ranked NCAA Division 1 team in the country. That closed out a challenging stretch for the 18-year-old.

“It was very overwhelming,” he said. “I went into all of my (recruiting) trips telling myself to put every school on the same level. I wanted to look at the good and bad of every school. The (college) decision was the toughest decision that I have ever had to make.”

The choice eventually came down to the top-ranked Longhorns and No. 7-ranked Auburn, both powerhouses historically. Texas has won nine Division 1 team national championships, most recently in 2002, while the Tigers have taken home six, including five straight from 2003-07.

But, with the help of his parents, friends

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■ HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Andover ski team tops champs, powerhouse

BOYS SKIING

Eric Heath placed third overall in 19.79 as Andover took four of the top 10 spots on its way to downing reigning state champion St. John's Prep 171-153 last Wednesday. The Warriors also bested North Andover for the first time in at least six years, 87-48.

“It was a shock to everyone but ourselves,” said coach Tom Busta.

Nick Sherman placed fourth (10.83), Nick Binder was eighth (20.15) and Adam Carrington took ninth (20.17) for the Golden Warriors. Matt Cummings added an 11th and Matt Liffmann was 14th for the winners.

did not look back on the way to downing Lincoln-Sudbury 4-1 at the Valley Forum.

“That loss definitely put us down,” said Andover co-captain Cam Smith. “So it was nice to get back out there. We did what we wanted to do, and put the season back on track.”

Senior George Flanagan continued his outstanding season, scoring Andover's first and last goal of the game. He now has 15 goals for the season, one more than his season total from a year ago. Flanagan added an assist, upping his team-best point total to 21. Joe Kuta and Paul Russell each added a goal and Kyle Berthiaume stood out, making 25 saves.

“It is so important to get a win after a tough loss,” said Golden Warriors co-captain Riki Retelle. “That loss gave us some extra drive to come back, and we got it going early today.”

BOYS TRACK

McConnell and crew set school record

Chris McConnell, Brendan Crawford, Mark Vetere and Kerrick Stevens teamed to win the 4x200 relay in a school-record time of 1:31.31 to help Andover place third at the Division 1 State Relays on Saturday. McConnell and Stevens also teamed with Adam Vetere and Rob Martin to win the sprint medley in 3:39.41. Crawford, Martin and Mark Vetere then were joined by Connor O'Neill to take third in the 4x400 relay.

George Flanagan scored twice as Andover downed Billerica 4-1 last Wednesday. Joe Kuta scored one goal and assisted on another while Cam Smith chipped in the final goal and Paul Russell assisted on two scores for the winners. Derek Wakefield made 17 saves.

Andover twice took one-goal leads, but could not hold on and fell to Central Catholic 4-3 on Saturday. Paul Russell tallied two goals while George Flanagan added the final score. Riki Retelle had two assists for the Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Warriors win 4x200

The Andover foursome of Melissa Knapp, Emily Shields, Eve Bishop and Laura Cody won the 4x200 relay in 1:48.89 as the Golden Warriors grabbed third as a team at the Division 1 State Relays on Saturday. Colleen Shannon and Jessica Salley teamed with Knapp and Cody to take second in the 4x400 relay (4:08.89) and Shields and Bishop to place second in the shuttle hurdles (31.48).

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Chu dominates

Chris Chu recorded five wins to lead Andover to a season-opening 125-119 victory over Lowell last Monday. Chu won the vault (8.0), high bar (5.6), pommel horse (5.9), rings (4.9) and all-around (34.8). Billy Mara added a win on the parallel bars and Jeff Sirois tied for first on the rings for the Golden Warriors.

Chris Chu was second in the vault and third in the pommel horse and rings, but Andover fell to Burlington 155-125 on Friday. Damian Parker added a third in the high bar for the Golden Warriors.

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BOYS HOCKEY

Andover bounces back

After a tough loss to Central Catholic, Andover was anxious to get back on the ice. And the Golden Warriors made the most of it on Monday.

Andover jumped out to a two-goal lead in the first period and



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover's Joe Kuta, left, breaks down ice with the puck on Monday. Kuta recorded an assist as the Golden Warriors rebounded from their loss to Central Catholic by pounding Lincoln-Sudbury 4-1.

Four straight earns Mite 5 tourney cup

The Andover Mite 5 hockey team won the Dana Hennigar Holiday Mite Tournament in Reading over the December school break. The Andover team went undefeated during the four-game tournament, earning the championship title with a 3-1 win over Melrose in the final.

Pictured are champs from the Andover team: front row from left are Emma

Gilmartin, Jack Patten, Matthew Devaney, Jeremy Morgenstern, AJ Capone, Jack Brockelman and Foster Rose; second row from left: Nicholas Christopher, Harry Secor, Griffin Vieira, Jack Murray, Tommy Duncan, Matt Garesche, Romano Duncan, Stephen Ingram; back row, from left: Assistant Coach David Morgenstern, Head Coach Chris Patten and Assistant Coach Tom Garesche.



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SWIMMER: D'Innocenzo ready for Texas

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and Magnus Aquatic coach Mike Spring, D'Innocenzo signed with the Longhorns, who boast an eye-popping Olympic tradition. Seven current or former members of the team swam in the 2008 Olympic Games, the most of any school, and coach Eddie Reese was the U.S. Olympic swim coach.

"I didn't want the fact I had dreamed of going to Texas to sway my choice," he remembered. "The decision was based on what I wanted out of swimming. I looked at what my personal goals for swimming were, and how they balanced with U.S. swimming."

"Texas pumps out Olympic medalists left and right. Look at (five-time Olympic gold medalist) Aaron Peirsol and (two-time Olympic gold medalist) Brendan Hansen (both Texas alums). I'm going to be

practicing with big names like that."

Excelling on national stage

D'Innocenzo has far from slowed down since finalizing his college plans.

From Dec. 4-6, the Golden Warrior delivered one of his best performances yet, setting personal bests in all four events that he competed in at the 2008 Short Course Nationals in Atlanta.

D'Innocenzo placed third in the 400-yard individual medley (3:43.36), fourth in the 200-yard breaststroke (1:56.56), fifth in the 200 IM (1:44.18), and 10th in the 100 breaststroke (54.10). Other competitors at the Nationals included three-time Olympic gold medalist Ryan Lochte and two-time gold medalist Mark Gangloff.

"That was a really big stage with some really big stars," he said. "Not all of the big dogs

were there, but any chance to swim against an Olympic medalist is big. It's a wakeup call. You look around and say, 'Wow, this is huge.'"

He followed that up by making a mark in his first event as a member of the U.S. Junior National Team.

At the Junior Pan Pacific Games in Guam, D'Innocenzo set a meet record in the 200 IM in a time of 2:02.58. He also won the 100 breaststroke (1:02.99), was fourth in the 200 breaststroke (2:17.84), fifth in the 400 IM (4:23.34), and eighth in the 200 freestyle.

"Being on the Junior National team is something I always wanted to do," he said. "It was very exciting to be out there. Guam was beautiful, and it was really thrilling to set the record."

Back in Andover

Even with all of his success,

the three-time state champion in the 100 breaststroke and 200 IM is excited to be back with his hometown Golden Warriors.

"I'm definitely happy to be back with my crew," he said. "They're a great group, and I miss them. It's great to be swimming with my best friends."

The team is also happy to have their friend back.

"Nick's not only a phenomenal swimmer but a great character," said Andover co-captain Mike Bakies.

"Even with his travels, he makes us feel like we come first. He practices with us and always stays to help the younger kids. Nick's success is our success."

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Taking a leap



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover High School junior Jenn Quirnbach competes on the beam during the team's first home meet against Tewksbury on Jan. 8.

ROUNDUP

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Big third vaults Andover

Andover needed a change of momentum, and found it after halftime last Tuesday.

Behind a 29-point third quarter, Andover bested Methuen 76-61 last Tuesday. The victory snapped a three-game skid.

"That was great, we needed it," said Warrior senior captain Connor Arnold. "It's the defense. We played very poorly the last couple games on defense. We have a lot of athletic guys, who can do a lot of great things. We just have to get more confidence. This helped a lot."

Arnold tallied a game-high 18 points, 11 in the decisive frame. Kevin Polanco added 15 points and Sean Ehlbeck chipped in with eight points for the Warriors, who shot a sizzling 30 of 61 from the field.

"The 29-point third quarter was because of defense," said Andover coach Dave Fazio. "You steal the ball, you get run outs, you play with confidence, you're deflecting, and you're getting

easy shots because you're getting things in the flow."

Andover cut a 19-point deficit to three in the final moment, but could get no closer and fell to Brockton, the No. 2 team in Eastern Mass., 66-62 on Monday. Sophomore Brian Miller delivered a breakout game with 20 points and 10 rebounds for the Golden Warriors, while Joe Bramanti added 14 points and D.J. Fazio had seven crucial points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Gomez-Martinez shines as Andover wins two

Natalie Gomez-Martinez may be a point guard, but she is far from just a distributor. The sophomore knocked down four 3-pointers on her way to a game-high 28 points as Andover defeated Methuen 79-64 last Tuesday. Alicia Scarpa hit two from behind the arc on her way to 10 points and Nicole Boudreau chipped in with 17 for the Warriors.

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Ally Fazio notched 11 points as Andover bested Mt. Wachusett 65-53 on Friday. Nicole Boudreau hit five 3-pointers on her way to

a game-high 23 points and Natalie Gomez-Martinez continued to roll with 20 points for the winners.

SWIMMING

Hunter paces Warriors

Paul Hunter won the 200 freestyle (1:50.64), the 100 backstroke (54.57) and swam on the winning 400 freestyle relay as Andover beat Lexington 92-78 last Tuesday. Mike Bakies won the 100 freestyle and joined Hunter, Nick D'Innocenzo and Yubo Liu on the 400 freestyle relay.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Mattison, Andover win tight contest

Rachel Mattison won the floor (9.45) and all-around (35.75) as Andover edged Billerica 141-135 last Thursday. Jenn Quirnbach chipped in with a win on the vault for the winners.

GIRLS SKIING

Kearns leads Andover

Jessica Kearns was fifth overall in 21.75 as Andover pounded Haverhill 108-27. Jackie Guy was sixth (21.77), Sara Heath was

ninth (22.20) and Kate Kearns was 11th (22.64) for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Drew scores twice in Andover win

Laura Drew scored twice as Andover defeated Beverly 3-1 on Monday. Katie Shields added the other goal, Sarah Oteri assisted on two goals and Heather Paonessa and Nicole Giroux each had one helper for the winners.

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Despite 26 saves by Megan Pettoruto, Andover fell to Marblehead 1-0 last Tuesday. Pettoruto has not allowed more than one goal in a game so far this season for the Golden Warriors (6-2-1).

WRESTLING

Three Warriors earn wins

Despite a win at 130 for Reinaldo Brito, Andover fell to Phillips Academy 60-15. Michael Oliviero (112) and Josh Devine (160) also notched wins for the Golden Warriors.

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 23 Lawrence 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 Billerica 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 23 at Billerica 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 27 at Lawrence 7:30 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Jan. 24 Arlington 1 p.m.
Jan. 28 at Chelmsford 7:50 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Jan. 24 at Cambridge 5:20 p.m.
Jan. 28 Everett 7:20 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Jan. 24 at Phillips Academy 2 p.m.
Jan. 29 at Lowell 4 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Jan. 24 at Phillips Academy 2 p.m.
Jan. 29 at Lowell 4 p.m.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 22 at Salem 7 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 22 Dracut 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SKIING

Jan. 22 Haverhill 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 26 Bishop Fenwick 3:30 p.m.
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TOWN TALK

Taking on suicide issue with Jan. 26 forum

After a recent survey indicated that 10 percent of Andover High School students say they've attempted suicide, the AHS PAC has a seminar planned for parents on the emotional issues of teenagers.

Speakers are Brian McNally, Andover Public Schools health coordinator, Deborah Helms of the Samaritans, several Andover Public School health teachers and Bill Fahey, Andover youth service director.

In an e-mail sent home to parents, the AHS PAC wrote:

"As a response to the disturbing results of the most recent Youth Risk Survey, which showed an alarming increase in teenagers thinking about suicide in our town, the PAC decided to dedicate its January meeting to a forum which will talk about the emotional struggles our teenagers face. We encourage all to attend; we hope this forum will raise awareness and offer strategies for all parents in regard to dealing with mental health problems large and small.

"It was approximately 15 years ago that Andover was hit

Leadership breakfast



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Andover Town Manager Reginald "Buzz" Stapczynski, right, speaks during the annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast held at the Andover Country Club. Sitting at the head table are from left, Methuen Mayor William M. Manzi, Haverhill Mayor James Fiorentini, and Lawrence Mayor Michael Sullivan. The event was sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce.

with three suicides amongst our young people. The community at the time took a very proactive approach to avoid any more tragedies by implementing a number of initiatives including developing a Youth Service Department and hiring a director, Bill Fahey. Our hope is that by again being proactive we

will help the community in recognizing and dealing with the issue."

The forum will be Monday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School media center. E-mail ahspac@hotmail.com with questions.

— Bethany Bray

New school policy

With no discussion, the School Committee unanimously adopted a policy at its Jan. 20 meeting that no high school building is to be named for an individual.

Any building is to be known simply as "Andover High School." In the event that there is more than one high school building, some other way to distinguish the two schools, preferably a geographical note, such as AHS North and AHS South, is to be used.

Shut up about...your award

Sisters Patricia (Terrasi) Konjoian of Andover and Gina (Terrasi) Gallagher of Marlborough recently received a Heroes in the Fight Award by National Alliance on Mental Illness — Massachusetts for their work in helping provide support to individuals affected by serious persistent mental illness.

The sisters, who co-authored a self-published book, "Shut Up About...Your Perfect Kid!," were honored for their work in offering a message of hope and acceptance to families of children with disabilities. The pair have taken their message to speak to parent

groups around the country. Their first book was recently picked up by Random House and a revised edition will be published by the Three Rivers Press and released in August 2010.

Patty Konjoian is the owner of Champion Video Productions and lives in Andover with her husband Michael, daughters Julianne and Jennifer, son Michael, and dog Rocky.

200-year-old bookstore

The Andover Bookstore, the second oldest continuously operating bookstore in the country, will turn 200 year. The bookstore was founded in 1809 at Phillips Academy and has been located in different locations since its founding during the year that Lincoln was born. It is now at 89R Main St.

Its first event of this 200th year deals with history. On Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m., Andrew Grilz, curator at the Andover Historical Society, will discuss a wonderful collection of old photos of Andover's 350 years collected in a new book. The book includes "very early drawings and painting, 20th century images of our downtown, and views of vanished landmarks."

Putting trash in its place



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Four Big Belly compacting trash cans have been installed in downtown Andover, paid for with a grant from the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust. Big Bellies, manufactured by Needham-based Big Belly Solar, have a solar-powered trash compactor. The bins can hold close to five times as much trash as a normal trash barrel.

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