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Recovered pastor sees King's dream here

Jan. 18 unity brunch open to all residents

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

After suffering a massive heart attack last winter, Andover Baptist Church Pastor Lyndon Myers said he witnessed, here in Andover, a microcosm of the togetherness championed by Martin Luther King Jr.

Residents from all faiths and backgrounds flooded Myers and the church with well wishes. A prayer vigil held while he was in the hospital packed the pews of Andover Baptist Church with members and non-members alike. In May, the Free Christian Church, along with Andover Baptist, organized a benefit concert to collect money for the Myers family and to purchase defibrillators, a device that saved Myer's life, for area churches.

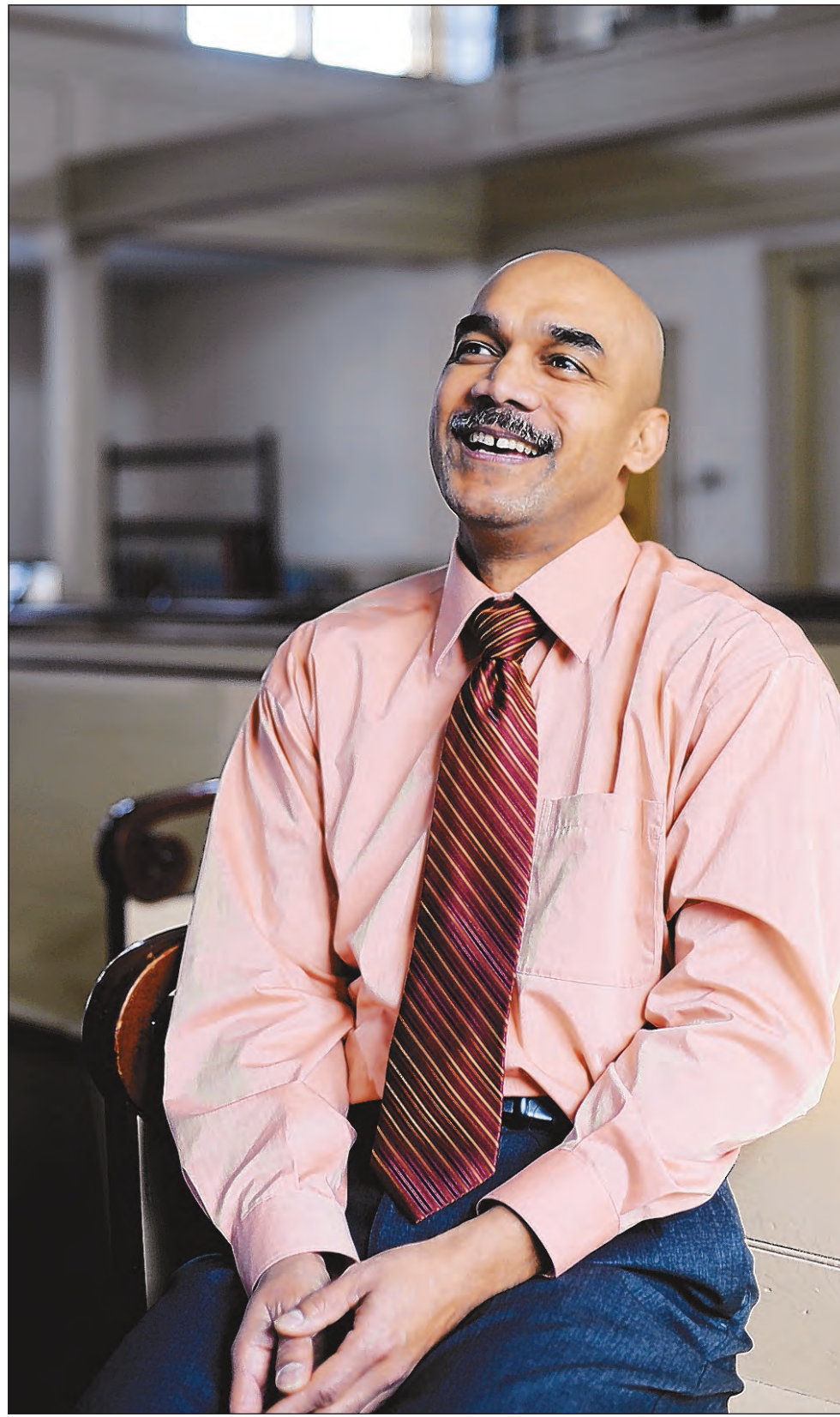
"I'd like to say thank you ... (The community support) made me feel like this is really a home for me. That people in this town care about you, recognize who you are, what you represent and that they're praying for you," said Myers, who was installed as ABC pastor in 2004. "That's what Martin Luther King's dream is about - that we can be one American family, not worry about the color of your skin, the language you speak or where you come from. Dr. King would look down upon Andover and be very proud."

Myers will carry that theme of togetherness when he speaks at Andover Baptist Church's Martin Luther King Day Unity Brunch on Jan. 18. The annual event usually brings close to 200 people, from all walks of life, to Andover Baptist for a hearty brunch

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Andover Baptist Church, at the corner of Central and Essex streets across from Memorial Hall Library, will host a unity brunch Monday.



Pastor Lyndon Myers from the Andover Baptist Church will hold a unity brunch for the community on Martin Luther King Day. He missed last year's event while recovering from a heart attack.

Union blocks bid for federal money

Teachers' leaders against tying performance to their evaluations

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

The School Committee says Andover missed out on a chance to get federal money for its town schools yesterday, Wednesday, Jan. 13, because the teachers union president would not sign on to the effort.

School Committee's comments: Page 7.

Superintendent Claudia Bach and the five members of the School Committee had hoped to apply for federal Race To the Top money. The sticking point is that a grant application requires a "memorandum of understanding" to be signed by the teachers union president, superintendent and School Committee chairperson.

The union disagreed with one of the memorandum's frameworks, which seeks to improve "teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance."

After a serious discussion, the 58 member executive board of the Andover Education Association voted unanimously against signing the memorandum earlier this month, said Tom Meyers, AEA president and Andover High School social studies teacher.

"The feeling of the executive board was that if you're going to tie evaluation to compensation, then teachers are tied to student performance. It will drive all education to standardized testing, denying the creativity and tremendous originality that goes into planning lessons in Andover. Rather than benefit education, it would homogenize and standardize education, and

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No candidates for School Committee Town Clerk: 'No one has taken out papers yet'

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

School issues facing residents this year include hiring a new school superintendent, and possible school closings that could result in redistricting. Yet, interest in sitting on the board sat the center of these school issues is slim right now.

Not one resident has pulled out nomination papers to run for School Committee, according to Town Clerk Randy Hanson.

"We have some time before (nomination) papers are due, but it's the only committee in which no one has taken out papers yet," Hanson said.

Nomination papers are due Feb. 2 and require 50 signatures for each position.

School Committee seats now filled by Dick Collins and Debra Silberstein will be on the upcoming town election ballot. A call to each candidate was not returned before deadline. The town election is set for Tuesday, March 23.

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Schools help Kid's Club wade through flood aftermath

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

A sprinkler malfunction has displaced 175 elementary and middle school students who participate in the Shawsheen Extended Day Kid's Club after school programs.

After a massive reorganization effort, SHED's after school programs were cancelled just one day and are temporarily operating out of several public school buildings.

"The response from the community has been unbelievable. The (public) schools have been phenomenal in making this happen. It's been a very good feeling to see us so welcomed," said Sydney Bialo, SHED Inc.'s executive director. "Many programs would have closed for two weeks, but we didn't

have to because we had the support of the schools."

Two floors of the SHED Inc. Kid's Club building on the campus of Phillips Academy were flooded after a sprinkler line broke on New Year's Eve. Bialo estimated the sprinkler break caused \$100,000 in damage. Repair crews are replacing walls, carpet, electrical wiring and testing the building's air quality. The rebuild is being expedited and Bialo said the building should be ready in more than two weeks.

SHED's kindergarten building, also located on the Phillips Academy campus, was not affected and is operating as usual.

SHED has pledged to cover any extra expenses incurred while they are in the public schools, including electricity, heating and custodial

costs, said Bialo. Kid's club runs after school every day until 6 p.m.

The problem began mid-day Dec. 31, when an attic sprinkler line burst, triggering the building's fire alarm. Emergency responders where there within minutes, said Bialo, and her insurance agent, Sheila Doherty, town building inspectors and other workers soon followed.

Bialo and her staff immediately began making plans, and called each parent personally with news and updates.

That weekend, Bialo contacted Debra Silberstein, School Committee chairwoman, and Superintendent Claudia Bach to see if it would be possible for SHED to operate out

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BRUNCH: To be held Monday

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cooked by church members, and for a service of music, prayer and fellowship.

Last year, Myers was in the hospital as the church hosted the brunch, a tradition he started in 2008. This year, it feels like a homecoming of sorts, as he will be keynote speaker, he said.

After a year of recovery, "it feels like I'm getting back to into the routine, our groove, so to speak," said Myers, breaking into a smile.

Myers was well enough to begin preaching again in April. On Jan. 18, he will speak on the message "a dream achieved and a dream renewed," he said, noting that the inauguration of President Barack Obama, America's first African-American

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY BRUNCH

Hosted by Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St.
Monday, Jan. 18, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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president, was a milestone in Martin Luther King's dream.

"We've reached that milestone, but the work isn't over. We still have to figure out how to become a nation of all very different people," said Myers.

ELECTION: No papers pulled

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As for other committees in town, nomination papers have been pulled by the two selectmen incumbents up for reelection this year. Selectmen Alex Vispoli and Gerry Stabile have pulled nomination papers.

Town Moderator Sheila Doherty has also pulled papers along with Francis O'Connor,

who sits on the Housing Authority.

Marilyn Fitzgerald, who is finishing the term vacated by the passing of the late Jerry Silverman last July, has also taken out nomination papers for a two-year term on the Greater Lawrence Technical High School committee.

No candidate for any office has returned papers yet.

National Grid seeks to cut 55 town trees

Residents have a chance to state whether they want to save any of the 55 trees National Grid wants to cut down because they treat power lines.

Andover will hold a public hearing regarding an application from National Grid to remove or prune public shade trees on Jan. 27, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Andover Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., in the selectmen's conference room. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should attend

the meeting, according to the town tree warden.

"The program included a tree-by-tree hazard assessment of public and private trees, along the main three-phase lines which serve the community. The work is recommended to remove hazard trees and prune for additional clearance to reduce tree outage problems affecting large numbers of customers served by these main lines," according to a legal notice. National Grid's arborists

have identified 55 town trees for removal along town roads, and six town trees that need pruning. Town trees located within the public way that are designated for removal have been posted with a notice of public hearing in the field. Trees designated for pruning have been marked with a small blue ribbon.

The roads with town trees affected by the program are listed below, together with the number of trees proposed for removal or

pruning along each road:

- Dascomb Road, 7 removals
- Clark Road, 2 trims
- Lovejoy Road, 13 removals
- Lowell Street, 35 removals and 4 trims

A complete list of town trees designated for removal or pruning including information about the location, size and species of the affected trees and the reason for removal or pruning, is available weekdays from Town Offices during normal business hours.

RACE: Union doesn't want performance reflected in pay

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not take into consideration all the myriad of learning styles that students exhibit."

The School Committee issued a lengthy statement this week, signed by all five members and the superintendent.

"We do not believe that at this stage there is any downside to all three parties (superintendent, School Committee chairwoman and union president) signing the memorandum of understanding at this time. There is, however, a significant loss of opportunity for money, change and innovation all backed by federal dollars," wrote the committee, in part. "We are disappointed in the response of the union leadership. We believe this is not in the best interest of the children, the teachers and the community."

Myers said the AEA was also working on a press release on the issue, but it would not be ready by Townsman press deadline.

"It was our feeling that if it was going to help education, obviously we want to see money come into the system, but not in a way that won't benefit students directly," said Myers.

The union also felt slighted because the School Committee brought up the grant proposal as an afterthought, at the end of a December meeting on a completely different topic, said Myers.

"It shows a clear lack of trust, a School Committee that doesn't want to work with educators," said Myers. "Now they put this press release out, and attack us



JAN SEEGER/Eagle-Tribune

Friends, from left, Kendra Moore, 9, of Andover, and Danya Baron, 9, of Andover, sit together near the front of Andover Baptist Church during a special "Unity" service held there on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day last year.

behind our backs."

The AEA executive board is comprised of elected representatives from all of Andover's 10 schools, said Myers. The union's 900 members include teachers, nurses, secretaries and other school positions.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association had advised local teachers unions to support the measure, under specific conditions.

"We believe the Memorandum

of Understanding protects your collective bargaining rights and prevents unilateral implementation of changes if an agreement cannot be reached. A separate document we have developed, the MTA Memorandum of Agreement, makes it clear that any party can back out at any time," wrote the state union.

The group recommended local union presidents sign the MOUs, if they could agree to some statements, including,

"there is a trusting, collaborative labor-management relationship in the district"; "I have discussed the mandatory and voluntary elements of the MOU with the superintendent and school committee chairperson, and we agree that we have a shared interest in many of these elements"; and "we have jointly agreed to sign the MOU and take on the collaborative work that it outlines should DESE be awarded an RTTT grant."

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Camera-ready advertising copy is due by Tuesday at noon.
No cancellations honored after these deadlines.

SHED: Program moves after sprinkler malfunction

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of public school buildings temporarily, which they approved.

"It was something we were happy to do," said Bach. "Our students are served so well by SHED, and we've had a long, long relationship."

Lisa Campbell, the town facilities coordinator, helped organize the process.

SHED Kid's Club after-school programs were cancelled on Monday, Jan. 4, as the staff regrouped and the nonprofit got an emergency license from the

state to operate out of another building.

After splitting SHED staff and bus routes between six schools, SHED Kid's Club resumed on Jan. 5. Elementary students in Kid's Club stay at their home schools. All the middle school students go to a program at West Middle School.

Jeannette Angles said it would have been "a nightmare" to find alternative after-school accommodations for her 12-year-old son, Ian. Transitions can be difficult for Ian, who has Down Syndrome, so it worked perfectly

that he can attend SHED at his home school, West Middle, she said. Last week, they went sledding on the hill at Andover High School, played basketball in the gym and worked on activities in the West Middle cafeteria.

"They did a really great job transitioning," said Angles, who works in the insurance industry. "I have seen companies much larger than this that couldn't have pulled this off as easily as Kid's Club. They had a plan in place and were only closed for one day."

Bialo founded SHED 25 years

ago, starting as a program for half-day kindergartners at Shawheen School. The program quickly grew, and SHED and its Kid's Club program now serve about 300 children every day, kindergarten through eighth-grade.

Although Ian had tried other after-school programs, he never truly found a home until SHED, said Angles.

"They have done an amazing job integrating him with typical kids," she said. "It's been an exercise in helping him become a socially viable human being."

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: The Arco building on Main Street during mid last century. Arco stood for Andover Realty Company. Note the location of the Andover Townsman, which later moved to North Main Street across from the police station, and now is on Chestnut Street.



NOW: Over the years, tenants of the Arco building included The Paper Store, Elander & Swanton, the Andover Townsman, Arrow Cleaners, Cross Coal and CVS. Today it's home to a tanning salon and Royal Jewelers.

DCS promotes six months of community activities

The Department of Community Services Winter/Spring program booklets are currently in the mail to residents. The booklet is also posted on Andover's home page at andoverma.gov/dcs. Online registration is now available. All you need to remember is the course code number, scroll down the list to check enrollment availability, proceed to sign up for one or more courses and complete the sale to register. Of course calling the DCS with a credit card, visiting the office, mail or fax registrations are also accepted.

The program booklet has detailed class descriptions, class meeting times and locations and lists a multitude of leisure opportunities. This season's back cover features a welcoming summer photo of Andover's hard working summer staff. The photo serves as a reminder that summer is not

far away, in fact DCS is not going to keep you waiting for summer program sign ups. There is a special centerfold section in this issue with "hot" summer children's programs to sign up for now.

Anyone who has not received a booklet may pick one up at the DCS office on Bartlet St., Memorial Hall Library or the Senior Center. New courses for adults include cooking workshops, Latin Basics, Chess, Boot Camp Fitness Training, and hundreds of online classes at www.ed2go.com/dcs. The kids have a chance at signing up for a variety of programs offered by Coach Michelle and the ever popular afterschool programs offered throughout the winter/spring months. The Department of Community Services is located at 36 Bartlet St., Andover. Call 978-623-8274.

Andover Housing Trust Fund is looking for proposals for affordable housing projects

The Town of Andover has approximately \$65,000 of Federal HOME dollars to distribute for affordable housing purposes. A Request for Proposals will be available on January 15 to any organization, entity, or non-profit, that is interested in advancing affordable housing opportunities in Andover and is encouraged to apply for funding.

The Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees is a town board comprised of five individuals that represent the residents of Andover. The main purpose of the trust is to provide funding for the preservation and creation of affordable housing in the town of Andover.

Some of the Housing Trust Fund's priorities for funding are new housing production, rehabilitation, homeownership

opportunities, preservation of existing affordable housing, and/or any other activity that the Board determines addresses the Town's affordable housing needs. Any proposed projects, in order to receive federal funds, must meet certain regulatory criteria such as the affordability, equal opportunity and fair housing requirements, and other federal standards.

For a complete copy of the Request for Proposals including submission requirements and evaluation criteria, please contact:

Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees
Attn.: Lisa Schwarz
Planning Division
36 Bartlet Street
Andover, Massachusetts 01810

L'Italien office hours for Friday, Jan. 29

State Rep. Barbara L'Italien will hold constituent office hours at the Andover Senior Center on Friday, Jan. 29, from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Either L'Italien or her legislative aide will be available to meet with any interested

residents. Residents can also speak directly with L'Italien's office anytime by calling 617-722-2380. L'Italien represents the 18th Essex District which includes Andover precincts 1, 7 and 8.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



WE SEE THE LACK OF WILLINGNESS of the [teachers union] leadership to engage in dialogue with the School Committee and superintendent on this matter as one more barrier to moving ahead in the areas of cost containment and revenue generating during these difficult financial times.

– *The five members of the School Committee and Superintendent Claudia Bach, in a submitted piece about the Andover teachers union refusal to sign a memorandum necessary to be eligible for Rise to the Top federal money the committee calls a "once-in-a-generation opportunity."* See Opinion, page 7.

IT WAS REALLY THE FIRST GREAT piece of sculpture to come into the Addison. The Manship (fountain) is really the lynchpin, the foundation of that collection.

– *Brian Allen, director of the Addison Gallery of American Art, about the Paul Manship piece titled "Venus Anadyomene" that has always greeted visitors to the Andover art museum. The Addison closed in mid-2008 for a \$30 million renovation and expansion project, a small piece of which has restored the fountain to working order. Story in Arts, page 9.*



NEWS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 14

Council on Aging, School Administration Building, third-floor conference room, 8 a.m.

TRIAD, Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court (behind the Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St.), 9:30 a.m.

hall, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, JAN. 19

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

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

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

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

South Elementary School Council, South School, Woburn Street, 3:30 p.m.

Recycling Committee, Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JAN. 21

School Committee, workshop with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees, School Administration Building, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Tuesday's election will be last for Town Clerk Hanson

After 19 years as Andover's Town Clerk, Randy Hanson will soon count her last ballots. Hanson is retiring and her last day will be Friday, Feb. 26.

She's going out in town clerk style as the town is having a rare winter election next Tuesday, Jan. 19. It's a U.S. Senate election, featuring top candidates Republican Scott Brown and Democrat Martha Coakley, vying to fill the late Ted Kennedy's seat. Hanson said it's the first winter election the town has held while she's been town clerk. She's been busy as a result.

"There have been a lot of absentee ballots for this election," she said. That's usually an indicator for the election turnout and Hanson is predicting a good turnout on Tuesday.

– *Judy Wakefield*

US SENATE SPECIAL ELECTION

Day: Tuesday, Jan. 19, 2010
Polls open: 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Reason: To elect person to seat formerly held by U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy
Where to vote: Precincts 1, 7, & 8 vote at the Andover Senior Center on Whittier Court
Precincts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 9 vote at Collins Field House, Andover High School, Shaw-shen Road

Food allergy roundtable and emergency training

The Merrimack Valley Asthma and Allergy Educational Support Group will hold a roundtable discussion and epinephrine injector training on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at the Atkinson School, 111 Phillips Brooks Road, North Andover. The meeting is free, pre-registration is not required.

Nurses will be present to explain and answer questions about anaphylaxis severe allergic reactions to foods, insect stings, medications, or latex and demonstrate how to use life-saving EpiPen or Twinject devices when necessary. Discussion topics may include eating out with food allergies, school issues, travel and vacation tips, or family dilemmas.

"Everyone is invited to bring their questions and concerns," says Sharon Schumack, Director of Education for the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America, New England Chapter, which is

sponsoring the meeting. "Sharing experiences and hearing ideas from others who are living with food allergies is a great way to gain confidence and feel less alone," she says. "We especially encourage parents, teachers, child care providers, and the friends and relatives of people with food allergies to attend and learn how to give epinephrine in case of an emergency. What they learn may help save a life some day."

AAFA New England organizes educational programs throughout the region, publishes a newsletter, and runs a telephone resource and referral line for people coping with allergies and asthma. For more information, or to receive notices about future meetings or free information about food allergies or asthma, call 781-444-7778 or see www.asthmaandallergies.org.

Town managers' breakfast Friday

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee will present "The Annual Merrimack Valley Mayors' and Town Managers' Breakfast" on Friday, Jan. 15 from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover.

Guest speaker will be Lt. Governor Timothy Murray and invited speakers included Andover Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski, Amesbury Mayor Thatcher Kezer,

Lawrence Mayor William Langtigua, Methuen Mayor William Manzi, III, North Andover Town Manager Mark H. Rees, Newburyport Mayor Donne Holaday, Haverhill Mayor James Fiorentini, Lowell Mayor James Milinazzo, and Tewksbury Town Manager Richard Montuori.

A full breakfast buffet is included. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.

Interfaith prayer at Merrimack College Jan. 28

All are welcome to come together in prayer during "Jews, Christians, and Muslims - Together in Prayer" the 7th annual interfaith prayer at Merrimack College, Cascia Hall, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, on Thursday, Jan. 28 from 7 to 8 p.m. Cascia Hall is handicapped accessible.

The event is free and open to the public.

PMC registration

Register to ride in the 31st Annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge starting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 by logging on to www.pmc.org. Open to 5,500 cyclists, the PMC will be held on Aug 7 and 8. This year's goal is to raise \$31 million for the Jimmy Fund, which supports cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Over the past 30 years, the PMC has raised \$270 million for the world-renowned cancer center.

Riders can register for one of 10 routes, including four one-day and seven two-day treks which range from 47 to 190 miles.

January health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Jan. 25, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Jan. 20 and 27. No appointment is necessary.

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The average house hunter will look at about a dozen homes before finally placing an offer on a house. Sellers should bear this in mind when it comes to pricing their homes. In today's competitive market, many sellers resist in making the common mistake of setting too high a price for their homes, hoping they can start with a high price and negotiate from there. However, this overpricing strategy is often counterproductive. Buyers who could have afforded the home might never see it because they assume it is out of their range, and those finding the home to be in their higher price range will likely find it lacking the amenities offered by other homes in that price category.

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Medical Connection
by Bill Daly, M.D.

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Lucking out on a bad idea

Bill Dalton



One winter vacation, four of my friends and I decided to pull a trick. We were bored 8-year-olds in a mischievous mood.

We talked about how we could scare drivers on Chestnut Street. One of us suggested that another of us lie on the side of the road and play dead. A snowy season had left tall snowdrifts along the street, so one boy played dead on the snowdrift facing the road. A few cars drove by and the drivers took not so much as a look.

We understood we had to be more creative. Our little gang thought hard and talked about the matter.

Our solution required a small piece of wood and a knife. We had pocket knives. All boys had small knives and carried them everywhere. They were too small to do the trick we had in mind.

One of us went home and brought back a hunting knife. He said he borrowed it from his older brother. My house was close by and there was wood in our cellar. I sawed down a piece and brought it back to the gang.

We stuck the hunting knife in the wood. It was not as easy as we thought it would be. We were not strong enough for the sticking to be easy.

When no cars were in sight, which was normal then, the smallest of us did the trick. The smallest liked to do such things. He was brave and wanted not to be small.

He lay down on the sloped snowbank facing the road. One of us helped place the wood and knife inside his coat, with the knife sticking out. The coat was zipped high enough to hold the wood and knife in place.

We knew what dead people looked like from the movies. The knifed boy closed his eyes and spread his arms out like he'd been shot by an outlaw.

We placed a lookout 50 yards in each direction on Chestnut Street. We wanted to be sure that the driver who spotted the knifed boy wouldn't be someone we knew. If either lookout saw a familiar car, he would signal to call off the trick.

The first car came down Chestnut Street. A woman was driving and there were no passengers. No warning signal was given, so the trick was on.

The woman driver looked hard at the knifed boy. She stopped her car just beyond him and opened her door.

We were shocked. Having not planned for a successful trick, we did what 8-year-olds do: we panicked.

The knifed boy jumped up and ran away from the woman. She called, "Come back I want to help you." The rest of us, hiding behind the snowbank, scurried toward our homes.

For a day or two, we waited for wrath to fall upon us. It never did. The woman must have thought it was a harmless joke and didn't tell on us.

I don't know what we were thinking. We'd never done such a trick before. In our own neighborhood we should have figured out we'd get in trouble.

But we were little and lucky and got away with it.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman and enjoys receiving your email at billdalton@andovertownie.com.

Merrimack Valley YMCA names new trustees, directors to board

The Merrimack Valley YMCA has announced three new Board of Trustees members who were elected at the YMCA's 130th Annual Meeting: Doherty Insurance Agency's President **Sheila M. Doherty** of Andover; Temple Emanuel's **Rabbi Robert Goldstein** of Andover; and Jay Karamourtopoulos of Methuen.

Newly elected the YMCA's Board of Directors are: Philips Healthcare's Director **Suzanne Kavanaugh** of Andover; Liberty Life Assurance Company's Executive Vice President & COO **Cheryl K. Neal** of Andover; Deborah K. Hope of North Andover; Holy Family Hospital President **Lester P. Schindel** of Framingham; and former Lawrence Mayor **Michael Sullivan** of Lawrence.

The role of YMCA policy volunteers is to provide leadership, guidance and financial support to the organization as it works to provide programs and services to youth and families of the Merrimack Valley area.



On Jan. 10 the Andover Squirt 3s won their division of the Deep Freeze tournament in Waterville Valley, N.H. Team members are, in front row, from left: Jack Murray, Sam Huntress, Michael McCullom, Connor Rinklin, A.J. Clark, Scott Dalton, Jack Fietze; back row: Aram Smith, Konstantinos Kantas, Coach Chris Huntress, Trent Tully, Ryan Finneran, Coach Steve Moreland, Michael Hughes, Coach Steve Murray, Ethan Doherty and John Moreland.



The Andover Mite 2 team won the "B" division of the 27th annual Scott Heseltine Mite Tournament held over Thanksgiving weekend. Pictured are, front row: Declan Croston; second row, from right: Shane Patrick, Jake Dalton, Jack Patten, Jackson Gress; third row, from right: Tyler Durling, Ryan Shea, Stevie Ingram, Cole MacKinnon, Jack Shannon, Brady O'Brien; and, last row, from right: Coaches Kevin Mackinnon, Chris Patten and Sean Croston. Missing from the photo is Foster Rose.

Celebrations on ice



Larry Lamagna (second from left) was recently recognized for his "dedication to ice hockey in Andover" after retiring from the Andover Hockey Association's Board of Directors after 18 years, eight of which were as their president. Honoring Lamagna during the opening ceremonies of the 27th Annual Scott Heseltine Memorial Tournament at Phillips Academy are (from left) Joe Benson, current president of the AHA; Lamagna; Ben Ruggles, director of rink operations at Phillips Academy; and Mike Kuta, director of athletics at Phillips Academy.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELLIGET

100 Years Ago Jan. 14, 1910

Shortly after six o'clock Tuesday afternoon an alarm was rung in at the engine house, which was followed almost immediately by the all-out signal. The cause was an overturned lamp in the home of Monte Z. Whitcomb. The lamp was thrown out the window and no harm resulted.

On Wednesday evening a party of young people of Andover took advantage of the sleighing and enjoyed a sleighing party.

Mrs. Harry M. Eames was taken suddenly ill at the supper of Christ Church parishioners on Monday evening of this week and has since been in a very serious condition.

Advertisement: Special for Saturday - 13 cents for a grapefruit; 18 cent Malaga grapes; sweet Florida

oranges two dozen for 25 cents.

75 Years Ago Jan. 11, 1935

The final plans for the new (Junior High) school building, approved by the building committee Monday night, had not been returned up to this morning by the P.W.A. engineers in Boston. Chairman Hardy will call a building committee meeting, when the date for the call of bids will be settled.

A bill calling for the widening of the highway between Harding Street and the Andover-Lawrence line and the construction and maintenance of a sidewalk between the same points has been filed at the State House by Representative Thomas Lane.

School Committee set the school budget at \$153,932. Of this, teachers' salaries accounted for \$98,533; textbooks and supplies \$5,975;

janitors \$7,614, new equipment \$391, miscellaneous \$3,550. Other categories accounted for the balance.

Books valued at \$385 being shipped to the Andover school department went down with the ill-fated ship "Lexington" in New York Harbor, Superintendent Henry C. Sanborn reported at the school committee last night. Another shipment arrived from the text book house a few days later. It is probable that the book company had insured the shipment.

50 Years Ago Jan. 14, 1960

The battle of the buck between Teachers Association and School Committee continued in the sparring stage this week. Chairman William Hart told the Townsman that the committee will forcefully

renew its request for a basic salary schedule of \$4,200 to \$6,700.

The tuberculin testing program in the Andover public schools will be offered to students in grades one, four, seven, nine and 11 on Monday, February 8. Testing will be done by means of the Vollmer Patch test.

A hearing on Sidney P. White's proposed dairy bar, processing plant, and barn all to be located on land along the railroad tracks on Andover Street was held January 7 by the Board of Appeals.

The American Cancer Society in its drive to collect data about one million persons though out the U.S., has chosen Andover as one of 42 communities in Massachusetts. One hundred families living in this town will be asked to answer questions covering a wide variety of subjects, such as occupational data, health and eating habits, and incidence of cancer in the immediate family.

Mother of Three Down to a size 4 from Size 16!



I was a 47 year old mother of three who didn't realize that I had become extremely overweight. I still felt I was that thin 24 year old but reality hit me hard. My clothes were painfully tight, my feet were killing me and my back was beginning to bother me as well. After I went to see my son at camp I was looking at my pictures and I couldn't believe how bad I looked. I was so ashamed that I had let myself get into this condition. I went to see the podiatrist about my feet and the first thing he told me that if I lost about 40 pounds my feet would feel much better. Forty pounds... how did I let that happen. So I decided it was time to do something.

I started to inquire at the local gyms to see what they had to offer. After meeting with the staff at Get In Shape I know this was what I needed. Accountability, small group instruction, nutrition counseling and weight-ins. Before I started though I needed to shop for workout clothes. I was floored at the size I had to buy... and extra large. I was at the time wearing a size 16 dress - what did I expect, it took me six months to lose the weight. It came off slow and steady but with encouragement from the staff and my fellow work-out partners I kept at it. At the end of the six months I was a size 8 and down 40 pounds. How awesome is that!

Well now it's been a little over a year and I've lost a few more pounds but I've gone down to a size 4. My body fat has dropped from morbidly obese to an acceptable range! My doctor was thrilled with the weight loss and the drop in my cholesterol. I'm thrilled with my new body. I recently accepted a position at the same Get In Shape where I lost all of my weight to help other women do the same. I love helping others with weight training, nutrition counseling and giving them the encouragement they need to accomplish their goals.

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Hugh Mulligan and Angela Sepe

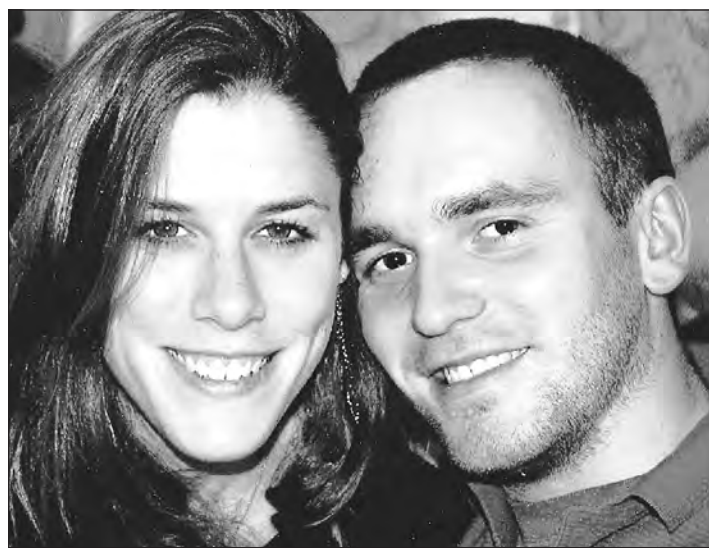
Hugh and Paulette Mulligan of Andover, are pleased to announce the engagement of their son Hugh E. Mulligan IV of Chicago, Ill., to Angela Rose Sepe of Chicago, Ill., daughter of Frank Sepe of Fargo, N.D., and Robert and Elizabeth Gibb of Fargo, N.D.

employed in the Admissions Department at Loyola University of Chicago.

Ms. Sepe received a master's degree from the University of North Dakota and is employed as an occupational therapist at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

The couple plan a November 2010 wedding.

Mr. Mulligan received a bachelor's degree from Marquette University and is currently



Caitlin Geary and Mark Baggeroer

William and Kathleen Geary of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Caitlin Margaret Geary, to Mark Daniel Baggeroer, son of William and Cynthia Baggeroer of Andover.

with Mercury Brewing Company in Ipswich.

Mr. Baggeroer is a graduate of Andover High School and the University of New Hampshire, where he earned a bachelor's degree in earth science.

He is currently employed as a property manager with University Property Management in Lowell.

A September 2010 wedding is planned.

Ms. Geary is a graduate of Andover High School and the University of Richmond where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in communications. She is currently employed as a sales and marketing representative



This iguana had no problem getting up close to the Retelles' camera.



A blue heron, one of 61 bird species spotted by the Retelles.

Local snowbirds fly way south – to Ecuador

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER



Evelyn and Al Retelle encountered larger turtles in the Galapagos Islands, located off the coast of Ecuador.

Andover's most well-known birdwatching couple was at it again last month, seeing for themselves the Galapagos Islands, where Charles Darwin conducted some of his most famous research.

Birdwatching with an Elder Hostel team brought Evelyn and Al Retelle to islands, located off the coast of Ecuador.

"He [Darwin] has a lot of scientific research on the birds from the Islands," Evelyn Retelle said. "We wanted to see the area."

The Andover couple saw 61 bird species, Evelyn Retelle said.

"It's not that many, as we usually see hundreds of different birds on our trips," she said. "But it was a great trip."

The couple, who live on Reservation Road, took numerous photographs and plan to present their findings next month at a discussion at the Andover Senior Center (see sidebar).

The Retelle's 15-day trip last month also included snorkeling for Al Retelle and visits to a rain forest and rose farm.

"It's very interesting how the country (Ecuador) sits on the equator," Evelyn Retelle said. "We were in two hemispheres at the same time...yes, it was pretty cool."

SOUP'S ON!

When: Monday, Feb. 8, noon
Where: Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court

What: Warm up with soup while enjoying talk and photographs of Al and Evelyn Retelle's recent trip to the Galapagos Islands



This is not a robin, it's a frigate bird - and an eye-catcher thanks to its red breast.



Exclusive to the Galapagos Islands is this bird, a blue-toothed booby.

BoomerVenture registering for new 2010 programs

By KAREN PAYNE-TAYLOR
BOOMERVENTURE STAFF

Serenity Yoga: Gentle yoga, suitable for beginners, will create strength and balance through mind/body connection; helps improve alignment and create harmony. Bring yoga mat. Wednesdays, 2:50 to 3:50 p.m. through March 24. \$60 per 11 week session.

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beginners and more experienced players. ACBL accredited bridge instructor Terry Kay Bargar. Mondays, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., through March 22, \$125 for 8 weeks. Or drop in fee \$25 per day.

Andover Trails Cross Country Skiing: Sunday, Jan. 17, at 1 p.m. Meet at Skug River parking lot on Salem Street in Harold Parker State Park. Beginners to advanced skiers welcome. Bring your own skis. If there is no snow, Nordic

poles will be available. Dress appropriately.

Beginner's Tai Chi: Call for information. Program started in Old Town Hall Jan. 12.

Boomers are invited to join any senior class one week before class begins, pending space. Drop by and see what's happening.

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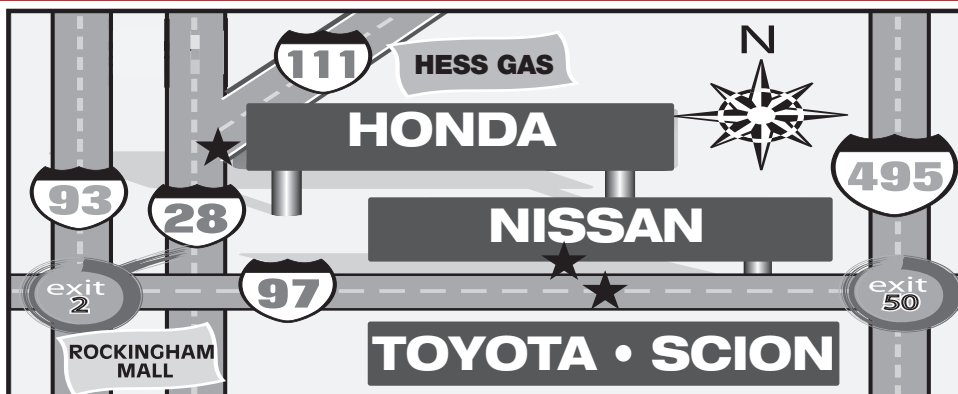
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Opinion

Set bar high for manager's goals

Seeking another five-year term as town manager, Buzz Stapczynski read selectmen a statement about where he would like to take the town, and what he considers to be, in his words, 40 major accomplishments of the last five years.

Stapczynski is an excellent day-to-day manager and tactful consensus builder. He understands that the town must consolidate, broker better deals with its unions and find more efficient ways to spend its money. But he and other town leaders need to better identify what are truly major tasks and accomplishments, and focus on just two or three each year that can be evaluated at year end.

His list of 40 "major accomplishments" from the last five years is filled with successful town endeavors – from having a community-wide reading of "The Worst Hard Time" to having the town declared annually as a Tree City USA. But major accomplishments during a five year term should be items such as building a new school, or saving the town \$1 million with a new program. Being a Tree City is a nice and worthwhile goal, of course, but in Massachusetts alone there are 90 such communities.

What must a town do to be declared a Tree City USA? Maintain a tree department. Write an annual plan for community forestry and have a \$2-per-person budget (about \$60,000 in Andover). Observe Arbor Day with a proclamation.

Let's hope that as town leaders look ahead at identifying and successfully accomplishing future major tasks, they set the bar higher. And let's hope they identify and push for two or three truly major accomplishments each year and evaluate whether those have been completed.

Return to late night

The population may be aging, but that apparently doesn't mean more Americans want to go to bed earlier. That may be the lesson learned from NBC's failed effort to put Andover native Jay Leno on at 10 rather than 11:30 weekday nights. He was essentially offering the same kind of show | one of critics' major complaints with his latest venture | only in prime time rather than his familiar late-night slot. It became apparent rather quickly that a majority of viewers are still looking for drama, comedy or reality programming at the earlier hour. So it's back to 11:35 for Leno after the Winter Olympics.

WEB QUESTION

Would grant money help education?

Last week's question: What should the town of Andover's res- olution be for 2010?

With 29 people responding, you said:

"Turn back on all the streetlights," with 27.59 per cent of votes;

"Create more taxpayer friendly agreements with employee unions," 13.79 percent;

"Combine town and school departments, such as technology" and "Eliminate take home cars for any employee" received 10.34 percent;

"Find better and new ways to save money," "Make a concrete plan to replace Bancroft Elementary School, and act on it," and "Rehire Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski" received 6.90 percent;

"More snow days for the public schools" and "Bring a balanced budget to spring Town Meeting" received 3.45 percent;

"All of the above" received 6.9 percent and "None of the above" 3.45 percent

This week's question: grant money or tenure?

The School Committee and teachers union disagreed over applying for federal

grant money, with a deadline passing on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Superintendent Claudia Bach and the five members of the School Committee had hoped to apply for federal Race To the Top monies. The sticking point was that a grant application requires a "memorandum of understanding" to be signed by the teachers union president, superintendent and School Committee chairperson.

The union disagreed with one of the memorandum's frameworks, which moved to improve teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance. What do you think?

■ The teachers union should have helped pursue the schools grant.

■ The teachers union did the right thing.

■ 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, e-mail editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsmen.com

HOPING TO STAY HEALTHY



ROGER DARRIGRAND /Staff Photo

Hundreds of Andover residents 10 years of age and older came for H1N1 shots during the H1N1 clinic run by the Andover Health Division at West Middle School in Andover on Tuesday.

Officials: Union blocking 'once-in-generation opportunity'

Andover Public Schools has a window of opportunity to obtain potentially significant federal dollars to better position our students for their future. This window closes on Jan. 13, 2010. [Townsmen deadline this week was Wednesday morning.] Our teachers' union leadership has taken a position that will prevent Andover from qualifying for these funds, which are vital to help us increase innovation and improve education in Andover. Here's the story:

Race To The Top

The Federal Race To The Top Grant presents a once-in-a-generation opportunity, to access significant federal dollars, accelerate innovation, and truly transform education. RTTT is a \$4.35 billion dollar education reform package that could bring \$250 million in additional federal dollars to Massachusetts. These are strong financial incentives for our schools to build a bridge from the past and present to a promising future for our children.

To access these dollars, Massachusetts must compete with other states. To do this Massachusetts is proposing its own Education Reform Act aligned with the goals of The Race To The Top Program. School districts are being asked to sign a MOU

(memorandum of understanding) which establishes a framework of collaboration between the school district, the state and the federal government in four areas:

- 1) Improving teacher and principal effectiveness based on performance
- 2) Ensuring effective teachers and leaders in every school and classroom
- 3) Turning around the lowest achieving schools
- 4) Using data to improve instruction

To be eligible for RTTT funds the superintendent, School Committee chair, and union president need to sign and submit this MOU to the state by Jan. 13, 2010. The MOU would not obligate the district or the union but merely keep open the opportunity to be eligible for these funds.

The Massachusetts Teachers Association has advised all of the local unions that the MOU does not impact their collective bargaining rights and is encouraging local union presidents to sign. In a memo to local unions the MTA said, "We understand that some of you will have reservations about signing the MOU or discussing these issues. But we urge you to give this matter careful thought. Should you decide to sign an MOU, you will have influence over the direction

of educational policy in the state and nation over the next few years. The only way that we, the education professionals of Massachusetts, can bring our expertise to bear on these policies is by being part of the planning process."

In Andover, with unanimous support of the School Committee, the chairwoman has been authorized to "sign on." The superintendent has expressed the importance of this unique opportunity and that Andover is well positioned for this grant money. Dr. Bach notes Andover Public Schools' strong record of grant collaboration with other districts and recognized best practices in the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines. The AEA teachers union executive board voted against signing the MOU. Accordingly, our local teachers union president said he will not sign the MOU. He also indicated the teachers union will not meet with the School Committee and superintendent to discuss this opportunity and the potential benefits to all stakeholders.

Urgent Need To Act Now

The deadline for submission of the signed MOU is Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010. Without the signature of the union president,

Andover will, in all likelihood, not be eligible for funds.

The School Committee fully understands that the AEA leadership have concerns about the national RTTT Grant and its attempt to improve both teacher and principal effectiveness based upon performance, however, we do not believe that at this stage there is any downside to all three parties signing the MOU at this time. There is, however, a significant loss of opportunity for money, change, and innovation all backed by federal dollars.

We are disappointed in the response of the union leadership. We believe this is not in the best interests of the children, the teachers, and the community.

We see the lack of willingness of the AEA leadership to engage in dialogue with the School Committee and superintendent on this matter as one more barrier to moving ahead in the areas of cost containment and revenue generating during these difficult financial times.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sen. candidate Brown can carry legacy of trust

Editor, Townsman:

In a speech in Ashland, Ky. in March 1829, Henry Clay proclaimed "Government is a trust and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people." In a Jan. 4 Rasmussen Poll, 43 percent of voters said that Congress was corrupt, 58 percent of voters said Congress is doing a poor job and the overall feeling among all voters about Congress is that, "most of its members are in it for themselves."

It is no wonder that Americans have lost faith in their government. Legislation that will substantially affect our lives is now concocted in secret rooms in both government chambers. To get their clandestine legislation passed, our Congressional leaders bribe corrupt members with the people's treasure into a betrayal of trust and have made transparency a four-letter word. Sensing the possible angry retribution from their constituents at the 2010 polls, some Congressmen have already announced that they will not run for re-election in 2010. As a reward for their conspiratorial Congressional treachery, they will be outfitted with golden parachutes.

We don't need to reward this betrayal of trust with a Senatorial rubber stamp vote that will be used by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid to coerce additional depraved legislation upon our state and nation.

Scott Brown represents a fresh beginning, a chance to stop the erosion of our trust and a rekindling of our national spirit. Brown believes we need to limit the financial and physical expansion of our federal government. He believes taxes are already too high and will be driven even higher if Congress continues

with its out of control spending spree of the past year. He believes our current national debt will bankrupt our children, our country and future generations. He believes power concentrated in a single party is at the core of the mistrust we have towards Washington. He believes we must be ever vigilant against terrorist attacks and that we must maintain a strong military to protect our citizenry from outside aggressors. He believes all Americans should have healthcare, but that we don't have to impose another government bureaucracy to provide it.

Finally, if there is to be a lasting Kennedy legacy in this state, it must not be a legacy of entitlement or regal succession, but rather the legacy of John F. Kennedy who made us laugh, who made us cry, but most of all, brought us trust. Brown is the only person in this race who can and will carry on the legacy of trust on behalf of all the people of Massachusetts.

MIKE MOSCA
44 Pleasant St.

We have work to do on many fronts

Editor, Townsman:

Wherever we look today there is a sense of doom and gloom, fear and intrepidation. Our hope for peace and prosperity is dashed, our enthusiasm and optimism are waning, and our trust in public institutions is at an all-time low. We are angry at politicians and Wall Street bankers, and the future seems uncertain.

We have work to do. We must take more responsibility for our lives. We must break the chain of unsustainable consumerism and personal debt. We must live within our means, save our money, and find greater value in the every day

aspects of our lives.

We have work to do. We are on the brink of saddling our children and grandchildren with a public debt exceeding \$12 trillion. We owe the people of China, India and Japan much of this debt. We need to roll up our sleeves and get back to work to pay back the debt.

The Congress has much work to do. They must find the political courage to reenact legislation that for decades provided the necessary safeguards to protect Americans from the unbridled greed and no-holds-barred predatory banking practices that have been the bases for the current economic morass we find ourselves in.

Wall Street has much work to do: 1. bankers who wish to make great profits through high risk complex investments must put their own money on the line to cover losses – no more taxpayer subsidies; 2. bankers are as beholden to the public good as any of us are – they must pay their fair share of taxes.

We have much work to do. We must engage in meaningful and productive political conversation with our neighbors. The democratic process requires we find common ground on issues of the common good – it's not easy to do, but it must be done. While the process of overcoming the corrupting influence of lobbyists may seem daunting and impossible, it can be done; it must be done.

We must spend more time finding solutions to intractable problems and less time placing blame for past mistakes. Fix the system, make it better, and demonstrate our leadership to the world community.

Some say that America is past its prime and that our day in the sun is waning. Let's show the naysayers that they are wrong.

JOHN F. ZIPETO
14 Canterbury St.

Generous help for children with Christmas dreams

Editor, Townsman:

Any parent fallen on hard times could describe the magnitude of stress they endure from the responsibility of providing their children with Christmas gifts. They would tell you it's an agonizing conundrum of promises and dreams, and no clue how to make them all come true.

But on Christmas morning, the wishes of about 280 YMCA children were granted, thanks to the generosity of individuals and businesses associated with the Lawrence YMCA.

We had the support of dozens of generous individuals to make this happen. We would like to acknowledge all of our community friends as well as employees of the following organizations: Borislow Insurance, Methuen; Phillips Academy, Andover; Omtool, Ltd., Andover; Forest Street Church, Methuen; Merrimack Golf Course, Methuen; St. Michaels Parish, North Andover; Salem 5 Bank, Andover; Howe Agency, Andover; and Creative Learning Academy, Tewksbury.

The warmth and generosity during this season overwhelmed us at the YMCA. Area residents helped us to ensure that those less fortunate would experience the excitement of the holiday. The gift of caring is what makes the holidays special – and for that we give thanks.

MICHELLE BECOTTE
Member Services Director
Merrimack Valley YMCA, Lawrence Branch
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Merrimack Valley YMCA

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Protected from the elements



Kimberly Solt sent in this photo of her son Nicholas, 6, in a snow fort. Her husband, Michael Solt, and her other son, Riley, 4, built the forts with Nicholas during school break. If you have a photo you'd like to see in the paper, send it to Editor Neil Fater at nfater@andovertownsm.com for consideration.

Andover schedules kids' flu clinic for Jan. 19

The Andover Health Division has announced that a pediatric H1N1 immunization clinic has been scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 19, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. for those ages 2 to 9 at the Andover Town House, also known as Old Town Hall, at 20 Main St.

Both nasal mist and traditional shots will be offered. Persons seeking either the first or second dose for their children are welcome. Those seeking a second dose must bring documents showing when the first dose was administered, or they will not be immunized.

It is recommended that children under the age of 10 receive two doses of vaccine spaced at least 28 days apart to ensure protection. The timing of this clinic allows those children who received their first dose at the town's December clinic to receive their second dose.

"While the incidence of the H1N1 illness is down, public health officials believe there is a strong possibility of a third wave of infection; vaccination now will decrease your chances of becoming ill from this virus,"



ROGER DARRIGRAND/Staff photo

Georgia Mellor, 6, hold her mother's hand as Deb Mellor gets her shot during the H1N1 clinic run by the Andover Health Division at West Middle School in Andover Jan. 12. Hundreds of Andover residents 10 years old and older came for H1N1 shots during the 3-hour clinic.

the division says in a release. Attendees are asked to bring a photocopy of their insurance card for the Health Division records. Several insurance companies in Massachusetts are

now reimbursing communities for the costs associated with the administration of the vaccine.

Paperwork for these clinics may be downloaded in advance from andoverma.gov/health/.

Manager outlines 'major accomplishments' of term Sees significant turnover of department heads

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

If reappointed, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski says he will oversee significant changes in leadership in almost every town department during the next five years. This year, 2010, will bring the retirements of Randy Hanson, town clerk; Jack Petkus, director of public works; and John Pollano, superintendent of the water treatment plant.

As Petkus and Pollano retire, Stapeczynski said he plans to

remove the take-home car benefit from their jobs.

Hiring new leadership and streamlining budgets were two of the many goals Stapeczynski outlined to selectmen on Monday, Jan. 11, as he seeks appointment to another five-year term. The board will decide this month whether to reappoint Stapeczynski, Andover's town manager since 1990, or look for someone new.

Monday night, Stapeczynski told

selectmen he would bring dedication and passion to the job, if reappointed. His presentation outlined what he termed major accomplishments of his last term as well as his vision, challenges and opportunities for the next five years.

"In 1990, I stood in front of this board (as a candidate for town manager). I told you then what you see is what you get," said Stapeczynski. "I'm hopeful to be reappointed. I love what I do, am

committed to the job. I'm looking forward to working with the board for the next five years."

He acknowledged six major projects on the horizon for the town of Andover, to be overseen in his next term: building a new interchange off Interstate 93 into Ballardvale, replacing Bancroft Elementary, creating ballfields on town-owned property on Blanchard Street, building a new fire station in Ballardvale, relocating the town yard and closing the Ledge Road landfill.

As union contracts end in fiscal year 2010, Stapeczynski said a common strategy is needed between the selectmen and School Committee to address the two "budget busters" in negotiations: health insurance costs and salaries.

Future budgets will require townwide collaboration and multi-year spending and revenue plans that are realistic, sustainable and do not rely on one-time revenue or the use of reserves, he said.

"Fiscal year 2010 has been all about the budget, and I don't think future years will be any different," said Stapeczynski.

Studies are underway to determine if it would be feasible to combine town and school technology and finance departments; a study is also underway that could reorganize or consolidate management, technology and equipment in the department of public works, he noted.

Stapeczynski also pledged to work on communication, utilizing and expanding the town's Web site, as well as aggressively planning to improve economic development and environmentally-friendly practices in town.

He outlined a list of 40 "major accomplishments" in his last five-year term, including moving the headquarters of Andover Youth Services to a town-owned home on Pearson Street, completing the Main Street improvement project, South Main Street sewer project, William Wood memorial park and new Public Safety Center, which was dedicated in October 2005.

Stapeczynski's contract expires June 4, 2010, and selectmen aim to let Stapeczynski know if he's reappointed by Feb. 8.

The board will discuss Stapeczynski's reappointment at a public workshop on Saturday, Jan. 16 from 8 to 10 a.m. at the Public Safety Center, 32 North Main St.



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Arts & Entertainment

No longer a lady in waiting



FILE PHOTO
The rotunda was empty during a hard-hat tour of the museum July 10, 2009, except for a small platform in the center of the floor that showed where the sculpture would return.



COURTESY PHOTO
Staff from U.S.Art, the art handling company that handled the transportation of the Manship sculpture, put one of the legs of the fountain's base into position.



COURTESY PHOTO
U.S. Art workers lower Venus into place recently.

Addison Manship fountain restored; museum project continues

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

When the Addison Gallery of American Art reopens this fall, Venus, goddess of love and beauty, will be waiting to welcome patrons.

Carved in 1927 by American sculptor Paul Manship, Venus sits atop a marble fountain in the museum's entryway rotunda. Thanks to a painstaking restoration process, water now flows over Venus — the first time the fountain has worked properly since the museum opened in 1931.

"When people enter the Addison they will experience the classical purity that the architect intended, and that purity will be punctuated only by the steady flow of water," said Brian Allen, museum director.

The Addison closed in June 2008 for a \$30 million renovation and expansion project. That summer, the Manship fountain, titled "Venus Anadyomene," was disassembled and sent to the lab of the Williamstown Art Conservation Center, where it underwent 200 hours of cleaning, structural repairs and restoration.

Venus returned to the Addison rotunda on Dec. 16, and was painstakingly reinstalled by engineers from the U.S. Art Company as Addison staff looked on, holding their breath.

As part of the project, museum staff aimed to restore the rotunda entryway "to its original 1931 purity," said Allen, removing visitor materials, a desk and bookshelves — leaving the fountain as a focal point.

Venus Anadyomene was purchased specifically for the Addison's rotunda, said Allen, commissioned of Manship by Charles Platt, the museum's architect and friend of Thomas Chochran, Addison founder.

One of Manship's most famous pieces is the golden "Prometheus" statue at Rockefeller Center in New York City.

"It was really the first great piece of sculpture to come into the Addison. The Manship (fountain) is really the lynchpin, the foundation of that collection," said Allen.

"It's very beautiful — it depicts Venus, who was born in the sea in classical mythology, as she comes onto the beach. She is leaning over, and wringing the sea water from her hair. It's not a traditional treatment of the depiction of the birth of Venus."

As beautiful as the sculpture is, the plumbing has never seemed to work properly. A Boston newspaper covering the museum's 1931 opening wrote that the fountain splattered water on the floor. In recent memory, the fountain's plumbing has been switched off. Venus had remained dry for years.

Through the restoration process, a new updated plumbing system was installed within the



When the Addison Gallery of American Art reopens in the fall of 2010, the Paul Manship sculpture Venus Anadyomene will greet visitors again, and its fountain will work properly, perhaps for the first time.

fountain that controls flow and also balances the water's acid levels, to combat erosion.

As the Addison's two-year construction project continues, the outside of the building is beginning to look finished

while a great deal remains to be done inside, said Allen. The museum is expected to reopen during the fall of 2010, he said.

This spring, the Addison will offer architecture tours for the public that highlight the

Addison's building as a work of art in itself, he said.

For more information, visit www.addisongallery.org or the museum's weblog, www.addisongallery.blogspot.com

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Solar Winds quintet to blow into Phillips

This Sunday, Jan. 17, at 3 p.m., Solar Winds Quintet will perform a concert of music spanning two centuries and many musical styles.

A fugue by J.S. Bach and a sparkling arrangement of Mozart's overture to the Magic Flute represent the Baroque and Classical eras. August Klughardt's lushly romantic quintet is balanced by the witty and acerbic Kleine Kammermusik by Paul Hindemith.

"Few chamber ensembles offer the musical variety and sheer exuberance of a woodwind quintet," according to a release from

the school. "Solar Winds has been performing for audiences in the Boston Area for over 15 years. For a break from conventional concert fare — and an escape from the endless football playoffs! — come to Timken Hall on Jan. 17."

This concert, free and open to the public, will take place in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible.

For further information, contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or send an e-mail to music@andover.edu.



Solar Winds will perform a free concert on Sunday.

Seniors at Academy to perform free concertos

The Phillips Academy Music Department will present senior students performing in five concertos with piano accompaniment next weekend.

The concert will take place on Saturday, Jan. 23, at 7 p.m., in the Cochran Chapel, which is handicapped accessible, on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. This concert is free and open to the public.

The program will feature seniors playing movements

from various concerti: Nikita Saxena performing Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, Young Hoon Moon performing Vieuxtemps's Violin Concerto No. 5, Randy Li performing Mendelssohn's Piano Concerto No. 1, Julie Xie performing Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 23, and Lauren Kim performing Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1.

For more information contact the Music Department at 978-749-4263 or send an e-mail to music@andover.edu.

EVENTS CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 13

RUNNING FOR OFFICE SEMINAR, hosted by The Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters and the Andover and North Andover Town Clerk's Offices, 6:30 p.m., North Andover Town Hall. Information will be presented on how to run for elected office, nomination papers, and

campaign finance reporting; clerk@andoverma.gov, 978-623-8259.

THURSDAY, JAN. 14

LIVE THEATER, "Love in the Bleachers. Blood on the Ice," about romance and real life colliding as two single parents fall in love in the

bleachers of a Pee-Wee hockey rink, through Jan. 31, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; stonehamtheatre.org.

DOCUMENTARY FILM, "Coal Country," about modern coal mining in Appalachia where residents are locked in a conflict between the need for jobs and the destruction of the environment, free, 2 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St.,

North Reading; 978-664-4942.

EMPTY BOWLS DINNER PARTY, handmade, one-of-a-kind bowls created by students may be purchased to fill with soups donated by local restaurants, food shops, \$10 donation per bowl, proceeds benefit Haven from Hunger in Peabody, 6 p.m., St. John's Preparatory School, Memorial Dining Hall on the school campus, 72

Spring St., Danvers; www.stjohnsprep.org.

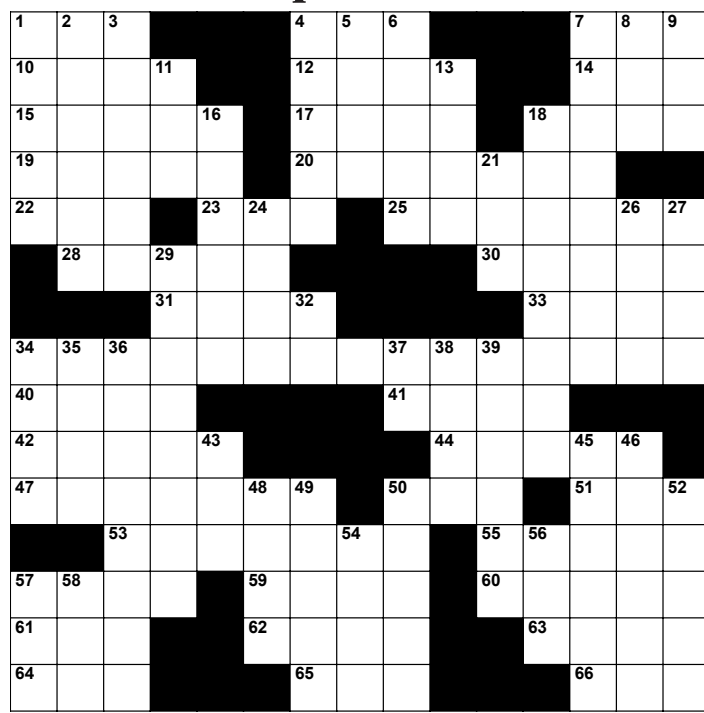
ANNIE LEIBOVITZ: WOMEN, a collection of 35 larger-than-life photos from world-renowned photographer Annie Leibovitz is showing, Hettler Visiting Artist Gallery at Endicott College, Center for the Arts, 376 Hale St., Beverly, through March 26.

FRIDAY, JAN. 15

LIVE A CAPPELLA, SwingTown!, band includes Joseph Thibodeau of Andover, 7 p.m., Kanab Theatre, Alumni Hall, St. John's Prep, 72 Spring St., Danvers, \$10 adults, \$5 children.

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Crossword puzzle



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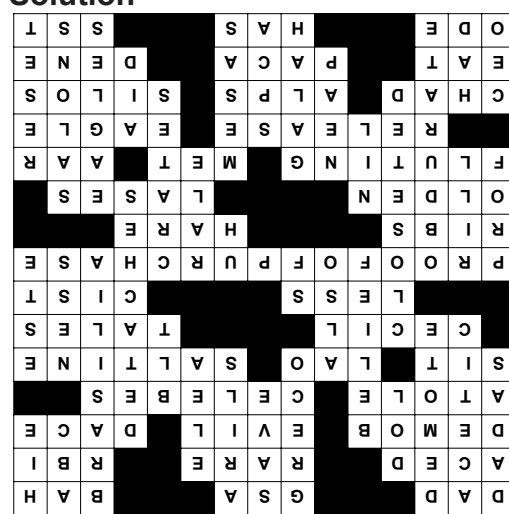
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7. Humbug
10. Breezed through
12. Not generally occurring
14. Baseball scoring term
15. Discharge from army (Br.)
17. Morally reprehensible
18. Leuciscus fish
19. Thin gruel or mush
20. Sulawesi
22. Take a seat
23. ___s - Nam's neighbor
25. Popular cracker
28. ___ B. de Mille, filmmaker
30. Stories
31. Smaller quantity
33. A stone lined grave
34. Sales receipt
40. Popular BBQ meat
41. Rabbit
42. Days long past
44. Italian commune
47. Grooves on a column
50. Adjoined
51. Swiss river
53. Set free
55. Former \$10 US gold coin
57. N. Central African country
59. Mountain range
60. Storage towers
61. Take in solid food
62. Large S. Am. burrowing rodent
63. Sandy piece of sea-shore (Br.)
64. A lyric poem

CLUES DOWN

1. Opposite of mamas
2. Vinegary
3. Assign to a lower position
4. El ____, painter
5. Rescue from harm
6. Plant parts
7. Capital of Brazil
8. Easy as 1 2 3
9. Go quickly
11. Pain unit
13. R__se - let go
16. Cognitive content held as true
18. In a way, separates
21. Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
24. In addition
26. Crime fighter Eliot

27. This (Spanish)
29. A state of secrecy
32. Left heart there
34. College teacher
35. A small stream
36. Unrepentant
37. Expression of uncertainty
38. Abnormal breathing
39. Shipping containers
43. Goose egg
45. Am. birds of prey
46. Hairdressers shops
48. A less than average tide
49. Cockatoo
50. Plateaus
52. Readjust
54. Prevents harm to creatures
56. An assistant
57. Top business operator
58. Possessed

Solution



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Proceeds benefit the Sultan Tajadine School in Chad, which serves 500 refugee children from Darfur.

LIVE MUSIC, Dave Mason, \$40-45, 8 p.m., Tupelo Music Hall, 4 Oceanfront North on Salisbury Beach; www.tupelohall.com.

LIVE MUSIC, Kate Redgate, opening act Kim Davidson, 8 p.m., Finch Coffeehouse, 26 Pleasant St., Newburyport; www.finchcoffeehouse.org.

SATURDAY, JAN. 16

CLASSICAL MUSIC, Coro Stella Maris: Fairest Isle, Music of Purcell & Britten, 8 p.m., \$20 general admission; \$15 students & seniors, at door; 617-625-1857, www.corostellamaris.org.

TANGLEWOOD MARIONETTES, featured in this classic Chinese tale of The Dragon King, Firehouse Center for the Arts at Market Square in Newburyport, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., (45-minute show), \$9 students, \$11 adults; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

DANCE, The Social Life of Haverhill, Haverhill Elks, 24 Summer St., Haverhill, 8 p.m. to midnight, DJ \$9; Cindy 978-373-3504.

SUNDAY, JAN. 17

FREE TAI CHI WORKSHOPS, 8 to 9:15 a.m., Yang's Fitness & Martial Arts Center, 5 Dundee Park, Andover, call to reserve your spot, 978.475.2020, www.YangsFitnessCenter.com.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT, The Reading Symphony Orchestra presents, 2 p.m., Parker Middle School, 45 Temple St., Reading, \$8 adults, \$5 children; 978.664.5614, www.readingsymphonyorchestra.org.

LIVE CLASSICAL MUSIC, coro Stella Maris: Fairest Isle, Music of Purcell & Britten, 3 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 48 Middle St., Gloucester, \$20 general admission; \$15 students & seniors, available at the door; (617)

625-1857, http://www.corostellamaris.org.

MARTIAL ARTS DEMONSTRATION, with Rita Gallo, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

ACRYLIC PAINTING DEMONSTRATION, by Melrose artist Ellen Rolli, hosted by The Andovers Artists Guild, 2 to 4 p.m., North Parish Church, North Andover, \$5 donation for guests; Nella, 978-975-0015, www.AndoversArtistsGuild.com.

SOLAR WINDS, 3 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy, 180 Main St., Andover. See story, page 9.

MONDAY, JAN. 18

ANNUAL UNITY BRUNCH, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Annual Unity Brunch, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., Andover. Keynote Speaker, Pastor Lyndon Myers, free, but donations are encouraged; Nikki Manning 617-785-6477.

FREE TAI CHI WORKSHOPS, 8-9:15 p.m., see Jan. 17 listing.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 20

HYMN SING, with Linda Kirk, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

FRIDAY, JAN. 22

BOOK SALE, The Friends of Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale will be held Jan. 22-24, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

KIDS' NIGHT OUT, for ages 6 to 10, Merrimack Valley YMCA, Haverhill Street, Andover. Swim, play games in the Mat Room, make craft projects, and make new friends. Refreshments will be served, 6:30 to 9 p.m., \$7 for YMCA Family Members; \$10 for General

Members; and \$12 for non-members.

NEW WORKS FESTIVAL 2010, Jan. 22-23, 29-30, Firehouse Center for the Arts, Market Square, Newburyport, \$12; 978/462-7336, www.firehouse.org.

LIVE MUSIC WITH HIGH PLAIN DRIFTERS, 2:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

SATURDAY, JAN. 23

"SEEING THE SACRED IN THE EVERY DAY," hosted by St. Augustine (Andover) MOMS Ministry, Mass at 8 a.m., interactive format until noon, free, for women of all ages; RSVP to Brooke Mueller, MOMS Ministry Coordinator, brooke.mueller@comcast.net, 978-475-5671.

ISRAELI FILM FESTIVAL, "The Band's Visit," 7 p.m., discussion led by Rabbi Dawn Rose Ph.D. follows, Temple Emanuel-Lowell, 101 W. Forest St., Lowell, donation appreciated, light refreshments; www.temv.org, 978-454-1372.

SING AND TAP, with Ted Powers, 3:15 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

CONCERTOS BY PHILLIPS ACADEMY SENIORS, 7 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Free and open to the public. For more information contact the Music Department at 978-749-4263 or send an e-mail to music@andover.edu.

SUNDAY, JAN. 24

AUTHOR VISIT, Hank Phillippi Ryan, also of TV Channel 7, to benefit PATHS (Patient Advocacy Training & Health Services), \$25, includes lunch, Wyndham Andover Hote, Andover; author@patientpaths.org, Brian or Kim Hodder, 781-275-5599, www.PatientPaths.org.

EVENTS CALENDAR

MONDAY, JAN. 25

THE TALK, Navigating Through Your Child's Sexual Development - Grades 4 to 7, presentation addresses the importance of giving children the information they need to make responsible decisions for themselves as they mature and grow with Carol Plotkin, LICSW, Director of Behavioral Health Services, Hallmark Health, 7-8:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library, Andover. Free and open to the public; http://andoverp2p.com.

TUESDAY, JAN. 26

"DOES FILM HAVE A FUTURE?," with film critic Ty Burr who has worked as chief video critic for Entertainment Weekly and covered film, music, theater, book and the Internet, and is author of three books, 7 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; www.mhl.org, 978-623-8401, ext. 31 or 32.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 27

LIVE PIANO, with pianist Debra Wyndam, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

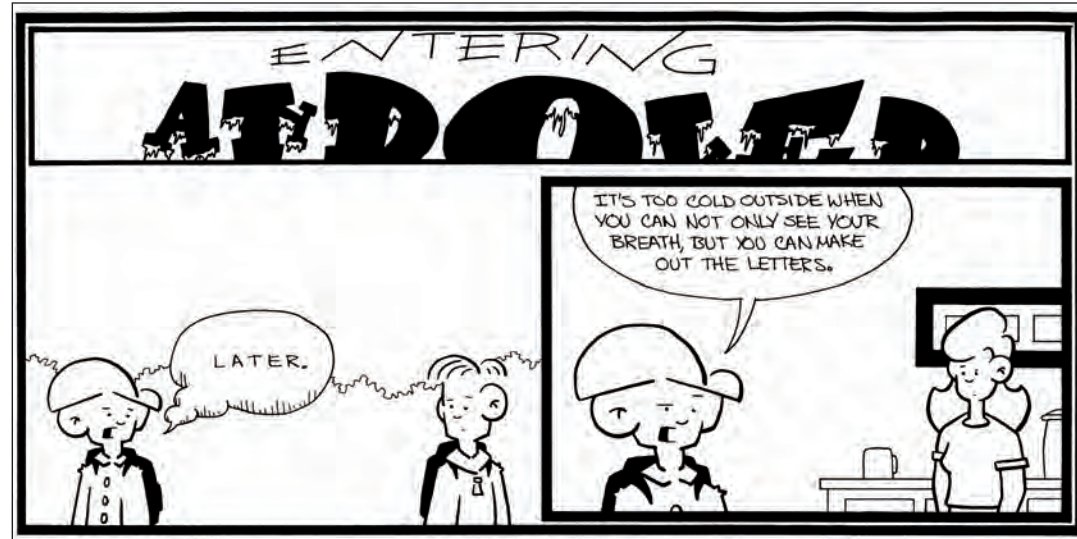
THURSDAY, JAN. 28

CHAMPAGNE TOAST, with Don Tardiff, 3 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

FRIDAY, JAN. 29

COCKTAIL HOUR, with Ginny Cahill, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

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Andover Chamber Music seeks to warm townspeople

When the calendar page turns to February, you can count on two things. Chocolate hearts will make an appearance and Andover Chamber Music will announce its annual Valentine concert. This year artistic director Julie Scolnik offers up "Heartstrings from Saint Petersburg, a program of all Russian, Romantic music on Sunday, Feb. 7, 4 p.m., at the West Parish Church in Andover, and, as part of the Salon Series, on Saturday, Feb. 6, in Beverly Farms.

As Scolnik says, "Our Valentine concert is one of our most popular. January can seem long and bleak after the holidays, and people are ready to be warmed by beautiful chamber works in the midst of the long cold New England winter."

For this concert ACM welcomes back pianist Randall Hodgkinson and two new faces — young string virtuosos and natives of Saint Petersburg cellist Adrian Daurov and violinist Galina Zhadnova.

Daurov and Hodgkinson will perform a little-known cello sonata by Myascovsky, and Zhadnova joins them for Rachmaninoff's Elegiac Piano Trio #1. Scolnik will play the Prokofiev Flute Sonata with Hodgkinson, and clarinetist Todd Palmer and violist Dimitri Murrath return to bring the concert to an exuberant conclusion with Prokofiev's Overture on Hebrew Themes.

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Business



The owners of Lanmark Finish, Deanna and Stewart Junge, have branched out to serve the commercial and municipal markets.

Cabinet makers open new door

Good news, new direction for Dundee Park business

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When high end cabinet and millwork jobs for the home market sank with the economy, the owners of a just-opened local cabinet shop had two choices – sink with the economy or find a different way to stay afloat.

Husband-and-wife management team Stewart and Deanna Junge have stayed afloat by redefining their company, Lanmark Finish, based in Dundee Park in Andover. The Boxford couple added commercial businesses to their client list and now there is no looking back. Business is good, they say.

After a three-year search that stretched from their previous location in Winchester to Newburyport, the couple bought a vacant space in Dundee Park in 2007. But the “telltale signs in the economy” loomed, Deanna Junge said.

By their first anniversary in the building, the economic downturn began and the decision to appeal to a wider audience was made.

“Our research showed that despite the economic downturn, the commercial and municipal sectors were still spending money,” Deanna said. “It was like starting the business all over again. We had to learn a new industry, how to bid for work in that industry and how to carry out the work once the projects were won.”

One of their first secured jobs was

the Town Hall in Sturbridge, Mass. The couple is managing the building’s historic makeover.

Stewart Junge said adding new component to the company’s portfolio has been very enjoyable, in addition to being a good business decision.

“We quickly learned how to work with new materials such as high pressure laminate and solid surface to meet the commercial construction requirements,” he said.

The couple’s business has also breathed more life into a building that they said was vacant for more than a decade. Formerly the Smith and Dove Mills, it was built around the turn of the century and was used as a tannery, Stewart Junge said.

“Although the building needs work, it is well suited for a manufacturing facility,” Stewart Junge said. “Although there are some challenges to working on (the building’s) three levels from a material handling standpoint, it’s nice to be able to keep within the original manufacturing intent of the building.”

Its 16,000 square feet is three times the space the Junges previously rented, so there’s room to expand.

And there’s plenty of room to continue business for the residential high-enders. Lanmark Finish offers a 5-percent discount to Andover residents.

“12 Dundee Park Drive in Andover may have been vacant for more than a decade but there is clearly a lot happening at the address now,” Stewart Junge said.

Andover firm’s effort earns record Brownsfield Tax Credit on cleanup

Cooperstown Environmental LLC, an environmental engineering consulting firm based in Andover that describes itself as the leading experts in the Brownsfields Tax Credit program, recently announced that it had successfully earned a tax credit of more than \$1.3 million on behalf of one of its clients. It believes this is the largest such credit ever granted.

The Massachusetts Brownsfields Tax Credit program allows eligible parties, in certain cases, to recover a portion of the costs they spent investigating and remediating contaminated properties. Determining who qualifies for the tax credits and how much may be

recovered is often less than straightforward, however, as the guidelines for the program are complex and poorly described, according to the company.

“This application was among the most challenging we’ve ever worked on because there were multiple releases on the site, each of which was being treated in a different manner and on a different time table,” according to Cooperstown Environmental’s Executive Vice President Jim Curtis. “The Brownsfields Act did not anticipate this complexity, so we were making our own way and devising new approaches. The depth of our experience and our credibility with the Department of Revenue

allowed us to propose an innovative approach that ultimately was accepted by the agency.”

The recipient of the tax credits chose to syndicate, or sell, the credits for cash. Changes in 2006 to the tax program allow recipients to sell or transfer credits to other parties, making the program applicable to non-profits and others who may not have the tax appetite to fully utilize the credits internally.

The Brownsfields Tax Credit program began in 1998 as part of an effort to encourage and provide an incentive for the cleanup of contaminated sites, sometimes known as Brownsfield sites.

Shopping proceeds



Tina Ford of Whole Foods market (back row, left) presents youngsters from the Shawsheen Extended Day program, along with Sydney Bialo, SHED Inc.’s executive director, with a check for \$2,604. The market held a shopping day fundraiser for SHED on Nov. 4, and 5 percent of sales from the day went to the nonprofit after-school and preschool program.

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Education

Filling the nursing prescription

West El. gives school nurse Bartholomew royal sendoff

By BETHANY BRAY
STAFF WRITER

As Licensed Practical Nurse Kathy Bartholomew retires from West Elementary this month, she marks the last of three elementary school nurses to leave the district this school year.

New registered nurses have been hired for Bancroft and Sanborn elementary schools; a new RN hired for West El. is scheduled to start Jan. 25.

"We're thrilled that we've gotten such good nurses, real talent with some school nursing experience. We're very fortunate in Andover to be able to fill these positions with such well qualified nurses," said Rita Casper, director of nursing services for the schools, who had been concerned about a statewide school-nurse shortage.

With more students having allergies and taking medications at school than in previous generations, the school nurse has taken a greater role in many students' daily experiences. West Elementary has a schoolwide sendoff for Bartholomew last week, evidence of her connection with many at the school.

Several of the nurses hired for the elementary school positions had previously worked as substitute nurses in Andover schools.

Now that they've left the substitute nurse pool, the district is facing a shortage of substitute nurses, said Casper.

She hopes to attract substitute nurses to the district with a newly-increased pay rate, thanks to a five-year state grant.

Previously \$100 per day, a registered



ANN HERMES/Staff photos

West Elementary School fifth-grader Meghan Gibson pushes retiring nurse Kathy Bartholomew through the school's hallways. After 15 years and four months, Bartholomew is retiring and moving to Tennessee. As a tribute to Bartholomew, the students and faculty dressed as patients, nurses and doctors for the day.

nurse is now paid between \$150 and \$175 per day, based on previous school nursing experience.

The state grant also funds a floating nurse position, said Casper, which will cover West Elementary nurse's office until the full-time nurse starts on Jan. 25. When the floating nurse is not needed at other schools, she stays at Andover High School, which is budgeted for just one nurse for 1,800 students, said Casper.



Kathy Bartholomew enjoys a royal school assembly meant to celebrate her retirement. She is the third elementary-school nurse to leave the system this year.



West Elementary first-grader Eamon Nalefski, center, sings a dedication with his classmates to retiring nurse Kathy Bartholomew, who is retiring and moving to Tennessee.



Andover West Elementary principal Liz Roos prepares students at an assembly to send off their school nurse.

ROAD TO EXCELLENCE

Time to say what you mean

Ken Seifert



We generally recognize the idea that education is an investment. It is not only a financial investment but also investment of time, energy and our

hope for the next generation. I do not believe that just because it is called education that all related activities are wise investments.

What if 20 percent of those students who should be in school never show up and we are investing in their future? Each day in our country we spend millions on schools and personnel and a large percentage of the intended students don't show up.

How about the number of students who don't do their homework? What does that cost? What about a schoolhouse where the curriculum or organization for learning makes no sense? Why don't we just fund schools a minimum amount and then invest more in those schools and students that are effective? In other words only those schools that have been judged effective will receive the larger investment.

How will we recognize these schools?

Effective: producing a decided, decisive or desired effect as effective measures. Ready for service or action. - Noah Webster

I have confidence in each of the schools in our town. We can and must be quite articulate on our expectations and indicators of success. We should show the new superintendent that we have effective schools and then pose the question, how will you make them more effective? This may require a little organization and communication, but we have the ability to do it. If we all put our heads together, we have a better chance at success. I do not say this is easy. These are not revolutionary or original ideas. It will take time. Let us get the show on the road.

Road Map for Effective Schools

- A well written mission statement demonstrating clarity of purpose.

- A clearly articulated educational program and a pedagogical model to ensure focus on the present staff's efforts and future hires.

- A plan on how the school will be prepared for the range of students that will attend the school.

- A well thought out and comprehensive student-evaluation plan.

- A budget to show fiscal responsibility.

- An efficient and effective board of governance and management structure. This will show they have thought about the human resources necessary to make the school work.

- A plan for community involvement to show schools have community support.

Some states require this information in the application process for charter schools.

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Thursday: Chicken sliders with lettuce and tomato, tuna-salad pocket, veggie burger on a roll, roasted sweet potato sticks, buttered noodles and

fruit salad.

Friday: Pan pizza, tossed salad and fruit jello with topping.

Middle schools

Monday: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: Pan pizza, roast turkey wrap, chef salad, bread stick, vegetable soup, tossed salad and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat or marinara sauce, bread stick, grilled cheese on whole wheat, chicken caesar salad, veggie sticks and dip, anjou pear and juice.

Thursday: Chicken nuggets, dips, dinner roll, turkey salad wrap, deluxe chef salad, bread stick, roasted veggies, cranberry sauce and fresh fruit.

Friday: Pepperoni and sauce calzone, broccoli and cheese calzone, salad with hummus, feta and pita, side of pasta, tangerine and juice.

Andover High School

Monday: No School: Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday: Ravioli with meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned veggies, cheeseburger with lettuce and tomato, meatball

sub, manager's choice and fresh fruit.

Wednesday: Chicken stir fry over rice, oriental veggies, grilled hotdogs, grilled cheese panini, pastrami on a bulky roll and fresh fruit.

Thursday: Mozzarella sticks with sauce, garden salad, teriyaki chicken sub, gyro, manager's choice and fresh fruit.

Friday: Tacos with toppings, a refried cheesy beans, spanish rich, lemon pepper grilled chicken with lettuce and tomato, crispy chicken burger with lettuce and tomato, steak and cheese sub and fresh fruit.

Also available a la carte daily at the elementary and middle schools: bottled water and 100 percent juice, low-fat ice cream and yogurt, bagel with light cream cheese, yogurt, fresh fruit of the season and milk.

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Sports

Boys Gymnastics Preview

Preparation becomes obsession for Chu

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Of all the decisions he has made in his life, Andover's Chris Chu credits his choice to return to gymnastics in high school — after leaving the sport as a child — as one that has most contributed to his success as an athlete and as a person.

"Gymnastics gives me a different perspective on life," he said. "It pushes me a lot harder than anything I have ever had to do in my life. It's the best thing I have ever done."

"It is so different than anything. You are forcing yourself to do things so different than you are used to. It has made me so much stronger both physically and mentally."

After a breakout junior campaign, Chu has dedicated himself to an explosive senior season. He leads the Andover High boys

gymnastics team, which opened with a 132-123 victory over Newton North on Friday.

"Chris got super strong over the summer and he is going to be something to watch this season," said Andover boy gymnastics coach Steve Sirois. "He is an outstanding gymnast and an outstanding leader for this team."

Chu believed he was done with gymnastics when he left the sport as a 12-year-old. But, intrigued by the team aspect, he returned to the sport when he arrived in high school. He began to contribute in his first two high school seasons, lettering as a freshman and sophomore.

But junior season he fully hit his stride.

During the regular season, Chu notched team-high scores in the vault, pommel horse and all-around in all seven dual or tri-meets. He averaged an 8.0

final score on the vault, a 6.1 on the pommel horse and a stellar 36.9 in the all-around, a combination of his scores in other events.

At Massachusetts States, Chu tied for four in the pommel horse (6.0) and was fifth overall in the all-around (37.55) and at the Coaches Invitational, he placed fourth overall in the vault (8.2) and was fifth overall in the all-around (36.85).

But Chu was far from satisfied with those accomplishments.

"Senior season is my last year so I don't have anything to lose," he said. "If I don't have a big year, I'll regret it. So as soon as the summer started, I began preparing."

And Chu did not simply work out. Preparing for his final campaign became a lifestyle.

"I started dedicating myself to going to the gym, lifting weights and stretching," he said. "But I

also began getting more sleep and started eating healthy. I used to eat a lot of fast food and sugar. I cut it all out. I started eating a lot of vegetables and meats. I don't really like fruit, but I ate as much as I could."

"I eat five to seven meals a day. I've been taking fish oil and a bunch of multivitamins. My whole life became devoted to preparing for this season."

Chu's work ethic has drawn rave reviews from his coach.

"Chris got really strong and it shows," said Sirois. "He really dedicated himself and all of his moves are pristine now. He is just a textbook gymnast."

After his first meet of the season was cancelled last Wednesday, Chu finally had the chance to make his season debut on Friday, and he did not disappoint.

Against Lincoln Sudbury, Chu

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Boys Swimming Preview

Record-setting swimmer also has hockey in his blood

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Just into his final high school swimming season, Andover's Paul Hunter already owns state records, individual Division 1 marks, is a two-time All-Scholastic and a college recruit.

But his high school career very nearly took a very different direction, one with a frozen body of water.

Hunter's stellar exploits in the pool are a pillar for the Andover High swim team, which has opened the season 3-1 as of Monday night.

But it was on ice rinks where Hunter first fell in love with another sport, hockey.

"Hockey was the first sport I ever played," said Hunter. "My father was a big hockey player, so I started playing when I was 3-years-old."

Hunter's father Ed (full name Paul Edward Hunter Sr.) excelled as a defenseman for Lawrence Academy in Groton, playing for future University of New Hampshire coach Bob Kullen.

The elder Hunter then spent the 1979 season as a redshirt freshman on the legendary powerhouse University of Minnesota hockey team, which has won five NCAA Division 1 National Championships. After a year, he left the team to concentrate on school.

"I love hockey," said Ed Hunter. "So by the time my kids were 2-years-old I would take them out skating on Sunday mornings at the old Phillips Academy rink. Paul became a very, very good hockey player."

Paul Hunter began to emerge as a tough forward with some scoring touch around the net, advancing through the ranks of youth hockey. But, at the same time, he began swimming competitively for the Andover/North Andover YMCA. He continued to excel in both sports until high school arrived, when he had to chose what sport to compete



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Andover's Paul Hunter considered playing hockey in high school, but chose swimming and is now a record-setting two-time All-Scholastic.

in, since both take place in the winter.

"It was a really tough decision," said Paul. "All eighth grade I wasn't happy about having to go to high school and choose. I love hockey, but a few kids from the swim team came to talk to me, and they helped me make my decision. I knew I was a better swimmer."

And the decision has certainly been a successful one.

As a freshman, Hunter was a member of the 200 freestyle relay that won at the MVC meet and took seventh at the Division 1 state meet. He also swam on the 200 medley relay that was third at the MVCs.

By sophomore year he was dominating at both relays and as an individual. At Division 1 states he was second in the 100 backstroke (53.53) and sixth in the 200 freestyle (1:46.19). He also swam the first leg of the winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay that won with a meet record (3:18.22).

Hunter was only more dominant last season. In his first year competing in the event, he won

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Weekly Roundup

Marble helps keep Andover unbeaten

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Steph Marble won the bars (8.0), beam (8.5) and all-around (33.25) as Andover downed Tewksbury 126-110 on Friday. **Jenny Coneeny** added victories on the vault and floor and placed second in the all-around (33.2) for the Golden Warriors.

Rachel Mattison won the vault, floor and all-around as Andover bested Methuen 139-134 last Monday. **Steph Marble** took the bars (9.05) and beam (9.2) to help lead the winners.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Chu wows in season-opener

Chris Chu earned five first-place finishes, winning the vault (8.2), parallel bars (6.0), high bar (5.5), pommel horse (6.0) and

all-around (38.3) as Andover opened its season with a 132.5-123.1 victory over Newton North. **Brian Manning** added the other win, a first on the rings (6.4), and was second in the all-around (36.7).

BOYS TRACK

Morrow, Andover cruise

Pat Morrow won the high jump with a 5-11 as Andover rolled to a 57-29 victory over Lowell last Wednesday. **Simon Voorhees** won the mile, **Nick Schumacher** won the two-mile and **Kerrick Stevens** took the 300 for the winners.

GIRLS TRACK

Cronin, Andover roll

Moira Cronin continued to dominate in the high jump (5-2) and added a victory in the 50 hurdles (7.4) as Andover blasted Lowell 62-24 last Wednesday. **Eve Bishop** won the 300, **Rebecca Long** took

the 1,000 and **Jess Salley** placed first in the 600 for Andover.

SWIMMING

Hunter, Belangers pace Warriors

Paul Hunter won the 50 freestyle (22.4) and 100 backstroke (55.95), **John Belanger** took the 100 freestyle (57.45) and they teamed with **Adam Millerick** and **Peter Belanger** to take the 200 freestyle relay to help Andover best Lowell 98-88 on Friday.

GIRLS SKIING

Christophers, Andover open season in style

Erin Christopher was second overall (19.94), **Kerry Christopher** was third (19.96) and **Jess Kearns** was fourth (20.03) to lead Andover to a 99-36 win over

North Andover and a 121-14 victory over Austin Prep last Friday. **Sarah Heath** added an eighth for the winners.

BOYS HOCKEY

Berthiaume a rock in net

Kyle Berthiaume made 23 saves to continue his hot start and lead Andover to a 3-1 win over Westford Academy on Saturday. **Joe Kuta**, **Jim Burns** and **Matt Swett** each scored a goal, and **David Belluche** and **Alex Patti** each had an assist for the winners.

Andover's **Alex Patti** scored in the third period to give the Golden Warriors a 1-1 tie with Acton-Boxboro last Wednesday. **Matt Swett** and **Joe Kuta** each assisted on the Patti goal.

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CARL RUSSO/staff photo.



New lingerie shop for downtown center

Elm Square in the heart of the downtown will soon show a more sensual side.

A lingerie shop called Undercoverwear will open later this month at the corner of Post Office Avenue and Main Street. The space used to house Alpers Art Gallery and has been vacant since Jan. 1, 2009.

Landlord Bud Simeone said the new lingerie shop will open soon. A company spokesman could not be reached before Townsman presstime. An Undercoverwear shop in Tewksbury is listed on

the company's Web site.

Meanwhile, owners of two new downtown restaurants are moving ahead with their permit requests.

Last week, selectmen approved the liquor license for Bin28, a new wine bar coming to the first floor of the Musgrove Building.

The owner of Casablanca, a new Mexican restaurant hoping to open in March in the former second-floor Barnard Building space formerly occupied by Serene restaurant, above Kokee Flowers, is also seeking necessary permits.

— Judy Wakefield

Bringing history to life

People can visit the Andover Historical Society on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 10 a.m. for the year's first "Andover Stories."

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Makeover madness

As planned, local businesses teamed up for the second annual Extreme Makeover, Andover style. Finalists were expected to gather at Palmers Restaurant on Wednesday, Jan. 13 at 6 p.m., after Townsman presstime.

Participating businesses, including Fitness Together and Indra Salon, planned to interview applicants and then deliberate. Two winners will be selected and awarded a personal extreme makeover courtesy of local businesses.

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