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Trash or treasure? Town files lawsuit against Dufton Road collector

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

Old appliances, an unregistered van and piles of second-hand material stockpiled under large temporary structures cover much of the property at 2 Dufton Road. So the town has taken Joseph and Nancy Boyer of 2 Dufton Road to court, ordering the residents to remove such debris from their property.

According to Building Inspector Kaija Gilmore, the Boyers are in violation of town zoning

bylaws that prohibit the storage of second-hand or discarded materials on an open lot and the keeping unregistered vehicles "not in condition for travel."

Joseph Boyer, a handyman by profession, says what Gilmore and his neighbors consider blight, he considers something that could be fixed and given a second life.

"When something breaks, to me it's something to be repaired. To other people, it's junk. That seems to be a major point of contention, the difference between

those two definitions," said Boyer, who bought his home in 1988.

"It's been a long battle and it feels like it's personal," he said. "I feel like I've done everything they (the town) have asked me to do, every step of the way, and there's been no give on their part."

A building department file details correspondence between building inspectors and Boyer beginning in 2000, threatening fines, ordering the clean up of his property and the removal

of vehicles. In 2007, he was issued a cease-and-desist order against accumulating any more materials.

The situation came to a head in 2008, when selectmen gave Gilmore approval to file a lawsuit against the Boyers. In a June 25, 2008 inspection, Building Inspector Christopher Clemente said he observed eight vehicles and two trailers on the Boyers' property, seven of which were in violation of bylaws.

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The town of Andover has filed a lawsuit against the residents of 2 Dufton Road because of debris they have left on their lawn.

Nose for the season



KATE GLASS/Staff photo

Helina Dicoivitsky, 6, of Andover, rubs noses with Rudolph as her sister, Sasha, 3, picks up her antlers while picking out a Christmas tree with their family at the Andover Community Skate Park Sunday afternoon. The lot, behind West Middle School, expects to remain open until Dec. 21.

School for 700 eyed

Plan would close Shawsheen, redistrict

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The School Committee is supporting a plan that may replace Bancroft Elementary School with a new school for 700 students, close Shawsheen Primary School and redistrict many of Andover's elementary students.

The 700-student school would host 620 students in kindergarten through fifth-grades as well as the district's prekindergarten program of 80 children. An alternative supported by one committee member is to build a smaller new school and also add classrooms to an existing school. The Dec. 14 vote was 4-1, with member Dennis Forgue casting the lone vote against the 700-student school model.

"This is our one bite of the apple," said School Committee Chairwoman Debra Silberstein. "I would like to close Shawsheen, and don't want to fund an additional project."

Shawsheen, built in 1924, is Andover's most expensive school to maintain and is not handicapped accessible.

Bancroft Elementary School, built in 1969, has structural problems and the Massachusetts School Building Authority is partnering with the town to build its replacement. The state will reimburse for a minimum of 40 percent of building costs, as long as its guidelines are met.

MSBA had approved funding for a maximum of 500 students at the new school, but increased the number to 700 if some or all students from Shawsheen School, a K-2 school, are included to alleviating the system's overcrowding.

Forgue advocated for a 564-student school, similar in size to South and High Plain elementary schools. Shawsheen would stay open, he said, but could be capped to have fewer classes or grade levels. The

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Deyermund Field replacement unveiled

3 diamonds, 1 soccer field, 160 spaces

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

What was once a working farm at 15 Blanchard St. will soon be three baseball diamonds and one soccer field.

Designs are nearly finalized to divide the 13 acres into sports fields and parking areas, with construction slated to start in late spring or early summer.

The project, to be built on the site of a former farm the town purchased in 2007, will be a public/private partnership. The Andover Little League and Andover Soccer Association have pledged to pay for more than half of the estimated \$1.9 million complex. The town's portion will be \$425,000.

Carl Grygiel, president of the Andover Soccer Association, said his organization



Please see **FIELD**, Page 2 The plan for 15 Blanchard St., which the town bought in 2007.

Bridal business may fill Natale's empty storefront

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The prime, empty Main Street real estate that has been home to Kaps and Natale's men's clothing stores may soon see new life. An Andover business owner says the building may soon change hands and become home to Cristina's, an upscale women's store currently on the second floor of 10-16 Main St.

Steve Kalman, owner of Cristina's, said his current landlord R. Thomas "Tom" Belhumeur is adding to his downtown real estate. Kalman said Belhumeur will soon close on the 5 Main St. property that was home to Natale's, Kaps Menswear and McCartney's before them, and that Christina's may be moving into the space.

"Yes, most likely we will be moving there," Kalman said when asked about taking over the space vacated by Natale's.

The new location offers street-level windows for Kalman's dress inventory and he looks forward to that. He said plans being discussed focus on making the former Kaps location at 5 Main St. "a bridal destination."

"We're talking about a bridal business building," he said. "We'll have taxes, too."

He said the building needs renovations for the bridal building plan and that is expected to start happening once Belhumeur has the deed in hand.

Belhumeur did not return phone calls.

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LAWSUIT: Dissatisfied with cleanup, town sues property owners

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Gilmore, the Boyers and Tom Urbelis, lawyer for the town, have been to several land court dates, and another is scheduled for Dec. 22.

"He really hasn't made any improvement that I've seen, over the years," said Selectman Ted Teichert, who lives across the street from the Boyers at 5 Dufton Road. "There's no question that it's an eyesore. He goes through people's trash, taking stuff, and it's been adding up."

To avoid a conflict of interest, Teichert said he left the room for last year's discussion and vote in executive session that approved the legal action against the Boyers.

Two December court dates are status conferences, checking in with a judge about what has been done to improve the Boyers' property, said Urbelis.

"Things have improved a little, but not enough," said Urbelis of the case last week.

This week, lawn furniture, a trampoline, a plastic children's playhouse and slide and stacked firewood could be seen on the property.

FIGHTING 'BLIGHT' IN ANDOVER

In 2008, Town Meeting defeated an "anti-blight" bylaw proposed by a group of residents, the second year in a row Andover voters declined to impose minimum maintenance standards on residential properties. The Residential Anti-Blight Bylaw was defeated by a significant margin after a slideshow presented by supporters showed eight blighted properties in town, including 27 Kirkland Drive.

Approval would have called for the enforcement of minimum standards for the maintenance and appearance of residential properties.

Kirkland Drive residents also had brought an unsuccessful Property Maintenance Code to Town Meeting in 2007.

The anti-blight bylaw would have addressed residential properties that contain infestation, are not maintained, have fire hazards or unsanitary conditions, or that "constitute a menace to the welfare and reasonable comforts" of Andover residents, according to the proposal.

Selectmen Ted Teichert, who lives opposite the Dufton Road homeowners the town is taking to court, voted to recommend approval of the 2008 anti-blight article, but recommended disapproval of the 2007 article.

"I think there's some credibility to the (anti-blight) article," Teichert was quoted in a 2008 Townsman story. "It needs to be refined a little bit, because as you've heard, one man's junk is another man's treasure. Something needs to be done because you see it out there. If you can help out the neighbors, it helps to do something."

Some appliances and several carports, covered with tarps, are on the lawn, as well as a bench seat taken out of a vehicle.

Boyer's property is framed by Dufton, Burnham and Rock-O-Dundee roads. He cannot build a shed or garage on his triangle-shaped lot that would meet the

town's setback requirements, he said. "We've been dealing with this for 20-odd years. Because of the shape of my property, I can't build any storage sheds or a garage, which I've wanted to do since the beginning. Anything that I do collect - I'm a handyman, so I have stuff - has

to be collected under tarps, and that looks like heck," said Boyer. "The basis of the complaint, I get it. If I could build these sheds and storage places, there would be no problem."

Dufton Road neighbors, including Teichert, have made complaints over the years about Boyer's property. A group of residents came to a Nov. 16 selectmen's meeting, asking about the status of the court case and imploring the board to do what it could do to help the situation.

"The Board of Selectmen is unanimously in support of you. We can only go as far as the court systems allow," Selectman Brian Major told the neighbors Nov. 16.

At the November meeting, Urbelis told the neighbors and selectmen the case could take three or four years to make its way through the courts.

Besides the visual impact of the Boyers' yard, George Cooke, Joe McGee, Ken Pustis and Lauren Sullivan said they worry about the safety of the neighborhood, not knowing if hazardous materials might be under those tarps.

McGee, who lives at 13 Dufton Road, said Boyer is acting

as a junk dealer, trying to sell the used items he collects. Sullivan, of 10 Dufton, said she's seen truckloads of materials being delivered to the Boyers' property.

This week, Boyer said "it is not my primary intention to resell" the items on his property.

After inspecting the property on Dec. 2, Gilmore penned a letter to the Boyers stating an unregistered van parked on the Boyer's property is in violation of a zoning bylaw. She also wrote that the couple was erecting tarp structures without first applying for a building permit.

Boyer said he put tarp-covered carports on his property to keep items he's collected out of the weather and public view.

"The front, rear and side yards contain material that can only be described as second hand, junk or scrap material, or worn-out, cast off or discarded material, in violation of the zoning bylaw and the land court judgement," wrote Gilmore on Dec. 2.

When reached by phone on Dec. 11, Gilmore said she would not comment on the Dufton Road situation, because of the court case.

FIELD: Bids could be accepted as soon as spring 2010 for new complex

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has money saved and is ready to write a check for \$100,000, their portion of the project -- \$50,000 up front and \$10,000 per year for the next five years.

Len Farris, Andover Little League president, said his organization is 55 or 60 percent of the way with their fundraising, with a silent auction and donor programs planned for the spring.

"There is really a good public/private partnership between organizations in town, and things are coming together. I feel like we're on a good pace and progress is being made," said Farris.

The sports complex design will be finalized over the next few months, said Joe Piantadosi, director of the plant and facilities department, and will have to be

approved by the Conservation Commission.

The town could take bids from contractors in late spring 2010, he said.

The site's grass will take a year to mature, and the playing fields could be ready by summer or fall 2011. Hopefully, the fields will be ready before the town closes the Deyermond Field complex, where many baseball games are now played, he said.

State mandates and environmental concerns will force the closure of the Deyermond Field complex, built on top of the Ledge Road landfill. The site, an open-pit trash burning landfill from the 1920s to 1950s, must be recycled.

"It's a fair design, based upon what the Little League's needs

are, and what the Little League is willing to spend. We have the ability to use other spaces in town," said Grygiel of the three to one field ratio. "I give the town credit. They've been very proactive about telling us what's going on at the Deyermond complex ... The town's been a great partner, helpful in trying to find additional playing spaces."

A public meeting was held Dec. 15 at Temple Emanuel, during which Piantadosi and landscape architect Chris Huntress unveiled the design and answered questions from residents.

Harold Pierce, of 10 Blanchard St. and Robert Wegner, 2 Blanchard St., expressed concern for increased traffic in the area, especially at the property's northernmost exit, which they

said has limited visibility.

Huntress said they will take a second look at the North entrance and get the opinion of the police department's traffic safety officer. The parking lot design has two entrances onto Blanchard Street; the North entrance will be enter only, because of traffic concerns.

Construction will not raise the property's elevation, said Huntress, and drains will be put under the four fields, sending runoff through leeching basins.

"We're going to be very fussy who we let use this. It will be the best fields in town," said Piantadosi.

Piantadosi said he hopes to hold another public forum and bring the finalized design before selectmen before it goes out to bid.

SPORTS FIELD COMPLEX

- Three little league baseball diamonds
- One soccer field
- 160 parking spaces; no parking allowed along Blanchard Street
- Majority of the site's use will be for Andover Little League, Andover Soccer Association and town-sponsored camp and recreation programs
- No lighting or site use will be allowed after 10 p.m.
- No permanent restrooms; port-a-potties will be at property
- No adult sports leagues, football or lacrosse teams will be allowed to use the complex
- Town will be responsible for upkeep costs, including mowing
- Locked gate will close the property during the winter

PLAN: Redistricting, closing Shawsheen likely if larger school built

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district would have the option of building modular classrooms or expanding at Sanborn Elementary School later, he said.

"Closing Shawsheen has a modest savings. The serious savings would be to sell or lease the building," said Forgue. "I'm concerned about where the savings

really are, and I'm concerned about the project not making it through Town Meeting."

"Building at 564 students gives us the opportunity to redistrict, and re-level the population, but also gives the community a more modest-size project, more likely to gain community support," he said.

Member David Birnbach argued that Town Meeting voters

go for a "measure twice, cut once" model and would not want to fund modular classrooms at Sanborn in addition to building a new school.

"The difficulty for me is asking Town Meeting for funding for two projects," agreed member Annie Gilbert, who suggested the 700-student model.

With a model selected, a feasibility study now will determine

how or if a school for 700 students will fit on the Bancroft property off Bancroft Road. If environmental, traffic and neighborhood impact studies find that a 700-student school will not fit, the school size can be adjusted by the School Committee.

As of Oct. 1, Shawsheen has 283 students, including 75 in its pre-K program. Fifty percent of the students in the pre-K have special

needs, and don't pay tuition by state mandate. Bancroft had 469 students, as of Oct. 1.

Shawsheen is a choice school, with students from around the district attending pre-K through second-grade. If Shawsheen were to close, those students would most likely attend their neighborhood schools, necessitating redistricting to combat overcrowding at some schools.

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PAST & PRESENT



THEN: During the 1930s, the building at 26 Essex St. was home to a Post Office and a grocery store.



NOW: A look at 26 Essex St. today. It's across from Glory restaurant.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hunger Relief

Essex County Community Foundation is introducing the Essex County Hunger Relief website. The website lists all food pantries and soup kitchens serving Essex County, Mass. People needing food can find meals and pantries by town. People looking to give time and energy to a pantry or kitchen can find ways to volunteer. People who are able to donate food or money can see each organization's needs. The website can be found at www.essexcountyhungerrelief.org.

Donate clothes Dec. 21

Big Brother Big Sister Foundation will be in Andover on Monday Dec. 21 picking up donations of lightly used jeans, coats, clothing of all types, men's, women's and children's and small household items. To schedule a free at home pick up before the New Year call us at 1-800-483-5503 or visit our Web site www.bbsfoundation.org.

Your donations are tax deductible. Thank you in advance for your support, Happy Holidays.

Toys for Tots

The 2009 "Toys for Tots" season marks the 25th year that the Massachusetts State Police Department has partnered with the United States Marine Corps for the administration of this program in Massachusetts.

People wishing to donate new, non-violent, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ranging in age from newborn to 18 years may drop the toys off at any Massachusetts State Police barracks, including the barracks on Route 125 in Andover. Donors may also choose to send monetary donations. Monetary donations must be sent to: Massachusetts State Police, "Toys for Tots" Coordinator, 124 Acton Street, Maynard MA 01754. All checks shall be made out to "Toys for Tots."

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN ON A TRIP, as we all know. It could be on a walking trip, through Andover, and something could happen. I have full confidence that Laura (Hajdukiewicz, teacher) is extremely cautious and careful... But I do respect the School Committee's concern.

— Superintendent Claudia Bach on the School Committee not supporting a \$2,300 school trip that would have allowed students to scuba dive in Cozumel, Mexico. *Story, Page 4.*

I DID FIGURE SKATING FOR A FEW years and I got to the point that I was pretty good. It was a main part of why I became a strong skater...But, at one point, I got bored and wanted the intensity of hockey again.

— Laura Cahill, a junior on the young Golden Warriors girls hockey team, scheduled to open play Wednesday, Dec. 16, by hosting Acton-Boxboro at Phillips Academy. *Story in Sports, Page 16.*



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 17

Design Review Board, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.
School Committee workshop, School Administration Building, School Committee room, 5 p.m.
Cable Advisory Committee board of directors, Andover High School TV studio, 80 Shawsheen Road, 6:30 p.m.
Housing Authority, 100 Morton St., 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, DEC. 18

Tri-board Subcommittee meeting, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.
Board of Selectmen, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.
Zoning Board of Appeals public hearing and deliberations, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, DEC. 22

Tri-board subcommittee meeting, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

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

Last day to register for US senate vote is Dec. 30

Residents must register by Wednesday, Dec. 30 if they wish to cast a ballot in the upcoming Jan. 19, 2010 Special State Election for the Congressional Senate seat. The Board of Registrars will hold a voter registration session at the Andover town clerk's office on Dec. 30 from 8:30 a.m. until 8 p.m.

Anyone who is a citizen of the

United States and a resident of Massachusetts and those who will be 18 years old on or before Election Day is eligible to register to vote. Those registering to vote using mail-in registration forms must have their forms postmarked no later than Dec. 30 to vote in the Jan. 19 special state election.

Mail-in forms are available

at all four post offices, Town Offices, the senior center and Memorial Hall Library. The town clerk's office is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The reference desk at Memorial Hall Library has been designated a voter registration site by the Board of Registrars and there are assistant registrars available during library hours to assist

people with their registrations, including during weekend and night hours.

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Jan. 19. Precincts 1, 7, 8 will vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court and Precincts 2 through 6 and 9 will vote at Andover High School's Richard Collins Field House.

CoPAL group off and running

Coalition to Protect Animals Locally, recently made its first donation of pet food and supplies to area food pantries as part of its program to help cash-strapped families keep their companion pets.

Founded this year by Merrimack Valley and North Shore residents concerned about the welfare of animals in our community, CoPAL, is a non-profit, local organization whose mission is to support our community's animals.

Statistics show that almost two-thirds of Massachusetts residents have at least one pet and

mostly considered beloved family members. CoPAL initiated a "Families in Crisis" Program designed to help families cover some of the food costs of pet ownership. An additional byproduct of this initiative is reducing the increasing pressures on overwhelmed local animal shelters that have been inundated with pets surrendered by financially strapped owners unable to keep their pets.

After collecting pet food and supplies from area retailers, and accepting pet food donations, CoPAL was able to donate over 100 pounds of pet necessities to

Neighbors in Need. NIN, which operates 7 food pantries in the Merrimack Valley, has made the pet food and supplies available for free to the over 500 families it serves each week. Linda Zimmerman, the Executive Director of NIN, stated, "We are so pleased to be able to work with CoPAL and to donate much needed pet supplies to our families and individual clients. I know there is a great need for such assistance based on our experience. Whenever we have had pet food to give out, it was gone almost instantly. We welcome CoPAL's participation

in this important effort to help families stay together."

CoPAL has initiated a number of other interesting and innovative projects in support of our area's animals. To learn more about this community volunteer organization, please visit their website at www.protectanimalslocally.org, or email them at: protectanimalslocally@yahoo.com. To learn more about Neighbors In Need, call 978-685-8321 or visit their Web site at www.neighborsinneed.net.



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Annual school scuba trip sunk by committee

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The School Committee denied a request this week to allow Andover High School students to take a February school vacation trip to Mexico, although many of them have paid for at least some of the proposed scuba-diving trip already.

Teacher Laura Hajdukiewicz, who leads the high school's scuba club, had requested to take students to Cozumel, Mexico over February break to see sights, dive and study marine biology. She has been approved to take scuba club students to tropical locales for several years, so she had already made plans for the Mexico trip, making deposits and securing a diving company to chaperone.

The School Committee discussed the trip at its Dec. 14 meeting, and denied the request, concerned about liability issues

for an out-of-country trip where students are diving to depths of 60 feet. Also, committee members expressed concerns about the trip being unfair to students who could not afford its \$2,300 price tag. The request failed 2-2-1 when Deb Silberstein and Annie Gilbert voted in favor, Dennis Fogue and David Birnbach voted against it, and Dick Collins abstained. The committee will discuss the Mexico trip again at a School Committee workshop tonight, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. on the second-floor of the School Administration Building.

After denying the Mexico trip, the board voted to approve an AHS trip to Italy in April with a \$2,600 price tag. Members Dick Collins and David Birnbach abstained from voting on the Italy trip, and it passed 3-0-2.

School policies state the School Committee must approve overnight or out-of-state field

trips, with the exception of sports tournaments. The superintendent signs off on all local, in-state trips.

At Monday's meeting, Hajdukiewicz explained all the safety precautions in place for the trip, including bringing their own equipment, taking only certified divers and having students dive in small chaperoned groups.

The diving instructor Hajdukiewicz hired for this and past year's trips also attended the meeting and spoke of her extensive experience and insurance coverage.

Although he said he does not doubt safety precautions planned for the trip, Birnbach worried that in a worst-case scenario the School Committee, as a public entity, would be sued for signing off on the trip, more so than the diving company.

On Tuesday, Superintendent Claudia Bach said the school's lawyer was looking into the

degree of liability the School Committee could be held to for approving an overseas trip.

"Anything could happen on a trip, as we all know. It could be on a walking trip, through Andover, and something could happen," said Bach. "I have full confidence that Laura (Hajdukiewicz) is extremely cautious and careful. I don't think anyone would deny that ... I'm sure she was so surprised, and thought (approval) was pretty pro forma. But I do respect the School Committee's concern."

The group can still go to Mexico, Birnbach told Hajdukiewicz on Monday, but not as a school-sponsored trip.

"If they go, and are not sanctioned by the school, no school rules apply. We're talking about teenagers in a foreign country," said Assistant Superintendent Susan Nicholson, who was previously a high school principal.

■ POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Dec. 8 - At 11:27 a.m., Seth Stokes, 24, of 23 Pearl St. Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

At 2:07 p.m., Damien Medina, 29, of 153 Andover St. second-floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked registration; also on two warrants for driving with a suspended license, driving under the influence of liquor with an open container in his vehicle, driving with an uninsured and unregistered vehicle.

Friday, Dec. 11 - At 9:53 a.m., a juvenile was arrested at a River Road School and charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon and disturbing a school.

At 3:05 p.m., William M. Peabody, 38, of 37 Bellflower Road, Billerica, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, revoked registration, uninsured vehicle trailer, uninspected vehicle and forging/misusing an RMV

document.

Sunday, Dec. 13 - At 2:49 a.m., Hector O. Gomez, 23, of 60 Prairie Ave., Apt. 98, Providence, Rhode Island, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license; also on warrants for speeding and driving with a suspended license.

Monday, Dec. 14 - At 12:49 p.m., Randy R. Nieves, 20, of 17 Durham St. second-floor apartment, Lawrence, was arrested and charged with a lights violation and driving with a license suspended for driving under the influence of liquor.

At 3:22 p.m., Justin R. Snell, 25, of 19 Kings Lane, Ogunquit, Maine, was arrested and charged with possession of a class A substance.

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - At 12:16 p.m., Keri Dipietrantonio, 38, of 114 Capen St. Medford, was arrested and charged with distribution of a class B substance.

At 12:26 p.m., Joanne Ciccolo, 23, of 46 Calumet St., Revere, was arrested and charged with possession of a class B substance, with intent to distribute.

STORE: Bridal store may fill former Natalie's location

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Belhumeur already owns a chunk of prime downtown real estate, 10-16 Main St., where Athlete's Corner used to be and Indra Salon is currently renovating. That building is assessed at \$4.4 million, according to town assessment records. Cristina's has been a tenant on the building's second floor for 25 years.

Kaps closed at 5 Main St. on March 1 after 19 years in Andover and over 120 years in the Merrimack Valley. Natalie's opened the next month and occupied the space for just seven months, until Nov. 21.

That Saturday before Thanksgiving seemed to be business as usual for a local hair stylist whose business was located in Natalie's, but the store closed essentially overnight, she said.

"It was a regular Saturday and I worked until about 6:30 p.m. I am friends with two of the workers at Natalie's and they were leaving, too...but, about an hour later, two U-Haul trucks showed up," said a stylist whose maiden name is Jen Furman and who is know professionally as "Jen Z."

Her professional life has been



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Natalie's of Andover, a men's clothing store on Main Street, closed abruptly after Thanksgiving. It had replaced Kaps clothing store, which closed in March after serving Lawrence and then Andover for decades.

in flux since. She said no one ever told her Natalie's was closing on Nov. 21 and leaving town.

"I had no idea," said this mother of school-age twins, who has lived in Andover for five years. "It was sort of a middle of the night thing."

She worked at Kaps and then Natalie's for three-and-a-half

years, styling hair.

"When Kaps was there, it was great. They were so nice to me. They even gave me all the (hair styling) equipment when they left," she said. "I feel very sorry for my friends. They worked for Kaps and then Natalie's. Now, they lost their jobs, too."

Natalie's flagship store is located

in Hanover, Mass. That 40-year-old store is owned by Natale Agostino, a native of Italy, and has been named "Best of Boston" for its line of men's clothes.

Agostino did not return two telephone calls.

Bridal building renovations for 5 Main St. would take about six months, Kalman said.

Meanwhile, the stylist has been shopping for space at a downtown hair salon, but said it costs about \$3,000 a month to rent a salon chair in town. Her rent at Natalie's was significantly lower, she said.

"My heart bleeds for Jen, who supports two children with her business," said Nancy Wachtel, a longtime client who is now spearheading an e-mail campaign to drum up business for the stylist at her new location.

The stylist is now renting a chair at Salon Navid, 63 Park St., Andover. She said the Andover community, specifically Salon Navid, her church and the Andover public school where her twins attend, has embraced her.

"I know this is business and things like this will happen," she said. "I just wish I knew."

Andover Police lower costs

Members of the Andover police department recently participated in a Emergency Vehicle Operation Course at the State Police EVOC facility in Ayer. The free course was presented by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association, the town's insurance provider. EVOC is a full-day comprehensive training program on the safe operation of police vehicles for officers. As a result, the town will receive credit from the MIIA Rewards program, reducing the costs of their property and casualty insurance.

\$2,000 art raffle

Residents can buy raffle tickets to a \$2,000 painting raffle and support Andover youth.

For a \$10 donation, they can get a raffle ticket, with all proceeds said to support Family to Family, the Department of Community Services and Andover Youth Services, allowing them to include local youth in community activities, according to organizers.

The drawing will be held Dec. 23.

Raffle tickets may be purchased at the Van Ward Gallery, 96 Main St., or by contacting Dianne Caraviello at deecaraviello@comcast.net.

Time for town census

The annual town census will be mailed to residents at the end of December.

Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census during December or January should contact the town clerk's office at 978-623-8257 so that they will not be dropped from the voter or census rolls.

All registered voters must return the census each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law. Nonregistered voters are also required to return the annual census. This information is used to verify a person's residency for public school admittance, military benefits, and in-state tuition reductions, according to the town clerk's office.



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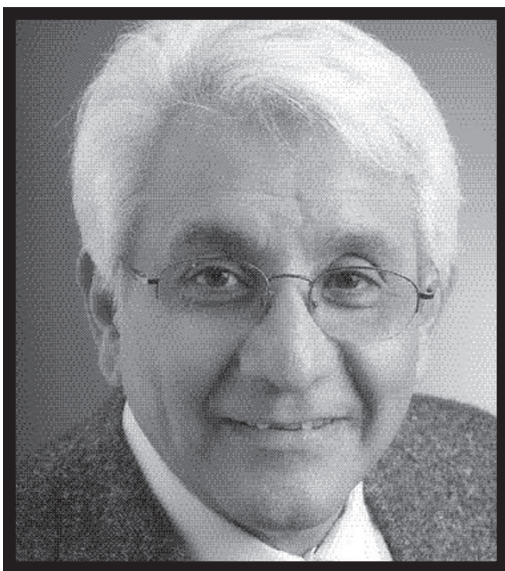
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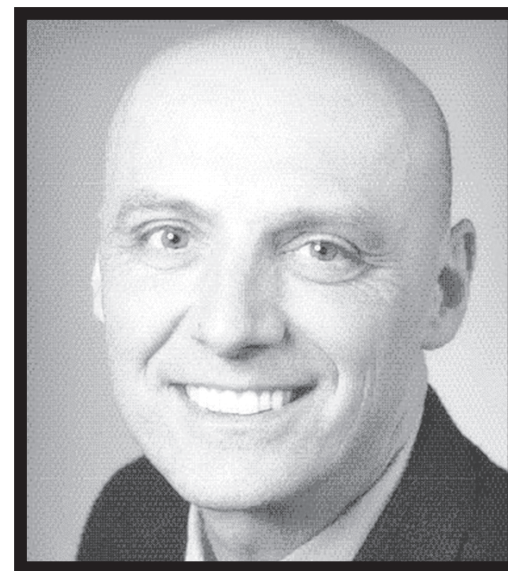
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Obituaries

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Christmas Eve and Day services at Andover houses of worship

BLUE CHRISTMAS SERVICE

South Church, in the Chapel
41 Central St.
Tuesday, Dec. 22
7 p.m.

Service for those who have suffered a loss and have difficulty celebrating a joyous Christmas. The meditation subject is "take my yoke upon you," with the John Zehring preaching. Music will be by Harmonic Regression and the Accidental Divas.

UNITED METHODIST

Ballardvale United Church
23 Clark Road
Christmas Eve

5:30 p.m.: Family Service, candlelight and carols

EPISCOPAL

Christ Church
25 Central St.
Christmas Eve

4:30 p.m.: Family Holy Eucharist with pageant
7:30 and 10 p.m.: Festival Holy Eucharist
Christmas Day
10 a.m.: Holy Eucharist

LUTHERAN

Faith Lutheran Church
360 South Main St.
www.faith-andover.org
Christmas Eve

Services at 2, 3:30, 5, 7:30 and 10 p.m.

All offer Holy Communion and a special message for children

CONGREGATIONAL

Free Christian Church
31 Elm St., Andover
Christmas Eve

Services at 4, 6 and 11 p.m.

1600 Osgood St. (Lucent Building), North Andover
Christmas Eve
5 p.m. with guest recording artist Jaime Jamgochian

BIBLE CHAPELS

New England Bible Church
60 Chandler Road
978-475-4381
www.nebible.org
Christmas Eve

6 p.m.: Candlelight service

CATHOLIC

St. Augustine Parish
Christmas Eve

St. Augustine
43 Essex St.
4 p.m. Mass and 4:05 p.m. Mass in St. Rita Hall (downstairs)
6 p.m. Mass
9:45 p.m. Musical Presentation prior to 10:30 p.m. Mass

St. Joseph
20 High Vale Lane, Ballardvale
4 p.m. Mass
6 p.m. Mass with Children's Live Gospel

Collegiate Church of Christ the Teacher, Merrimack College
4:30 p.m. Mass

Christmas Day
St. Augustine Church: 9:30 and 11 a.m.
St. Joseph Church: 10 a.m. Mass
Reconciliation schedule includes Dec. 17 at 12:30 and 7 p.m. and Dec. 19 at 11 a.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine
198 Haggets Pond Road
Christmas Eve

4 p.m.: Church - Ladies Schola (Mass begins when church full)
6 p.m.: Youth choir
Midnight: Adult choir
Christmas Day
10 a.m.: Cantor and organ

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

South Church
41 Central St.
Christmas Eve

3 p.m.: Lessons and Carols, the Rev. Jonathan Drury leading
5 p.m.: Family Worship Service and Pageant
11 p.m.: Communion candlelight service with message "Do not be Afraid"; music prelude begins at 10:45 p.m.

West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road
Christmas Eve

5 p.m.: Family candlelight service
10 p.m.: Candlelight service

UNITARIAN

Unitarian Universalist congregation

6 Locke St.
Christmas Eve

7 p.m.: Candlelight service with music, traditional readings, and carols.

James W. Bougioukas, 82



Haverhill — James W. Bougioukas, 82, of Haverhill, died after a brief illness on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, during a time when he was mourning

the death of his beloved wife of 58 years, Kathleen Bougioukas, who died on Nov. 19.

Born in Haverhill in 1927, he was the son of the late William D. and Triada (Karabetsos) Bougioukas.

He was associated with his father's grocery business from the late 1930s until it closed in 1960. He attended Public Schools in Haverhill, graduating from Haverhill High School, and then entered Maritime Service as a Midshipman, stationed at Kings Point, N.Y.

After his discharge from service he went on to graduate from the University of New Hampshire with a BS Degree in Civil Engineering and Mathematics in 1949; obtained license as Professional Civil Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor in 1959, and spent years as an instructor of Engineering at Lowell University, Northeastern University and Northern Essex Community College. Former Principal Civil Engineer for Mass. DPW, Survey Supervisor of District 5 Essex County, Consultant Engineer for the City of Haverhill, Town of Methuen and Groveland. Chairman and Member of the City of Haverhill Planning Board, active in the Urban Renewal Project, Capital Improvement Project, and filed legislation creating

the position of City Planner in Haverhill. He was the founder, owner and principal of Bradford Engineering Company in Haverhill from 1978 until his death. In 1981 he was appointed by then Governor Edward J. King to serve on the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Registered Land Surveyors, which he did until 1986.

He was a humble man with intellect and business acumen, who possessed a strong work ethic along with a great love and loyalty for his family, friends and employees. He leaves a son, William J. Bougioukas and his wife Linda S. Bougioukas of North Andover; and his daughter, Jamie James and her husband John A. James Jr. of Andover. He is also survived by six grandchildren, who never ceased to bring pride and joy to his life, Nicholas Mauritz, Timothy Mauritz, Kaitlyn Mauritz, Caroline James, Lauren Bougioukas and James W. Bougioukas II. He also leaves a sister, Calliope Samaras and a brother-in-law, Dr. Nicholas Samaras of Atkinson, N.H., along with nieces and a nephew.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were invited to his funeral Wednesday at the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Home, 106 Summer St., Haverhill, followed by a funeral service in the Church of The Holy Apostles St. Peter and Paul. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery. Calling hours were Tuesday. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Church of The Holy Apostles St. Peter and Paul, 154-156 Winter St., Haverhill, MA 01830. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill/Bradford. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Dorothy C. Daly, 87

ANDOVER — Dorothy C. "Swede" (Cederberg) Daly, 87, a lifelong resident of Andover, died Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009 at her home.

She was born on Dec. 31, 1921. She retired from the Andover School Dept., where she worked for many years as a library assistant. She was a member of South Congregational Church in Lawrence. She graduated from Pynchard High School, Class of 1939.

The widow of Martin W. Daly, she is survived by two sons, John J. Daly of Chelmsford,

Martin W. Daly Jr., of Waterville, Maine; one daughter, Dorothy Marshall and her husband Walter of Reading; two grandchildren, Gregory and Victoria Marshall of Reading; several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral services were private. There were no calling hours. Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 250 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01840; or to MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. For more information, go to www.burkemaglozzi.com. Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover.

Rita G. Macklin, 89



ANDOVER — Rita G. (Burke) Macklin, 89, of Andover, died on Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 at Wingate at Andover.

Mrs Macklin was born and raised in Lawrence and lived in Andover for many years. She was a member of St Augustine Church, Andover where she was involved with The Prayer Ministry of the church.

The widow of Francis G. Macklin, her family members include her son, Frank and his wife Mary; and her daughters, Kathleen and her husband Daniel, Patricia and her husband Kenneth, Mary Rose and her husband Paul and Susan and her husband Alan; her

grandchildren, Daniel, Kerry, Jason, Wendy, Susan and David; her great-grandchildren, Victor, Macklin, Zephyr, Evan, Abby, Katie and Macklin; her godchild, Louise; and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 2009 from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Charles Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover. A funeral Mass was on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 10:30 a.m. in St. Augustine Church, Andover. The burial was in St. Augustine Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Vincent DePaul Society, National Council of The United States, 58 Progress Parkway, St. Louis, MO 63043-3706, or to The Salvation Army, 250 Haverhill St., Lawrence, MA 01841. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

Isabelle B. Cowens

NEWTON — Isabelle B. (McGill) Cowens, of Newton, formerly of Winchester, died on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009.

Beloved wife of William Cowens, II. Devoted mother of Wilda Gerideau-Squires and her husband Walter H. of Andover, Kathleen G. Tennermann and her late husband William A. of Newton, Sheyron J. Banks and her late husband Jeffrey M. of W. Roxbury. Dear sister of William McGill of Rochester, N.Y. and the late Lillian Smith and Mamie McGill. Loving

grandmother of Alyse, Sara, Wilson, Justin, Nicole and great grandmother of London. Also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins.

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting hours in the Blackington, Conroy & Hayes Funeral Home, 1479 Washington St. (Route 16), West Newton, were Sunday from 3 to 6 p.m. A memorial service was held in the Wesley United Methodist Church, 100 Winthrop St., Medford, Monday, Dec. 14, at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Wesley United Methodist Church.

Ruth Marchessault, 84

METHUEN — Ruth Marchessault, 84, of Methuen, died on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 at her home following a long illness.

Ruth was born in Lawrence. She retired from Lawrence Maid Footwear in 1971 to care for her late husband, George Marchessault.

Her family members include her daughter, Sherry of Methuen; her two sons, Ronald Marchessault of Haverhill and Wayne

Marchessault of Methuen; and her sister, Philis Corcoran and brother-in-law, Donald Corcoran of Methuen. She leaves her sister-in-law, Nancy Whalen of Andover and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: There are no calling hours. Cremation will take place. Services will be private. Arrangements are by The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. To send an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 17

HOLIDAY STORYTELLING, 5 to 7 p.m., Peabody Leatherworkers Museum, 205 Washington St., Peabody, presented by the Essex National Heritage Commission; 978-740-0444.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19

KIDS HIKE, Harold Parker State Forest, noon to 1 p.m., walk along new Healthy Heart Trail, meet at headquarters parking lot (305 Middleton Road), walk down to Stearns Pond and back, all ages welcome. Paved surface suitable for strollers, weather permitting; 617-694-9190; www.mass.gov/dcr.

LIVE PIANO, with pianist Donnie Coughlin, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG, with The Youth Choir from the Immaculate Conception Church (Newburyport), 11 a.m., S3, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport; 978/462-7336.

SINGLES DANCE, The Social Life of Haverhill, American Legion, Main Street., Rte. 121, Haverhill, 8 p.m.-midnight, DJ, S9; Cindy, 978-373-3504.

SUNDAY, DEC. 20

NOT YOUR TYPICAL SILENT NIGHT, Blue Window Arts Group with its 50-Voice Gospel Choir and acclaimed local artists, offer a unique Christmas concert, 4 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, \$10-20; 978.837.5355.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE, 7:15 p.m., a traditional carol service will feature music from three choirs, organ and a brass ensemble, First Religious Society, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; 978-465-0602.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23

WEDNESDAY HIKE SERIES, 10 to 11:30 a.m., free, Harold Parker State Forest, meet at the

headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. Wear appropriate footwear - hiking footwear is best - no sneakers. Trail is of moderate difficulty. Bring water; 617-828-1728, www.mass.gov/dcr or http://friendsofharold-parker.org/.

TUESDAY, DEC. 29

FAMILY FUN HIKE, hosted by Mass. Audubon Society, discover which animals stay active in winter, how they survive, and where they find food, 1-3 p.m., appropriate for families with children 4 years and older. Advance registration is required; 978-887-9264.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 30

NEW YEARS EVE PARTY, 7 to 9 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

FAMILY FUN HIKE, hosted by Mass. Audubon Society, venture along the sanctuary trails in search of birds that overwinter in our area, including chickadees, nuthatches, juncos, and others. Bring a treat for the birds (nuts, fruit, popcorn, or seedpods) and we will decorate a tree for them. Bring binoculars, too, 1 to 3 p.m., appropriate for families with children 4 years and older. Advance registration is required; 978-887-9264.

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

FAMILY FUN HIKE, hosted by Mass. Audubon Society, look for beaver lodges, dams, chews, and scent mounds. Learn how a lodge is made and how to recognize a beaver's favorite trees, 1 to 3 p.m., appropriate for families with children 4 years and older. Advance registration is required; 978-887-9264.

MONDAY, JAN. 4

CONVERSATIONAL ENGLISH CLASSES, Memorial Hall Library, 10 a.m. to noon, for

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Movie of Grimis tour premieres, with show

The Andover band Grimis will take over Andover's Old Town Hall next Wednesday to play music and screen a movie and release the DVD about its 2008 tour of the United States.

The band's good friend and former Andover High School classmate Grant Guiliano, a film student at Columbia College in Chicago, took footage from the tour and created an hour-long documentary, "Grimis Tours the States."

The work was something of a culminating journey for Guiliano, who has been documenting the band on film and in photographs from their early years at Andover High, according to singer David Tanklefsky.

In addition to the film, the DVD contains special features including live performances, a message from the videographer Dusty Bodeen and short segments about some of the tour's lighter moments.

Since the tour, Grimis band members have relocated, with bassist Andy Doherty and drummer Pete Michelinie moving to Portland, Ore. and singer/guitarist Tanklefsky moving to Brooklyn, N.Y. Doherty is a teaching assistant in the Portland public schools. Michelinie farms and makes furniture. Tanklefsky is a reporter.

Both Doherty and Tanklefsky play in various projects in their local music scenes. Original member Lyle Brewer currently lives in Arlington, Mass. and plays guitar in country-rock band Sarah Borges and the



Grimis band members David Tanklefsky, Pete Michelinie and Andy Doherty toured the United States last year and a movie has been made about the journey. A screening concert and DVD release night is planned for Old Town Hall next Wednesday, Dec. 23.



Broken Singles and fronts the Lyle Brewer Trio.

Grimis released its third record and set out on its tour of the United States during the

summer and early fall of 2008. Filmmaker Dusty Bodeen followed the boys all the way to the West Coast - documenting them from their sold-out CD release show in Cambridge, Mass. to coffee shops, back yards and street corners around the country. The movie covers their long friendships as well as the trials and tribulations of traveling and playing music together, according to Tanklefsky.

Since then, Grimis toured the Pacific Northwest in October 2009 and is touring the

northeast in mid-December. Grimis Tours the States is being screened at Old Town Hall, also known as the Town House, at 20 Main St., on Dec. 23 in an event sponsored by Andover Youth Services. Doors open at 7:30. Cost is \$7. DVDs will be available for purchase and all ages are welcome.

Grimis will perform a set of music following the DVD screening.

The night will open with comedy from Andover native Dale Spollett.

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Andover skater to perform Saturday in ice show

Mini Mates synchronized skating team members Leah Gens from Andover and Aislinn Anthony from North Andover will skate in the annual Holiday Ice Show at Hayden Recreation Centre in Lexington from noon to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 19.

The Mini Mates won a bronze medal Dec. 11 at the 15th annual Cape Cod Classic hosted by the Bourne Skating Club.

The team, entering its third season, is made up of 18 skaters under age 13 from the Andovers, Lexington, Winchester, Concord, Dover, Needham and Stoneham.

The Mini Mates, wearing bright pink and skating a program to "The Flintstones" theme song choreographed by Hayden Synchronized Skating Teams



The Mini Mates, including Andover skater Leah Gens, won a bronze medal Dec. 11 at the 15th annual Cape Cod Classic. The team will perform its competition program Saturday at Hayden as part of a holiday ice show.

director of skating and head coach Saga Krantz, competed against teams from Fairfax, Va.; Bourne, Mass.; Cromwell, Conn.; New York City; Essex, N.J.;

Philadelphia and Boston in the US Figure Skating Juvenile division. The team will perform its competition program Saturday at Hayden.

Local author's book part of food-drive effort

A recently developed Facebook group, First Time Authors Only Book Club, is sponsoring a food bank drive across the country through Dec. 31, and an Andover author is helping the cause.

The club is a different venue for new authors to get notice for their books. It includes not only new authors, but avid readers. Each month they select a book from the list of authors and have a discussion-and-review event,

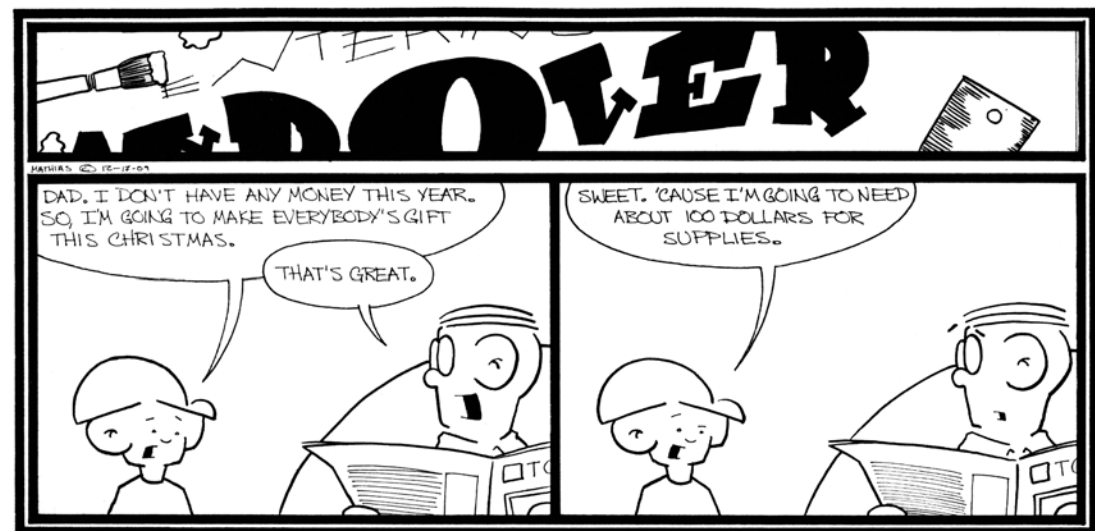
followed by a final review from each of the participants to assist other readers in selecting books they might enjoy in the future.

Carol Gordon Ekster, a 35-year resident of Andover and author of the children's book "Where Am I Sleeping Tonight?—A Story of Divorce" is the participating author in the Boston area, according to a release. She will donate a percentage of every book sold to the Greater Boston

Food Bank Food Bank. To purchase a copy of her book and support the program, go to www.carolgordonekster.com or www.bouldenpublishing.com, or visit the Andover Book Store.

If you prefer another genre of literature or would like to see other books in the program, go to the program administrator's web page at www.c-a-morgan.com and click on the products link on the left hand side of the home page.

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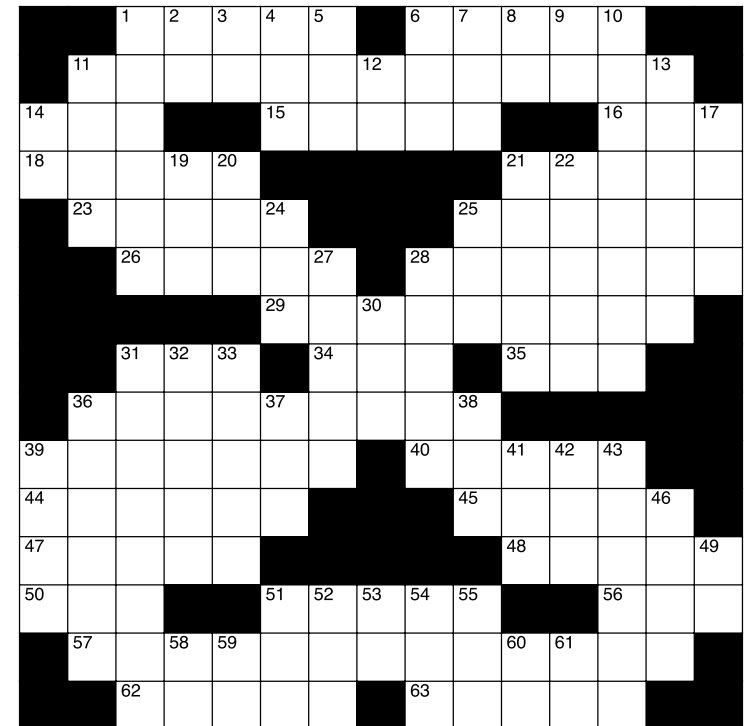
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- Dip lightly into water
- Give over
- Not old
- Forays
- Voluntarily relinquish
- Optic maser
- Higher in stature
- Jabs with a knife
- Antilles island
- Comes in a pack for smoking
- Religion
- Tit for
- Partidge Family star Susan
- Tuna brand
- British policemen
- More wise
- Fabric with hole patterns
- Donate income regularly
- Gets stuck
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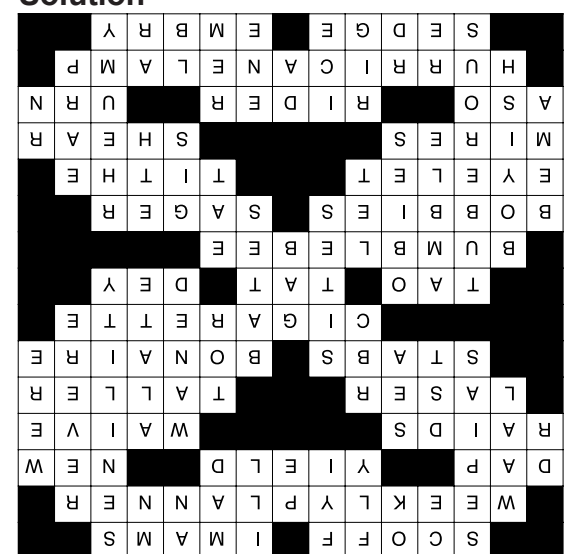
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- So you know, abbr.
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- Article
- Manganese
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- 99.1 Binghamton, NY
- 17th Hebrew letter
- Be in awe of
- Jill Biden's title
- No longer are
- Fall back (time)
- Large body of water
- Decreased moon phase
- Having winglike extensions
- Corpuscle count (abbr.)
- Hill (Celtic)



- Building lots
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- Saunter
- Drama awards
- Not girlish
- Lease
- Take in solid food
- Altar
- 20th C. actress Lillian _h
- Abyssinia or _iopia
- Pertaining to arthritis
- Wyatt _
- OK Corral
- Graduated nurse
- A tractor trailer
- Frozen water
- Official prosecutor
- Point midway

- between NE and E
- Radioactivity unit
- Do over prefix
- Rural delivery
- Pound
- Atomic #18

Solution



Newly-widowed professional gains confidence and strength



Early this year I lost my first and only true love. It was sudden; we were laughing and talking one minute then the ambulance, the hospital and death in 25 hours. Shattered and heart sick, I was moving in a fog. My sons and my brother were there to take care of me, but they had to get back to their lives. I had to take care of myself.

I received a postcard in the mail from **Get in Shape for Women**. It brought back memories of workouts past, the endorphin highs, the self challenging. I smiled. This was exactly what I needed. The Get in Shape for Women card was offering me personal attention. I was in desperate need of that. I needed a reason to get out of bed. With it in hand, I went to the Open House. The owner and staff were friendly, informative and reassuring. I had a good feeling. After a conversation with the owner, explaining my situation, I knew what I needed to do. I signed up for a year! I needed to be pushed and they were going to hold me accountable. I put myself in their hands. All I had to do was get there. The first month was hard, but I was smiling after each workout. So, I added a third day. Now after six months I look forward to my workouts smiling before, during, and after.

My wonderful personal trainers at Get in Shape helped me with my nutritional needs. The trainers kept after me, stressing the importance of fueling my body in order to make my workouts productive. With good nutrition and challenging workouts, I have come from a shattered broken woman to a strong healthy and happy girl. I want to thank Get in Shape for Women for pulling me out of the fog. My confidence is back. I'm back to work, the spring is back in my step and there's a smile on my face.

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'Not Your Typical Silent Night'

Andover saxophonist Lance Bryant helps headline 150-artist show

Many sounds and styles of music and dance offered by more than 150 artists will help bring a bit of Christmas magic to the Rogers Center for the Arts during the 2009 production of Not Your Typical Silent Night this Sunday.

The Blue Window Arts Group will return with its popular show on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m., at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Star fiddler folk artist Jake Armerding of Ipswich and international jazz saxophonist Lance Bryant of Andover top the list of diverse talent joining The Choral Majority gospel choir for this contemporary interpretation of the classic Christmas celebration. Also featured are singer/guitarist Ryan Phelps of Bradford, pianist/composer Peter Vantine of Middleton, soprano Shaunielle McDonald of Merrimack, singer/songwriter Gail Dorey of Watertown, and members of Andover's Dance Infusion company.

Singer/actress Robin Allison Lindahl will direct children's



Lance Bryant of Andover



Jake Armerding

choirs, cue dancers and wear a few other hats as she and singer/songwriter Eric W. Lindahl, her husband and co-creator of this annual community concert, bring their vision of Christmas magic to the Rogers Center stage.

With its artists, creativity and scope, NYTSN continues to attract loyal fans throughout the Merrimack Valley, North Shore and southern New Hampshire. A Nor'easter in 2008 forced a 48-hour postponement, and the

concert still sold out, according to the group.

"Since our start in 1992, we've collaborated with a very talented and dedicated community of artists whose creativity helps us to deliver new elements and original compositions every year," says Eric Lindahl in a release.

Dance Infusion will have three youthful performers who will co-create with Robin Lindahl an original work to the music of Tears For Fears' Famous Last

Words that will also include a multimedia aspect.

It's very powerful and not what you'd expect at a Christmas variety show," Lindahl says.

Always the audience favorite, three children's groups "borrowed" from area churches will perform. There is a kids choir of first- to third-graders, a youth choir of fourth- to seventh-graders and a girls ensemble of eighth- to 12th-graders who will sing a beautiful and powerful ballad that Lindahl says "won't leave a dry eye in the house."

Every ticket buyer will receive a button emblazoned with this year's theme: Spread Peace. In view of the flu problem, patrons may purchase refillable bottles of hand sanitizer with the logo "Spread Peace, Not Germs" for a dollar.

Tickets are \$20 adults, \$10 children 12 and under, lap-sitters free with parent, on sale at Rogers Center for the Arts Box Office, 978-837-5355, Monday-Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. People can pay by cash or check only, with checks made payable to Blue Window Arts Group.

Town program allows kids to try piano for free, then start lessons

Andover Department of Community Services in cooperation with Jacob Zeltser has expanded the "Keys for Kids" music education program from 3 to 5 days a week.

Keys for Kids is a year-round music program for children ages 4 to 12, with no previous experience needed. Courses are taught in small groups organized by age.

Students receive a total music experience in a classroom equipped with an electronic keyboard for each child. Students learn keyboard skills, how to read notes, rhythm, ear training solfeggio singing, chord harmonization, composition, music reading and improvisation.

The advantage that a piano keyboard offers in music training is that all three elements of music melody, harmony and rhythm come together for creative self-

expression. Parent participation, in the classroom and at home, supports this program.

"This is a wonderful way for parents and children to have fun together, and to have fun with other families, while they are learning something new and exciting," says Zeltser.

Zeltser is a conservatory-educated musician from Russia and certified Keys for Kids instructor. He brings a wealth of teaching and performance expertise to his students. He has been offering both group and private instruction in piano for 29 years.

All classes will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at the Unitarian Church, 6 Locke St., Andover. New classes begin the week of Jan. 25, 2010. Free sample lessons will be held Saturdays, Jan. 16, 23 and 30.

CALENDAR

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students who have studied formal English and would like to practice their speaking and listening skills; Carolyn Fantini, 978-475-4602 to register.


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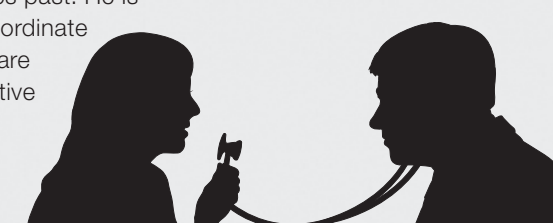
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Opinion

Good neighbors have shovels

It's December in New England. That means we can expect snow, including snow on the roads and sidewalks. And usually that means a small pile of complaints, too.

As expected following the first storm of December, the town did receive complaints from people, including downtown business tenants, about the snow on downtown sidewalks, said Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. Part of the problem is that small businesses don't necessarily understand they may be responsible for shoveling. "The tenants, occupants or owners of an area do their own sidewalks," says Stapczynski. "There are a few who don't, and we'll send out the officer who walks the Main Street beat to remind the tenants, occupants or owners to shovel." Stapczynski is calling for businesspeople and neighborhood residents, too, to be good neighbors and shovel what they can. It is certainly a reasonable request.

While there's no requirement, residents with fire hydrants on their property can also pitch in — and keep their neighborhoods safe from the damage of a fire — by helping firefighters keeping hydrants clear when they do their driveways. "They're really being good doobies" — what ever that is — says Stapczynski. "They have no obligation. We're asking people just to be good neighbors to clear their fire hydrants and sidewalks." Those who cannot shovel, can call the Green Team, a group of youth who work out of the Andover Youth Services department, to help them.

In 2007, Andover Town Meeting was asked to support a bylaw requiring residents to shovel sidewalks abutting their property. At that time, Arlington, Amherst, Belmont, Billerica, Brookline, Lexington, Somerville and Wakefield had all done so. Another resident had considered the idea in 2003, but withdrew an article after selectmen decided not to support it. Fortunately, Town Meeting defeated the 2007 article, which was supported by two selectmen.

Able-bodied people should keep their sidewalks clear. But we don't need a law to force us into it. We have enough government regulations and intrusions into our day-to-day lives. Let's all do the right thing, take a few minutes to clear the way for neighbors and keep government and zealous lawyers out of our snowbanks.

It's not too much to ask. We live in New England. The snow is coming. Let's make sure good neighbors appear with it.

WEB QUESTION

Does scuba stop make sense?

Soccer rules

This week, a design for sports fields at town-owned property on Blanchard Street was unveiled. The 13-acre lot will be broken into three baseball diamonds and one soccer field. Last week, we asked you which sport you felt needed field space the most. With 40 responses, soccer was top choice, taking 72.5 percent of the votes.

Second choice, with 7.5 percent, was a tie between "none of the above" and "all of the above."

Little League received 5 percent of the votes and ultimate frisbee received 2.5 percent. Junior football and lacrosse both failed to receive any votes.

This week's question: Scuba sense?

On Monday, Dec. 14, the School Committee denied a

request to allow a group of Andover High School students to go on a February school trip to Mexico. The trip — similar to ones approved in previous years — would take students to Cozumel to scuba dive, see sights and study marine biology. School Committee members expressed concerns of liability, because students will dive at depths of 60 feet, as well as issues of fairness related to the trip's \$2,300 price tag. Do you think the students should be allowed to go?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

To cast your vote, go to www.andovertownsmen.com and scroll all the way to the bottom of the page. For different or lengthier answers, email Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

THURSDAY FILE

"In 2006, we had a guest youth orchestra from South Africa, where musicians with different backgrounds performed together, for example. Music can also be a social instrument. And this power can't be burned onto a CD. The reproduction of music in a concert is something exclusive. There you can really feel the power of music and I don't think you can get away from it."

Ilona Schmiel, Beethovenfest director

"Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking."

Bernard Baruch

"The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity."

Dorothy Parker

"Everyone has his day and some days last longer than others."

Winston Churchill

"Hatred paralyzes life; love releases it. Hatred confuses life; love harmonizes it. Hatred darkens life, love illuminates it."

Martin Luther King Jr.

SEASON OF JOY... AND OTHER EMOTIONS



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff Photo

James Martin, 1, tries to comprehend his first visit with Santa while with his sister, Rachel Martin, 6, Saturday afternoon at the Andover Skate Park where Christmas trees are being sold.

Doctor wonders: Does Caring Still Count?

George LeMaitre

Do times change? I guess they do. Sixty years ago my father was a general practitioner in Lawrence. Except for a few fraternal lodges which insured its members for surgical procedures, he knew no third parties, did not need or have a bookkeeper, and made change for office fees from his pants' pockets, where he always had an interesting assortment of crumpled-up paper money. If a patient looked impoverished, Dad would wave his hand and nod his head when they tried to pay him and say, "No charge today", or some equally dismissive remark. The office was annexed to our house. If patients listened carefully they could hear me playing in the yard or fighting in the kitchen with my siblings.

When I opened my office in 1964, I invited Dad to see my first professional residence. He took one look at the pane of glass separating my bookkeeper from the waiting room, scowled a bit, and said: "It looks like a damned bank." His language was a little more politically incorrect than that! I silently made light of that scowl then, reckoning that his was the old way, mine the new, and times do change.

My epiphany came two

decades later when I began to re-think the whole thing and wondered, uneasily, if perhaps he wasn't right about our medical enterprise. The third parties, our health insurance systems, whether private or governmental, have played mid-wife to the commercialism which now contaminates our profession. Their rules have a perverse influence on the practice of medicine. To be paid, the physicians have had to learn the arcane rules of the game and, at the core, they are as follows:

1. All the ailments, injuries and insults that afflict mortal man are contained, defined and delimited in the code manual, the medical bookkeeper's Holy of Holies. Each separate code must be scrupulously identified and matched to a service rendered in order to be paid.
2. Each thing done, no matter how trifling, has a code lurking somewhere. Trivial pursuit consists in "cherchez la code" and an eagle-eyed bookkeeper pays for her lodgings very quickly.
3. Happiness is a higher-paying code. Each new physician or office manager tries as diligently as he or she can to establish the highest possible code for each service rendered. He must spend time, money and effort documenting as carefully as he

can for the insurance inspectors who are always at the door. If this means more staff just to do the paper work, so be it.

4. Tinkerers are paid more than thinkers, so physicians must follow the ancient, received wisdom: "Do something, Doctor; don't just stand there."

5. Caring doesn't pay as much as catheterizing, and empathy is worth less than endoscopy.

6. Talking to a patient pays nothing; telemetering that patient may be worth a small fortune.

7. One house call, no code; two house calls, no code; ergo, no house calls.

The perversion of which I speak is inherent in these rules and does not need further amplification. The third parties, with malice towards none, have lured the profession more and more toward the technological end of the treating spectrum and moved the physician to abdicate his or her traditional roles as healer, comforter and counselor of the sick. Bad as this may be in itself, there is a worse trap in our foreseeable futures. The more technology-prone we become, the more we define ourselves, and are defined, as technicians. The trap is sprung when our machines finally replace us totally at the bedside while we hunker down in

a remote place, satisfied with our mastery over the toggle switches. Small wonder that our incomes and reputations fall and lawsuits against us rise. Lawyers might entrap us, but third parties have set the bait.

There are no easy exits from this quandary, and I do not wish to be quixotic. We can hardly go back to Dad's day, shredding the third-party forms and firing the bookkeepers. Nor do many of us enjoy a fixed salary from a bottom line-oriented HMO demanding one-stop jiffy visits. The move to pay more for cognitive services, a step in the right direction, has proven to be as futile as what came before. Each step seems to plunge us deeper into the morass.

So long as we embrace the hazardous notion that a remote, impersonal third party must be petitioned, piecemeal, to reward us for services to patients, the sticking point persists.

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The writer is a Sunset Rock Road resident, surgeon and clinical instructor at Tufts University School of Medicine who wrote the book Choosing Your Doctor.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dim savings, strategy on streetlights

Editor, Townsman:

To be honest, for the first few weeks I was a bit neutral about the lack of lighting in town. Now, like many other residents, I'm growing concerned and agitated.

The decision to turn off 626 lights in Andover (over 30 percent of the lights in town) is, to say the least, questionable. Given the "cost savings" being generated versus the increased risks the taxpayers of Andover are faced with (particularly when there were other options that could have been taken to save money), this option is not something we should have considered in the first place.

If we were a poor community, we might understand this decision. If money wasn't being spent on unnecessary accessories like inserting bricks into street crossings instead of painting, we might understand how pinched our budgets are. Yes, this recession has had an impact on the town's available funding, but let's use our common sense. Please, don't help us understand how we're reducing our carbon footprint or should be enjoying the night sky with a "Dark Skies" initiative — that's naive and demonstrates how dimly lit this idea is.

Do we really understand what the cost per year per light is in savings? Here's the math:

Selectmen would like us to believe there's major savings available by turning the lights off by projecting a two-year cost saving of \$198,000 (Board of

Selectmen meeting notes, Aug. 3, 2009). That equates to \$99,000 per year / 626 lights = \$158 per light. Divide that by 365 days and it saves \$0.43 per day per light.

Turning the lights back on will cost \$100 per light and there's a \$50 cost per light for shut off by the power company (Selectmen meeting notes, Aug. 17, 2009). So let's assume this experiment is left in place for two years and someone wakes up and turns the lights back on. Here's the final math:

Two-year cost "savings" per light of \$316 - \$100 - \$50 surcharge per light = \$166 savings x 626 lights = \$103,916 in two-year savings. That's a savings of \$51,958 per year (not \$99,000 town management would like us to believe) or \$83 per light per year. Divide that by 365 days = \$0.23 per day per light. What genius thought this was a good idea?

I don't remember being asked if we'd chip in to keep our lights on and would've gladly paid that in extra taxes. Did anyone consider simply turning the lights down, or switching to more energy-efficient light bulbs? Can someone please help us understand what rational town manager thinks that removing the light fixtures that were turned off is a good idea? Can you imagine that?

We live in one of the most affluent towns in Massachusetts, pay a hefty tax bill, which by the way is increasing next year, and we're being told that something as basic as street lighting is going to be diminished permanently. Have we lost our minds? We don't live in a third world country.

HARRY MILLER
12 Standish Circle

[Ed. note: In response to the letter, which was sent to town management, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski wrote, in part: "As far as the Main Street project and the brick cross walks, there was a lot of discussion by the Main Street Committee and staff about every aspect of the design. With a project that big and visible it is easy to pick out one or two elements and criticize them. Everything in the project was examined in terms of cost, maintenance and how it 'fit' into the big picture — the look we wanted to achieve in our downtown now and for years to come." Miller plans another letter on this subject next week.]

Four-way stop needed near senior center

Editor, Townsman:

I think there should be a four-way stop sign at the intersection of Whittier and Chestnut streets.

At present, there is only a two-way stop and that is not safe for seniors entering from the north and even those leaving the Andover Senior Center. I have heard stories of many near-misses at that intersection.

The problem is the speed with which cars come from the four-way stop at Bartlet and Chestnut streets. They have the right of way and come very fast. Seniors coming from the north especially say their vision is often blocked by cars parked on the north side of Chestnut.

We must not forget that

students from Doherty Middle School cross that intersection as well and must look out for the speeding traffic.

Katherine Urquhart, director of the senior center, said that the numbers of people using the center have grown greatly since it opened in 1984. Approximately 200 seniors use the center every day, according to her. I am happy to say that I am one of them because Andover Senior Center is a friendly place, which offers many events every weekday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

I wish the Andover Police Department would examine this major junction leading to the senior center with the view of making it safer. I think a four-way stop sign would do that.

SREENIVAS MADRAS
2N Tanglewood Way

Doctor deserved positive outcome of his own

Editor, Townsman:

I was very happy to read Dr. Tom Hoerner's letter regarding his recovery from his recent surgery for a hemorrhagic stroke. He replaced my hip on Oct. 14. I was pain free from day one. Nine days after surgery I was home from rehab, and two days after that I was walking normally without a cane.

I have no doubt that I owe my miraculous speedy recovery to Dr. Hoerner's skill and caring. He is a miracle man who fully deserved a miraculous outcome of his own.

ROSE M. MULA
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Faith Lutheran Church sends soldiers holiday care packages

Fifty-six soldiers will receive care packages put together by the Faith Lutheran Church youth group for third- through sixth-graders, known as the FireFLYs.

About 25 FireFLYs along with a dozen adults worked with Jim Wareing of Methuen, director of New England Caring for Our Military, to create four boxes that will

go to four soldiers serving in the military forces serving overseas. These soldiers are either family members or friends of Faith Lutheran Church. Within each

box will be 13 to 15 additional care packages or bags that these four soldiers will then share with other soldiers in their units, according to organizer Bill Buck.

The packages had a mix of candy canes, small Christmas trees, a variety of food and candy, Christmas cards and ornaments the youth had drawn and painted. Also included were some toiletries, magazines, puzzles and playing cards.

The packages were mailed in time to arrive about a week before Christmas, according to Buck.

The FireFLYs are not the only group in Andover conducting such efforts and other youth will be featured in next week's Townsman. If you know of someone who's helped out this holiday season, send a release to townsman@townsman.com by Friday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m.



A group of youth from Faith Lutheran Church, including Sean Steinberg, sent packages to soldiers with ties to their church.

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Townspeople

Lattes with love

Teens' effort sends presents to Lawrence Club

By ERIC BRYDEN
WHAT'S UP CONTRIBUTOR

If you walked into the Andover High School foyer on Friday morning, Dec. 11, you may have mistaken it for an urban café.

For the second day in a row, the Democracy and Media Literacy students of Brian Parker were hosting breakfast in the foyer starting at 7 a.m., to raise money to buy holiday gifts for youth who use the Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence.

"It's been about two weeks of work to make this possible, but it's all worth it," said senior Pat Wallace. He called the project very fulfilling, especially since without it "650 kids could go without a present" on Christmas.

The Andover High foyer resembled a deli-style café, with cafeteria tables aligning the path to the staircase. These tables were overflowing with bagels, muffins, doughnuts, hot coffee and hot chocolate. AHS students and faculty began to pile into the café around 7:15, purchasing these donated bagels from Perfectos; muffins from the high school cafeteria; doughnuts, hot chocolate and coffee from three Dunkin' Donuts, and additional coffee from Starbucks. Most students were drawn to buy these items because of their nourishing appeal, or because Parker was screaming "Breakfast!" throughout the foyer. Every breakfast-hawking student wore a blue Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence shirt with a Santa hat. Parker sported a reindeer-styled hat.

"This is a great community effort," said Parker as a band led by Spanish teacher Bill Colbe started to play. Parker strongly believes this breakfast "raises community awareness" by letting AHS students know they can help others less fortunate. Parker expressed his elation that students "stepped out of their comfort zones" to ask for donations of food. Parker has his Democracy and Media Literacy classes partake in a community project every year.

"The class came up with several ideas, and we realized that a lot of us had connections with Dunkin' Donuts," said senior Austin Morocco. "[It] definitely feels good to help the Boys and Girls Club



Andover High School student Kevin Shin, center, holds a sign while volunteering at the school's "Breakfast Bash" Friday morning. The students sold coffee, doughnuts and bagels to raise money for the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club.



Andover High School student Allie Davis, right, is served a cup of hot chocolate as Rose Ganley waits in line at the school's "Breakfast Bash" Friday morning.

of Lawrence." Morocco himself goes to the club once a week and can see the benefits of raising money.

Also working at the tables was senior Theresa Latona, who said that the project is completely worth it if "we can help every kid get a present on Christmas."

The breakfast bash raised more than \$2,700. Those wishing to contribute more can send checks made out to Andover High School, and in the memo line write "Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence fundraiser."

These donations should be sent to Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road, Andover,

MA 01810; ATTENTION: Brian Parker.

The Boys and Girls Club of Lawrence provides over 3,500 children with activities and services. It says it strives to produce upstanding and considerate young men and women through an early introduction to constructive activities.

BREAKFAST BRIGADE

These Andover youth are in Brian Parker's fall Democracy & Media Literacy class:

- Ryan Beirne
- Nate Bryant
- Matt Byrne
- Brett Charewicz
- James Connors
- Sheila Cremin
- Christina Daidone
- Jason Dong
- Kristen Garcia
- Natalie Gibson
- Evan Hayssen
- Kenny Hill
- Quincy Jessep
- Zach King
- Troy Lamontagne
- Theresa Latona
- Shaun Lima
- Amy Machain
- Austin Marocco
- Will McGowan
- Jessica Otolo
- Wilfredo Perez
- Peter Rouff
- Kevin Shin
- Patrick Sullivan
- Peter Theodorou
- Tyler Vaz
- Patrick Wallace

Eric Bryden is a student at Andover High School writing for the Townsman as part of an internship program through the school.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 years Ago Dec. 17, 1909

The plate glass in O.P. Chase's store was broken early Wednesday morning. The motorman on one of the early cars which brings the Lawrence papers to Andover, in attempting to throw off the bundle, aimed too high and sent it crashing through the window.

Louis G. Buck is badly poisoned about the face.

Sunday forenoon, while on her way to church, Mrs. Charles Shaw slipped on some ice and fell, severely spraining her ankle.

Mrs. Etta F. Higgins spent Saturday and Sunday in the Vale.

Mrs. William Majerison of Lawrence spent Wednesday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F.G. Haynes, High Street.

The 15th annual Goldsmith prize-speaking took place in Pynchard Hall last Friday evening and a very successful program was carried out. The girl's prize was awarded to Miss Annie May Pratt '13, while the prize for the boys was awarded to John Everett Collins '13.

75 years Ago Dec. 14, 1934

The Andover Red Cross closed its 18th annual roll-call Thanksgiving Day and it proved highly successful. Both membership and contributions promise to place the town high on the list of communities throughout the nation.

The regular meeting of the League of Women Voters will be held on Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Horace Poynter, 6 Main Street at 3:15 p.m. Under the leadership of Mrs. R. N. C. Barnes Chairman, a small group of women have been holding discussion meetings to study problems of local taxation.

An attempt to secure used clothing in wearable condition for distribution among poorly clad schoolchildren was started this week by the student aid committee of the PTA.

Advertisement: The Andover Bookstore Toy Room/Santa Headquarters has for sale:

Sorry—The fashionable English game, \$1.00
Van Loon's Wide World game, \$1.00
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Dump trucks with electric lights, 35 cents to \$2.25
Buck Rodgers' Pistols, 50 cents

Lincoln log toys, 50 cents soldiers; settlers' cabin \$1.25
Mickey Mouse target game, \$1.00

50 Years Ago Dec. 17, 1959

The School Committee has established a new salary schedule for teachers ranging from a minimum of \$4,200 to \$6,000. Nine \$200 increments will be automatically given between the minimum and maximum rates.

The 1960 tax base may increase as little as 25 cents if tentative budget estimates prepared by Town Manager Thomas E. Duff are approved. The 1959 rate is \$26.00 per thousand.

Advertisement announcing the opening of Mason F. Arnold's Sales and Service at 17 Railroad Street across from Tyer Rubber: A five pound bag of select Maine potatoes will be free to all our patrons all day Saturday.

Editorial: The construction of Route 110 through Andover starting next Spring will certainly further complicate the town's gravel-pit problems. For there will be a constant need for gravel throughout that construction period — and what's more natural for local land owners to want to sell to the contractors?

A short life for Andover's Centennial Elm

Bill Dalton



The Centennial Elm was planted in Elm Square on July 4, 1876 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of our country's birth. Considering it was supposed to last for generations, it disappeared in an historical blink of the eye.

Daniel Cummings, well known for his knowledge of trees, was asked to find a suitable elm. His two favorites were planted on the same day in 1865 to commemorate the end of the Civil War.

One was on his property and the other on adjacent land owned by William Henry Foster

on Salem Street. Cummings preferred the Foster tree, and it became the Centennial Elm. Cummings graciously replaced Foster's tree with his own elm.

The planting of the Centennial Elm was accompanied by an all day ceremony that began with the booming of cannons and ringing of bells. The pure tone of the new Centennial Bell in the chapel on the Andover Theological Seminary was heard for the first time. (When the seminary left Andover, P.A. purchased their buildings.) Following the bell ringing was a Horribles Parade that ended where the Centennial Elm was to be transplanted in Elm Square. From photos I've seen, the tree was placed close to the center of Elm Square, perhaps a little to the southwest.

At 8:30 a.m., George F. Wright, the pastor of Free Church, gave the keynote

speech saying, "We plant here a tree which 100 years from now our children and children's children will see as a symbol of hope in which our nation may abide. The hope of our nation lies not in the paternal hand of centralized authority but in allowing the utmost liberty to her well-meaning citizens."

After watching the planting, the people in attendance marched to Indian Ridge Grove. The veterans of the War of 1812 rode in carriages, and the steam fire engines of Andover, North Andover, Ballardvale, and Marland Village, were elaborately decorated and followed. There were 2,000 people at the grove, and the afternoon was spent dancing and playing sports. In the evening there were fireworks.

As years went by, the elm grew big and healthy, becoming a key landmark. At one time it had a

small booth next to it, at another, benches around its trunk.

Ninety years ago, at the beginning of December 1919, just as the Centennial Elm was in its prime, it was destroyed because it was a "traffic hazard." Thoughts of transplanting the tree were given up when it was explained that the odds of survival weren't good and the cost would be \$150. The Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS) had met a month earlier, and it was noted at the beginning of the meeting that enthusiasm for village improvement was at its lowest ebb in years. Later in the meeting, the Centennial Elm was discussed, and it was agreed that it was a traffic hazard and sentimentality over the tree wasn't worth a person's life lost in an accident.

An explanation of the perspective of the year 1919

helps to explain how little thought was given to the tree's removal. World War I ended three weeks before, with 9 million troops killed worldwide and 22,000 wounded. Worse, although almost finished, the Great Influenza (also called the "Spanish Flu") was roaming the world taking 50 million lives. Hardly anyone in Andover was unaffected. These two tragic, historical events changed our perspective and devalued such things as tree sentimentality.

"Andover What It Was What It Is," published by the Andover Townsman on Andover's tercentennial in 1946, had the last word saying, "Deprived of its elm tree, Elm Square was also deprived of its beauty."

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

Men's group will help feed and clothe babies

A group of Christian men look to fill a van on Christmas Eve with food, cloths and diapers for babies in need.

The Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast is scheduled for Thursday, Dec. 24 beginning at 7 a.m.

"As has become our tradition,

we will harness the collective goodwill of this group to help Neighbors in Need. They spend thousands of dollars each year on baby products. They need baby formula (especially Enfamil with iron), diapers all sizes, baby food in jars, boxes of cereal, and clothes. The clothes may be used as long as they

are clean and in good shape," according to a release from the group. "There will be a van in front of the restaurant to collect our donations. We fill it every year, let's do it again."

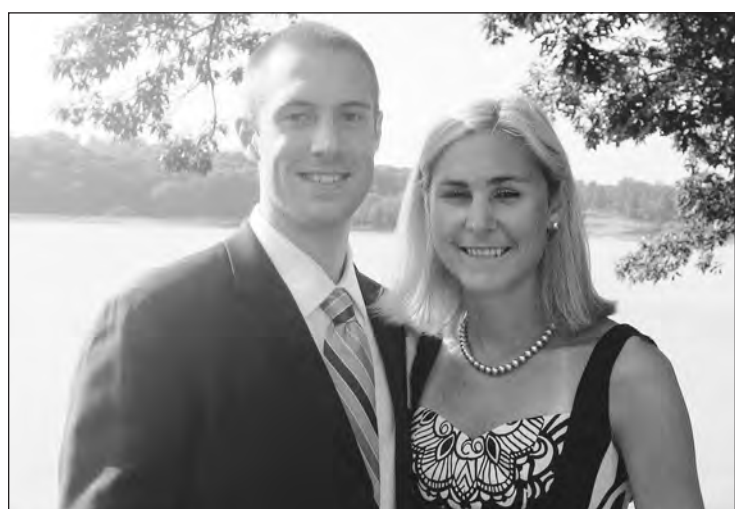
"Last year we had more than 200 men celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are going to a new

venue this year, Salvatore's at 354 Merrimack St. in Lawrence. Plan to arrive between 6:30 and 7 a.m., no later than 7 a.m. as a short program will begin then, allowing you to get home early to finish last minute elf tasks. A full breakfast buffet will follow," according to a release from the organization.

The cost is \$17 per person and people are asked to bring cash.

The group needs a preliminary head count by today, Thursday, Dec. 10, and a final head count by Thursday, Dec. 17. Call Jim Hackett at 978-474-4068, or email Hackett.jim@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

■ ENGAGEMENT



**Kelly McLaughlin
and Chris Caverly**

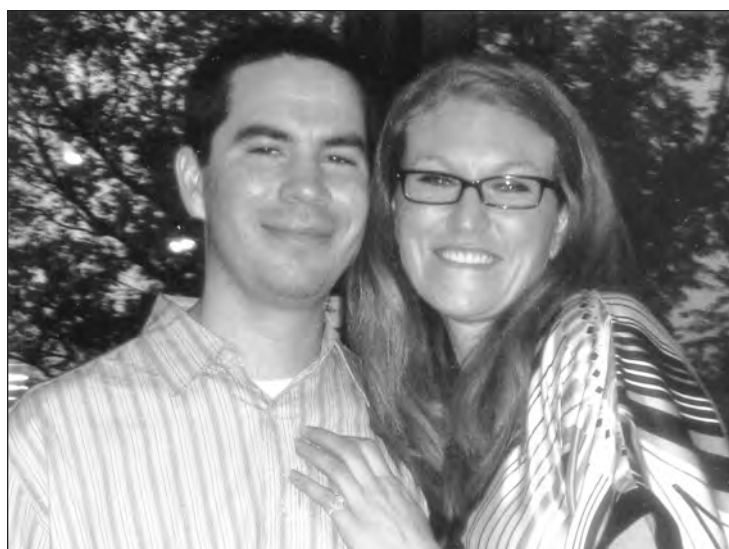
Thomas and Deborah McLaughlin are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Kelly McLaughlin of Charlotte, N.C., to Chris Caverly of Charlotte, N.C., son of Kim Caverly, currently residing in Paris, France, and Andy Caverly of Swampscott.

Kelly graduated from Merrimack College in 2006 and received a liberal arts degree and

elementary education concentration and worked at the Bancroft School. She is currently a full time student in the nursing program at Queens University of Charlotte, N.C.

Chris graduated from Colgate University in 2005 and received a bachelor's degree in economics and political science.

The couple plan a July 2010 wedding.



**Andrea Marvin
and Charles Hatchette**

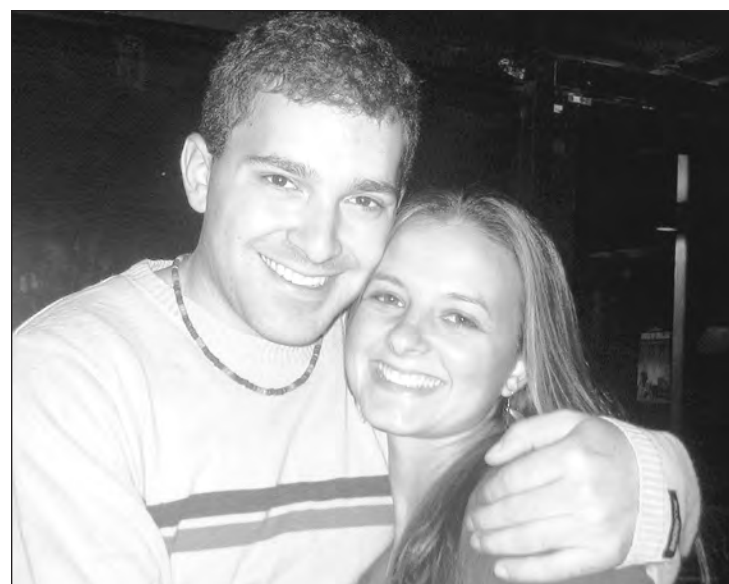
Dr. and Mrs. Ronald Marvin of Andover, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Andrea Marvin of Dallas, Texas, to Charles Hatchette, son of Dr. and Mrs. James Hatchette of Fredericksburg, Texas.

Andrea graduated from Andover High School in 1996, Boston College in 2000 and the University of Massachusetts

Medical School in 2004. She is currently a urology resident at U.T. Southwestern Hospital.

Charles is a graduate of Occidental College, Georgetown Medical School. He is a neurosurgical resident at U.T. Southwestern Hospital.

The couple plan a October 2010 wedding.



**Brandon Peter Antonakos
and Tasha Ann Caswell**

Sotirios and Sara Antonakos of Andover announce the engagement of their son, Brandon Peter Antonakos, to Tasha Ann Caswell, daughter of Peter and Jackie Caswell of Hillsborough, Calif.

Brandon is a graduate of Groton School and Tufts University.

He is currently enrolled in a masters degree program at Tufts University.

Tasha is a graduate of Crystal Springs High School and University of Puget Sound. She is employed by UBS.

A September wedding is planned.

■ TOWNSPEOPLE

Salem Maritime, The Crane Estate, Glen Magna, Halibut Point State Park Essex County photographers searched out the best and most beautiful locations for their award-winning submissions to this year's Essex National Heritage Area Photo Contest. Sponsored by Essex Heritage and Hunt's Photo and Video, the contest winners were presented their awards on Dec. 10.

Held in conjunction with Essex Heritage's Photo Safari program, qualifying photographs were required to be taken in the Essex National Heritage Area and represent one of four categories: "On a Photo Safari," "National Historic Landmarks," "My Space," or "General Images of Essex National Heritage Area."

Winners in the "My Space"

category include **Jesse Redlener** of Andover in a photo of Weir Hill in North Andover.

The Youth Dance Company was awarded grants by the Mass Council of Arts, distributed by the Lowell Cultural Council and the Tewksbury Arts Council to perform a lecture demonstration in two school systems. Students at the Pyne Arts Magnet School in Lowell and the John Ryan School in Tewksbury will be treated to an in school lecture demonstration performance. "The Beat Goes On" will reflect dance from its African Roots, on through the decades of the Charleston, the Swing from the big band era of the 40s thru the 80s, and on to dances of today's hip hop culture.

The Youth Dance Company is made up of aspiring artists from the Donna Miceli Dance Center ranging from elementary school ages thru college graduates, including Andover residents: Cecilia Bole, Kileigh Patrick, Katie Rex, and Pauline Russell.

Village Garden Club decks Historical Society

The Civic Beautification Committee of the Village Garden Club of Andover, at the invitation of the Andover Historical Society, was asked to decorate the exterior of the Amos Blanchard House on Main Street for Christmas.

Natural boughs and swags of white pine, balsam, juniper, laurel leaves, and pinecones embellished with red ribbon were hung along the fencing and entrances. Finally, wreaths of balsam adorned with fresh fruits served as door decorations for the historical house located on Main Street in Andover. Additional wreaths added holiday color to the barn and visitors' entrance.



Under the design direction of Village Garden Club chairwoman, Sally Shirazi, shown at right, and executive director of the Historical Society, Elaine Clements, the following Village Gardeners participated in this colorful project: Helen Ann Knepper, Cheryl McKeough, Judy Mitchell, Nan James and Betsy Williams, shown, left. They were assisted by three generations of the Ned Williams Family, according to the club.

■ SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

By KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR
SENIOR CENTER STAFF

The Andover Senior Center at 30 Whittier Court, behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. can be reached for information by calling 978-623-8321. Upcoming activities include:

Chronic Pain...Ouch!: Dec. 17, 1:30 p.m., \$3. Learn two simple techniques (meditation and visualization) that will minimize and eliminate pain and improve your comfort level. From headaches to back pain, results can be immediate and will improve with practice over time. Call or drop by to register.

Medicare Election Information: Dec. 18, 9:30 a.m. Bring your questions to this BCBS-sponsored event. Call for registration to this free forum.

New Year's Eve Afternoon Celebration: Dec. 31, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., \$5. Come ring in the new year, with food, fun and entertainment from Russ McQueen. Tickets available now - advance only.

New - Beginner's Tai Chi: Begins Tuesday, Jan. 12, 11:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., \$32. Registration has begun for this class.

Adaptive Home Equipment Forum: Jan. 8, 10 to 11 a.m. Hear about and see some of the equipment that helps people

stay safe in their homes longer. Call us to hold a spot for this free forum.

Lunch Box Café: Deli-style café is open for lunch Monday through Friday for reasonably priced wraps, hot panini, freshly made salads, and daily specials. All priced under \$5. Call ahead and we'll have it ready. Daily full lunch by reservation to all residents age 60 and older. \$2.75 suggested. Stop by for menu.

Free blood pressure clinic: The Andover Board of Health holds a free blood pressure and wellness clinic at the center every Wed. from 2 to 3 p.m. The clinic is open to all Andover seniors on a first come, first served basis.

Snow Policy: When Andover Public Schools are closed for weather related issues, the center is also closed for all programs, lunch and Meals on Wheels. Call our info line at 978-623-8377 for specific classes which may be affected by weather.

There is still availability in most aerobic, strength-training, tap and yoga classes now in session. All classes may be audited first time, pending available space. Call the Senior Center at 978-623-8321, or drop by for a tour.

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Obituaries

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Grace E. Byrne, 85

ANDOVER — Grace E. Byrne, 85, a resident of Andover, formerly of Lawrence, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at the Wingate at Andover.

Born in Lawrence, she was the daughter of the late James J. Byrne and Grace (Sullivan) Byrne. Ms. Byrne was a graduate of Lowell Teachers College and was retired from Lawrence High School where she taught typing and bookkeeping for many years. She was a member of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish, formerly St. Augustine Parish in Lawrence.

She leaves several cousins, including Virginia Bonenfant of Milford, N.H., Marion Chafetz

of Washington, D.C., and John Donovan of San Rafael, Calif. Ms. Byrne is also survived by her good friend, Mary Bradley of Lawrence.

ARRANGEMENTS: A funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, Dec. 17, 2009 at 11 a.m. in Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish-St. Augustine Chapel, 128 Ames St., Lawrence. Burial will follow in the Immaculate Conception Cemetery, also in Lawrence. Family and friends may call on Thursday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the John Breen Memorial Funeral Home, Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence. To send an online condolence or for more information, please go to www.breenfuneralhome.com.

Gary R. Weeks



ANDOVER — Gary R. Weeks, of Andover, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009 at his residence.

Gary was born on Oct. 13, 1962 in Brockton, to the late

James L. and Lillian A. (Kraus) Weeks.

He was a graduate of Hanson High School and was employed as a computer programmer at Hewlett Packard until his retirement.

Gary is survived by his long-time companion, Debbie Theroux of Andover; a son, Matthew Weeks of North Reading; and

daughters, Danielle Weeks of Lawrence, and Ann Gagne of Lowell. Also among his survivors are his sisters, Christine Roberts and her husband Kenneth of Arizona, Rita Harris of Pepperell, Linda Dulski and her husband Anthony of North Andover, and Cynthia Weeks and her husband Douglas Doskocil of Andover; and one brother, Ronald Weeks and his wife Renee of Middleboro. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral arrangements are private and under the direction of the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. To offer online condolences, please visit www.contefuneralhomes.com.

RELIGION

On Friday, Jan. 8, at 5:30 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold a "TOT Shabbat" Sabbath service, for toddlers, preschool, and school aged children. Rabbi Robert Goldstein will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story. Cantor Donn Rosensweig will lead the singing. This service is Open to the Public. Service will be followed by a Community Shabbat Dinner at 6 p.m. Reservations are required for Shabbat Dinner. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net

or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

On Friday, Jan. 8, at 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold a Grade 5 Family Service, led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Cantor Donn Rosensweig and Cantor Idan Irelander, Religious School Music Director. Temple Emanuel is at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. Please visit the website at www.templemanuel.net or call the Temple office at 978-470-1356.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, at 11 a.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover will welcome retiring Superintendent



Robert Mariano, 80

HAVERTHILL — Robert "Bob" Mariano of Haverhill died at the Lahey Clinic on Thursday, Dec. 10, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. His daughter, Carolyn, was at his side at his death. He was 80 years young.

He was born in Lawrence and attended Methuen schools. He was honorably discharged from the Army in 1957. He was employed by General Tire and Rubber Company, formerly known as BOLTA Products, for 32 years in maintenance. After his retirement, he was employed by the Berkeley Retirement Home as the maintenance supervisor.

Bob enjoyed growing many different species of flowers from seed and planting them in the gardens he cherished the most. He is recognized by the Community and the Women's Advisory Board of the Berkeley Home for the beautiful grounds he created at his hand during his years of tenure at the Berkeley Home and at his daughter's home in Biddeford Pool, Maine. A special article in the Lawrence Eagle Tribune recognized his accomplishments with the like.

He enjoyed playing golf and was a member of the Merrimack Valley Golf course for many years. He was also an accomplished bowler for the BOLTA bowling league at the Stadium Lanes in Lawrence.

As well, he always enjoyed his seafood platters and lobster

cookouts at his daughters' Maine seashore homes with close family and friends. His leisure hours were spent listening to his musical jazz collection.

His wife, Anna Patti-Mariano, survives him. His loving daughters, Carolyn Mariano of Biddeford Pool, Maine and Maryellen and her husband Norman DeRuiter of Bath, Maine, also survive him. Additionally, two grandchildren survive him, Benjamin Albis and his wife Nichole Berg of Bedford, N.H. and Sarah and her husband Jonathan Marines of Sanford, Maine. He had three great-grandchildren, Allison, Katelyn and Emma.

His sisters, Josephine Pellegrino of Methuen and Florence Patti of Utah; his brothers, Dominic Mariano of Andover and John Mariano of Methuen also survive him. He was predeceased by his brothers, Carl and Mario and sister, Rose Mariano-Patti. He had many loving nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9 at 11 a.m. at the Berkeley Retirement Home, Searle's Chapel located at 150 Berkeley St., Lawrence. Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H. has care of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the The Lahey Clinic Philanthropy Foundation Dept., for 6 Southeast Nursing, 41 Mall Road, Burlington, MA 01805 or to the "Berkeley Retirement Home Activity Department," 150 Berkeley St., Lawrence, MA 01841. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at www.douglasandjohnson.com.

of the Andover Schools, Dr. Claudia Bach. Dr. Bach will reflect on her tenure as head of Andover's public schools, as well as her vision for how public schools can best meet the needs of the students, particularly in the years to come. The program, which is open to the community, will begin with coffee and danish, and conclude by 1 p.m. Temple Emanuel is at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover.

On Friday, Jan. 22, at 7 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold a Kabbalat Shabbat Unplugged Service in conjunction with a

Pulpit Exchange with Andover's South Church. The service will be led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Cantor Donn Rosensweig and Cantor Idan Irelander, Assistant Music Director, accompanied by a variety of professional musicians. The evening's sermon will be given by South Church's Reverend John Zehring. The service of soulful music and inspiring prose is open to all, regardless of age, affiliation or faith. Wine and cheese will be served prior to the service at 6:30 p.m.

Clifford D. Whalen, 77



ANDOVER — Mr. Clifford D. Whalen, 77, of Andover, beloved husband of Nancy A. (Marchessault) Whalen, died Wednesday, Dec. 9,

2009 in the Lawrence General Hospital.

Born and raised in Lawrence, he was the son of the late John and Albina (Sawyer) Whalen. He received his education in the Lawrence school system.

Mr. Whalen had been employed for many years as a painter, having painted many homes, churches and steeples in the Lawrence and Haverhill area.

A resident of Andover for the past 15 years, prior to that he resided in Lawrence and North Andover. Cliff was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, woodworking and playing the harmonica.

In addition to his wife, with

whom he shared fifty eight years of marriage, he is survived by two daughters, Pam Griffin and her husband, Doug of Newton, N.H., Berniece and son-in-law Dennis Bligh of Andover; sons, John Whalen and his wife, Sandra of Yarmouthport and Gary Marchessault and his wife, Sharon of Lawrence; nine grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; a close family friend, David Swanson of North Reading; and two sisters, Phyllis Corcoran and Ruth Marchessault, both of Methuen.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends called on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009 at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. His funeral service was held on Saturday, Dec. 12, in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made in Clifford's memory to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. For directions and condolences, please visit our Web site and online guestbook at www.cataudellaFH.com.

Ronnie Patrakis, 85



HAVERTHILL — Ronnie Patrakis, 85, died Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009.

She was born in Haverhill, daughter of James and Maria (Oleft-

eris) Hanides. She was educated in Haverhill schools, and was a member Holy Apostles Church Saints Peter and Paul.

Ronnie will be remembered as being very generous to her family and friends. She was formerly employed in the local shoe industry, and was retired from Lucent Technologies.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Ernest Patrakis; one sister and her husband, Vange and Jordan Chatis of Somers, Conn.; nieces and nephews, Brenda Kelley, Maria Basque, Jane McKinnon, James Hanides, Terri Tracy, Steven

Hanides, and Brian Hanides, all of Haverhill, Michael Hanides of Hampstead, N.H., John Chatis of Somers, Conn., Nancy White of Newbury, Valerie Ivey of Roxbury, and Scott Chatis of Cambridge; brothers and sisters-in-law, Stanley Patrakis and Claire Somers of Springfield, Michael Patrakis of Andover, Fanny Chaconas of Ludlow, and Angie Porter of Atlanta. Ronnie also leaves two dear friends, Jayne Mazzaglia and Tina Lacarrubba of Haverhill.

She was predeceased by brothers Simon, Theodore, and Theofilis Hanides.

ARRANGEMENTS: Her funeral was held Friday, Dec. 11, 2009 from the Scatamacchia Funeral Home, 358 Washington St., Haverhill, followed by services in the Holy Apostles Church, Saints Peter and Paul. Burial was in Linwood Cemetery. Visiting hours were Thursday. To send online condolences go to www.scatamacchiafuneralhome.com.

Madonna and Child are Christian tradition

A mother gently cradles her sleeping child in this year's Christmas stamp. The United States Postal Service has issued a Madonna and Child religious Christmas stamp since 1978.

"Madonna and Sleeping Child" was painted by Giovanni Battista Salvi, an Italian artist. He was known as Sassoferrato.

Italian artists of that time were often referred to by their place of birth.

Giovanni was born in Sassoferrato, a town about 140 miles north of Rome, in 1609. He died in 1685

Giovanni studied art with his father, painter Tarquinio Salvi. He was inspired by the Renaissance painter Raphael.

Sassoferrato was known for his religious paintings of Mary and her son Jesus. Christmas is the Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ.

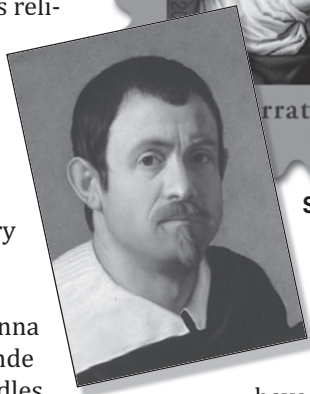
Madonna was an Italian title of respect for a noble woman. It came to be used as a title for Mary when she was pictured with the baby Jesus.

Sassoferrato's painting, "Madonna and Sleeping Child," shows a blonde Madonna dressed in red. She cradles the sleeping Christ Child in her dark blue cloak.

Two cherubs look down from clouds in the top corners.

The original painting is fairly small, just 29 by 24 inches. It is displayed at the Hearst Castle in California.

The "Madonna and Sleeping Child" is one of Sassoferrato's most popular creations. He painted over 20 versions of the picture.



SASSOFERRATO

He made some changes in the different versions. In some, the Madonna's head is leaning in a different direction. Others have more or fewer cherubs.

Artists often painted an image more than once because there were no photographs at that time. It was the only way to share or remember a favorite image.

2009 is Sassoferrato's 400th birthday. Today, more than 300 of his paintings can be found in museums, churches and private collections.

The USPS has printed 600 million stamps showing Sassoferrato's painting.

The Kid thinks Sassoferrato would be surprised ... and pleased.

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1. For how many years has the Post Office printed a Madonna and Child Christmas stamp?
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Education

Choosing a superintendent: An administrator or a leader?

Ken Seifert



I wrote last week on how a superintendent candidate looks at a community. This week let's take a look at how a community can question the candidates. The School Committee has invited the community to participate in focus groups. Citizens should take advantage of such an opportunity.

What follows is just one of the ways a community can assess candidates for key positions in public service. We used this approach in the '70 and '80s. It contains more detail than the average reader may desire. It is intended for those most interested in such a process.

One consideration is to be sure of the job you want accomplished, whether it is long or short term. It should be part of a master plan. Another consideration is do you want a leader or an administrator? There is a significant difference.

The key stakeholders should know what they are looking for and why. That gives everyone a common yardstick to measure candidates and a common ground for deciding the best of those in the field. There should be a general consensus before the candidate is interviewed and applications reviewed.

We looked at the candidates in two phases. One was the application process and the other the finalist stage. Our application described both stages. It indicated our standards and expectations for the job. In the application material we asked for a portfolio that demonstrated planning, innovations, conflict resolution and any other materials the candidate felt pertinent. Most candidates did not include such data. All information was eventually returned. Some made frequent visits to the schools.

For the first interview we tried to assess the following:

- **Conceptual skills:** visions, relationships, frameworks (also known as seeing THE BIG PICTURE)

QUESTIONING THE CANDIDATES

Ken Seifert offers many questions for the superintendent candidates, including "What do you propose as an evaluation process for your efforts and achievements as the superintendent?" For more questions, visit andovertownsmen.com.

- **Technical skills:** methods, procedures, practices. (HOW TO GET FROM A TO B)

- **Human skills:** empathy, knowledge in sociology and psychology, organizational behavior (BEING A PEOPLE PERSON)

We also tried to ascertain what the person knew about schools and education; what kind of training and experiences the person had accumulated, not just what appeared in the application; and what deeds, not words, had the candidate achieved.

We assumed all of the above were good indicators of how the candidate would perform.

Then there was the gut feeling about the person. It was important, but not the end all and be all of the decisions. We recorded and summarized our opinions. As agreed upon, they were confidential. A short list developed.

When we had the short list of candidates, the final interviews were critical. It would last hours for each candidate. It would not contain softball questions such as they ask the finalists in the Miss America Pageant. They would be pragmatic and philosophical in their intent. We told the candidate, you should assume you are in the job and the circumstances should not to be considered hypothetical. We wanted to see how the candidate would perform in the job.

We had our usual onsite visits for the most serious candidates. If you plan your strategy before the visit they can be productive. Sometimes they are not.

At the end of the process the superintendent would recommend someone such as a new principal to the School Committee. I felt the process was effective because I never recommended a candidate to the committee that I did not feel was the best person for the job. My last recommendation as superintendent was for an elementary principalship for Eileen Woods.

Surge in knowledge

Wood Hill Middle students study Afghanistan

The world got a little smaller for Wood Hill Middle School seventh-graders this month, after studying the war-torn country of Afghanistan.

Wood Hill Middle students in Team Seven East dove head-first into a thorough study of Afghanistan's culture, history and politics, presenting their findings in an expedition on Dec. 14.

Parents, students, teachers and community members toured the expedition this Monday morning, pausing at displays as students presented findings on a specific topic – from opium to birqas, the women's traditional Islamic garments (sometimes spelled burka or burqa).

The project proved especially poignant as President Barack Obama announced Dec. 1 he is sending 30,000 more U.S. troops to Afghanistan to combat the country's insurgency.

Several School Committee members and Superintendent Claudia Bach attended the exposition, and commented during the Dec. 14 School Committee meeting on how well-spoken the seventh-graders were.

"These students were presenting as adults. It was really quite extraordinary," said Bach.

A raffle at the exposition raised money for the Pennies



Chip Gregory, left, a language arts teacher at the Wood Hill Middle School in Andover, wears a burqa made by students. The seventh-graders have been studying the history, culture and politics of Afghanistan, and presented their findings Monday morning. Gregory is talking to Joni Lipka, from the Andover Fund for Education, who helped finance the exhibit.

AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

for Peace campaign, which High Plain Elementary students have been supporting this fall.

Students at High Plain

Elementary, which shares a campus with Wood Hill, have been collecting spare change since September for Pennies for Peace,

a service-learning program that raises money to fund education in Pakistan and Afghanistan.

— Bethany Bray

ON CAMPUS

Rebecca Cairns, daughter of Glenn and Jane Cairns of Nicholas Circle in Andover, and a student at Hamilton College, has been studying abroad in Paris with the Vassar-Westleyan Program for the fall 2009 semester.

A junior majoring in government at Hamilton, Cairns is a graduate of Andover High

School. Originally founded in 1793 as the Hamilton-Oneida Academy, Hamilton's campus overlooks the New England style village of Clinton, N.Y.

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Nicholas P. Milley has been named to the dean's list at the University of Richmond in Richmond, Va.

for the 2009 spring semester.

Dean's list honors at the University of Richmond require a semester grade-point average of 3.6 or higher.

Milley is a junior in the Robins School of Business.

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John Johnson, Jr. son of Jean and John Johnson of Andover, a first-

year student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine, participated this fall in the College's annual White Coat Ceremony to formally recognize the transition students make from lay persons to those assuming the responsibility of physicians.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what is for lunch in the Andover public schools, Dec. 21-23:

Elementary schools

Monday: French toast with syrup; sausage, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich; bagel and string cheese; baked home fries; sausage and fresh melon.
Tuesday: Soft shell tacos or taco boat with all the fixings; jumbo pretzel and string cheese, manager's choice, Mexican corn, Spanish rice and pineapple.

Wednesday: Pizza, salad, holiday cupcakes and juice.

Middle schools

Monday: French toast with syrup; sausage, egg and cheese breakfast sandwich; bagel and string cheese; baked home fries; sausage and fresh melon.
Tuesday: Mexican lasagna, jumbo pretzel and string cheese, manager's choice, Mexican corn, Spanish rice and pineapple.

Wednesday: Pizza, salad, holiday cupcakes and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: Chicken scampi, seasoned veggies, garlic bread, manager's choice and fresh fruit.
Tuesday: Manager's choice.
Wednesday: 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.
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The **Main Street Mobil** station has now been in business for over a decade. They have a reputation for being honest, responsible, and for customer satisfaction. Sam and Lori are raising two sons in Andover and the two are strong supporters and sponsors of Andover Youth activities.

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

All individuals who donate a nonperishable item to any Philip Ciampa Salon & Day Spa will receive 20 percent off any retail item until Dec. 31.

The Philip Ciampa Salons & Day Spas located in Saugus, Lexington, Andover and Wakefield are accepting donations through Wednesday, Dec. 23. All of the food collected will go to the Greater Boston Food Bank to benefit hungry families across eastern Massachusetts.

The following items are needed:

- Canned tuna, chicken, or other meats
- Canned soups or chili
- Plastic bottles or cans of 100% fruit juice
- Pasta, rice, or other grains

Professional Ambulance Service announces that Chief Executive Officer **Bill Mergendahl** of Andover has been named to the Board of Directors of the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions. CoEMSP is the only, comprehensive National EMS education accreditation agency in the United States.

Mergendahl was appointed by the American Ambulance Association to serve as one its two representatives on the CoAEMSP Board. The purpose of CoAEMSP is to improve the quality of EMS education by implementing a rigorous

accreditation process for qualifying paramedic training programs.

Attorney **Kelly M. Quigley** of the Devine Millimet law firm in Andover was appointed secretary of the Merrimack Valley Estate Planning Council. The Merrimack Valley Estate Planning Council is a nonprofit organization committed to fostering public awareness of estate planning and the building, managing, and preservation of family wealth.

Quigley, a resident of Andover, has more than 15 years of experience in estate planning and probate and trust administration areas. She works closely with individuals and families to create and implement strategies designed to minimize the impact of estate and gift taxes, to facilitate the transfer of wealth between generations, and to carry out the charitable intentions of individual clients. Quigley also works closely with business owners to design succession plans to ensure the preservation of business assets for future generations. Quigley's additional expertise includes guardian and conservator issues, probate and administration of decedents' estates and trusts, post-mortem tax planning strategies and the preparation of federal and state estate tax returns.

Ready for a new you?

Businesses set to offer two more Extreme Makeovers

Residents looking to start fresh in the new year can get some free professional help from local businesses.

Fitness Together, the private personal training studio at 166 North Main St., Andover, is beginning its second Extreme Makeover project, where people write an essay to explain why they deserve to win a makeover valued at more than \$10,000 per person.

Fitness Together will provide personal training, cardiovascular conditioning and nutrition counseling to those chosen for three and a half months.

Many other businesses are also donating their services to the winners. Indra Salon is providing hair, nails and skin care. Dr. Nitish Nahata with Tewksbury Family Dental will provide teeth whitening and other cosmetic dentistry as needed. Elements Therapeutic Massage will provide the lucky winners with weekly sports massages. Native Sun will offer not only



Jose Batistine and April Graffeo, owners of Indra Salon, Cherish Brunet of Andover and Cheryl Forbes of Tewksbury watch as Lisa Swanson, co-owner of Fitness Together, holds up a pair of pants to illustrate how much weight Cherish and Cheryl lost as part of Andover's first "Extreme Makeover" last year.

brand new outfits but complete wardrobe consulting. Palmers restaurant will host the interviews as well as the Extreme Celebration.

Those interested in winning the makeover can fill out an entry form, and send in photos and an essay describing why they deserve the opportunity. The business owners will

narrow the requests down to 10 finalists who will be invited to an interview in early January for the second and final round of the selection process. Two makeover winners will begin the program immediately. In early May, after their training and preparation, family and friends will be invited to celebrate their success.

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HOCKEY PREVIEW

Berthiaume, Wakefield a dynamic duo in net

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Kyle Berthiaume admits there is plenty of competition between himself and teammate and fellow goalie Derek Wakefield.

But only in the most positive sense.

"We go at each other," said Berthiaume. "But it brings out the best in us. We push one another and talk to each other, and it makes us become better goalies. We compete, but then we sit together at lunch the next day."

Last season, Andover High entered the hockey season without a goalie that had started a varsity game. This season, the Golden Warriors opened the year with not one, but two legitimate starting Merrimack Valley Conference netminders in Berthiaume and Wakefield.

"They are both very, very good," said Andover coach Mario Martiniello. "They are very similar goalies that have good position and know what to do in net. We are thrilled to have both of them."

The performance of both goalies will be a key to success for the Golden Warriors, who were scheduled to open play on Wednesday at Coyle Cassidy.

"The team is looking very good right now," said Berthiaume. "We tied St. John's Prep (who eliminated them in the postseason last year) 1-1 in a scrimmage. Every year we set out to surpass what we accomplished the previous year."

Both goalies had big shoes to fill last season, replacing 2008 Merrimack Valley Conference/Dual County League Division 1 Player of the Year Nick Drew, currently a goalie at Division 1 Merrimack College.

But both were up to the task for the Golden Warriors that finished the year 13-5-4 and



Andover's Kyle Berthiaume, here making a save against Central Catholic, delivered a breakout season a year ago as a sophomore. Now a junior, he makes up a key one-two goalie punch with Derek Wakefield.

lost in the Division 1 North quarterfinals.

"We both have a sense of what it takes to win," said Wakefield. "We both have that valuable experience now."

Berthiaume, then a sophomore, exploded onto the scene. He finished the year with a whopping 10-2-3 record, with losses coming only to Waltham, then St. John's Prep in the tournament. He was especially hot down the stretch, allowing just two goals in his final five starts of the season, including three shutouts heading into the tournament. He also held Super 8-qualifier Central Catholic to just one goal in a tie.

The netminder finished the year with a stellar 1.3 goals-against average and a .953 save percentage.

"Kyle was lights out," said Martiniello. "He took the reigns as the season went on last year. He is great at controlling loose pucks in front of the net."

Wakefield also had his standout games in the crease last year. He finished the season 5-3, with losses going to Central Catholic,



Andover senior Derek Wakefield said he and fellow goalie Kyle Berthiaume benefit from the competition of being on the same team.

superpower Malden Catholic, which advanced to the Super 8 semifinals, and Tewksbury. He recorded a shutout against Acton-Boxboro.

The then-junior finished the year with the 2.6 goals-against average and a .900 save percentage.

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Cahill key to Warriors defense

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

Andover's Laura Cahill doesn't consider herself a rough player, but when the play calls for a big hit, she is more than willing to deliver.

"If I really need to break up a breakaway or something I'll give it a good hit," she said. "I try not to take it to the point where I end up in the penalty box, but I'll get aggressive if I need to."

The toughness of Cahill and her defensive teammates will be a key for the Golden Warriors girls hockey team, which was scheduled to open play on Wednesday by hosting Acton-Boxboro at Phillips Academy.

"We definitely have a very young team," said Cahill. "We have a lot of freshmen. But I think, as time goes by, we will begin meshing together and we will win some games."

Cahill knows a little something about the makings of a varsity team. The junior has been a key member of Andover High's defensive rotation since she was in the eighth grade, and for the last two years she has been a top blueliner.

That experience has allowing her to be a major contributor on the ice, and help with the transition the Golden Warriors are undergoing with the coaching change, as Phil Rowley replaced head coach Bill McCarthy.

"My job isn't to be a complete leader," said Cahill. "But I'm trying to help the younger kids understand the importance of everything on the ice. Our new coach is very different than our old coach, but he has a lot of qualities we're looking for."

Cahill was in hockey skates not long after she could walk, but by the fourth grade she had traded in her hockey pads for figure skates.

"I did figure skating for a few



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Laura Cahill is aggressive on the ice when it's necessary.

years and I got to the point that I was pretty good," she said. "It was a main part of why I became a strong skater. That's where I learned the key details."

"But, at one point, I got bored and wanted the intensity of hockey again."

So, once sixth grade arrived she was back involved in hockey, and just two years later she was skating for the Golden Warriors. She has seen plenty of success in her three years on the varsity team, as the Golden Warriors have gone a stellar 43-15-5 over that period. Last season, she helped Andover to a 16-5-1 mark. She showed some skills as a distributor, dishing out five assists a season ago, but she knows her job is on the back line.

"You really have to keep a good watch over the game," said Cahill. "You have to communicate with your teammates and tell them what the right things to do on the ice are."

"Without communication you don't have a team. If you don't communicate, you aren't going to go anywhere."

Cahill is also a standout on the field hockey field. This season, she scored four goals to help Andover to a stellar 19-1-1 record.

"My position as a forward is much more goal-oriented in field hockey," she said. "The sports are similar, but being on the ice is different. I'm not afraid to get tough."

New face behind the bench

After six years as head coach at Andover, Bill McCarthy stepped down after last season. Over that time, he finished with an 86-30-14 record. Replacing him is longtime hockey coach Phil Rowley.

"I was an assistant for the Bilmerica boys team for 12 years,"

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BOYS: Competition a plus

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"Derek played well," said Martiniello. "If you could take out the 8-1 loss to Malden Catholic, his numbers for the year would look much better."

Martiniello said that, like a season ago, he will look to play the hot hand. But he said he enjoys having the two goalies working together.

"They push each other," he said. "They know there's a guy behind them that can do their job. There is only one net, and you know that you have to be on top of your game at all times. You know the coach can throw the other guy in."

"We haven't been this comfortable since Nick Drew was backing up Danny Abreu (in 2006-07). Going into this year, any coach in the league would be lucky to have our goaltending."

But does that competition create any awkwardness between the two backstops?

"No way," said Berthiaume. "We're totally friends. We give each other confidence and root one another on. We push each other and that makes us better."

And now, both goalies eye a

special season.

"We should be up there with the best," said Wakefield. "Hopefully we'll contend for a Super 8 berth."

BOYS HOCKEY

2008-09 season: 13-5-4, Tost in Division 1 North quarterfinals

Returning lettermen: Derek Wakefield, Sr., goalie; Alex Patti, Sr., forward; Joe Kuta, Sr., defense; Mike Cahill, Sr., forward; Will Maye, Jr., defense; Kyle Berthiaume, Jr., goalie; Dan Colombo, Sr., forward; Alex Driscoll, Jr., forward; Chris Kuchar-ski, Jr., forward; Luke Walker, Jr., forward; Alex King, Soph., defense; C.J. Boilard, Soph., defense

Newcomers: Matt Gibson, Sr., forward; Nick Nawrocki, Jr., defense; Matt Swett, Jr., forward; Tyler Boudrow, Jr., forward; Ryan Oteri, Soph., forward; Matt Melver, Soph. forward; Stephen Brighton, Soph. defense; David Belluche, Frosh., defense; Jim Burns, Frosh., forward

Captains: Joe Kuta, Alex Patti

Returning leaders: Kyle Berthiaume 5 shutouts

Returning honorees: Alex Patti, Joe Kuta and Kyle Berthiaume, MVC-DCL 1 All-Stars

Head coach: Mario Martiniello (6th year, 66-30-15)

Assistants: Scott Manzi, Steve Neal, Kevin Drew

Fast fact: Sophomore Ryan Oteri, brother of senior all-conference center Sarah, joins the Golden Warrior varsity this season.

GIRLS: Welcome a new head coach this season

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said Rowley. "The head coach left, and I went for the head coaching job and was not picked. But I have no regrets."

Rowley moved on to become the girls lacrosse coach at Central Catholic. But a chance meeting found him back on the ice.

"I happened to be talking to the Andover athletic director (Chris

Bergeron)," said Rowley. "I later went on-line to send something to him. I saw he was looking for a new girls hockey coach. I called him up, went through the application process, and the rest is history."

GIRLS HOCKEY

2008-09 season: 16-5-1, Tost in Division 1 first round; MVC-GBL co-champ

Returning lettermen: Sarah Oteri, Sr., forward; Nicole Giroux, Sr., forward; Laura Cahill, Jr., defense; Lea Macheras, Jr., forward; Jill Manning, Jr., forward; Meghan Pierce, Jr., defense; Alicia Nader, Jr., forward; Erika Van Andel, Jr., forward; Kyla Mosquera, Jr., goalie; Morgan Muggia, Jr., forward; Kendra Dargoonian, Soph., defense; Lauren Thiele, Soph., defense; Emily Appleton, Soph., defense; Ciarra Riendeau, Soph., forward; Michaela Olson, Soph., defense

Newcomers: Inez Bouzon, Frosh.,

forward; MacKenzie Dutton, Frosh., goalie; Emma Keefe, Frosh., defense; Megan Keefe, Frosh., forward; Meaghan Leary, Frosh., forward; Morgan Manning, Frosh., forward; Melissa Newton, Frosh., defense

Captain: Sarah Oteri

Returning leaders: Sarah Oteri 24 goals, Nicole Giroux 10 goals

Returning honorees: Sarah Oteri Eagle-Tribune All-Star, Nicole Giroux MVC-GBL All-Star

Head Coach: Phil Rowley (1st year)

FALL ALL-STARS

Here's a look at the local athletes honored for their stellar play in the fall season:

ALL-SCHOLASTICS

SWIMMING: Rachel Moore, Soph. (D1 MVP); Maggie D'Innocenzo, Frosh.; 400 free relay (Ashlee Korsberg, Alexa Korsberg, Monica Patterson, Moore); 200 free relay (D'Innocenzo, Emma Cammann, Britany Ross, Patterson);

FIELD HOCKEY: Tameka Geaslen, Andover, Sr.

FOOTBALL: Brendan Burke, Sr., Andover/Austin (D3A MVP)

PREP SCHOOLS: Marina Moschitto, Brooks, Sr., soccer, Andover

ALL-MVC FOOTBALL

MISCELLANEOUS HONORS

Offensive MVP: John Hennessy, Andover, QB, Sr. (Large)

ALL-MVC LARGE: Connor Clancy, OL, Jr.; Brian Miller, TE, Jr.; Christopher McConnell, WR, Sr.

ALL-STARS: Jake Lebowitz, DL, Sr.; Peter Theodorou, DL, Sr.; Craig Hornung, LB, Sr.; Kris Riemer, OL, Sr.; Nick Burdeau, OL, Sr.; Jimmy Johnson, Sr., WR

LOCAL HONORABLE MENTION: Andover: Christian Lightner, DB, Sr.; Lyle Baker, DE, Jr.; Tim Duffy, OL, Sr.; Brian Martin, RB, Sr.

ALL-MVC BOYS SOCCER

All-Conference: Kaelan Crawford, Sr.; Randy Sartor, Sr.

MVC All-Stars: Cecchi McNaughton, Sr.; Andrew Palletta, Sr.; Bryan Burkhard, Jr.

ALL-MVC GIRLS SOCCER

All-Conference: Sam Arnold, Sr.; Natalie Gibson, Sr.

MVC All-Stars: Jen Caro, Jr.

ALL-MVC VOLLEYBALL

All-Conference: Kirsten Arvidson, Sr.; Annie Ye, Jr.; Sarah Arvidson, Soph.

ALL-MVC FIELD HOCKEY

All-Conference: Tameka Geaslen, Sr.; Nicole Giroux, Sr.; Emily Hook, Sr.; Sarah Oteri, Sr.

ALL-MVC GOLF

All-Conference: Dave Gilbert, Sr.; Mike Levenson, Sr.

MVC All-Stars: Adam Rosenzweig, Sr.; Evan DeBiase, Sr.; Donny Hunt, Jr.

ALL-MVC SWIMMING

All-Conference: Rachel Moore, Monica Patterson, Maggie D'Innocenzo, Emma Cammann, Deborah Daly, Ashlee Korsberg, Alexa Korsberg

Area All-Stars: Sam Hall, Brittany Ross, Jenny Coneeny, Anna Millar, Colleen Hespeler

Area Honorable Mention: Kate Sullivan, Nina Mazzarelli, Courtney Stone

Miscellaneous Awards MVPs — Rachel Moore, Andover (D1)

Coaches of the Year — Marilyn Fitzgerald, Andover (D1)

ALL-MVC BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

All-Conference: Scott Waller, Sr.; Simon Voorhees, Jr.

MVC All-Stars: Ryan Cooney, Adam Vetere, Nick Schumacher

Miscellaneous Honors

Runners of the Year: Small School, Scott Waller, Andover

Coaches of the Year: Small School, Leo Lafond, Andover

ALL-MVC GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

All-Conference: Molly Van Doren, Sr.

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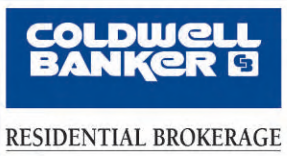
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LOST CAT - dark gray tabby, lost 11/30, Arlington/Webster St. Haverhill area. It's the season for miracles. Modest reward, (978) 374-1801

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First Run

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LOST DOG Pekinese, 23 lbs., white with a little brown, wearing collar. So. Broadway, Lawrence area. (978) 682-3382.

First Run

LOST - Long haired dark tiger cat, white around face & neck, has cancer needs chemo. Salisbury Beach, Central Ave. Reward. "Grizzabella" or "Grizzie" 401-464-1600 or 978-358-7771.

First Run

LOST: No. Andover library area on Dec. 5. very old orange calico tiger cat, has cloudy eyes. Call (978) 974-0003.

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CAT: Large mole gray tabby found in Rockport. To adopt or claim Call (978) 283-6055 Cape Ann Animal Aid

FOUND - 4 Nintendo Wii games on 12/7. Please call to identify (978) 532-6029

Found: Adult Siamese cat on Western Ave. in Gloucester. For more info Cape Cod Animal Aid (978) 283-6055

FOUND: Cat, Atkinson riding Academy, Atkinson NH, Thanksgiving week very friendly Orange Adult Male, neutered. Call (603) 770-6773

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76-100 Help Wanted

83 Professional First Run

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Must Sell!
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— Bethany Bray

Rain pushes Christmas story telling to Dec. 20

West Parish Church Outdoor Christmas Pageant has been rescheduled to this Sunday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m. due to inclement weather last Sunday.

This annual re-enactment of the Christmas story includes a cast of children, youth and adults and a stable of live animals. Through drama, narration and carols the audience shares in the miracle of Christmas as Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem, the shepherds seek out the manger, and the wise men bring their gifts. The biblical

account of Jesus' birth and modern-day stories such as the "Littlest Angel" and the "Little Drummer Boy" are included. The public is invited to the free half-hour performance.

The church will accept non-perishable food items at the archway prior to the pageant.

Snow-pology

Superintendent Claudia Bach offered a mea culpa for not cancelling school on Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Monday night's School Committee meeting.

"I'd like to offer an apology to the community. I feel I didn't make a good decision," said

Bach at the Dec. 14 meeting. "If I had known then what I know now (about how much snow fell), I would have cancelled school."

Students were sent home early last Wednesday after several inches of snow fell in Andover.

— Bethany Bray

Another for Nutcracker

Taylor Burns of Andover also will be in Dance Prism's production of the Nutcracker at the Collins Center in Andover, Dec. 19 and 20. She was inadvertently left off the list sent by Dance Prism. This is her fourth year performing in the production, according to her family.

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