

OUR 121ST YEAR

Andover Townsman

Issue No. 26

24 pages

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

75 CENTS

Should outdoor dining be smokeless?



“(Smoking) would be very irritating to pedestrians on Main Street and to result would be more trash.”

Karen Van Doren



“I’d be concerned about litter, but most concerned about kids seeing smokers outdoors at restaurants. Kids are very impressionable.”

Janis Barron



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Sam Petrovich, owner of Dylan's Restaurant on Park Street, has an outdoor private dining area where smoking is allowed. With the town opening public sidewalks for use by restaurants, the Board of Health is considering whether to ban smoking at outdoor seating – including the seating at places like Dylan's where it is now allowed.

Public forum seeks your thoughts on proposed rules

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The town expects downtown restaurants to open outdoor seating on public sidewalks this summer, taking advantage of a new bylaw. But health officials wonder: Should smoking be banned or allowed there? They plan to hold a forum to hear from

residents on March 9. On Main Street, from Locke to Lewis streets, the sidewalk is mostly public property and business owners can set up outdoor dining spaces if they acquire a permit from the town. A town bylaw prohibits smoking inside these establishments, but it will be perfectly legal for patrons to light up outside at a dining space if they want to. There are mixed feelings about the

idea. “It would be very irritating to pedestrians on Main Street and the result would be more trash,” said Karen Van Doren. “I’d be concerned about litter, too, but most concerned about kids seeing smokers outdoors at restaurants. Kids are very impressionable,” said fellow Andover resident Janis Barron.

Please see **SMOKING**, Page 8

Stop & Shop to move into Market Basket space

Shawsheen Plaza mainstay to be replaced

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Stop & Shop plans to move into the supermarket space occupied for decades by Market Basket in Shawsheen Plaza on North Main Street, confirming a rumor that has circulated for years.

The move is expected in two years, when Market Basket's lease expires.

Stop & Shop made the announcement late Monday, Feb. 23, in response to numerous inquiries from the Townsman. Stop & Shop is headquartered in Quincy and questions about the company coming to Andover were directed to its real estate office in New York.

“Stop & Shop holds the master lease to the shopping center. Market Basket is a tenant; their lease expires in 2011. We intend to open a Stop & Shop supermarket and we look forward to serving the Andover community,” read an e-mail statement from the supermarket's real estate division that was provided by a New York public relations firm.

Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski has known about the move for about two months, he said. A facilities spokesman from Stop & Shop called him with the news.

“I’m happy and sad about

it,” he said. “I’m sad because the DeMoulas (Market Basket owner) family has a long connection to town. But Stop & Shop is a good company and we welcome them.”

“I’ll miss the prices,” said Stapczynski, picking up a Market Basket motto: “You get more for your dollar.”

State Rep. Barry Finegold (D-Andover) also said feelings among shoppers are bound to be bittersweet.

“Market Basket is an easy supermarket to get to know, like I know the potato chips are in aisle six and the deli line is always long,” said Finegold who handles the weekly grocery shopping for his family on Saturday morning. “Of course, it’s great to have a new business in town, but it will be sad to see Market Basket go. Many local folks are upset.”

Stapczynski said the new store will not be supersized, as the North Andover Stop & Shop on Route 114 is.

“Zoning will not allow it,” he said.

Market Basket, which is headquartered in Tewksbury, did not return telephone calls about the lease expiration. Their Andover store has been located on North

Please see **STORE**, Page 2

School Committee race

Would candidates extend superintendent's contract?

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

School Committee candidate Annie Gilbert says Andover should not continue making the one-year contract extensions the committee has signed with Superintendent Claudia Bach recently.

Gilbert believes the system's current fiscal situation “demands planning and long-term commitment incompatible with short-term contract extensions. Therefore, I believe our next step is to look for a superintendent who will lead our schools deep into the next era of education in Andover.”

Bach received a one-year contract extension earlier this

school year, which will take her through June 2010. The 3-2 vote in favor was taken in a closed-door session.

Gilbert's comment came in response to a Townsman question to all candidates about whether they would extend Bach's contract further. Most School Committee candidates, including Gilbert, offered praise for Bach and most said they do not know whether they would extend Bach's contract if elected. The five candidates for School Committee also were asked this week about what they expect from an Andover superintendent.

Their answers follow:

Please see **CANDIDATES**, Page 5

Digging into the \$1.8M Town Meeting catchall

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Nearly \$200,000 for new vans, trucks, police cruisers and a tractor is included in the odds and ends “capital projects fund” article that voters will be asked to approve at Town Meeting.

Replacing deteriorating firefighters' uniforms, fixing malfunctioning elevators and refinishing gymnasium floors damaged by flooding are just a few of the other requests lumped into the \$1,780,000 article, which seeks money for town and school projects alike, from laptop computers for teachers to new playground equipment in town parks.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

The 2000 Ford Explorer used as a rescue vehicle has more than 100,000 miles on it and needs to be replaced. The Explorer is the oldest of the fire department's four staff vehicles.

The elevator at Old Town Hall needs attention, said Plant & Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi, because it fails sometimes, and people who can't climb stairs are blocked from the second-

floor. When it fails, the elevator is programmed to go to the first floor and open its doors, so no one is trapped, he said.

The Andover High School field house needs to be cleaned

and re-stripped, because of some flooding this year, said Piantedosi.

The school district is “on borrowed time” with the aging boilers at West Middle School, he said, one of which leaks.

“We try and do a little every year” maintaining town buildings, he said, to avoid the major cost of a huge repair down the road. Piantedosi presented his CIP requests to a joint meeting

Please see **SPENDING**, Page 2

INDEX

Arts & Entertainment 6-7
Classified/Real Estate 20
Crossword 7
Editorial 10
Education 16-17
Letters 10,11,15
Obituaries 9
Police Log 4
Seniors News xx
Sports 18-19
Townspeople 13-14



7 97232 01810 0

Teatone
Chinese Cuisine
Best Chinese Take-out
Andover & North Andover Market Survey 2007 & 2008
17 Railroad St., Andover
978-623-8102
www.teatone.com

Mootone
Japanese Cuisine
Best Japanese Restaurant
Andover & North Andover Market Survey 2006, 2007 & 2008
15 Railroad St., Andover
978-623-8006
www.mootone.com

\$10 OFF
with a purchase of \$50 or more
Invalid with other offers
Expires 12/31/2009

Political Advertisement

Please Join TEAM TED by Voting

TED TEICHERT
SELECTMAN
TUESDAY, MARCH 26
Paid for by the Committee to Elect Ted Teichert.
46 Morton St., Andover MA

the **Maren** group

Visit our website!
All MLS homes for sale
Recent Sales Data
Local Market Info

www.themarengroup.com

Jon Maren 978-502-6979
Laurie Liffmann 508-254-9844

KELLER WILLIAMS
REALTY

See a Massachusetts Eye & Ear Physician and Specialist Without the Drive

- 24 hour emergency care
- Botox®
- Adult & child exams
- Surgery
- Designer eyewear

New England Eye & Facial Specialists
Comprehensive Eye Care for Adults & Children
Languages spoken: English, Spanish & Russian
Most Insurances Accepted

451 Andover Street, Suite G-4
North Andover, MA • Phone: 978-682-4040
Londonderry, NH • Phone: 603-421-0095
Boston, MA • Phone: 617-742-0838

This is Personal!
Selling or buying a home is an important business decision. Choosing the right company & agent is critical to a successful transaction. Also, selling & buying a home involves your family, your home possessions, & some very personal information. Trusting your agent is important. I have many testimonials from local people who have bought or sold a home with my assistance. Client trust & confidentiality is my top priority! Please check out the testimonials on my web site.

For more tips for both selling & buying, visit my website & please call me if I can be of assistance!

Peggy Patenaude
Realtor®
Legend Award Recipient
Office: 978.269.2266
Cell: 978.804.0811
www.JustCallPeggy.com

Prudential Howe & Doherty REALTORS®
12 Barlett Street, Andover, MA 01810 - 978-475-5100

In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Gulf Service Station on the corner of Chestnut and Main streets in 1946. It opened in 1936, the building was designed "to blend with colonial Andover." In 1963 it was taken down and rebuilt to its present style.



NOW: The present day photo of the Gulf Service Station on the corner of Chestnut and Main streets.

Andover Post Office plans 'Passport Day'

Are you planning to travel abroad or just across the U.S. border or U.S. territories?

Andover Post Office, 10 Stevens St., will make it easier for you by holding a special "Passport Day" at the Post Office on Saturday, Feb. 28, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations will not be needed.

There are new regulations requiring a passport for all air travel to and from Canada, Mexico, Central and South America, the Caribbean and Bermuda.

The Post Office also takes passport photos for \$15, he said.

Postmaster Michael Sullivan recommended that individuals should apply for their passports at least two months or earlier before their trip to avoid extra costs to expedite an application. Other requirements in applying for a passport, he said, include: Evidence of citizenship, two passport photos and current photo identification.

Passport fees can be paid by check or cash. Passports cost a total of \$100 for individuals 16 years of age and over; \$85 for individuals under 16, and \$75 for passports being renewed. Both parents much accompany children under age 16.

Also available will be the new wallet-size passport card, an alternative to a traditional passport that costs less and is smaller for frequent travelers who go between the United States and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean. These cost \$45 for adults and \$35 for kids under 16 years of age.

For more information, contact Sullivan or retail associates at the Andover Post Office, 978-475-9436.

Passport applications can be downloaded at www.usps.com/ passport to complete your passport beforehand, Sullivan said.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



We'd be walking down the street, and say, 'Hello.' They would say, 'You are welcome' back to us. They were so happy to see us, it was amazing to have that kind of reception.

- Andover native Maggie Murphy, 22, who traveled with other nursing students to Ghana. Story in *Townpeople*, page 13

It's easier to throw it all in the Dumpster, but this is absolutely the way to go."

John "Muddy" Waters, Pike's head of school, on using biodegradable plates, cups and cutlery made from sugar cane and corn at a school function. The materials were composted. Story in *Education*, page 17.



Planning Board holds pair of public hearings

On Tuesday, March 10, beginning at 7:45 p.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, 36 Bartlet St. the Planning Board will convene public hearings pursuant to Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the Massachusetts General Laws on the following proposed amendments to the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII:

1. A private warrant article to amend Section 6.1. of the Zoning By-Law by adding a

new section 6.1.12-Temporary Moratorium on Wireless Communications Facilities.

2. To amend Section 8.2. Flood Hazard Overlay District of the Zoning By-Law by adding new section 8.2.6. National Flood Insurance Program.

The full text of the proposed amendments may be viewed in the Planning Department between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

Andover representatives of the I-93 Tri-Town Task Force, Tewksbury Public Library, Main St. Tewksbury, 8 a.m.

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

Disability Commission, Memorial Hall Library activity room, 7 p.m.

conference room, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

Cultural Council, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Green Advisory Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., first-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Watershed Advisory Committee, Water Treatment Plant, 397 Lowell St., 7 to 9 p.m.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 2

Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

Board of Registrars, Town Clerk's office, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., 5 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

Zoning Board of Appeals public hearings and deliberations, Memorial Hall Library, the hall, 7 p.m.

WHEN YOU WANT COSMETIC EYELID SURGERY...

MAKE YOUR ONE CHOICE THE RIGHT ONE.



Adam P. Beck, M.D.

See a Mass Eye and Ear Physician & Specialist Without The Drive to Boston!

When it comes to your eyes, choose the right cosmetic surgeon. A surgeon who is also a board-certified ophthalmologist. A surgeon who specializes in plastic surgery of the eyes.

The Right Choice is...

New England Eye & Facial Specialists

The Right Choice is:

- The repair of drooping and sagging upper eyelids
- Removal of lower eyelid bags
- Brow lift
- Botox®, Restylane®, Juvederm™ and Radiesse®

Call today for your consultation:

North Andover, MA • Phone: 978 682-4040
Londonderry Square (Rte. 102), 50 Nashua Road, Suite 105
Londonderry, NH • Phone: 603 421-0095
Boston, MA • Phone: 617 742-0838

ORTHODONTICS
FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS
Kathleen Chan DDS, MMSc
Ivy Chen DDS, MMSc

Everyone Deserves A Beautiful Smile

16 North Main St, Suite 200 • Andover MA
978 • 475 • 2222
www.ccorthodontics.com

April School Vacation Camp
Jim Loscutt's
CAMP EVERGREEN

Our 45th Year Providing a Wonderful Camping Experiences for Boys & Girls in a Natural Forest Setting.
Ages 4.5 to 14
2 Pools • Softball • Tennis • Archery • Boating & More!
Door to Door Transportation

Summer Day Camp
Now Accepting Applications

166 Jenkins Road, Andover, MA
P: 978 475-2502
www.campevergreen.com

This camp complies with the regulations of the M.D.P.H. & is licensed by the Andover Board of Health.

Lighting Sale

HUGE DISCOUNTS ON BATH LIGHTS, CHANDELIERS, CEILING LIGHTS AND MUCH MORE!

DESIGN LIGHTING
North Andover Mall | Rte 114 North Andover | 978-794-1650

Learning Express
Your Neighborhood Toy Store

Toys

www.learningexpress.com

125 S. Broadway • Salem, NH 03079
(603) 890-3535
32 Park Street • Andover, MA
(978) 474-0555

SMILE WHITENING SERVICES
New Patient Invitation...

Complimentary Smile Whitening

(a \$350 value)
for each new patient exam, routine cleaning & full mouth x-rays.
Offer expires 3/31/09

JOHN HAGIGEORGES, DMD
5 South Central Street, Bradford, MA
978-372-8588
WWW.SMILEEXCELLENCE.NET

ESTATE PLANNING

- Asset Protection • Living Trusts
- Powers of Attorney
- Pour-Over Wills

LAW OFFICES
PETER J. CARUSO
"Your Family Lawyer"

ONE ELM SQ., ANDOVER, MA
Peter J. Caruso, Esq., Peter J. Caruso, II, Esq.
(978) 475-2200
www.carusoandcaruso.com

Mornings, Evenings & Weekends

YOGA

www.YangsFitnessCenter.com



CARL RUSSO/Staff photos
Andover firefighters, from left, Lt. William Loehr, Robert Dalton, Eric Teichert, Kyle Murphy and Scott Weightman were honored by The Exchange Club of Lawrence as this year's Andover firefighters of the Year. They were honored for saving the life of a man who was in cardiac arrest.



Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo presents Andover patrolmen Daniel Leonard, center, and Timothy Hagerty, right, with their Andover Police Officers of the Year awards from The Exchange Club of Lawrence. They were honored for their professionalism in handling a domestic disturbance involving a man with a knife.

Selectmen's race Controlling the budget through union negotiations

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The town manager says the equivalent of 58 full-time employees could face layoffs this year unless there are contract concessions from unions. Most of the town's budget pays for salary and benefits. Are layoffs, renewed contract negotiations or something else the solution this year? What, if anything, would you have Andover do differently in future negotiations?

WILL ENGLISH



It's clear that this perfect storm did not happen overnight. We have been ignoring the need to cut costs for years. Now we have to show leadership if we as a town are asking our unions to take pay cuts and are even anticipating layoffs. How can we be giving raises to our town manager when our town employees and teachers are being asked to shoulder the cost? Buzz [Stapczynski] has worked hard, but so have 58 people facing termination.

would only provide a temporary solution. In the future, I would negotiate with the unions to reduce the cost to the taxpayers of vacation, pensions, sick leave and health insurance benefits. While I am committed to preserving services and reducing the number of potential layoffs, we cannot eliminate only non-salary expenses and maintenance work in order to save jobs. All departments will continue to scrutinize expenses to eliminate any waste, but we must continue to provide necessary services and to maintain the town's infrastructure.

BRIAN MAJOR



Andover's 2010 budget shortfall is \$4.1 million. I am committed to solving this problem without increasing taxes or creating new townwide fees.

Our unions have to share the burden as well, and as a former union president I understand that only flexibility and a combined effort between the town and labor will save as many jobs as possible. We need to make tough choices, like reexamining benefits packages, one of the highest costs to the town. Even though part-time employees are valued immensely for their contributions, we should begin by limiting full-time benefits to full-time workers. Failure to act in the past is one of the main reasons we are facing this critical situation.

Union contract concessions are critical to avoid employee layoffs. A wage freeze equaling \$1.8 million will have the largest positive impact on the deficit. Additional savings can come from a variety of budgeting options including: layoffs; overtime reduction; early retirement; hiring freezes; changes to health insurance benefits; reduction in work hours; consolidation of management functions; reorganization of operations; as well as through alternative service delivery models. The budgeting process is complex and requires the collaborative effort of elected officials, town and school managers, and each of the labor unions. My priority is to maintain front-line service providers (teachers, safety personnel, program staff, maintenance workers, etc.) and realize cost savings from reductions in management and back office support.

TED TEICHERT



The town continues to work to minimize the number of layoffs. However, we all recognize Andover cannot afford business as usual.

There will inevitably be some retirement vacancies this year in both the town and school departments that should not be filled. Vacancies can provide opportunities for reorganization to reduce staffing.

Delaying union pay increases for one year can help to save jobs, but would need to be negotiated with the unions.

The town will continue to seek stimulus monies available from the federal government but this

Contract negotiations must seek agreements that are affordable and sustainable. Agreements must reflect the reality of the current economic and budget situation.

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS
Tuesday, Feb. 17 - At 3:38 a.m., Fabricio V. Nascimento, 30, of 3 River Place, Apt. B1, Lowell, was arrested and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.
 At 6:38 p.m., James M. Lariviere, 44, of 7 Tiffany Road, Salem, N.H., was arrested and charged with a subsequent offense of driving with a suspended license, and driving with an uninsured vehicle trailer.
Wednesday, Jan. 18 - At 1:11 p.m., Gisel Ventura, 18, of 173 Andover St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct, improperly operating of a motor vehicle and a motor vehicle lights violation.
 At 1:36 p.m., Rafael Lopez, 19, of 173 Andover St., Lawrence, was charged with driving without a license.
Thursday, Feb. 19 - At 1:44 p.m., Steve M. Nelson, 40, of 142 East St., Methuen, was arrested and charged with driving without a license and without an inspection sticker.
 At 3:08 p.m., Tony M. Chan, 31, of 4 Waverly Ave., Chelmsford, was arrested and charged with driving an uninsured vehicle trailer without a license and with a revoked registration.
Saturday, Feb. 21 - At 3:45 a.m., Eva Bayron, 55, of 25 Bedford St., Haverhill, was arrested and charged with a marked lanes violation, failing to signal, a second offense of operating under the influence of liquor, and a motor vehicle lights violation.
Sunday, Feb. 22 - At 7:10 a.m., John James Jerrrett, 21, of 728 Whipple St., Tewksbury, was arrested and charged with operating under the influence of liquor.

At 1:05 p.m., Joseph M. Lefebvre, 21, of 317 South Broadway, Apt. 223, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on warrants for improper operation of a motor vehicle, not wearing a seat belt and a number plate violation.

THEFTS
Sunday, Feb. 17 - At 7:48 a.m., a caller from River Road reported that he had been sitting inside his construction van, when a person drove up, got out of the car and went into the back of the caller's van. Not realizing the driver was still in the van, the person tried to take a Sawzall construction tool. When the caller asked the person what he was doing, the person dropped the Sawzall and took off in his car.
Thursday, Feb. 19 - At 2:18 p.m., a person from Wingate, Andover Street, reported money missing.
Friday, Feb. 20 - At 5:26 p.m., a Central Street caller reported three pieces of missing jewelry.
Monday, Feb. 23 - At 12:36 p.m., a caller reported her wallet was stolen while shopping at Whole Foods.
 At 3:32 p.m., a person walked into the police station to report larceny.

INCIDENTS
Tuesday, Feb. 17 - At 9:39 p.m., a Cormiers Way resident reported eggs were just thrown at their windows. At 10:31 p.m., an officer found the people responsible for the egging on Balmoral Street, matching the caller's description of their vehicle. They were made to clean up the egg mess.
 At 11:21 p.m., Patrolman Chad Cooper reported cruiser damage to car 229, which happened

when he was responding to an ambulance call to Carmel Road at 10:57 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 19 - At 8:36 a.m., a Windmere Drive resident called police after noticing suspicious footprints around the house and on the deck.
 At 8:32 p.m., police received a 911 hang-up. Upon calling back, officers responded and a Dean Circle resident was taken to the hospital, via ambulance, for burns to the resident's arms and hands from hot water.
 At 9:09 p.m., a Kensington Street resident called police because someone stopped their car at the caller's driveway, got out with a flashlight and was going through the caller's recycling bin.
Friday, Feb. 20 - At 1:17 a.m., an assault was reported from Pine Street, from a woman who said she was struck in the face by a man while she was at a party.
Saturday, Feb. 21 - At 1:26 p.m., a reported death was called in by the deceased's son.
 At 8:01 p.m., two detectives and two patrolmen responded to the La Quinta Hotel, River Road, issuing two summons for possession of class A drugs.
Sunday, Feb. 22 - At 2:04 p.m., a person called police after finding a crack pipe lying on the ground on North Main Street. An officer retrieved the item and destroyed it, said the log.
Monday, Feb. 23 - At 12:10 p.m., an officer reported a low-hanging wire off a traffic light on River Road, as well as a blown transformer in the area. Andover fire and National Grid responded, as well as several police. At 12:29 p.m., a caller reported a traffic light without power on River Road, due to the previous situation. Another call for a River Road traffic light without power was received at 4:31 p.m.
 At 7:07 p.m., a Walnut Avenue resident reported vandalism to their grill.

**ARE YOU AN ADULT WITH AD/HD?
 ARE YOU IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE WITH
 YOUR EMPLOYMENT SEARCH?**

NEW PROGRAM!

Location - Andover, MA
 Start Date - Thurs., March 12
 Hours - 9:00-11:30 a.m.
 (+30 min. organizing help/wk)
 Fee - \$155 for 3 hrs of Services/wk.

**JOIN
 HELP FOR THE JOB HUNT**
 A 12-Wk Support Group for Adults with AD/HD

Interested?
 Contact Terri at 617-797-8739 or
 terri@sherburnecounseling.com
 leave a telephone number & best times to reach you.
 Ask for a program flyer or a telephone consult!

Offered By:
 Walter Sherburne, LICSW
 Psychologist & Robin Roman Wright, MA
 Career & AD/HD Coach

FERRIS TREE SERVICE inc.
 ANDOVER, MA

Family Owned and Operated Since 1971
 Tree Removal, Pruning and Stump Grinding

**ASK ABOUT OUR
 GREAT WINTER RATES**

Call For A Free Estimate 978-685-8789

Beautiful Window Treatments

at reasonable prices
 Your FABRIC or OURS

Call Chris for a FREE
 in-home consultation

Christine Cavallaro Designs
 978-470-2578
 Andover, MA

Associate Member ASID • Allied Member IDS

Andover Smiles

- SATURDAY APPOINTMENTS
- The latest in dental technology
- Comfortable and pleasant visits
- "No-wait" appointments

Dr. Steven Rinaldi

63 Park Street, Andover MA 01810
 978-475-9141
 www.AndoverSmiles.com

The Best of Times When You Are 50 Plus

**- NEW! -
 Academy Car Services**

PRIVATE & LIVERY SERVICES

\$50.00 to Logan/Manchester Airport

\$60.00 coming back from airport

Senior Citizen's Discount
 Open 24 Hours

978-475-8900
 Toll Free 1-866-888-2403
 Andover, MA

SPINNERS PIZZA PARLOR

Andover's Finest for Italian Style "Thin Crust" Pizza

Free Delivery - Now Serving Dinner Plates

**\$1.00 OFF
 Any LARGE PIZZA**
 with this ad

HOURS
 MON. 11-9
 TUES.-SAT. 11-10
 195A Andover St., Andover, MA
 978-474-4400

HANDYMAN SERVICES
 Specializing in the quality completion of ALL of your small odd jobs.
 *Pre-Sale Improvements

Licensed and Insured
 Locally Based in Andover

Ace HomeMedics
 Handyman House Calls
 For Your Home!

No Job Too Small
 One Call Covers It All

877-5 ODD JOBS
 (877-563-3562) VISA

PROFESSIONAL... RELIABLE... TIMELY... EFFICIENT...

FT FITNESS TOGETHER
 1 Client 1 Trainer 1 Goal

Take us for a Test Drive,
 First Session Always Free!

Call today!
 978-623-8181
 166 N. Main St.
 Suite 3A
 Andover, MA

BAIL OUT Package for You!

Have Our Spring Rolls ON US!

Tuk Tuk
 Fine Bangkok Cuisine
 Delivery & Catering Available.

at the end of Dascomb Rd.
 www.tuktukfinecuisine.com
 978-851-9978
 Mon.-Sat. 11am - 9:30pm
 Sun. 5pm - 9pm

HORSESHOE GRILLE

New Lunch Menu
 New Prices
 Better Value

978-664-3591
 www.horseshoegrille.com
 North Reading

Audio Hearing Center

Audiology Specialist

Dr. Donna J. Selger, FAAA
 And
 Joel G. Rubin, BC-HIS

**Diagnostic Hearing Evaluations
 Repair/Reprogram
 Cleaning and Checks**

Over 22 Years of Excellent Service to our Customers!

Andover 1 Elm Square Andover, MA (978) 475-9595
 Lowell 77 E. Merrimack St. Lowell, MA (978) 454-1966

Arts & Entertainment

Dance talk with two stars Choreographer, Boston Ballet director coming to PA

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

An upcoming event promises to be Phillips Academy's version of "Dancing with the Stars," offering students and residents a glimpse of the best of today's dance world. Renowned choreographer Mark Morris is coming to town

next Tuesday, March 3 to speak one-on-one with dance students who will perform his original piece, "Bedtime," being staged at Phillips later this year. Morris will spend the day coaching student performers from the dance and music departments. He will also have a public conversation with Boston Ballet Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen,

with Andover residents welcome to sit in on the conversation between the dance-world giants for free. It starts at 7 p.m. in the Tang Theatre in George Washington Hall. "This will be big," said an excited Amy Morris (no relation) of the publicity department at Phillips Academy. Both men are powerhouses in their respective

fields and she said the local pairing of the two at Phillips will be thrilling for dance fans. Both Mark Morris and Nissinen are traveling and were not available for comment. Mark Morris founded his own company, the Mark Morris Dance Group, in 1980. His passion for multicultural dances, including moves from Spanish flamenco

and folk dances from Israel and Russia, is well-documented. Nissinen enjoys contemporary ballet and is obviously quite familiar with Mark Morris' work as Morris' "Maelstrom," has been performed by the Boston Ballet. While the Phillips Academy event is free, tickets are needed and are limited. Call 978-749-4433 to get one.

IN STEP WITH...

Renowned choreographer Mark Morris and Boston Ballet Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen



What: Tuesday, March 3, 7 p.m.
Where: Tang Theatre, George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy
Cost: Free, open to the public
How: Seating limited, tickets needed. Call 978-749-4433 for tickets



Courtesy photo

Lucy Silverman, now a senior, designed this line in 2007. Her models for that year's Keep It Wild fashion show were Noortje Groosman, Molly Stoleburg, Molly Corcoran, Rudhni Karnik and Lauren Blaxter. The annual event is supported by Andover Youth Services.

Runway being cleared for takeoff Sign up to design for Keep It Wild youth fashion show

By JILLIAN RICCIARDELLI
AND SUZIE ALLEN

It's time for Andover's high school youth to find their "Wild" side. Andover Youth Service's "Keep It Wild" Fashion Show, an annual event since 1998, is getting ready to kick off the 2009 fashion show season. This show gives creative high school-aged, and some middle school-aged, students the opportunity to design and showcase their own clothing lines. Audience members never know what to expect from this event. In past years, models have been seen on the runway in everything from body paint to faux fur coats and trash-bag dresses to fairy-tale wedding dresses - hence the name: "Keep It Wild." Young designers do not have to be a fashionista to be featured in this event. The fashion show is for sewers and non-sewers, lovers of high heels and lovers of high tops, people who live for next year's runway collection and people who live for reused, recycled and remade clothing. Don't know how to sew? No worries! Julia Shapiro, an Andover High School senior and a student producer of "Keep It Wild," will teach learn-to-sew courses in the brand new sewing studio at Andover Youth Services' new home on Pearson Street. Courses will also be run for anyone interested in group projects to make outfits out of unusual items such as soda cans, safety pins and mini candy cases.



File photo

Andover youth Kim McLeod in an outfit made by fellow youth Aline Dargie during last year's Keep It Wild Fashion Show.

Each year, the student producers choose a theme for the show. This year's production will relate to pediatric cancer awareness as AYS is working with Wendy Pollack, an Andover High senior and cancer survivor. The show will incorporate wild and funky headpieces because hats were important to Wendy while she was undergoing chemotherapy this past summer. All Andover High students who are interested in being a part of this year's

"Keep it Wild" production should meet in the school cafeteria immediately after school on Thursday, March 5. The meeting will be a quick opportunity to sign up, grab a flyer and share some ideas about what wild things might make appearances on the runway this spring. For further information e-mail AYS Program Coordinator Suzie Allen at sallen@andoverma.gov. Jillian Ricciardelli is an AHS senior and KIW student producer.

7 years of Susan and going strong Anthony profiler kicks off Women in History Series

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

WOMEN IN HISTORY SERIES

Across the country last year, people were talking about registering to vote, thanks to the presidential election in November. As a result, a local actress best known for her portrayal of the woman who fought for women's right to vote, was busier than ever. Bookings for the Susan B. Anthony enactment by Andover resident Sally Mattson included a performance at Hofstra University in New York, the site of the last presidential debate. Mattson was featured in a tent performance because that used to be how important people, including Abraham Lincoln, would address crowds and spread their opinions on the issues, Mattson said. "There's was a high demand (for bookings) and that's because voting got so much attention in 2008," said Mattson, who lives on William Street and has been performing as Susan B. Anthony for seven years. On Monday, March 2, Mattson takes her show to the Andover Senior Center. Appropriately, the show kicks off the center's Women in History Month series. (See sidebar for listing of special programs.) Mattson's performance is a good pick as the actress firmly believes that Anthony is worthy of top billing when it comes to highlighting

Monday, March 2: Andover actress Sally Mattson as Susan B. Anthony on the fight for women's rights. Cost is \$5.
Monday, March 9: All about the books. Emily Classon of Memorial Hall Library and Karen Harris of Andover Bookstore share their favorites when it comes to the tales of women in history.
Monday, March 16: Presentation by the Andover Historical Society about Andover women worth special attention, such as author Harriet Beecher Stowe. Cost is \$5.
Events are at: 1:30 p.m. at the Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court. Pre-registration is required by calling the center at 978 623-8321.

women in history. "My mission is to spread her story," Mattson said. "I still meet people who say, 'I don't know her,' and that is too sad." Mattson has tweaked her performance over the years as Anthony's life parallels life today in some ways. The actress is playing up those parallels. "Her father's mill failed, so the family lost all their furniture and she had to come home to work as a teacher after just one year of school (to support the family)," Mattson said of the 1837 episode which mirrors what is happening to some of today's financially-troubled families. "What happened to her is still relevant today."

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, FEB. 26

TOUR GREATER LAWRENCE TECHNICAL SCHOOL, 9 to 11 a.m. Call F. Larson at 978-686-0194, ext. 1008 to make a reservation for a tour. The event is free and open to the public.
ANNUAL "CITY OF GOD" LECTURE, featuring Martin Marty, renowned interpreter of religion and culture. He will address the contemporary experience of being in constant motion while seeming to get nowhere, of working harder and longer with apparently less and less to show for our efforts, of striving for peace and security while sensing ever more danger and conflict, of deeper longing for spiritual serenity while feeling more distant from God. 3:30 p.m., Cascia Hall, Merrimack College, North Andover. For more information, contact the Augustinian Center at Merrimack College at 978-837-5217.
IT'S A MYSTERY, 3:45 p.m., for children, ages 8-11, who love detective stories. Each week this club will discuss new and favorite mystery authors, create coded messages, try on disguises, and have a surprise visitor. The final mission will be to solve a Memorial Hall Mystery. Registration is required by Feb. 20, as space is limited. The program will run for four weeks Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19; Memorial

Hall Library.
CARDIAC PATIENT AND HOSPICE, presented by Merrimack Valley Hospice, 7:45 a.m., free, Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover.
AUTHOR READING, with Ulrich Boser, author of *The Gardner Heist*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St., Andover; 978-475-0143
FRIDAY, FEB. 27
LIVE THEATER, ACT Andover presents Cole Porter: What a Swell Party This Is, a De-Lovely Evening of song and dance celebrating the broad scope of music that is Cole Porter. 7:30 p.m. The performance gives a historic look at the life and music of Cole Porter, Tewksbury Senior Center, 175 Chandler St., Tewksbury. Other show dates are Sunday, Feb. 28, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 1, at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20 adults, \$17 seniors/students and can be purchased by calling 978-289-4123 or online at www.actandover.com.
COMEDY NIGHT BENEFIT, The Claddagh Pub and Restaurant in Lawrence hosts a benefit for the Lazarus House with comedians Jimmy Dunn, Dave Rattigan and Erin Livingston and live Celtic rock music with Beyond the Pale. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8

Please see **EVENTS**, Page 7

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Ice Rinks
Now Taking Registrations for Winter Programs

| | |
|--|---|
| Adult Hockey Leagues Pickup Games | Skating Club Open Skating Private Lessons Freestyle |
| Hockey School Group Lessons Clinics | Skating School Basic Skills Classes Tots Lessons Summer Camps |

Celebrate Your Birthday On Ice!

FOR INFORMATION
978-684-7200
www.andover.edu/ice

Wines From Around the World...
...Just Around the Corner

Wolf Blass
Yellow Label

| | |
|--------------------|--------|
| Chardonnay | \$8.99 |
| Riesling | \$8.99 |
| Shiraz | \$8.99 |
| Shiraz/Cabernet | \$8.99 |
| Cabernet Sauvignon | \$8.99 |

Shawsheen Village Liquors
(Corners of Route 133 & 28)
2-4 Poor St., Andover
(978) 475-3636
www.shawsheenliquors.com

INTELLIGENT DESIGN SOLUTIONS
BY SUE ADAMS, ALLIED MEMBER ASID
SITTING PRETTY

Decorating strategies often call for draperies to be matched to slipcovers. When looking for fabric for both window and re-upholstery treatments, check for a tight weave and stain-repelling finishes. Also note the fiber content of the material. Cotton fiber is strong, dyes well, and is versatile, but it fades in direct sunlight. Linen has luster and strength, but it tends to wrinkle. The other natural fiber, wool, is strong with good insulating properties. It also takes dye well and is soil-resistant, but it can be expensive. Synthetic acrylic, on the other hand, has the warmth of wool and resists moths, mildew, and sunlight. As for polyester, it is strong, wrinkle-and soil-resistant but does not accept dye very well.

Shopping for the right window treatment to set the tone of your room? Want a large selection of gorgeous fabrics from which to choose, with lots of creative ideas from a qualified decorating team? You want **SUE ADAMS INTERIORS**. Whether your tastes lean toward quietly elegant or eye-catching contemporary, you'll find skillful, sensitive help in transforming the house you have into an environment that is uniquely yours. Whether you're doing a little or a lot, you'll find we offer the help you need.

HINT: As a drapery and slipcover fabric, olefin is strong, a good insulator, resistant to stains and sunlight, and relatively easy to care for.

978-475-3567
SUEADAMSINTERIORS.COM

Townspeople

House call to Ghana

Nursing student has 'life-changing' trip

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Andover native Maggie Murphy, 22, traveled to Ghana, West Africa, ready to give of herself and use the nursing skills she's learned at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. But through her trip, she gained as much as she gave, she said.



Maggie Murphy

Murphy, a 2004 Andover High School graduate, went to Ghana in January with 11 UMass Lowell nursing students, volunteering and providing health care in the rural village of Kpando for two weeks.

"It was the most amazing experience, definitely life-changing," she said.

"What was most surprising was that the local people were so receptive to us. We'd be walking down the street, and say, 'Hello.' They would say, 'You are welcome' back to us. They were so happy to see us, it was amazing to have that kind of reception," Murphy said. "They were the most wonderful, kindest people I've ever met."

The UMass Lowell nursing team gave a blood pressure clinic



Maggie Murphy, top left, with her fellow nurses and children in Kpando, Ghana.

United States, such as with Hurricane Katrina victims.

"This experience has definitely opened me up to being a little more adventurous. We have so much over here (in the U.S.), that it would be great to help other people," she said.

The nursing students spent the summer and fall raising money for the trip. They contacted local hospitals and others in the medical community, and brought donated first-aid supplies, vitamins, clothing and other medical supplies with them to Ghana.

Murphy said one of her first impressions of Ghana was the divide between the very rich, who had electricity and running water, and the very poor, who lived off the closest body of water, without indoor plumbing.

"We didn't really know what to expect," she said, and the team was ready to live without electricity or showers. They ended up staying in houses, she said, some with running water and some without.

Murphy transferred to UMass Lowell her sophomore year, after starting college at UMass Amherst. She lives in Andover with her father, James Murphy, and commutes to Lowell for classes.

She has always been fascinated by medicine, she said, and "fell absolutely in love" with her major after taking her first nursing class.

and volunteered at a children's home for kids whose parents are dead or dying from AIDS.

Many of the medical problems they saw in Ghana, said Murphy, stemmed from basic hygiene issues and not having clean water. The students talked to residents about purifying or boiling their water before drinking it, and washing their hands.

For the children at the AIDS home, who are

immunosuppressed, simple lessons like not blowing your nose on your shirt made a big difference, she said. The team also set up a care plan for the children's home, with regular bathing times for the kids and a regimen to keep the building cleaner and more sterile.

"Even the volunteers (at the children's home) needed some teaching," Murphy said. "They seemed receptive, and we're

hoping that knowledge spreads ... We did what we could with the knowledge we had.

"I would do it all over again if I could," she said. "It helps you appreciate what you have. It was a wonderful experience."

Murphy, a senior nursing major, will graduate from UMass Lowell this spring. After her trip to Ghana, she hopes to be able to volunteer again, whether in the developing world or here in the

Wrapped up in Mardi Gras



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Carolyn Holden, 10, wraps a pole with purple ribbon in the sanctuary to recreate the festive atmosphere of Carnival and Mardi Gras during the Contemporary Worship Service at South Church. Foreign language students at Wood Hill Middle School also got into the act on Tuesday, the festive last day before Lent, a somber time in the Christian calendar. Photos in Education, Page 16.

Small Andover schools made big and lasting impressions

By Bill Dalton



When I write about the old district schools in Andover, I get a lot of responses, and the smaller the school the more responses I get. It's easy to figure out why. We loved the small schools, the small classrooms and the relationships we had with our teachers.

Grade school teachers in my time were almost all single women. Until World War II, female teachers in Andover were required to be single. A few of them were widows, but most were "maiden ladies" who were dedicated to their students. Almost six decades later, I remember the names, faces and personalities of all my grade school teachers, as if they were family. They truly cared for us. We were their children.

Ralph Arabian, Pynchard High Class of 1957, says he is a "proud graduate" of Indian Ridge School. He remembers getting personal attention from each of his teachers and mentions that Miss

Brown's "fluffy white hair" amused him. He says, "She taught us arithmetic by placing and counting purple little pegs on our individual desks. We also read about 'Dick and Jane' and 'Sally and Spot.' I can still recite the entire book to this day."

Ralph has a recollection of morning milk time: "At 9:30, David Belka and I would go into the back room and get the case of about 35 bottles of milk. We'd punch holes onto the cardboard covers, insert the straws, then deliver them to the classrooms. The cost to each student was 10 cents a week. If you wanted two Oreo cookies, that was an additional 5 cents per week."

Ralph remembers Miss Sweeney (later Mrs. McCordle) very well. He says, "She came to the school once a week and it amazed me how this sweet little lady, dressed in a light blue angora suit, could simply sit at a piano and play with no practice. She always insisted that we open our mouths widely when we sang; otherwise, the words would get 'stuck inside our mouths.' If we didn't open, we would be coerced to sing in front of a mirror until we complied. It was embarrassing."

Ralph says the school building, built in 1893, was decrepit. When they filed

upstairs for an assembly, they were told not to go to the rear part of the building, because the floors sagged and too much weight would collapse the building. He adds, "I was convinced to stay forward, not aft, in fear of my life."

Ralph lived at 3 Cassimere St. and speaks of the walk home from school: "Since all the kids lived close by, we would line up in our 'patrols' two by two and walk in step when leaving the school. Some of us were patrol leaders with 'authority' to report any infractions. We were issued a white band/sash with an official silver badge to indicate this authority. The trek to Cassimere Street was always eventful, as we would run, roll, and slide down the Cuba Street hill onto Shawshen Road."

Tom Auchterlonie graduated from Andover High in 1963. Most of his Indian Ridge School memories involve its playground. He says, "In the summer, we were either at the playground or Pumps Pond. The playground was the center of our day. We would spend hours and hours in chess, checkers, ping-pong tournaments, and softball games against Ballardvale and Central playgrounds. I can't count the number of whistle lanyards and bracelets we would weave with that plastic stuff."

Tom mentions the transition from the small Indian Ridge School to a bigger grade school. He says, "I remember going on to West Elementary and being in a classroom with as many kids as were in the whole of Indian Ridge School and having to take a bus to school rather than just walking up the street. It was strange going to school with kids who didn't live in our neighborhood — strangers, in fact!"

Tom went to Springfield College and received a master's degree from the University of Bridgeport. He taught math for 34 years in Mamaroneck, N.Y., and coached gymnastics and soccer. He is now retired with his wife in Los Osos, Calif., where he plays golf and kayaks. Both he and his wife ride Harleys for fun.

Tom, along with other readers, was able to identify many of the children in the picture of Indian Ridge School's last day that appeared in the online issue of the Andover Townsman. That picture, along with the identities of most of the students, can be found online this week at www.andovertownsmen.com.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and can be reached at billdalton@andovertownnie.com.

LOWELL DEVILS
PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY
MARK FRASER BOBBLEHEAD!!
Free to the first 2,000 fans!
SATURDAY
FEBRUARY 28
1:30PM
COURTESY OF COURTYARD MARRIOTT OF LOWELL
TSONGAS ARENA
LOWELL, MA

978-458-PUCK
www.lowelldevils-hockey.com

■ ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 years ago – Feb. 28, 1909

It doesn't look like a very serious conflict for next Monday so far as the number of offices is concerned. There are but four positions for which there is any semblance of a serious fight. One of these is for the one term of Selectman and Assessor, one for the three new members of the school committee, the third for the members of the Board of Health, and the last for the position of highway surveyor.

The first grand assembly and dance of Indian Ridge Rebekah Lodge was held last Friday evening in the Town hall. Notwithstanding the muddy walking and cloudy skies, a large crowd turned out to this event.

At Stowe School on Wednesday morning special exercises were held in honor of Lincoln's Birthday. A large portrait of Lincoln was draped with the stars and stripes.

50 years ago – Feb. 12, 1959

Massachusetts fails to recognize the key importance of top level employees in the state and local government, according to a recent analysis of public salaries by the Taxpayers Federation.

Thoroughout the nation one of every 34 state and municipal employees was paid a salary of \$7,200 or higher. For Massachusetts, only one out of 71 employees was in this higher salary bracket.

50 years ago – Feb. 19, 1959

Starting in 1960 the top 10 percent of the graduation class at Andover High School will receive special honors.

Headmaster Lindsay J. March told the School Committee that selection of four youngsters for honors dates to the days when this might represent 10 percent of the class. Now, he explained, there are many students deserving of honors.

50 years ago – Feb. 26, 1959

State officials informed Andover that \$304,291.16 can be expected from various sources, chiefly the income and corporations taxes. Of particular interest is an increase of an estimated \$30,200 in receipts from the income tax, as a result of the withholding system.

25 years ago – Feb. 9, 1984

Andover cannot wait any longer for state and federal funds to build its long-delayed Riverina Road sewage pumping station, the public works director said Monday night, calling the station "the most dire need of this community."

An equipment failure at the station early Monday morning led to a sewage back-up, which forced several Shawshen Village businesses to close and led to the discharge of waste directly into the Shawshen River.

10 years ago – Feb. 18, 1999

Selectmen want the School Committee to study whether the school department needs the sizeable 9.3 percent increase Superintendent Dr. Claudia L. Bach has recommended. While Town Manger Buzz Stapzynski has recommended giving the schools \$2 million more than last year - a 6.1 percent increase - Bach wants more than \$3.1 million more, an increase of 9.3 percent.

10 years ago – Feb. 25, 1999

A well-known Andover plastic surgeon is being held in the fatal shooting of a North Andover man at Holy Family Hospital Tuesday.

Dr. James Kartell, 59, an employee and former president of the medical staff at Holy Family Hospital in Methuen, was not on duty Tuesday evening, but came to visit his estranged wife Suzan Kamm, 57, around 6:30 p.m. at the hospital.

—Compiled by Will Ewing
What's Up Contributor

■ AT THE LIBRARY

Library, school pair to celebrate special month

This month, patrons at Memorial Hall Library may have noticed a special display, created in celebration of National Career and Technical Education month.

Students and staff at Greater

Lawrence Technical high school designed the display, highlighting the River Road school's 16 career and technical education programs.

The River Road school also planned to host an open house and give tours of its facility to the public this morning, Feb. 26.

■ FIRST BIRTHDAYS

The Townsman usually publishes happy first birthday messages in the last issue of each month for babies who just celebrated birthdays in that month. First birthday messages for children born in March 2008 are due Friday, March 20 at 5 p.m., for inclusion in the March 26 or April 2 paper.

Bryson Michael Begg celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 11. He is the son of Ian and Kimberly Begg of Herndon, Va. Ian grew up in Andover. Grandparents are Virginia Begg of Andover and the late Charles Begg and Dee and Michael Martin of Bridgewater, N.J. Bryson loves ravioli, playing in the bathtub and sharing toys with his brother, Charlie, 2 1/2. He is a Yankees fan.



George Alexander Begg, who is called Alex, celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 21. He is the son of Eric and Caroline Begg of San Jose, Calif. Eric grew up in Andover. Grandparents are Virginia Begg of Andover and the late Charles Begg, and Charline Gardhouse of Toronto, Canada and the late George Gardhouse. Alex loves bagels and cream cheese, reading "Goodnight Moon" every night and keeping up with his sister, Victoria, 3 1/2. He is a Red Sox fan.



Simon John Taxiarchos celebrated his first birthday on Feb. 7. His parents are John and Deana Taxiarchos. Grandparents are Joseph and Marilyn Bardetti of Andover and Simos and Kiki Taxiarchos of Athens, Greece. Simon loves to smile, laugh and play. He always has either a book or a ball in his hands, sometimes even both. He also enjoys visiting his seven cousins who live in Andover.



Ainsley Rankin Muldoon celebrated her first birthday on Feb. 2 surrounded by her family and friends. Ainsley lives in New York City with her parents, Peyton and Arthur Muldoon. Her grandparents are Nancy Muldoon of Andover and Dhuanne and Douglas Tansill of Vero Beach, Fla.



■ ENGAGEMENT

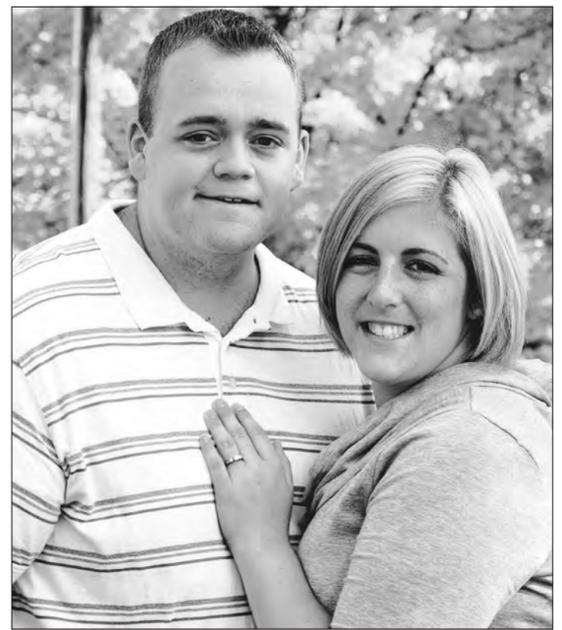
Anna Theresa Vining and Timothy Lee Burns

David and Jayne Vining of Andover and Stoneham are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of his and the late Norma Vining's daughter, Anna Theresa Vining to Timothy Lee Burns, son of Gloria Burns of Oakland, Md. and James Burns of Tampa, Fla.

Anna is a 2000 graduate of Andover High School and 2004 graduate of Elon University, Elon, N.C., where she received a bachelor's degree in corporate communications and business. She currently works as a program manager at HeartScreen America Inc. in Andover.

Tim is a 2000 graduate of Southern High School, Oakland, Md. and 2005 graduate of Frostburg State University, Frostburg, Md., where he received a bachelor's degree in computer science. He currently works as a software engineer at New River inc. in Andover.

The couple resides in Stoneham. The wedding is planned for Sept. 26, 2009 in Waterville Valley, N.H. with a tented ceremony and reception overlooking the mountains.



LIMOS • TAXIS • VANS • SEDANS • LIMOS • TAXIS • VANS • SEDANS

BELLMORES TRANSPORTATION

We are also Andover Livery/Cab Co. formerly located at 19 Barnard Street in Andover.

- Sedans • Vans • Limousines
- Corporate Accounts Welcome
- Airport Services • Proms • Nights Out

Proud to still be serving the Merrimack Valley area for the past 23 years!

Michael Bellmore, Owner

24 Hour Service
978-474-4244 | 978-475-2888

Toll Free
603-421-9931 | 877-421-9931

Bellmoretransportation.com

VISA MasterCard

LIMOS • TAXIS • VANS • SEDANS • LIMOS • TAXIS • VANS • SEDANS • LIMOS • TAXIS • VANS • SEDANS

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTION

DENTISTS

Apara Sharma, DMD
A Contemporary Dental Experience
Cosmetic And Family Dentistry

Certified INVISALIGN®
CLEAR BRACES starting at \$2,500

Call for Free Consultation!
978.470.2233
Saturday & Evening Appointments
Children Welcome
Most Insurance Accepted
16 Haverhill Street
Andover, MA 01810
www.AndoverFamilyDental.com

PSYCHOTHERAPY

focused problem solving
marital counseling

Donald MacGillivray, LICSW
10 High Street, Andover
Free Initial Consult 978-470-1555

LAWYERS

ATTORNEY DAVID F. BERNARDIN
35 Years Experience
Real Estate - Probate Matters - Accident Claims
GENERAL PRACTICE OF LAW
21 Central Street, Andover
(978) 470-3270

LAWYERS

Law Offices of **Marybeth McInnis**
Concentrating in the areas of Estate Tax and Business Planning.
Probate Administration and Elder Law
Of Counsel - James J. McInnis
Please call today for our FREE Estate Planning Information Packet
(978) 686-6112
807 Turnpike Street
North Andover, MA 01845

PERSONAL PROBLEM SOLVING

DR. JOSEPH HARRINGTON
30 Years Experience as Licensed Psychologist
MARRIAGE COUNSELING
Work Issues • Stress • Anxiety
Please visit my Website
www.DoctorHarrington.com
BC/BS - HMO Blue & Other Insurances Accepted
24 York Street • Andover 978-475-5392
- CLIP AND SAVE -

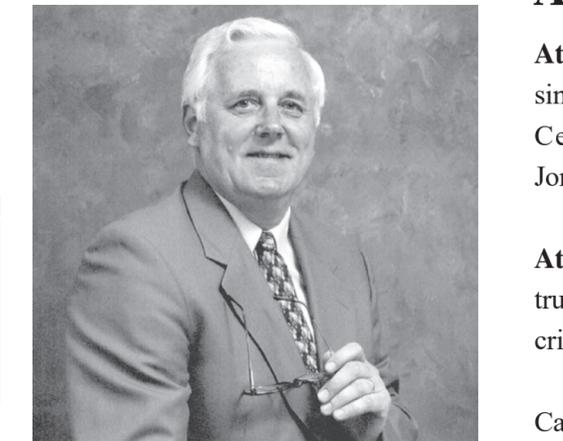
ACCOUNTANTS - CERTIFIED PUBLIC

TOSCANO & ARDITO, P.C.
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
Specializing In
Business, Financial and Tax Planning

Forty Bayfield Drive, N. Andover, MA 01845
Voice (978) 688-2880 Fax (978) 688-2759
Two Greenleaf Woods Drive #301
Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 427-0900

PRIVATE TUTORING

Beaven & Associates
Private Tutors
Major Academic Subjects and Test Preparations for
SSAT, PSAT, SAT I & II, GRE, GMAT
91 Main Street, Andover • 978-475-5487
www.beavenandassociates.com



Attorney David F. Bernardin

Attorney David F. Bernardin

Attorney David F. Bernardin, in full-time practice since November, 1968, maintains his practice at 21 Central Street, Andover, within the historic Jonathan Swift Building.

Attorney Bernardin focuses on real estate, wills, trust, probate law, civil practice and tort claims, and criminal representation.

Call him at (978) 470-3270, and gain the comfort of entrusting your legal matters to a competent, caring and experienced attorney.

INSURANCE & FINANCIAL

COMMONWEALTH FINANCIAL GROUP

Christine Routhier Burke,
Certified Financial Planner® practitioner

Christine Routhier Burke is a registered representative of and offers securities and financial advisory services through MML Investors Services, Inc.
Supervisory Office: 125 Summer Street, Suite 510, Boston MA 02110 • (617) 439-4389

23 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Andover, MA 01810
ph 978.475.8710 • fax 978.475.1267
crburke@finsvcs.com

To Place Your Ad Here, Please Call 978 475-7000

QUALITY TUTORING

Cathy Wallace
Director
Smart Start Tutoring, Inc.

21 Central Street
Andover MA 978-470-4920
smartstarttutoring@hotmail.com

TUTORING

ANDOVER ACADEMIC TUTORS
Helping Students Achieve Success
Subject Matter and Test Prep Tutoring
Katherine Lamanna
MAT, MA, Certified Teacher
andovertutors@gmail.com
978-835-4215
www.andoveracademicutors.com

MEDIATION

DIVORCE MEDIATION
A REASONABLE & COST EFFECTIVE ALTERNATIVE TO LITIGATION
Ronald E. Zagaja, LICSW, BCD
Certified Divorce Mediator
- FREE INITIAL CONSULTATION -
ANDOVER COUNSELING CENTER
Chestnut Green, Rte. 114, Suite #47
North Andover 978-682-1579
ronzagaja@yahoo.com

CHIROPRACTORS

DISCOVER ANDOVER'S ADVANCED CHIROPRACTIC

ANDOVER SPINE CENTER
Dr. Christopher R. Condon
Andover Spine Center
63 Park Street,
Andover, MA 01810
978-474-1700

Now Accepting Harvard Pilgrim Members
www.andoverspinecenter.com
MOST INSURANCES ACCEPTED

OPTICAL

ANDOVER EYE CARE

- * Exams
- * Contact Lenses
- * Glasses
- * Sunglasses

Optometrists:
Dr. Yale Shriber
Todd Berberian R.D.O.
Diane Sawyer, Optician
Christine Gross

77 Main St., Andover
(978) 749-7300

To Place Your Ad Here, Please Call 978 475-7000

COUNSELOR

USA College Bound
College Counseling Services
Committed to helping each student reach his or her potential in the application process.
Personalized one on one counseling.

Julie Ireland Childs
College Counselor
508-633-3223
jchilds@usacollegebound.com

INSURANCE

SAMEL Insurance Agency Inc.
Personal Service from a Professional Agency

978-474-0810

15 Central Street
Andover, MA 01810

To Place Your Ad Here, Please Call 978-475-7000

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continued from Page 11

Listen to new candidate English

Editor, Townsman:
We are fortunate this year to have so many candidates running for both Board of Selectmen and School Committee.

In the selectmen's race, both Brian Major and Ted Teichert have served the town for a number of years, and most of us are familiar with their accomplishments.

This year a new face has entered the race. Will English is an energetic young man, a long-time resident, and someone who has already given of himself to town projects. Voters who are interested in a fresh face and new ideas would do well to listen to him and consider him carefully as a candidate.

DON ROBB
36 York St.

Colby-Clements' skills, experience needed

Editor, Townsman:
Andover, like many communities, is facing the fiscal double whammy of increasing demands for our education resources coupled with declining funding. Our School Committee members must rise to the daunting task of deciding how to deliver more with less. Paula Colby-Clements is up to this challenge.

Colby-Clements is specially qualified for this position. She brings experience as an attorney, as a professor and as head of admissions at the Massachusetts School of Law and from prior work in the corporate world. In addition, she volunteers significant time to her community. She also has a strong personal interest in the quality of our school system in that her three young children will be working through the system for many years.

Having served with her on the Andona Society Board, where she served two years as president, we have seen Colby-Clements demonstrate a true spirit of community volunteerism, working to identify benefits for the greater group. She is thorough in clarifying the many facets and tradeoffs of an issue and emphasizing the value of communication to build

LETTERS POLICY FOR ELECTION

With seven people running for selectmen and School Committee, the Townsman asks letter writers seeking to endorse a candidate to limit their letters to 200 words, and will edit down letters. The Townsman has a longstanding policy of not printing letters for candidates in the issue prior to elections. Therefore, no letters for candidates will be printed in the March 19 paper. Letters for inclusion in the March 5 and 12 papers must be received by 9 a.m. on the Monday before the paper.

Mail to:
33 Chestnut St.,
Box 1986, Andover, Mass. 01810
Fax to: 978-470-2819
E-mail: Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com. Please include the letter in the body of the e-mail, not as an attachment.

teamwork even in the face of adversity. She recognizes that it is strong teamwork that enables groups to solve tough problems.

We need a person with these skills and experience to meet the challenges of the hard work ahead.

LYNNE BLECH
8 Abbot Bridge Drive
CAROLYN CLAMAN
50 Hidden Road

Gilbert reinvented Bancroft communication

Editor, Townsman:
It has been my distinct pleasure to know and work with Annie Gilbert. I have always found her to be hard-working, honest and task-oriented. As one example, she approached the Bancroft Elementary School PTO with what she saw as a problem with our system of schoolwide communication. She took the initiative to start a Communications Committee, which researched the issue and then determined that the best solution was to create a new PTO Web site.

Gilbert saw this effort through from the initial discussions to the launch of our new bancroftpto.org Web site last fall. The site has become the main forum for communicating within the Bancroft community. Thorough and easy to navigate, it has won high praise from our school's administration and become the envy of other administrators throughout Andover.

I know that as a member of the School Committee, Gilbert will use her extensive communication and problem-solving skills to enhance our school system. She is dedicated to bringing our children the excellent education

they are entitled to.

KAREN MAROTTA
12 Sheridan Road
PTO President - Bancroft Elementary School

Gilberts systemwide perspective 'invaluable'

Editor, Townsman:
I support of Annie Gilbert's candidacy for School Committee. I know Gilbert well; our children attend Andover's public schools together, and for the past three years we have worked together on Parent to Parent, the non-profit organization supported by the schools' PTOs that sponsors free presentations on topics relevant to our children.

Whether we are attempting to find a creative way to bring in a well-known speaker on a limited budget or stay on task for a deadline, Gilbert shines as both a team player and leader.

As the mother of three children encompassing elementary, middle and high school, Gilbert has a unique and thorough grasp of the issues at play at all levels of the school system. This perspective has made her an invaluable asset to Parent, and it will no doubt guide her deliberations as a member of the School Committee. Her many strengths include the ability to listen, to communicate effectively and to solve problems. She easily engages members with different viewpoints and helps reach a consensus on difficult decisions. Her thoughtfulness and ability to think "outside the box" are qualities that will serve the community extremely well as we face the extraordinary challenges of the coming school year.

LAURIE COX-SCHREIBER
27 Bartlet St.

Birnbach brings experience, innovation

Editor, Townsman:

I am writing to urge citizens to join me in supporting David Birnbach's candidacy for School Committee. Birnbach is the best person for the role because he has the background, experience and innovative ideas to foster change and take on the challenges we face today. Birnbach is a lifelong member of the Andover community. In my role as a PTO president, moderator of Townwide PTO and a school council member, I worked with Birnbach during his last stint on the School Committee. He was part of a group that represented a spirit of collaboration, change and insight. He helped the School Committee gain respect and credibility at a time when it was needed.

We all realize that Andover is at a financial crossroads and all town departments are striving to manage a difficult situation while still providing the services that the town needs. It is especially important for school administration to take control of the present situation but not lose sight that, in their role as educators, they must still find ways to move forward. His experience in public service in Andover means he has already established the necessary relationships and knowledge to get things done right away.

PATRICE MINTON
8 Ferndale Ave.

Barber won't cave in to teacher union politics

Editor, Townsman:

We endorse Art Barber for School Committee because over a five-year period he insisted the committee, superintendent, principal and teachers' union stay focused on whether it is appropriate for students to obtain and take home tests/quizzes/papers along with corresponding answer keys, despite great opposition from many of those previously mentioned.

We repeatedly brought this issue to the attention of the

superintendent and principal with no change in an "ad hoc" high school policy where some departments thought it good pedagogy for students to learn from their mistakes and others not. From this inaction, we asked the committee to address the so-called "department-based policy" in concert with the School Committee's review of all school policies. Barber did not let go of the issue despite the urging of others. As an educator and experienced businessman he understood the value of learning from one's mistakes and one's successes; it is what we ask of our children.

At one meeting we listened in astonishment at the excuses made by high school teachers about why they could not give back papers, tests, and answer

keys in a timely manner suitable for student learning. It is now Andover school policy for all students to be able to take home papers, tests and answer keys; all that needs to be done is to ask. The policy makes clear teachers must inform students and parents of the process, which would not have been standardized if Barber caved in to the teachers' union. Barber will not give in to political expediencies and makes decisions based on what is best for students.

AL AND KAREN ROBBAT
2 Matthew St.

MORE LETTERS PAGES 10, 11

WINNING COOKS START WITH WINNING KITCHENS!



Adam's Kitchen's award-winning designer, Kevin Briggs, CMKBD, walked away with this year's **EM-NARI COTY Award**, for his elegant, cutting-edge design for a client in Tewksbury. To see these and other extraordinary ideas for your home, visit our showroom or call **781.438.5065** for a custom consultation.



www.AdamsKitchens.com
M-F 9-5; Sat. 10-4; Eve. by Appt.
125 Main St., Stoneham, MA

ADAMS Kitchens, Bathrooms and Custom Built Interiors **WoodMode** **BROOKHAVEN**

TALLMAN EYE ASSOCIATES
Committed to Serving YOU Better!

At Tallman Eye Associates, we understand the importance of fulfilling our customers' needs.

978.688.6182
www.tallmaneye.com

• New Evening & Saturday Hours
• Reserved Parking
• Friendly & Reliable Staff
• Bilingual (*Hablamos Español*)

Our NEW State-of-the-Art facility is conveniently located at Sal's Riverwalk Properties



DIRECTIONS
From the South Via Rte 495:
• Merge right onto ramp marked Exit 44-45. (Ramp merges onto the lower deck of bridge)
• Cross river bearing right into Exit 44
• Follow loop, following signs to Exit 44 (Merrimack Street.)
• Recross river to Exit 44. Bear right, down the ramp to Merrimack St.
• Turn right onto Merrimack St. and enter the Riverwalk complex. Tallman Eye Associates will be located in building 9, entrance "I"

From the North Via Rte 495:
• Exit Route 495 at Exit 44
• Cross river and bear right onto Exit 44
• Turn right at bottom of ramp
• Turn right into Riverwalk complex
• Follow signs to our building

SAL'S RIVERWALK PROPERTIES
360 Merrimack Street
Building 9 - Entrance "I"
Lawrence, MA 01843

For More Information, Please Call (978) 688-6182

AMESBURY, MA
24 Morrill Place
978.388.4044

NORTH ANDOVER, MA
451 Andover Street
978.794.8118

SALEM, NH
29 Stiles Road
603.893.7400

HAVERHILL, MA
62 Brown Street, Ste. 205
978.521.5653



| | | | |
|---|--|---|---|
|  Carter B. Tallman, M.D. |  Cynthia L. DeAngelis, M.D. |  Thomas P. Pappavaseliu, M.D. |  Samuel D. Allen, M.D. |
|  Elias Reichel, M.D. |  Adam H. Rogers, M.D. |  Mitesh Kapadia, M.D., PH.D. |  Janine Eagle, M.D. |
|  Jorge M. Botero, M.D. |  Nancy Bonachea, M.D. |  James Valenti, O.D. |  Olin V. Burkhart, O.D. |
|  Judith H. Marrocco, O.D. |  Aileen Maria-Cruz, O.D. |  Gillian J. Steward, O.D. |  Paulette Turco, O.D. |
|  Yianni Panagiotopoulos, O.D. |  Kristin Breed Tallman, O.D. |  Sarah Johnson, O.D. | |

Education

New principals could be named within weeks

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Superintendent Claudia Bach has begun interviewing the finalists to become the next principals of Andover High and Bancroft Elementary schools.

Search committees, comprised of parents, staff and administration from the two schools have narrowed each pool down to three finalists.

For Bancroft, finalists include Dianne Connolly, a Haverhill assistant principal who started her teaching career at Bancroft in 1988; Philip Banios, assistant principal in Groveland; and current Bancroft Interim Principal Francine Goldstein.

"Bancroft holds a special place in my heart," said Connolly, who taught at Bancroft from 1988 to 1995, and later worked in town as a home tutor. "I have fond memories about the Bancroft

ON THE WEB
More about each candidate is available online at andovertownsmen.com

community, the staffs collaboration of working together, trying to best meet the needs of every individual. I agree with Andover and Bancroft's philosophy of keeping high standards."

For Andover High School, finalists include Jonathan Harris, a Chelmsford native currently working in the Austin, Texas public schools; Philip Conrad, assistant principal at Hamilton Wenham High School; and Brian Salzer, current principal of Newton South High School.

Superintendent Bach said she was not surprised the job postings drew 20 applicants for the Andover High principal position and 22 applicants for Bancroft, and doesn't consider that a low

turnout.

"I expected 20 or so resumes. The candidate pool (for school principals) is shrinking. Some years back, there would have been 50 or more. Principals are aging and retiring, and fewer people are going through the certification and training to become a principal, moving from teacher to principal," said Bach.

"The quality of applicants was very high. People want to be (work) in Andover, we know that. We've had cases where they're dropped out of a candidate race in another town because they were chosen as finalist in Andover. Our pay is a little higher than surrounding districts, and we have schools that are striving and have been led by very good people."

In the first week in January, current AHS Principal Peter Anderson announced his

intention to resign in June 2009. Bancroft's current leader, Francine Goldstein, was hired by the superintendent in June 2008 for a one-year interim principal position.

The district started advertising and accepting resumes the second week in January, and closed the deadline Feb. 2, said Gillian Chartier, recruitment assistant in Andover's human resources department. It hopes to have both principal jobs filled within three or four weeks, said Chartier. Bach said she hopes to hire the Bancroft Elementary principal as early as next week, and the AHS job possibly by the second week of March.

Last year's principal searches at West Elementary drew 18 applicants over a two-month period and Doherty Middle School received 27 applicant for its principal job, over a 33 day period, said Chartier. South

Elementary accepted applications through two rounds of searching, and received 35 applicants, total, over two one-month periods.

Diane Costagliola, AHS PAC copresident, served on the school's principal search committee, and said stability — a principal who will stay long-term — and knowledge of the budget process were two important qualities they looked for, said Costagliola.

"It was a good pool of people, and these (top three) were exceptionally viable candidates. Either of these three gentlemen will take AHS to the next phase," she said.

In the next few weeks, each candidate will visit their perspective school, spending a day with current staff, students and parents. Bach will also do site visits to see them working in their current job. For Harris, it means flying down to Austin, Texas.

Bach said she frames her interview questions around the things parent focus groups identify as important.

"I'm also looking for someone who would be a great colleague with the current principals in Andover. Someone who is really a team player, will work closely with other administrators, and work with me to move the school forward."

"Also, does the person really have a sense of how education is going to have to change? What are the things we have to do with kids to make them more competitive, have the skills to survive in tough economic times," said Bach. "(A candidate must) really be willing to take some risks, really respect teachers, parents and really care about kids ... if a person goes through an interview and doesn't happen to mention students, that makes me worried."

Principal Anderson always scored highly

Ken Seifert



Andover resident Ken Seifert was superintendent of schools from 1969 to 1991. He has started a regular column in which he will answer

educational questions, write about life, raising children, his time leading the Andover schools and, sometimes, compare events and approaches of the past to those used today.

I have evaluated and assessed more people than I can remember. I did have a profile I used as a frame of reference in comparing those in the education profession. The criteria were: knowledge and sensitivity of subject matter, knowledge and sensitivity of growth and development of children, personal philosophy of education, tolerance for ambiguity, long-term perspective, and a sense of humor.

One of the highest scores was achieved by Peter Anderson, now the principal of Andover High School. I met him when he was assigned to teach English at the East Junior High. I say assignment because he views his role as an educator and uses his assignments as a vehicle to be a positive influence on both children and adults. His major goal is to enhance their self esteem. He is gifted at inspiring people to dream and to help these dreams come true. He behaves in a consistent fashion whether as teacher or administrator.

In today's environment, the second most difficult job in education (after superintendent) is the principal of a high school. This is especially true where there is only one high school in a town. It is a beacon and the result of the school system's effort to fulfill the journey of 13 years, from kindergarten to grade 12. It was an honor and a privilege to work with Anderson

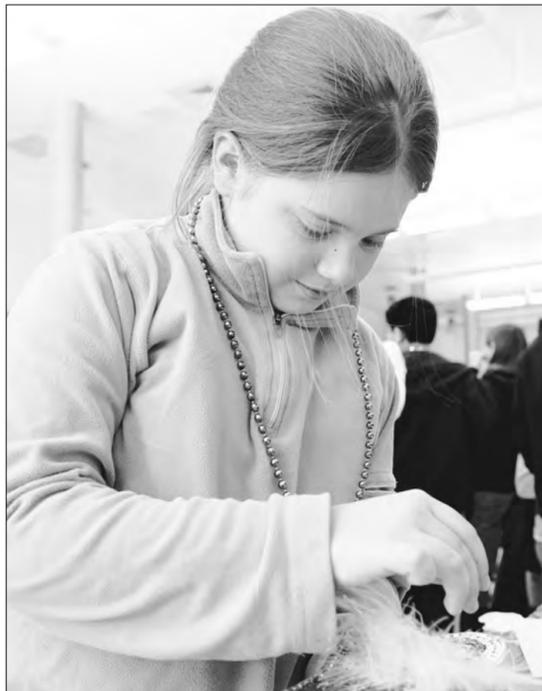
Please see SEIFERT, Page 17

Celebrating Carnival

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN



Marching in a parade with the China puppet are, from left, Will Adie, Andrew Wang, and John Piehl, all seventh graders, during a Carnival celebration at Wood Hill Middle School.



Meghan Flynn, a sixth-grader at Wood Hill Middle School sprinkles glitter onto a mask during Carnival celebration.



Hanging out with their Jamaica puppet they made are Frank Potts, left, Nick Gerroir, middle, and Joshua Lee, right, all fourth-graders, during a Carnival celebration at Wood Hill Middle School.

Summer @ Andover

AGE-APPROPRIATE RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM
PRE-COLLEGE EXPERIENCE
COLLEGE COUNSELING • FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

June 30 to August 5, 2009

SUMMER SESSION

UPPER SCHOOL

Pre-9th to 12th graders

Rigorous academic program with more than 60 courses

LOWER SCHOOL INSTITUTES

Pre-8th graders

Interdisciplinary, team-taught, hands-on courses

in math & biology, history & archaeology,

English & theatre

PHILLIPS ACADEMY
Summer Session
180 Main Street
Andover MA 01810
978-749-4400

Catalogs may be requested on our Web site

www.andover.edu/summersession



Personalized Service at Mail Order Prices...

\$4.00/30 Day Supply

\$10.00/90 Day Supply

On over 300 commonly prescribed medications

Packard Pharmacy
128 Parker St. (Route 114)
Lawrence, MA 01843
978-682-5122

Call to check if your medication is on the list

www.packardpharmacy.com

BROADWAY TIRE & AUTO
(978) 682-0000
456 N. Broadway, Rte. 28 Lawrence, MA
www.broadwaytire-auto.com
30 years family business you can trust.

SAVE \$30
with the purchase
• 2 Tires
• Pair of Shocks
• Front or Rear Brakes
Save \$10 OFF with the purchase of one service listed

COUPON
WHEEL ALIGNMENT
\$69.99
4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT
American Car Care Center
AUTHORIZED DEALER

COUPON
BRAKE SPECIAL
\$79.00 PLUS TAX PER AXLE
Includes Pads, Turn Drums or Rotors, Inspect Lines & Calipers, Fill Fluid, Includes installation. (Most Cars)

ACC
COAST-TO-COAST WARRANTY COVERAGE
TRUSTED NATIONWIDE

