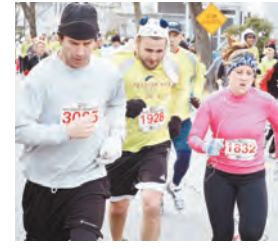




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New town yard plan? \$100,000 to look again

New name, site analysis for 'Municipal Services Facility'

By **DUSTIN LUCA**
STAFF WRITER

Andover officials may be giving up on the more than \$20 million new town yard plan they withdrew from Town Meeting last year. But officials want more money to help them find the best site.

Town Manager Buzz Stacpzynski's five-year Capital Improvement Plan outlines a \$100,000 site analysis survey that will look at and break down an unknown number of new possible locations for the Town Yard, which has also received a new name, the Municipal Services Facility.

"The Town Yard Task Force is looking at every possible option that looks good for the town yard, including the Brockway site," Joe Piantedosi, acting director of Plant and Facilities, said. "So we are continuing the process and looking to come up with other places that work for the town."

Provoking the change in the plan was its previously proposed location, Brockway-Smith at 146 Dascomb Road, which previous analysis gave a cost estimate that Piantedosi said may be too expensive to gain board and residents' approval.

"We need the support from the Finance Committee, and then the Board of Selectmen and, lastly, the town itself," Piantedosi said. "The sense is that we wouldn't get the support to acquire the whole property."

The project is now recognized as the Municipal Services

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END GAME



Andover's quarterback Tom Dempsey (7) is consoled by teammate Connor Clancy toward the end of Andover's playoff loss Tuesday night. It was Andover's first playoff appearance in 35 years. For story and more photos, see Page 18.

PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Main Street to be closed for Holiday Happenings tomorrow

By **JUDY WAKEFIELD**
STAFF WRITER

Main Street will be closed from Elm to Punchard streets on Friday night, Dec. 3, to make way for Santa and Mrs. Claus, carolers, hayrides and the lighting of a downtown tree.

The Andover Business Center Association is hoping its Holiday Happenings event will put shoppers in the holiday — and buying — spirit.

"We'll have DJ Ted Teichert in front of Old Town Hall and hayrides along Main Street and it's all free," said Elaine LeBlanc-Baker, president of the Andover Business Center Association. "Stores are staying open late and they'll have refreshments for customers."

The annual holiday event follows the successful ABCA-sponsored Andover Day celebration, which brought an estimated 10,000 people to Main Street in September.

This weekend, there will be good deals, gift cards and generous raffle baskets awaiting shoppers at many locations.

"It's going to be a lot of fun," LeBlanc-Baker said.



Staff file photo

The clear and slightly cool weather attracted hundreds of people to Holiday Happenings last year.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

- 5-9 p.m. - Main Street closed from Elm to Punchard streets
- 5 p.m. - Santa and Mrs. Claus arrive at Enterprise Bank on High Street then roam along Main Street
- 5-9 p.m. - Hayrides load at Olde Andover Village
- 5-6:30 p.m. - Live jazz trio outside Old Town

- Hall, followed by disc jockey
- 6-8 p.m. - Live caroling at the corner of Chestnut Street
- 6:30 p.m. - Tree lighting outside BankNorth

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

- Main Street is NOT closed
- 9 a.m.-noon, Breakfast with Santa, Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St., (Andover High School's girls hockey team will take photographs for \$7)
- Main Street stores open regular hours

Decision time on new school

Dec. 6 Town Meeting tackles \$44M new Bancroft, Blanchard

By **DUSTIN LUCA**
STAFF WRITER

Voters at a Special Town Meeting this Monday, Dec. 6 will decide whether the town will build a new Bancroft Elementary School and acquire more property on Blanchard Street to create a larger new playing field complex.

The town will vote on four articles in total, which also includes an article to receive a state grant to help pay for new Fosters Pond property and one to establish an easement for land at Bancroft Elementary that would enable construction. But the focus of Special Town Meeting is the \$44 million proposal to replace Bancroft Elementary School. (For more on other articles, see pages 4 and 5.)

The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 6 at the J. Everett Collins Center Auditorium on the right side of Andover High School, on Shaw-sheen Road.

ARTICLE THREE: BUILDING 'NEW BANCROFT'

SUMMARY: Bancroft Elementary School is a school on Bancroft Road that, as of this academic year, contained just under 500 students in kindergarten

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Town spent \$856,000, gets \$150,000 settlement

Last school-construction lawsuit settled in July

By **DUSTIN LUCA**
STAFF WRITER

In the end, Andover taxpayers paid an additional \$706,000 to get a leak-free roof at High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle, the most recent school built in town.

With residents set to vote Monday on whether to build a replacement for Bancroft Elementary School, it has come to light that the town this summer settled its lawsuit with the roofing contractor on its last school job, bringing to an end a long-standing dispute about the construction.

Andover officials had disagreements with the roofing contractor during construction, and the roof leaked after the school was opened, according to the town. The town sued the contractor in December 2009, and at 2010 Town Meeting, asked residents for \$975,000 to repair the roof. At the time, Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi said that if mediation didn't get the town a

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■ POLICE LOG

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Vehicle hits 14-year-old at bus stop

A 14-year-old girl was struck by a car on Monday morning while she was crossing the street to get to a school bus.

The identity of the girl hit by the vehicle is not being disclosed at this time. On Tuesday, she was in fair condition at Children's Hospital Boston, according to information gathered by the Eagle-Tribune.

The driver of the vehicle, 17-year-old Melanie Nesteruk of 3 Island Way in Andover, was driving with a frosted windshield when she hit the girl in the area of 200 Andover St. that morning, according to Hashem.

"Indications at the time were that the windshield was covered with frost," Hashem said. "The 17-year-old driver didn't clear the windshield of the frost, which obviously impaired visibility."

It appeared to police that no attempts were made to clear the windshield of frost, according to Hashem. Nesteruk told police that she didn't see the bus's flashing lights or the girl

crossing the street, he said. Police cited Nesteruk for a school bus violation and impaired operation of a motor vehicle, Hashem said.

Car drives into downtown business

A driver who was driving on Main Street early Friday morning accidentally drove her vehicle into Fred C. Church Insurance, causing some damage to the business but not injuring anybody.

Police received a phone call about the accident at 6:45 that morning, where a caller described a GMC Jimmy SUV that drove into the business, Police Lt. James Hashem said.

The driver of the vehicle, who said she just got into her vehicle on Punchard Avenue, reported that something in the roadway startled her, Hashem said.

"It appears she stepped on the gas pedal, travelled across the road and into the building," Hashem said.

A spokesman for Fred C. Church Insurance couldn't be reached for comment after multiple attempts.

The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Nov. 23 through Nov. 29:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Nov. 23 — At 3:26 a.m., Jonathan Cameron, 19, of 56 Pupkis Road, Tewksbury, was arrested on Chandler Road and charged with operating under the influence of drugs.

At 1:41 p.m., Tyler Scheer, 17, of 12 Copley Drive, Andover, was arrested on Shawsheen Road and charged on a warrant for breaking and entering into a building at night time with intent to commit a felony.

At 3:26 p.m., Andrew Cunningham, 17, of 121 Summer St., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a warrant for breaking and entering into a building at night time with intent to commit a felony.

At 4:46 p.m., Glenn Martin, 17, of 6 Montclair Ave., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

At 4:59 p.m., Zachery Allen, 18, of 7 Ashford Lane, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250.

Wednesday, Nov. 24 — At 8:17 p.m., police arrested a 16-year-old Andover resident on Dascumb Road and charged him with possession of a class D drug with intent to distribute.

In an unrelated incident, at 8:30 p.m., Derek Ross, 39, of 4 Bayou Road in Naples, Maine was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class D drug with intent to distribute and distribution of a class D drug.

Sunday, Nov. 28 — At 3:38 a.m., Ana Gonzalez, 29, of A2 Colonial Drive in Andover, was arrested at her home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

At 7:23 p.m., Robert Waldie, 58, of 5 Lewis St., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Nov. 23 — At 12:56 p.m., an employee from a florist on North Main Street reported that a 40-year-old man was playing with window boxes, blocking the sidewalk and, at one point, had popped one of the business's balloons. Police placed the man into protective custody and transported him to the station.

At 7:04 p.m., police received a report of a man at a restaurant on Post Office Ave who was believed to be drunk and preparing to drive home. Police drove the man to his home.

Wednesday, Nov. 24 — At 11:13 a.m., a Penni Lane resident reported a phone scam.

At 11:39 a.m., a truck fire was reported on Chandler Road. Police and fire crews responding to the call found a leaf fire.

At 2:32 p.m., somebody from a rental office on Railroad Street called to report that a man was doing his laundry in a laundry facility he wasn't supposed to be using, though he had a key to use the facility. Police resolved the issue.

At 6:43 p.m., a Hidden Road

resident called to report that her passport book was missing.

Thursday, Nov. 25 — At 10:48 a.m., a caller on Fossen Way reported that an owl was stuck in her chimney.

At 12:55 p.m., a Phoenix Place resident reported that her vehicle had been stolen. An investigation determined that there was an agreement between the woman and the person who "stole" the vehicle, and that the vehicle was actually being borrowed. Police determined it was a civil issue, and gave advice to the woman.

At 7:52 p.m., a Woodhaven Drive resident requested to speak to police about a post that was made on the Internet regarding somebody "shooting up" a school. No further information on the incident was available, but police said the threat was unfoiled.

Saturday, Nov. 27 — At 4:14 a.m., a caller from Andover Street reported that residents in an above apartment were throwing drugs out a window. The drugs were said to include heroin and pills. Police arrived and sent one party involved back to their apartment, which was nearby. No drugs were thrown out a window, according to police.

At 1:20 p.m., police were asked by a Railroad Street resident to help him find his lower denture. Police reported that family members were on the scene and already helping him locate the missing denture.

Breakfast with Santa on Saturday

Andover children will have the chance to meet Old Saint Nick at the annual Breakfast with Santa scheduled for this Saturday, Dec. 4 at the Free Christian Church on Elm Street. The event runs from 9 a.m. to noon.

The event is sponsored by the Andover Business Center Association, partnered with Andover High School girls varsity ice hockey program. There is no charge to come.

There are light refreshments and children can sit on Santa's lap and give him their Christmas lists. A picture with Santa costs \$7 with all proceeds helping the AHS girls ice hockey team with equipment and related costs.

"If they would like a digital picture of themselves on Santa's lap, we take the picture and develop it right there. The charge for the picture is \$7," according to Linda Manning, coordinator for Breakfast With Santa and a member of the AHS Girls Ice Hockey Booster Club. "We also have lots of raffles for \$1 including gift certificates to local restaurants, themed baskets, [and more]. There is Christmas music and candy canes and a great atmosphere to get into the holiday spirit."

Some local businesses, Dollars for Scholars, Bella Beads and the Historical Society will have crafts the children can do, which is free.

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LAWSUIT: Roof started failing few years after opening

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reimbursement check from the manufacturer, then the town would go to court.

The final cost of the roof bid was \$856,000, according to Piantedosi.

On July 8, the town accepted a \$150,000 out-of-court settlement related to the roof, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

The difference in the roof cost — \$706,000 — was covered by the funding appropriated at Town Meeting, Piantedosi said.

Representatives from Gardner Roofing, a roofing contractor that went out of business in 2004, or GenFlex Roofing Systems, who manufactured the materials for the work and is now owned by Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, could not be identified and reached on deadline in relation to the lawsuit.

"(GenFlex) paid \$150,000 to offset the cost of the roof job," Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski said,

adding that he was pleased with the lawsuit's outcome.

"When we built the two new schools, we had a lot of problems with the roofing contractor," Piantedosi said. "We had withheld money from paying them, because they didn't complete the punch list." The punch list was a list of requirements that needed to be completed before the building could be finished.

Because the roofing contractor was not receiving full payment, the company providing roofing materials — GenFlex Roofing Systems, which was bought out by Firestone Tire and Rubber Company — refused to provide a warranty for the roof, Piantedosi said.

Then, a few years after the school opened, the roof started failing. Seams in the rubber membrane separated and water started entering the building, according to Piantedosi.

"We started to see problems with the roof itself," Piantedosi

said. "We did get them to come out and do repairs to the roof."

But as time went on, the problems fixed in one part of the roof showed up elsewhere, prompting the town to sue GenFlex in December 2009 and replace the entire roof altogether, according to town officials.

Ultimately, the town was given three options as the suit was about to go to court: continue on to court, where the town could have faced losing the suit; allow parties responsible for the roof problems to make repairs on the roof; or do the work themselves, and accept a money settlement from the company, Piantedosi said.

"We could have gone to court, and we could have rolled the dice with that and spent a hundred thousand in legal fees, and walked away with nothing," Piantedosi said. "Given all these factors, and knowing the work that went into the roofing, I think the town did very well."

News of the lawsuit settlement

is coming to public light just days before a Special Town Meeting vote on whether to build a new Bancroft Elementary School, after town watchdog Mary Carbone asked about the issue at the most recent selectmen's meeting.

Piantedosi says the problems with the last new schools' roof should not affect residents' confidence in building a new school.

"We have the best project management team that we've ever had," Piantedosi said. "The gray hairs in our heads comes from years of experience, and the town is in the best position it has ever been to build a high-quality school."

In addition, during the last seven years, the town has repaired 15 acres of roofing on school buildings, including the newest roof at High Plain and Wood Hill, Piantedosi said.

"Every single one of these roofs have come out excellent, and we haven't had any problems," Piantedosi said.

YARD: Services facility would house many divisions

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Facility, a name used because of

concerns that "Town Yard" inaccurately describes the project.

"The perception in (the name

'Town Yard') suggests it is a bunch of sand piles and trucks, and that isn't the case," Piantedosi said.

The services facility will house a number of departments, operations and equipment tied to several Andover departments and facilities, including the fuel depot, vehicle maintenance, inventory

for parks and grounds, six entire town divisions, and more, according to Piantedosi.

"There is a lot of these facilities that have to be accumulated," Piantedosi said. "That is why the name changes, so people understand it carries a substantial number of town functions, not just what is at Lewis Street right now."

The new facility, with so many things put under one roof, will make town operations easier, Piantedosi said.

"It is difficult to manage everything throughout these areas, which is what I have in my department, that are all over town," Piantedosi said. "There is a lot lost when you operate that way."

Formal discussions on purchasing sites other than Brockway-Smith have not yet started, but Piantedosi said one possible property seller has already come forward with interest.

As a result of the decision to look for more options, town residents won't vote on the project until at least a Special Town Meeting towards the end of 2011, according to Piantedosi.

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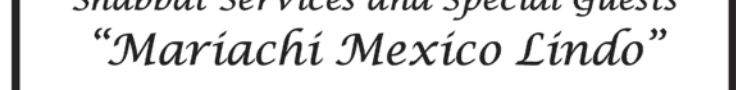
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THEN: Carlos, John and Jose Barcelos bought the Andover CO-OP on Main Street in 1975, establishing Barcelos Market. In 1990, the Barcelos closed the market and added a second story, and some residents still miss the convenient grocery in the town center.



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NOW: CVS on Main Street in Andover was once the location of the Barcelos Market.

Andover's First Burial Ground: A Personal Journey

The "Andover Stories: Presentations on Interesting and Obscure Andover History" lecture series will continue at the Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m.

Local resident and current regent of the Old Concord Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Kimberly Whitworth, will present her experience to uncover Andover ancestry and reveal her discoveries about the early settlement of Andover. "Witchcraft, war, and genealogy will draw you into this unique Andover Story. In this

fascinating presentation, Kimberly Whitworth reveals her personal journey to uncover early Andover roots. As a professional researcher and amateur genealogist, Kimberly enjoys the hunt as she searches through old New England records and graveyards in an effort to learn about our ancestors who lived here hundreds of years ago," according to a release.

People can also learn about the steps involved in researching one's own family genealogy. This event is free to the public. To find out more visit www.andoverhistorical.org.

North Pole Calling

The Andover Department of Community Services and Enterprise Bank is once again connected with a direct line to Santa at the North Pole. Santa's helpers have said, "Imagine your child's surprise when he or she finds out that Santa is on the telephone for them!" This is the sixth year Andover has a hotline to Santa offering children ages 3 and older an opportunity to speak directly with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus. Santa can give a special holiday greeting, recognize a positive behavior, or send a special message.

Santa will be available to call children on Thursday, Dec. 9 to give a personal hello to the kids between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A brief conversation is planned,

and older or younger children in the household can also say a quick hello.

One hundred children spoke to Santa Claus last year.

A special North Pole registration form is available on the DCS web site atandoverma.gov/dcs. Register by Wednesday, Dec. 8, accompanied by a fee of \$5 per family. DCS staff elves suggest that the child's name, grade, school and any special remarks, sports, academic progress reports, etc. be included on this registration form.

For those with caller ID, be aware that Enterprise Bank has donated the hotline telephones for Santa to use. Contact DCS at 978-623-8277 or visit DCS at Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

Toy drive by local Coldwell Banker

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover, together with Bernie & Phyl's Furniture, is collecting toys as part of the annual holiday toy campaign to assist The Home for Little Wanderers during the holiday giving season.

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and Bernie & Phyl's

Furniture invite neighbors throughout the community, to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office located at 305 North Main St., or any Bernie & Phyl's store in Massachusetts. The Coldwell Banker offices are accepting donations through Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Winter parking ban replaced by new pilot

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Residents can park on town roads overnight this winter, so long as it isn't snowing.

Selectmen voted last week to temporarily suspend bylaws governing the town's winter parking ban, and in its place institute a pilot program presented by Police Chief Brian Pattullo that will enforce a ban on an as-needed basis.

"Beginning on Dec. 1 in the past, we eliminated any overnight parking from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. for more than one hour," Pattullo said. "It didn't matter if it was snowing, 60 degrees out, raining... We put a mandatory parking ban in effect."

Now, the ban will only be active, and enforced, when it is needed, Pattullo said.

Over the course of the coming winter, the police department will declare snow emergencies, during which no parking will be allowed on streets covered by the previous winter parking ban program from 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. only.

"If any of the major news channels in the area are predicting snow for the night, you shouldn't park in the street," Pattullo said. "If we know there is a storm coming, we're going to declare a snow emergency."

During a snow emergency, the only cars that will be allowed to park on streets for more than an hour will be emergency vehicles, such as utility crews making essential nearby repairs or



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Police are testing a new parking ban policy this winter, which will be enforced only on nights when snow removal is expected.

businesses working to restore necessary things like heating service in homes, according to Pattullo.

Private roads that aren't covered by town bylaws and don't get plowed, will continue to be an exception to the rule, according to police Lt. James Hashem.

With the pilot program, Pattullo also expects that police will strictly enforce the policy, with more of a focus on towing happening this year than in previous years.

"I am hoping the citizens take it upon themselves to make an effort to get their cars off the

streets (when an emergency is declared)," Pattullo said, adding that the department typically wrote 50 to 80 tickets in previous years. "These people are really people who didn't care about getting the ticket. The unfortunate part of this program is they not only will get a ticket, they will get towed."

Cars that are in driveways but hang out over the street, often times to make leaving in the morning easier — will be in violation, even if all four wheels are on the edge of the driveway, Pattullo said. They will be towed if the vehicle impedes with

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plowing.

Overall, though, Pattullo believes fewer tickets and less towing will be necessary, which could mean a loss in revenue that, he said, doesn't matter to the department.

"We will still write tickets, but there won't be as many," Pattullo said. "There may be a revenue reduction, but we aren't in the revenue-generating business."

Highway Superintendent Chris Cronin is hopeful that the program will be effective, and he believes it will return next year if the outcome is positive.

"I think it is something that is needed for the residents," Cronin said. "It is difficult for them to find off-site parking."

Signs around town are announcing the new program.

"We are hoping that residents find out about it," Cronin said. "If they find out about it, I think it will be alright."

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email dluca@andovertownsmen.com.

Temporary leader



John Bean, soon-to-retire director of Public Works in Arlington, has been selected as Andover's interim director of the Department of Public Works. Selectmen are expected to vote on Bean's appointment at their next meeting.

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Special Town Meeting

Bigger, safer playing field complex worth the cost?

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

ARTICLE ONE: BUYING BLANCHARD

THE ISSUE: To see if the town will appropriate money for the acquisition of land at 3 Blanchard St.

SUMMARY: This article would authorize the town to buy 1.08 acres of land adjacent to 15 Blanchard St., where the town is planning a sports complex for recreational use. The additional space would allow for another small soccer field, more parking and a new entrance said to be an improved safety feature.

In May, the town voted against buying the property, which was then offered for \$400,000. This time around, the property owners have lowered the price of the property to \$290,000, and the Andover Soccer Association has



Architect's rendering of proposed athletic fields.

committed \$50,000 to cover the costs of demolishing buildings on the property.

PROS: The town's soccer program will benefit from an increase in the number of youth soccer fields they will have at the field,

as the space will enable them to have three smaller, 12-and-under soccer fields instead of the two supported by the current plan, according to Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski.

The three smaller fields will

also combine to create a safer adult soccer field than what exists with the existing plan, Stapczynski said.

The site would also benefit and become safer for drivers, as adding the extra property will allow the town to relocate currently-proposed entrances and exits for the park on straight tracts of roadway instead of curved areas with more limited sight lines, according to Stapczynski.

CONS: Opponents of purchasing the property have raised concerns about the cost of the project, saying the project is non-essential during a time of limited means.

"The town is not in a position to be spending loose funds like that," town resident Mary Carbone, who is opposed to the article, said. "The (street) lights are out in the town, so I don't know why we are spending money to add to a field that already cost a lot of money."

In a previous Board of Selectmen meeting, Selectman Mary Lyman also opposed the purchase, saying that buying 3 Blanchard St. represented a want, not a need.

"I am concerned with the fiscal situation the town is facing. The budget is not looking better in the year ahead," Lyman said after the meeting. "I am not sure we need to have this. It is nice to have."

HOW THE TOWN VOTED: The Board

of Selectmen, Finance Committee and Planning Board all recommended approval.

IF THE TOWN VOTES YES: Andover will purchase the property at 3 Blanchard St. and the property will be added to the already-existing area of land at 15 Blanchard St., thus increasing the overall space available for soccer fields, as well as modifying current parking and entrance plans for the site.

IF THE TOWN VOTES NO: The plans for the field will continue as previously proposed and approved, without the addition of space from the purchase of 3 Blanchard St.

ARTICLE TWO: FOSTERS LAND PURCHASE

THE ISSUE: To see if the town will authorize the treasurer to use already-appropriated money for the purchase of Fosters Pond conservation land, and to authorize the town to apply for and accept state aid for purchasing the property.

SUMMARY: At Annual Town Meeting earlier this year, the town agreed to purchase land in the area of Fosters Pond for \$480,000, which will increase public access to the pond and link separated parcels of conservation land.

This article, regarded as "housekeeping" by some, will allow the town to use already-

appropriated money and apply for, accept and use \$259,600 in possible state funding for the project.

The grant, which the state recently committed to providing, will lower the town-specific liability in buying the property from \$480,000 to around half of its original cost.

"This is a procedural requirement for us to get the grant," Stapczynski said.

PROS: Supporters of the article have explained that saving money on Andover property taxes is their primary motivation.

"The town voted to purchase these beautiful five acres for \$480,000," Bob Douglas, director of Conservation, said. "The question here is if they liked it at 480,000, will they love it at 250,000?"

CONS: No significant opposition to article two has been made in the time since the warrant closed.

HOW THE TOWN VOTED: The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Planning Board and Conservation Commission all recommended approval.

IF THE TOWN VOTES YES: The state will contribute \$259,600 to the purchase of the land, and the town will cover the rest of the balance.

IF THE TOWN VOTES NO: The town will cover the full cost of the property on its own, without any state funding contribution.

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FinCon report mailed out to residents

A Special Town Meeting will be held in Andover on Dec. 6, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Andover High School Collins Center Auditorium.

The warrant closed on Friday, Oct. 22.

The Finance Committee Report and warrant was mailed by Nov. 29. The warrant can now be found under "Town Spotlight" on the home page of the town website at andoverma.gov. The Finance Committee expected to approve

a letter to people on Wednesday that explained how much homeowners would pay per year if the Bancroft school replacement project is approved.

There are four articles on the warrant:

Article 1: Purchase of 3 Blanchard St. This article is brought by a citizen's petition from Carl Grygiel and others.

Article 2: Grant application for Fosters Pond Conservation land

on request of the Conservation Commission.

Article 3: New Bancroft Elementary School on request of the School Building Committee.

Article 4: Easement from Town to the School Department - Bancroft Elementary School on request of the School Building Committee.

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Special Town Meeting

MEETING: New school project expected to cost \$44.6 million

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and grades one through five. The existing Bancroft Elementary School was built during the late '60s to look like a castle, using an open-classroom or school-without-walls concept. In recent years, the building has needed nearly \$2 million repairs to remain in operation. Workers have had to remove wheelbarrels of snow from the oddly shaped roof.

When faced with the decision to "rehab" the building or build a new one, town officials moved forward with plans to build a completely new Bancroft Elementary, saying that repairing the existing Bancroft would be much more costly.

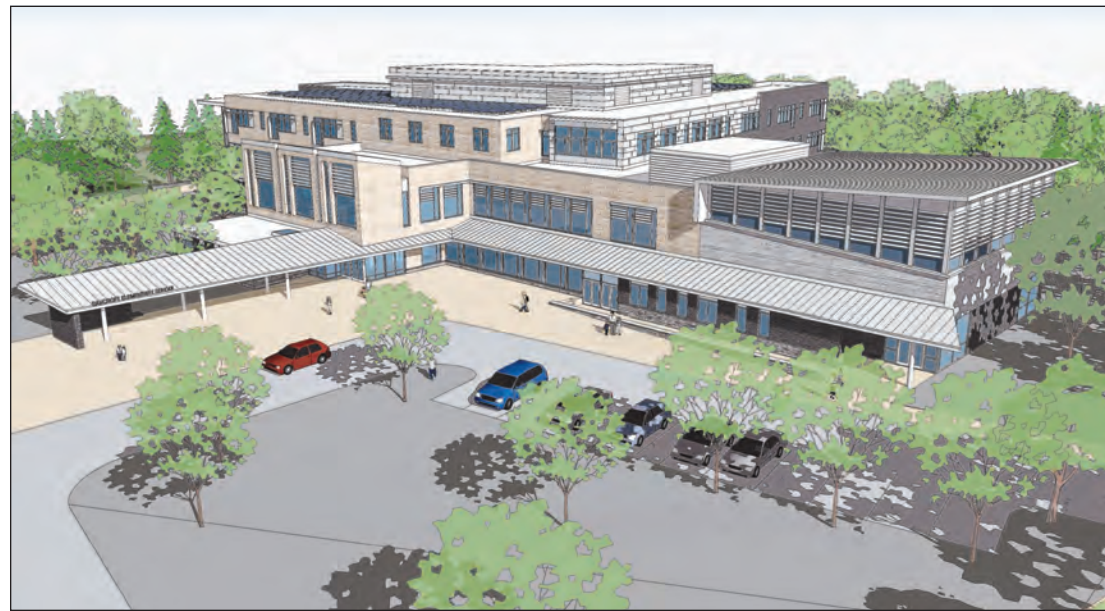
Following state rules, the new school project is expected to cost \$44.6 million, which includes more than \$5.9 million in contingency that would be used only for unexpected changes and problems. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) has agreed to reimburse about \$16.8 million of the school's cost, reducing the town's bill for the school to around \$27.9 million.

PROS: Supporters say Andover must replace Bancroft for safety reasons and this project will give students a more energy-efficient state-of-the-art facility and learning laboratory. The new construction would allow the town to redistrict its elementary students to address a number of capacity concerns throughout the Andover district, they argue.

With the building carrying 680 students at full capacity, the town plans to close Shawsheen School and redistrict. Officials have talked about creating a centrally located preschool at Sanborn Elementary, using 50-year modular classrooms to avoid needing to add to Sanborn's core facilities.

"We can address the K-5 issue with this direction, and that was the decision of the committee," Dennis Forgue, chairman of the School Committee, said.

Town officials have also supported the green aspects of the building, suggesting that a new, eco-conscious Bancroft Elementary will lower operating costs and save money in the future. For instance, the school will collect rain water and use it in toilets in the school, has energy recovery



Artist rendering of new Bancroft building.

units that make maintaining temperature less expensive, and the boiler system use natural gas only, according to Joe Piantedosi, acting director of Plant and Facilities.

Additionally, nearby solar photovoltaic panels and a demonstration wind turbine will generate electricity, turning the new building into what officials have said is a functioning green laboratory and educational opportunity for children.

But the safety aspect has been the main story line.

"We have done everything we can short-term to keep (the existing Bancroft) safe and open, but the school continues to deteriorate," Joe Piantedosi, acting director of Plant and Facilities, said. "It is not something that can be avoided. If we don't do it this year, we will have to do it in the future, which could be more costly."

Officials say the time is more than opportune for replacing Bancroft Elementary because construction costs are low and grant funding is available.

"If the meeting chose not to go forward with Bancroft now, there is no guarantee we would get MSBA funding any time soon," School Committee member Annie Gilbert said.

CONS: Opponents of the new Bancroft Elementary School have raised concerns about the large cost of the project, whether all the features of the new school are necessary and how the new construction will impact nearby



Green design is part of the Bancroft plan.

roads.

Some residents have questioned whether the state-of-the-art aspects of the building, including its size, are important enough to justify the expense.

"I don't think we should build a school of that magnitude for elementary students," resident Mary Carbone said.

Some residents of West Knoll Road, which may be extended as part of the plan, have also opposed the new construction, saying their road won't be able to handle the new school's traffic.

But one of the largest lines of opposition to the plan is the cost.

The project will be paid through a debt exclusion override of Proposition 2 1/2, temporarily raising taxes above the 2.5 percent plus growth normally allowed under the state law to pay for the school.

The average taxpayer will pay \$179 during its peak year, assuming Andover's portion of the project is paid out over 20 years, said

Finance Committee chairwoman Joanne Marden.

"We are carrying one of the largest debt bills in the state over our property and real estate values," resident Tom Garesché has said. "They think, instead of getting a project done on budget, they can just put it on an override and slam it through."

HOW THE TOWN VOTED: The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Planning Board and School Committee all recommended approval.

IF THE TOWN VOTES YES: Town voters would take a secret ballot debt exclusion vote at the beginning of next year. Should that pass, design development of the building will take place throughout the spring, according to Annie Gilbert, School Committee member.

Then, early site work would start in June, including a connection to West Knoll Road, the establishment of a staging and construction area and the decommissioning of a nearby soccer

WHAT WOULD NEW BANCROFT COST YOU?

Property value	FY2011 tax bill	Amount new school would add to tax bills			
		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
\$100,000	\$1,412	34	33	32	32
\$300,000	\$4,236	102	99	97	95
\$500,000	\$7,060	169	165	162	158
\$529,775	\$7,480	179	175	171	167
\$700,000	\$9,884	237	232	226	221
\$900,000	\$12,708	305	298	291	284

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden has estimated the impact of the Bancroft School Debt Exclusion on residential property tax bills. The Finance Committee was expected to review the figures at its meeting Wednesday, after Townsman deadline.

The average single family residence has assessed value for FY2011 of \$529,775. The average homeowner will pay an additional \$179 in the first year of the debt service. This assumes the town pursues a 20-year bond.

All property is taxed at \$14.12 per \$1,000 in value. The above chart is meant to give readers a sense of the cost of the Bancroft project for their residential property tax bill. With a standard municipal debt schedule, the amount paid each year goes down a little each year.

field, according to Gilbert.

At least two years of construction would start at that point, with the project wrapping up as early as the fall of 2013. From there, it would take around six to nine months to demolish the existing Bancroft Elementary, Gilbert said.

The town would also be redistricted sometime after the old Bancroft Elementary comes down to ease capacity issues in the town's other elementary schools, according to Gilbert.

IF THE TOWN VOTES NO: "If it's not done, the School Building Committee would re-double their efforts to see what issues led to its failure at Town Meeting," Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said.

"It's not something that can be avoided," Piantedosi said. "If we don't do it this year, we will have to do it in the future, which could be more costly."

ARTICLE FOUR: BANCROFT EASEMENT

THE ISSUE: To see if the town will transfer the care, custody and control of a portion of land at Bancroft Elementary School

to the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Selectmen to grant an easement to the School Department.

SUMMARY: To start building a new Bancroft Elementary School, an easement would need to be granted by the Board of Selectmen to allow the School Committee to use parts of the land under the care of the board.

If article three fails, preventing the construction of a new Bancroft Elementary School, this article won't be considered at the meeting.

PROS: The town would be able to move forward with construction for a new Bancroft Elementary School.

CONS: To date, no significant opposition has been raised against this article.

HOW THE TOWN VOTED: The Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Planning Board and School Committee all recommended approval.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured are, front row, Bancroft Elementary students Anita Micheals, Tori Karlberg, Connor Hurley, Patrick Doheny and Principal Francine Goldstein; back row: Claire Touseau, grade 5 teacher, Laura Rex, fifth-grade assistant, and Neighbors in Need representatives Steven Urena and Charles Love.

Lessons of Thanksgiving Schools collect food at holiday time

Students around the Andover schools collected food to give to those in need, during the weeks before Thanksgiving.

At South Elementary, piles of food grew larger in the corner of the lobby in the days before the holiday.

Sanborn Elementary School students conducted their annual Harvest Festival, packing care packages and delivering them to seniors in town. They also socialized with and performed for people at the senior center.

The fifth grade at Bancroft Elementary School sponsored a schoolwide food drive for the Thanksgiving holiday time.

Each grade level was asked to bring in a particular item that would be part of a meal at this time of year.

"The students had less than a week to donate the food and there was a fantastic response



COURTESY PHOTO BY MICHAEL DOLAN

Posing after creating care bags are Sanborn Elementary students Alex Duncan, Will Winship and Joe Hoar.

from the school community as a whole.

Neighbors in Need, a local charity was thrilled to receive all of the food and picked it up

on Friday (before Thanksgiving)," according to a release from the school.

Bancroft fifth-graders helped to carry it out to the van.

Pursuing excellence possible with/without new school

Ken Seifert



I have found that, now that I am retired, I can pay closer attention to details and trends. I have observed the impact state regulations can have on our community. This has been particularly true in the area of public education. MCAS and school building assistance are two examples. There are always state regulations but our community, any community, can pursue excellence.

What does this have to do with the Town Meeting this Monday night?

I received a copy of the Finance Committee Report. I thought they did a very good job in giving us numbers and activities to date. I have also attended building, consultant's informational and School Committee meetings. I have even made suggestions regarding educational specifications.

Throughout the four years I have seen the evolution of the "new Bancroft" project. The overwhelming theme that I conclude is, we need a new school because the old is too expensive to maintain. The basic process has been very much like the building of the High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools. You might say it is very heavy on bricks and mortar and light on educational hopes, benefits, innovations and specific plans for the children. We must remember this is a schoolhouse that will probably last for the next 40 years.

In "the good old days" when renovating an existing building or building a new school, we had a different process. The first step was the superintendent had to prepare a written document called educational specifications. (For those who have an interest in detail, Google "what are educational specifications?" You might take a look at the North Carolina approach.) He did this by

involving the staff and community in the discussion of innovations, changes that would be beneficial and the impact of new technology in the classroom. He also had to give some examples of built-in flexibility in the event educational practices would change. When the document was ready, the superintendent presented it to the School Committee for reactions and formal approval. When approved, it was given to the building committee and architects to provide guidance. The Commissioner of Education had such a requirement. Along the way, the process followed preliminary sketches, specific plans, and a final commitment from the town. All of these were presented at Town Meeting. It was a gradual investment in dollars in the event things changed. Before the state gave construction money, the superintendent would meet with the commissioner's representative and give his approval that the proposed project met the educational specifications. If they did not, the project could not proceed.

It was a community dialogue. By the time the critical vote was to be taken, the serious objections were heard and addressed (not to everyone's satisfaction). The 800-pound gorilla was always, can we afford it?

We are now faced with an "emergency," either we close the deal in 120 days or the state offer will be terminated. Such a handout is significant.

In the last three schools building processes there has not been a formal presentation of the heart of the building, what will be exciting, meaningful and the educational benefits that will transcend

the dollars? There is always a cost benefit analysis to everything we do. It is possible to show that if people were truly interested. Wouldn't it be nice to create some excitement among our children about the proposed building and what it will mean to them the first day they enter the schoolhouse?

Whether this project proceeds or we have to go back to the drawing board will be up to those people in attendance this Monday night. I hope we do not find ourselves four months from now discussing the rest of fiscal year 2012 at the regular Town Meeting. You know the routine, arguing over lights on lights off, reduced services and getting more money through user fees. The estimates on 2012 budgets and capital projects are most helpful so we can get a better picture for those in attendance Dec. 6.

Recently, I have seen a new and promising breeze blowing in Andover. The School Committee has launched the promise of a meaningful strategic plan with specifics and accountability. We also have a new captain of the ship.

I fully recognize how one can get lulled into doing things the state wants as our primary focus. Communities should be aware of examining what they know to be sensible and beneficial. My grandpa used to say, don't throw the baby out with the bathwater!

Isn't it about time we get back on the road to excellence? It can be achieved whether riding a jalopy or a Rolls Royce.

Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover schools.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

St. John's Prep announces that 64 former and current students earned AP Scholar Awards recently from the College Board in recognition of exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement exams taken in May 2010.

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these exams, and twenty two students qualified for the AP scholar award by completing three or more AP exams with scores of 3 or higher.

Students from Andover include:

John Corbett, Class of 2010, AP scholars with distinction, Boston College

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Obituaries

Charles L. Greenfield, 90

Charles L. Greenfield died in Andover on Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2010. He was 90-years-old.

Charlie was born in Lawrence, and lived in Andover with his family, which included his cousin and lifelong companion, Emma Briggs. He was educated in Andover and graduated from Andover Pynchard High School. Charlie served in the Army during World War II and worked for Raytheon Corp. until his retirement.

Charlie and Emma moved from Andover to Danville, N.H. in 1986. Charlie was a member of First Calvary Baptist Church in North Andover and an associate member of the East Hampstead Union Church in East Hampstead. He enjoyed bowling and was an enthusiastic fan of his favorite sports team, the Boston Red Sox.

Charlie endeared himself to all that knew him.. He was openly honest, friendly and kind. Emma Briggs died in 2003; Charlie leaves cousins, Carol Gray, of Salem, N.H., and Alberta Hoelzel of Henderson, Nev.. He will be sadly missed by his dear friends, the Rev. Donald and Mrs. Elaine Dickinson, of Windham, Maine and their family.

ARRANGEMENTS: A memorial service will be held following 10 a.m. worship on Sunday, Dec. 12, at the East Hampstead Union Church, 225 East Main St. (Route 121A), Hampstead, N.H. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Briggs-Greenfield Scholarship Fund, c/o John C. Oakley, Esq., Oakley, O'Sullivan & Eaton, P.C., 89 Main St., Andover, MA 01810. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen.

Vincent P. Morton, Jr., 81

Vincent P. Morton, Jr., 81, of Andover, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Nov. 27, 2010.

Born to the late Vincent P. and Grace (Lamb) Morton on Aug. 22, 1929 in West Roxbury, he attended Roxbury Latin School, Class of 1947, and Harvard University, Class of 1951, before he served two years in the U.S. Navy. From 1954 to 1998, he operated the family's business, Curran — Morton of Lowell, and Morton Warehouse Corporation of Nashua, N.H. and Lawrence.

In February, 1958, Vincent married the late Suzanne Bourgeois of Lowell. They moved to Andover and had five children, Vincent P. Morton III and his wife Betsy of Holland, Mich., Judy Bramhall and husband Everett of Concord, Peter Morton and his wife Tory of Manchester, Allan Morton and his wife Claudia of Burlington, Vt., and Jeffrey of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two sisters, Elaine M.C. Murphy, Joan McDonald; and one brother, David Morton; 10 grandchildren from the ages of 21 to 4.

Vincent was an avid golfer, reaching the finals of the Tobin Tournament many times with his good friend, Jack Slattery. He also won the Indian Summer Tournament at Oysters Harbors in 1965 with Don Falvey. It always made him smile that the winners were described as "two little guys." Vin was the perennial club champion at the North Andover Country Club between 1973 and 1982, winning seven times.

Memberships included

Hatherly Country Club, North Scituate, North Andover Country Club, North Andover, Oyster Harbors Club, Osterville, Quail Valley, Vero Beach, Fla., Harvard Club, Boston, Lanam Club, Andover, Rotary Club of Lawrence, Yorick Club of Lowell. Along with his lifelong duties at the helm of Morton Warehouse, Vincent was active in the charitable and service organizations in Lowell and Lawrence.

In particular, he was the past president of Massachusetts Warehouseman's Association, board member of the American Warehouseman's Association, the Arlington Trust Co, Merrimack Cooperative Bank, the Lanam Club in Andover, North Andover Country Club, North Andover, Brooks School, North Andover, Chairman of the Board of The Pike School in Andover, and longtime agent of the Roxbury Latin School. In retirement, Vincent was actively involved with Father Al Ellis in the fund raising for St. Augustine's Parish in Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to the St. Augustine's Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810. Family and friends were invited to call on Wednesday from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. Funeral Mass will be celebrated today at 10 a.m. in St. Augustine's Church Andover, with burial to follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. www.pollardfuneralhome.com.

Alfred A. Spatola



Alfred A. Spatola died on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2010 after a short illness.

He was born in Augusta, Sicily, Italy on Oct. 8, 1919, and came to this country in 1921. He attended Lawrence schools and enlisted in the Navy in 1940. He served in the southwest Pacific in World War II after he had completed the Navy's Aeronautical School at Lakehurst, N.J. When his Naval service ended, he attended the Berkley Preparatory School in Boston and later graduated from Northeastern University.

He worked for the U.S. Weather Bureau in Boston and later transferred to the U.S. Air Force Cambridge Research Laboratories

in Bedford. He was a resident of Andover for nearly 50 years and served as a trustee of the Andover Village Improvement Society (AVIS).

He was the widower of Constance M. (Santagati) Spatola. He leaves two children: Kenneth Spatola of Hampton, N.H., and Sharyn S. Weidlein of Andover; five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

ARRANGEMENTS: Wake was held at Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover, on Sunday, Nov. 28, 2010 from 2 to 5 p.m. A funeral Mass was held the Corpus Christi Parish, Lawrence, on Monday, Nov. 29, 2010 at 10 a.m. Burial followed at the Bellevue Cemetery in Lawrence. For online condolences, please visit our website at www.contefuneralhomes.com. The family requests donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105-3678 in his memory, in lieu of flowers.

RELIGION

Christ Church Fair

The Parish of Christ Church in Andover will hold its "Celebration of Christmas Fair" on Saturday, Dec. 4.

It donates 10 percent of the proceeds from its annual Christmas Fair to a nonprofit organization that is not affiliated with or directly supported by the church.

Red Bow Fair Dec. 4

The North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of North Andover, 190 Academy Rd., North Andover, at the Old Center announces its annual Red Bow Fair on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Parish Hall is wheelchair accessible. However, the upstairs of the Parish wing and the Old Center Hall second floor is not wheelchair accessible.

West Parish combats slavery, one cup at a time

This holiday season, millions of children, women and men are eagerly waiting and hoping for one gift — freedom. The United Nations estimates that as many as 27 million people are held in slavery throughout the world today, including 2 million children, according to a release from West Parish Church. With Christmas approaching, Andover's West Parish Church is seeking to raise money to help end slavery by sponsoring a Christmas Tea and Theatrical Performance.

West Parish Church, UCC, has invited professional actress Olivia Woodford to perform

during an afternoon Christmas Tea on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the International Justice Mission, a multi-national human rights agency engaged in rescuing victims of slavery, sex trafficking, and other forms of illegal, violent oppression.

Besides drinking tea and enjoying scenes and other sweet treats, participants will be drawn into a powerful, one-woman play performed by Woodford that brings to life the events leading up to the birth of Jesus through the eyes of five women who surrounded his mother Mary.

In "Faith and Hope: A Mother's Story," Mary's cousin Elizabeth describes her three-month visit with Mary. Anna, Mary's mother, handles the upset and criticism of local villagers in response to Mary being unwed and pregnant. Leah, a daughter of the House of David who studied with Mary at the temple, reflects on events as she travels to Bethlehem for the census.

A shepherdess explains life on the hills outside the City of David as well as the message from the angel and her experience seeing Jesus lying in the manger. The play concludes with a depiction of Anna, a seeress in

the temple who was the first to declare the true identity of the baby Jesus.

Each of the women portrayed, through her exposure to Mary and Jesus, finds her faith challenged and strengthened, and experiences an awakening that deepens her connection to God.

Tickets are \$25 or \$175 for a table of eight.

Tickets can be purchased at the West Parish Church office, 129 Reservation Road, intersection of Route 133, Andover.

The office is opened Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. or on Sundays from 8:30 to 10 a.m.



Wonderland Theater at 7 Elm St. was Andover's earliest theater.

When Andover's big screens were in theaters



Andover Stories

By Lorraine DeLucia, Andover Historical Society

Back in the day when names such as Gary Cooper, Hedy Lamar, Cary Grant and Shirley Temple caught people's attention, Andover boasted two movie theaters. Large screens and the lure of a new invention called "air conditioning" were almost impossible to resist.

The earliest theater was "The Wonderland" opened in 1909 at 7 Elm St., then known as the Elm Block. Today, a salon resides there. Within months, large crowds forced the management to build an extension toward the back of the building. In addition to the "moving pictures" — showing illustrated songs, Westerns, stories of the "Red Man," comedies and

drama ("all clean and fine pictures for families to see") — live Vaudeville-style entertainment was added.

The Wonderland even offered contests and gimmicks to bring in business, as shown in 1912 when live pigs (!) were given away as prizes.

In 1985 William Doherty, a long-time resident, shared his memories of The Wonderland: "I remember the settees (benches) to sit in, silent pictures where the quality was a bit blurry and, later, the addition of a piano and organ. Admission for women and children was five cents; men paid 10 cents."

On Dec. 13, 1912, a new movie theater, "The Colonial," opened on Essex Street. Run by Charles Warden, this building was the site of the old Boston & Maine Railroad depot and had seating for 600. By 1918, the Colonial theater was remodeled and opened under the new management of Samuel Resnik.

Other features were added, as written in a Townsman article, in accordance with the

"aesthetic tastes of Andover residents": paneled ceilings, new steps to the entrance and ticket window, and a "new and comfortable ladies room." The article went on to say that "it was the aim of management to give the people of Andover high class amusement with value and interest to young and old." Admission now was 15 cents plus two cents war tax.

Later in 1918 the Spanish influenza epidemic forced the Board of Health to close the theaters as a precautionary measure. When The Colonial re-opened, notice was made that "the theater is clean and well disinfected."

In 1920 Town Meeting denied the theaters permission to show movies on Sunday, and it wasn't until 1933 that this decision was reversed. Even then, however, it was noted that Phillips Academy students were forbidden to ever attend movie shows in town.

The Colonial theater became "The Andover Playhouse" on Oct. 29, 1937. On opening night the theater was filled to

capacity. The first program was "One Hundred Men and a Girl," starring Deanna Durbin, then a 16-year-old singer and a popular, up-and-coming actress. Saturday morning movies were 12 cents and would include a couple of cartoons, a cowboy film and a serial movie that progressed from week to week.

In the 1970s the building was remodeled into business offices and a senior center called The Haven. Later it was named "The Theater Building" and used as municipal offices for the Planning Department and DCS classes.

The Theater Building became history in 1984 when it was demolished to make way for an expanded library parking lot. As the structure came down, posters of past performances were found in the walls, becoming coveted souvenirs. One of these posters now hangs in the third floor hall of the Town Offices.

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in

A world of creches on loan from area families on display

Residents can begin the holiday season by enjoying a display in Lowell of more than 200 creches and nativity sets from around the world.

"All aspects of the nativity are present for the religious, cultural diversity and the art collectors," according to organizers.

All of the items displayed have been loaned by more than 50 families in the Greater Lowell area. From the traditional Woolworth's items that many grew up

with to elaborate hand carved German sets, creches from 29 countries can be viewed.

The display features carvings by Carlos Santiago Arroyo, a native of Puerto Rico residing in Massachusetts. His work is currently featured at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington as part of the exhibit called "Keepers of Tradition," which is a collaboration of the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

A first time this year is a

nativity made out of gingerbread. It has become a family tradition passed down and used as Christmas gifts.

Some old favorites will be back again like the Italian mountain village, featuring Fontanini figures of the nativity, displayed by Emile DuFour and Fred Riley.

The proceeds from the program are used to support numerous food and feeding programs in Greater Lowell. Over

\$15,000 has been raised in support of these programs.

The display takes place at St. John's Episcopal Church, 260 Gorham St., Lowell on Dec. 2 and Dec. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.; Dec. 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 5 from noon to 4 p.m.

There is a \$5 admission, 12 and under no charge. The church is handicapped accessible, refreshments will be served and raffle items and gift items will be available.

Andover Chamber Series offers Baroque concertos Dec. 4

Andover Chamber Music offers its own holiday concert in town Saturday, followed by a benefit concert on Sunday featuring one of the world's foremost

Andover Chamber Music; Mistral, its Ensemble-in-Residence, and guest artists will perform three of Johann Sebastian Bach's Brandenburg Concertos (Nos. 2, 3, and 4) and his Double Violin Concerto on Saturday, Dec. 4 at 5 p.m. at South Church, Andover.

"Nothing celebrates the warmth of the holidays like the glorious Baroque concertos performed in the church settings for which they were composed," according to ACM founder Julie Scolnik. "Few musical works are as loved or more widely performed than The Brandenburg Concertos

of J. S. Bach. And Andover Chamber Music brings them back every five or six years."

This concert features some new faces making their ACM debuts like the wonderful trumpet player Richard Kelley who will play the treacherous piccolo trumpet part from Brandenburg #2, violists Emily Deans and Susan Culpo, violinist Dami Kim, a first place winner in the Paganini violin competition, and flutist Sooyun Kim, a third prize winner in the ARD International Competition in Munich. But many Andover Chamber Music favorites will be returning as well, like cellist Jan Muller-Szeraws, keyboardist Leon Schelhase, and the dynamic violinist Irima Muresanu (who will play the affecting Bach Double

concerto with Dami Kim).

Tickets are \$30 general admission, \$10 student rush. Group rates are available. For more information call 978-474-6222 or visit andoverchambermusic.org.

Concert for the Cure

"When I asked Sir Simon Rattle, the world-renowned music director of the Berlin Philharmonic, if he would lead a concert to raise funds for breast cancer, I was both stunned and moved when he accepted. I was equally touched — but not surprised — when so many of my busy colleagues likewise rose to the occasion," founder Julie Scolnik said in a recent release. "Rattle, pianist Marc-André Hamelin, and 85 distinguished musicians from the Boston Symphony

Orchestra, Philadelphia Orchestra, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, and other leading chamber ensembles are coming together in a spirit of love and generosity to play an exceptional concert of symphonic works. All of the musicians as well as Rattle are donating their services. This unprecedented concert will raise funds and awareness for breast cancer screening, treatment and educational programming to help women and men throughout Massachusetts."

The Concert for the Cure, led by Simon Rattle, is Sunday, Dec. 5 at 7:30 pm, in New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall.

For more information go to Concert for the Cure, or to buy tickets directly go to: tix.com/Event.asp?Event=302715.

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Opinion

School vote Monday

There is an important event not to be missed by Andoverites this Monday night. (No, not the Patriots-Jets "game of the year" – although there's that, too.) A brief Special Town Meeting at 7 p.m. will determine the fate of a \$44.6 million plan to replace the structurally troubled Bancroft Elementary School.

Andover plans to pay for the project with a debt exclusion override of Proposition 2 1/2, raising taxes above that normally allowed under state law, for 20 years. The cost is \$179 for the average taxpayer during the most expensive year. It will take two votes to approve the money for the project, the first of which requires two-thirds support of those attending Special Town Meeting Dec. 6. A ballot-box election would follow. Andover is expected to be reimbursed about \$16.8 million by the state.

Town volunteers, paid officials and architects have spent years producing a plan they believe not only replaces a problematic building with a more energy efficient one, but will let the town close Shawsheen School, its oldest school, and address overcrowding concerns at other elementary schools throughout town. The project appears sound, and green. The Massachusetts School Building Authority has significantly improved the school building program statewide.

But only taxpayers can determine if they can afford a project, and whether they are willing to instruct the town to find some cheaper, if less educationally attractive solution. We encourage people to take a hard look at the facts and make an informed decision.

Poor timing on lawsuit news

Under questioning by a resident, it was learned that the town has settled a lawsuit on its last school-building project. It turns out the town paid an extra \$856,000 to repair the roof put on Wood Hill Middle and High Plain Elementary, the new schools built earlier this decade. Andover received only a \$150,000 settlement, meaning it paid twice for the school roof. The timing of the news couldn't be worse for supporters of building a new Bancroft Elementary School, because it provides fuel for those skeptical of large public building projects.

Often as part of private settlements, groups agree not to disclose the outcome. But the schools were a public project and the information is public. It should not take someone asking questions by chance for taxpayers to learn about what happened to their money. Had Andover officials let the public know about the settlement in July, when it was agreed to, the issue would have been long since been "dead" by this week, as the new school project comes to vote.

Public officials should not agree to and should not keep such information quiet. Perhaps this week's result will teach that lesson.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Skeptical about Bancroft

Editor, Townsman:

In the Sustainable Andover's group letter last week, they stated that everyone in a school with a sustainable design is "happier, healthier, and more ready to work, but also the whole community felt proud..." Although a worthy end result, I am skeptical.

I, like most people, try to be a good steward of the environment. However, we are about to spend \$44 million and approve a debt-exclusion tax override that Andover taxpayers will be paying for over the next 20 to 30 years on a statement that students will be happier and healthier, with no design analysis explaining what the specific cost and payback period to justify the expense.

I support green initiatives, but not \$44 million worth. I would have hoped the town could have balanced sustainability with prudent financial planning.

JILL LANGSTON
West Knoll Road

New school will save operating cash

Editor, Townsman:

Andover's Green Advisory Board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen and town manager, unanimously recommends a yes vote to approve funding for a new Bancroft School. The board's charter is to focus not only on projects that improve the town's reputation for respecting the environment, but also to concentrate on projects that lower operating costs and contribute to the financial sustainability of the town.

The facts supporting the Bancroft project are compelling:

- The current Bancroft School is at end of life, overcrowded,

and not conducive to learning.

- The \$44.6M building cost will be reduced by \$16.7M, a credit to the town's decision to pursue a "green" design, and a reward for the town's excellent maintenance program.

- The "net" cost of the building, after deducting the feasibility study costs, will be \$27M, to be paid over a number of years. Building a new school will avoid costly upgrades for the current building.

- Operating costs, including utilities benefiting from the green design, will be significantly lower than for the current school.

- Maintenance cost for a new building will be less than half as compared to older buildings.

- Capacity at the new Bancroft will allow for the phase-down of the Shawsheen School, and the Town will avoid \$7M in upgrade costs at Shawsheen as well as significant ongoing operating costs for utilities, maintenance, etc.

Residents will be presented with a final tally of all costs and benefits over the financing period for the new school, as part of Town Meeting. We think that most residents will find the "net" cost is a small price to pay in exchange for our students having an appropriate learning environment, while being an example for sustainable development.

It's important to recognize that median home prices in town have not declined nearly as much as the rest of the state and reputation of the schools is a major factor. We believe this project reinforces that people want to live in a town that is dedicated to high quality education, competent local government and a sustainable future.

GREG SEBASKY
7 Cobblestone Lane
Chair, Andover Green Advisory Board

HOLIDAY REFLECTIONS



MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photo

A trombone reflects the Andover High School marching band as they march in the Andover Holiday Parade in downtown Andover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Thoughtful process shows it's time for new school

Editor, Townsman:

Andover has a history of examining our town and school buildings for their safety, maintenance records, and suitability. When the Public Safety Center was no longer safe nor met our needs, the town chose the appropriate solution and the citizens supported it, giving us the new center we have today.

When it was determined that the school population had expanded beyond the capacity of our existing school buildings, a thoughtful process again was carried out to determine the solution. The Town Meeting and ballot vote supported that effort, creating the two new schools, High Plain Elementary School and Wood Hill Middle School.

Andover will likely need to replace buildings over time, or add a facility to meet our changing needs. It is a fact of life and something we experience in our own lives. The question is... when is the right time to move forward on a project?

We rely on our capable professionals, conscientious community volunteers, and school leaders to guide us. They tell us now is the time to move on the Bancroft project because the structural problems and ongoing maintenance costs are only getting worse. Also, the favorable reimbursement rate from the state makes this the right time for Andover to vote for this project. There is no question, Andover must continue to provide a safe educational environment for our children.

Today, the state has a very rigorous process for evaluating and planning for a new school and our School Building Committee has worked through every step. The preparation has been done. It's described in the Finance Committee Report we just received in the mail. Now it is our turn to participate. We should move this project forward.

Let's vote to support a new Bancroft School at the Special Town Meeting on Monday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m., at the Collins Center at Andover High School.

ANDREW AND TINA GIRDWOOD
15 Tucker Road

Vote 'no' on \$44M elementary school

Editor, Townsman:

Last week our Board of Selectmen approved a tax classification that added \$241 to the average homeowner this fiscal year. The town manager also revealed in his Capital Improvement Plan that Andover will propose to raise our water rates for Fiscal Year 2012. These are just a few pending expenses that when combined with a proposed new elementary school, new town yard and new fire station, would double our outstanding debt, require a tax override and increase our tax bills over the next 30 years.

While all of these proposals have value, we also value our seniors, many of whom live on a fixed income, and young families struggling to make ends meet. Whatever happened to living within our means like the average family? Andover needs to slow down and reduce its spending

and take on a more strategic long term planning approach to finance its major capital projects within the town budget.

On Dec. 6, we will be asked to approve a new \$44 million elementary school. The School Building Committee has been blinded by the promise of state reimbursement to the detriment of overall townwide planning. The proposed school is too big, too expensive and does not effectively solve our problems or improve educational goals.

As designed, I believe the new Bancroft Elementary will be 99,949 square feet at a cost of \$44.7 million. This equates to \$447 per square foot. In comparison, Billerica recently underwent a similar process with the MSBA to construct a new 89,000 sf elementary school. The cost was \$22 million, or \$247/sf. Burlington built a 78,500 sf elementary school for \$25.4 million or \$323/sf. Dedham is also planning to build a 61,000 sf elementary school for \$18 million or \$295/sf. Wayland is constructing a new 160,000 sf high school and 40,000 sf of renovation to an existing building at a cost of \$56.2 million or \$281/sf. The point of the comparisons is that this project can be more efficiently designed and managed to build a more reasonable school that is fiscally responsible.

TOM GARESCHKE
West Knoll Road
Andover Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility

Town official dispute the letter writer's cost per square foot figure.

Refuting opposition to Bancroft

Editor, Townsman:

Town voters should support the new Bancroft at Special Town Meeting on Dec. 6. Over a two year span, I have watched the School Building Committee carefully and thoughtfully examine each alternative before arriving at the current proposal. Readers who have heard recent observations that the project is too big and too expensive should consider the following information:

In his letter last week, Tom Williams used inflated capacity numbers to suggest that the school will be too big. The School Committee voted to set the enrollment at 680 students in grades K-5. Williams used the district policy limits to arrive at 825. Adopting this argument, the "capacity" of every school building in the district would be alarming! The letter also incorrectly states that the plan includes U12 soccer fields and that an additional field will be added. The new school will have three U10 soccer fields, the same number and size that we now have at Bancroft.

Williams writes that the project would involve "extreme redistricting" when in reality his proposal to build a new school and also put an addition on Sanborn would result in more redistricting, affecting a greater number of students, and would likely occur in multiple phases.

Some have also said that a LEED certified building adds unnecessary costs to the project. The Massachusetts School Building Authority now requires that all new schools be LEED certified. By achieving the next level of certification (LEED Silver),

the Bancroft project will earn an additional 2 percent in reimbursement, or \$762,000. The items necessary to get this level of certification are mandatory even without the LEED rating because Town Meeting passed the Stretch Code last year as part of the Green Community designation. With energy savings and substantial utility company rebates, the estimated payback on the cost of all of the energy reduction/green features in the new Bancroft is less than three years.

Andover has recently paid over \$1.8 million for repairs to Bancroft, in addition to its high maintenance costs. Rejecting this project now will result in further delay that only adds to those expenses and jeopardizes the safety of our children.

CHRISTA DINAPOLI
16 Robandy Road

The writer identified herself as the Bancroft PTO Liaison to the School Building Committee.

Setting record straight on Bancroft plan

Editor, Townsman:

Many of the assumptions conveyed in Tom Williams' Nov. 25 letter ("Bancroft Site not Cure for all School Problems") are incorrect and it is important that Andover residents have accurate information when they vote.

A smaller Bancroft Elementary School will not result in the elimination of the building of West Knoll Road. Even if the Bancroft Elementary School proposal reduced the new school to four classes in each grade level, West Knoll Road would still have to be built. It is a major safety issue, and Police and Fire are adamant in this regard.

Building a five classroom addition to Sanborn Elementary School is not a lower cost option. Sanborn was not designed to accommodate such an increase in student population and there are already two modular classrooms there. For this reason, core areas, such as the cafeteria, kitchen and gymnasium, and building infrastructure would not be sufficient.

The major cost that would substantially increase Williams' estimate however, is that of bringing the entire Sanborn Elementary School up to present building code requirements because Sanborn was constructed prior to the seismic code requirements. Much of the costs may not be eligible for reimbursement by a Massachusetts School Building Authority grant.

Furthermore, a new proposal like this would require a costly and time consuming process, as all of the assumptions proposed about Sanborn would have to be studied. The town would have to get back in line and compete with other school districts for state funds. A new Bancroft Elementary School and renovated Sanborn School would not be completed for more than four years and there are no assurances that Andover would receive the current 44-percent reimbursement rate. Andover would not have the benefit of going out to bid during this recessionary period where construction costs are substantially lower than they were just a few years ago.

A major risk in delaying this project is due to the current

structural problems at the Bancroft School. Delaying the closure of this school will, at minimum, require more capital repair costs to address the failing structural components of this school.

JOSEPH R. PIANTEDOSI
Acting Director Plant & Facilities & Bancroft School Project Manager

A longer version of this letter appears online.

Bancroft PTO offers reasons for new school

Editor, Townsman:

The Bancroft PTO Board has voted unanimously to support the new Bancroft building project and encourages a "yes" vote on Articles 3 and 4 at the Special Town Meeting.

Our members recall when we were asked to support the High Plain/Wood Hill project. At the time, Bancroft parents were pushing trash cans around the media center in an effort to catch leaking rain and watching town employees use wheelbarrows to remove dangerously heavy snow from the roof. However, the Bancroft community supported that building project - because it was the right thing to do for the children sitting in crowded classrooms and it was the right thing to do for the community. From DCS clinics to soccer games, spelling bees to dance recitals, these schools are truly a community resource.

We invite you to consider the following reasons to support the new Bancroft:

- The need to replace Bancroft is inevitable. Without a new school, costly structural corrections, requiring closing the school and relocating students, will be necessary.

- In addition to over \$1.8 million spent on structural repairs, maintenance costs per square foot are \$7.89 compared to \$1.83 for High Plain/Wood Hill. Each year, high operating costs for Bancroft add to the school budget.

- The proposed building will allow the school district to expand special education programming and reduce the high cost of out-of-district tuition spending.

- The plan also provides both indoor and outdoor recreational facilities for community use.

- Andover will receive 44% reimbursement from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, over \$16.7 million. A portion of this funding is the result of sustainable design features that will save the Town on operating expenses over the life of the building.

- Andover can take advantage of the current construction market and historically low interest rates to build the school under advantageous contract terms.

- Now is the time! Failure to approve this project on Dec. 6 will jeopardize our grant funds from the state and may mean that the town has to reapply for the school building program under new, lower reimbursement rates.

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TOWN TALK

Tournament worthy



DAVID LE/Staff Photo

During the Heseltine Hockey Tournament, Matthew Taylor (16), left, is congratulated by Matthew Devaney after Taylor scored a breakaway goal putting Andover's Mite 1 up for good over Reading during a Saturday game. Andover's Mite 1 and Mite 3 teams won their divisions of the annual tournament on Sunday. For more photos and coverage of the Heseltine tournament, see next week's Townsman.

Town generates \$1.6 million in 'free cash'

Some news for Andover taxpayers: The town collected more than it needed last year.

A total of \$1.6 million in surplus fund revenue was found after the community finished paying its municipal bills for last year, Town Manager Buzz Staczynski announced recently.

The town does not have any plans to spend the \$1.6 million, and will put it into the town's rainy day or "Free Cash" emergency account, according to Staczynski.

"We keep it in reserve, and some municipalities use it for budget shortfalls the next year," Staczynski said. "The selectmen want to save it and not rely on it. That would be like relying on your savings account for paying your bills."

- Dustin Luca

Wahlberg in town for a 'Ward' and a prayer

The new movie, "Mickey Ward," about the boxer from Lowell, opens Tuesday, Dec. 7. Scenes were filmed in Lowell but Andover has somewhat of a supporting role in this flick. Hollywood actor Mark Wahlberg, who hails from Boston, frequently went to church at St. Robert's on Haggetts Pond Road while he was filming. He usually cut out after Communion, apparently to avoid any fan commotion. The Townsman received two calls on the spiritual superstar sighting

but neither caller wanted to be quoted in the newspaper.

- Judy Wakefield

Bruce, Lyman vying for selectmen in 2011

Larry Bruce and incumbent Mary Lyman are looking to capture seats on the Board of Selectmen in the town's 2011 election.

During a phone conversation on a different topic, Bruce recently said he plans to run for one of two vacancies on the board next year.

Lyman, whose term as a member of the board ends March 2011, said she is running for the seat again.

The town will vote on two openings on the board next year: Lyman's three-year term, and the final two years of a term vacated by Jerry Stabile earlier this year. John Hess was appointed to fill the position until the election.

According to Lyman, the town will vote on the two positions separately because they are for different amounts of time.

Currently, Bruce said he plans on running for both seats, believing he will be able to concede his campaign on one of the two terms at the last minute.

Bruce ran against Stabile and Alex Vispoli for two possible seats at town elections earlier this year. Vispoli collected 1,155 votes, Stabile received 972 votes and Bruce won 652.

- Dustin Luca

SC chairman wants three more years

Also running for reelection is School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue, who has taken out papers to do so.

As the town prepares for a vote on whether to build a replacement for Bancroft Elementary,

Forgue said there are several initiatives that began during his first term that he wants to see through to completion. Forgue also noted that he and Paula Colby-Clements represent the School Committee in contract negotiations with school unions.

- Neil Fater

AHS Chorus to perform at Rockingham Mall

The Andover High School chorus is gearing up for a two-hour performance at the Mall at Rockingham Park in Salem, N.H. this Saturday, Dec. 4 at noon.

Around 50 students will perform an assortment of Christmas carols and a few other songs, said teacher Mark Mercer.

The band will perform on the first floor of the two-story mall, by the entrance to Sears on the northern end.

- Dustin Luca

Powder puff puts girls on gridiron



JAN SEEGER/Staff photos

The 21st annual Power Puff football game at Andover High School, where girls play football while boys dress and act like cheerleaders, was held recently. Above, Bombshell player Natalie Gomez-Martinez breaks through a hole in the Grenadez defense.

Crosby Nicholson, 17, center, cheers with others for his team, as 288 Andover High School students of the Class of 2011 enjoy the Grenadez vs. the Bombshells, during the 21st annual Power Puff football game at Andover High School on Friday, Nov. 19. Proceeds from the game will be donated to Lazarus House, Bread and Roses, and ALS Research, according to organizers.



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Townspeople

BRIDE-TO-BE JOINS 10,000 AT FEASTER

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Andover has seen a number of people tackle its Feaster Five Thanksgiving Day road race, including nearly 10,000 runners and walkers this year.

It's seen a Hollywood actor (Matt Damon), and an Olympic marathoner (Joan Benoit) as a frequent participant.

Now, it can add an Andover bride-to-be running with her bridesmaids. The wedding party included running this year's race as part of their bachelorette celebration, while wearing blue wigs and a grass skirt.

There was no bridezilla here as Christine Bevacqua of Andover did exactly what her bridesmaids wanted her to do. She wore a tiara with fake diamonds and fluffy boa as she ran last Thursday morning.

Over the years, lots of runners have put some fun in their step as they wear funny hats such as Santa caps and reindeer ears. Tiaras are a bit different.

"We wanted to do something funny, something she would remember and some day tell her kids," said maid of honor Ana Conboy, Bevacqua's roommate for three years at Bowdoin College.

Conboy admitted the accessories were cheesy and the look



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Runners are entertained by Tom Ruggles, on banjo, and Pierre Le Mieux, who are part of the Mill City Jazz band that has been playing at the Feaster Five Road Race for 20 years. This was the 23rd annual race.

was hilarious. That's exactly what she wanted.

Bevacqua had no idea her bridesmaids were "dressing" her for the race, or sending her Feaster Five photograph to the Townsman, said Conboy.

Bevacqua just thought the group was going to race together when they gathered at 7:30 a.m.

"We ran it last year and promised to always do it, every Thanksgiving," Conboy said.

Conboy, who grew up in Portugal and often stayed in Andover

while attending Bowdoin, said this group of bridesmaids are all in their late 20s and weren't interested in some of the typical bachelorette activities.

Caroline Yao and Amy Weiner, both of Andover, are the bridesmaids. The groom-to-be is John Haines of the Baltimore, Md. area. The wedding is in February at St. Robert Bellarmine Church in Andover.

So, move over Matt and Joan. Another Feaster Five tradition has started.



COURTESY PHOTO

From left, Ana Conboy of Maine, and Christine Bevacqua and Caroline Yao, both of Andover.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

The 7- and 8-year-olds begin their lap for the Kids Race, which takes place before the 5-mile and 5-kilometer races through the downtown.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Andover resident Nate Jenkins wins the 5-mile race with a time of 24:09 on Thanksgiving morning.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Jason DeMonico carries the pies for his twin sons Justin, 11, and Matther, behind, after the family completed the Feaster Five Road Race.

To see more photos, visit andovertownsmen.com and click on the "buy photos" button. Then click on the Feaster Five photo at the upper right.



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Nearly 10,000 people begin the 23rd annual Feaster Five Road Race in Andover. It took around 13 minutes for the last group of people to cross the starting line.



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Runners push their way up York Street to the finish line.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELGIGET

**100 Years Ago:
Dec. 2, 1960**

Andover had rather an unusual experience last week in that two robberies were committed, one immediately after the other, and both resulting in the loss of considerable property and money. At some time previous to Friday, six camps at Foster pond, one of which is owned by George Saunders of High street, were rifled. While they were careful to make off with three shot guns, a rifle, three revolvers, a hunting knife, and similar articles which

would naturally attract men of their kind, other things taken included clothes, tobacco, a razor and strop, a picture cut from the frame, fishing tackle, a box of cartridges, nails and screws. On Friday night, the Memorial Hall Library was entered, the thieves breaking in through the cellar windows on the west side and forcing the doors between the cellar and the reading room.

The stereopticon lecture on "The Winning of the West," given by Rev. F.R. Shipman, at the South Church on Sunday evening, was one of great

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Bartlett Street named after Civil War hero

Bill Dalton



Bessie Goldsmith wasn't wrong about much, but she was wrong about Bartlett Street.

I grew up near Bartlett Street and

for many years wondered who Bartlett was. According to Goldsmith's writings, Bartlett Street was named after William F. Bartlett of Newburyport,

who gave tons of money to the Andover Theological Seminary from 1808 to 1820. Bessie was a town favorite in the middle of the 20th Century. She was smart, opinionated and trusted, a wonderful individual the likes of whom the town will never see again.

However, she made a mistake. I believe she identified the wrong Bartlett for whom the street is named, and she may be wrong about the spelling of the person for whom she thought the street was named. (For evidence about this issue and for evidence

contained in contemporaneous maps showing Bartlett was spelled with two "Ts" please see andovertownsmen.com under "Townspeople".)

David Dargie is familiar with Miss Goldsmith, as he lives in the house she owned on what is now the Goldsmith Reservation. Andover's Construction Inspector since 1983, Mr. Dargie is involved in the acceptance of private ways as public roads.

David writes, "I keep lists of the proper spelling of streets, both public and private. My street list has the spelling with one T, due in part to something

that happened in 1984 when I also installed signs for the town. Immediately after I installed a Bartlett Street sign, Bob McQuade, the director of Public Works, received a letter from someone who lived in the area of Bartlett Street stating that Captain Bartlett would be rolling in his grave if he knew that the 'Town of Andover misspelled his name on a street sign. Well, Director McQuade directed me to scrape off the second "T" on the sign, and it was removed the next day."

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■ **NOVEMBER FIRST BIRTHDAYS**

Adelyn Sophie Begg

Adelyn Sophie Begg celebrated her first birthday on Nov. 11. She is the daughter of Ian and Kimberly Begg of Herndon, Va., and granddaughter of Virginia Begg of Andover and the late Eric Begg and of Dee and Mike Martin of Sterling, Va. Adelyn loves to try new food and diligently follows Ben Franklin's advice about "early to rise." She has fun with her brothers, Charlie, 4, and Bryson, 2, and enjoys their trucks and dinosaurs, but is hoping Santa brings some books for little girls, according to the family.



■ **BIRTH**

MORASSE - A son, Trevor James Morasse, born to William and Leah (Martin) Morasse of Andover on Nov. 18 at the Lawrence General Hospital. Grandparents are Reynold and Rita Martin of Andover, William Morasse of Methuen, and Beverly Baglione of Deltona. Trevor joins Lilliana, William and Nicholas.

■ **RELIGION**

Chanukah music

On Friday evening, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold its annual Chanukah Night of Music. Join us as "Chanukah Goes Mariachi." All our Temple vocal groups will perform along with special guests. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the website at temple Emanuel.net or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

Spirituality Series Dec. 5

The 16th Annual Women's Spirituality Series and the Andover Storytellers Guild present "The Goddess Speaks: A Women's Odyssey," on Sunday, Dec. 5, starting at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover.

There is a suggested donation of \$10 for the evening, which will "explore and give voice to some of the mythological women who have sparked our imaginations," such as the women of Greek and Roman mythology.

The Andover Storytellers Guild is "a group of local women who share a love of stories, and who celebrate storytelling as a means of enlightening, healing, and connecting. We meet regularly to share our stories and to support and encourage each other in perfecting our craft and bringing the art of storytelling to the greater community."

Hadassah Donor Dinner

The Merrimack Valley Chapter of Hadassah will hold its Donor Dinner on Wednesday,

Dec. 8, at 6 p.m. at Temple Emanuel in Andover.

The keynote speakers will be Karen Propp and Jean Trounstone, editors and authors of Why I'm Still Married. A collection of essays by award winning women writers, the book includes conversations about the struggles to stay married, leave a marriage, deal with a loss, have children or try again.

Karen Propp has taught writing at Boston College, University of Massachusetts and the University of New Hampshire. She is the author of two memoirs, In Sickness and In Health: A Love Story, and The Pregnancy Project. Propp, who lives in Cambridge has written essays poetry and reviews

which have appeared in The Women's Review of Books, Lilith and Ploughshares.

Jean Trounstone has worked as an actress in Hollywood. After moving to Massachusetts she taught literature, writing and drama, through Middlesex Community College, at the Framingham Women's Prison. Although her job there was eliminated due to cuts in federal funding for prison education, An author of Shakespeare Behind Bars and Almost Home Free, Jean has appeared on the Today Show and NPR's All Things Considered. She and her husband live in Tewksbury.

There is a cost for the event plus a donation. Email hadassahmv@gmail.com for more information.

DALTON: Debate: Two Ts in spelling of Bartlett

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However, David has done research and offers nearly conclusive evidence that the correct spelling was with two "Ts" at the end of the name. He says, "The roadway was accepted in sections and the first section that I could find is titled 'Bartlett Street Extension' dated April 15, 1878. This is the section from Punchard Avenue to Pike Street (now called Morton Street). The next entry found appears to be for the same section of roadway and is also titled 'Bartlett Street Extension' and dated May 15, 1883. Every time the street is spelled in both documents, two Ts are used. Now, on Feb. 2, 1891, the next section is up for acceptance from Morton Street (no longer is it referred to as Pike Street) to Chapel Avenue. The title of the page is 'Extension of Bartlett Street - No. 2' but in the body of the document is 'Bartlet Street' (one T) then later in the document is 'Bartlett Street' (two Ts)."

After reading David's research, I said to myself, "Huh, was the street named after someone other than Miss Goldsmith's Bartlett?" I'd never seen her Bartlett with any military title or, specifically, the title of "Captain."

In researching William F. Bartlett of Newburyport, I came across another and later William F. Bartlett who was a Civil War hero. There is no evidence he was related to Bessie's Bartlett (quite the contrary, as the general's genealogy is online). I mentioned this to David, and he did research of his own.

David Dargie's William F. Bartlett, for whom I believe the street was named, was born in Haverhill. He went to

Phillips Andover, where he was known for athletic skills. His Civil War experience was legendary, almost surreal. While at Harvard, he enlisted as a private but soon achieved the rank of senior captain of the Massachusetts 20th Regiment. His heroism saved 75 men in the "Battle of Ball's Bluff." In a later skirmish, he was shot in the left knee. While his leg was being sawed off above the knee (without benefit of anesthesia) he turned to a friend and said, "It's rough, Frank, isn't it." He bore the remainder of the surgery with quiet resolve.

Captain Bartlett returned to Harvard, graduated, then returned to war, joining the 49th Massachusetts Regiment. When the officers elected a colonel, Bartlett received every vote. The Regiment fought battles near New Orleans, and he was shot in the right leg and wrist. Doctors wanted to amputate above the wrist. Bartlett asked them to wait, and the wound healed, although his wrist remained stiff, and he lost the use of several fingers for the rest of his life.

He joined the 57th Massachusetts Regiment. As a colonel in the "Wilderness Campaign," he was shot above the right temple. He recovered and two months later returned to combat as a Brigadier General at age 23. General Bartlett led the charge in the "Battle of the Mine at Petersburg," where a boulder was dislodged by cannon fire and landed on his wooden leg, breaking it and killing the man beside him. Bartlett was taken prisoner. Without food and water for two days, he became delirious until taken to hospital in Richmond. At the request of the Secretary

of War, he was exchanged for Confederate prisoners, but transportation problems caused a lengthy delay in his return. By the time he reached home in Pittsfield, Mass. he was in feeble condition, suffering from his wounds and prison fever (probably typhus). He recovered over the winter and spring of 1864 and twice asked to be reassigned to duty. His requests were finally granted, but the war soon ended and his Ninth Division was mustered out. He left service as a major general.

Bartlett became a businessman and was asked by both parties to run for high state office, including governor, but he refused. He was a fine speaker and was well-known throughout Massachusetts, serving as advisor to the governor. He spent time in Virginia, aiding in the reconstruction of the South. Bartlett married and had children. His descendants live today.

General Bartlett never fully regained his health, and in 1876 died of consumption (tuberculosis). Massachusetts placed his statue in the Memorial Hall of the State House with the following inscription: WILLIAM FRANCIS BARTLETT, A VOLUNTEER IN THE CIVIL WAR, MAJOR GENERAL AT THE AGE OF TWENTY FOUR, FOREMOST TO PLEAD FOR RECONCILIATION BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH, BORN 1840 DIED 1876."

Joan Silva Patrakis, who wrote the fine book "Andover in the Civil War," sent me information from the Andover Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Post 99 records. Those records say on May 6, 1881, "The newly organized Post voted to adopt the name of the General William F. Bartlett

Post."

During the 1870s and later, the Civil War veterans and members of the General William F. Bartlett Post were leading citizens and holders of Andover town offices. Many had served with General Bartlett and under his command. Since the first record of Bartlett Street that David Dargie found is dated 1878, two years after the General's death and three years before the naming of the General William F. Bartlett GAR Post, it seems highly likely that Bartlett Street is named for the general. (The only question that remains for me is the issue of when the lower end of the street was built - Punchard Avenue to Park Street - and what it was called, if anything. An 1830 map does not show its existence.)

Certainly, the men of Andover (women didn't have the vote) in the 1870s and 1880s named the street after this popular soldier, whom all knew either in person or by reputation. Bessie Goldsmith's Bartlett had given gifts to the Theological Seminary up to the year 1820; none of those gifts accrued to the town. The change in the spelling - Bartlett to Bartlet - is most likely a mistake that occurred well after the street's beginnings. Although neither Bartlett should be forgotten, General Bartlett was by far the more famous man, and a man of unimaginable courage, and the man for whom the street is and should be named.

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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interest to all present. Chief of Police Mears has issued a notice to owners and drivers of motor vehicles, stating that in cases of violation of the laws regarding speed, lights, etc., the law will be strictly enforced.

**75 Years Ago
Nov. 29, 1935**

Three persons were seriously injured last Saturday afternoon when the car in which they were riding, skidded out of control, off the road into a tree and turned completely around on Shawsheen Road, near Brechin Terrace. Mrs. David H. Munro of 62 Morton St. was the most seriously injured, and she was placed on the danger list at the Lawrence General Hospital.

A Special Town Meeting is to be held on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10, at 7:30 to act on a warrant of five articles, the first article involving sums totaling about \$40,000. The selectmen decided to call the meeting last Monday night on the request of the building committee, which seeks an appropriation of \$30,000 or a little more with which to finish the school project. Article two would have the town accept the rearrangement of precincts suggested by the selectmen to establish six instead of four precincts.

"Work before pleasure," said the members of the local fire department Wednesday night as they dashed away from their annual gala at the town hall to answer an alarm from Box 46, corner of Morton and Main street. Every local fireman rooted extra hard for Punchard School to beat Johnson yesterday, because it was a North Andover fireman who made the local fire ladies forget their terpsichorean

activities for a moment. The fire developed in the ignition of the North Andover car and was soon extinguished.

**50 Years Ago
Dec. 1, 1960**

State, federal and private interests are trying to find an answer to the emergency communications problem on state and federal highways. On several occasions recently, the Townsman has called editorially for action, so that drivers can summon aid quickly and effectively if accidents or other problems occur on the highway.

Photo: This is the architect's rendering of the new Catholic Church now being built on Haggetts Pond Road, West Andover. Valtz and Kimberley are the architects. The church will seat 1,000 and there will be a full basement for activities. The exterior will be a rock-faced brick finish with granite platforms and walks. A carved wood finish will be used in the sanctuary and there will be an elliptical arched ceiling.

Photo: The Blue Devils' ace receiver, Dick Bourdelais, had just tucked ball under his arm after spearing a toss from Ray Collins, when this shot was taken Thanksgiving Day. Here, he eludes one tackler, while North Andover's right tackle, Paul Cardello, comes up to attempt the tackle. The game wound up an 18-8 score, giving the Little Three championship to Andover's high school.

Photo: Full of pep and enthusiasm throughout the year have been the High School cheerleaders. Kneeling in the center are Sue Wennick and Joan LeGendre. Standing are Wendy Williams, Jane Simeone, Cilla May, Louise Johnston, Heidi Petzold, Cathy O'Shea, Nancy Whitworth, Wendy Moreau.

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Here's to you! Toastmasters celebrate 40th

The Merrimack Toastmasters Club celebrated its 40th Anniversary this month, remembering its beginnings in the 99 Restaurant and its roll in encouraging female members.

The club was officially organized Oct. 19, 1970, with 20 charter members from the Merrimack Valley and surrounding areas. Current Andover residents who are members include Floyd Greenwood, Bill Cashman, president Richard "Dick" Soo Hoo and Jiten Valecha, according to the club.

"For the past 40 years, Merrimack Toastmasters has helped individuals improve their public speaking and leadership skills," said Soo Hoo in a release. "Although much has changed during this time, the club continues to provide a mutually supportive and positive learning environment for anyone interested in overcoming the very common fear of public speaking."

The 40th Anniversary Celebration provided an opportunity to learn by observing the more



Celebrating the 40th anniversary of Merrimack Toastmasters, standing from left, are Sandra Boulay, Sherwin Yamin, Dave Mitton, Richard Mountain, Nancy Sosnowski, Mohammad Yamin, Liz McCullom, Floyd Greenwood, Bob Beaudry, Roy Nelson, Bill Cashman, Bill Murphy, Lenin Ramos, Dick Soo Hoo; kneeling are Jony Perez, Jiten Valecha and Will Smith.

proficient speakers who have benefited from their Toastmasters training and to recognize the value of public speaking, according to the club.

Four of the 20 Merrimack Toastmasters charter members attended our 40th Anniversary Celebration. Bill Murphy traveled two hours from

Maine to join the group. Roy Nelson recounted the club's humble beginnings. Nancy Sosnowski explained that, at time, the club had no meeting room and had to gather at the bar at the local "99" restaurant.

Toastmasters International Headquarters actually did not allow women to join 40 years

ago. However, Merrimack Toastmasters signed them in, for example, as L. Benson or D. Twogood to disguise their gender from TI HQ. "Merrimack Toastmasters was the 'Underground Railroad' for women who sought to learn to speak in public," according to Soo Hoo.

Merrimack Toastmasters had

only three members at one low point. With a lack of membership, the chapter leaders had to decide if they should keep going or shut down the club. At the 40th Anniversary celebration meeting, the 40 year veterans were impressed at the full meeting agenda with three prepared speakers: Lenin

Ramos, Jony Perez, and Jiten Valecha. Bill Cashman, as Toastmaster, "ran a perfect meeting," according to a release.

Veteran Toastmasters Floyd Greenwood and Bill Murphy shared the Best Table Topics Speaker Award. A congratulatory certificate commending the 40th Anniversary was sent by TI HQ and by the Mass. Secretary of State.

Merrimack Toastmasters is affiliated with Toastmasters International, a nonprofit educational organization that teaches communication and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs with over 260,000 members. Merrimack Toastmasters Club meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of the month at the Stevens Memorial Library, 345 Main St., North Andover, Mass. Membership is open to all.

For additional information, visit the Merrimack Toastmasters Club Web site, www.merrimack-toastmasters.org, or contact Richard Soo Hoo, 978-470-2293, info@merrimack-toastmasters.org.

Picking a donation



For the third year in a row, agents from RE/MAX Partners in Andover picked apples at Smolak Farms to donate to Lazarus House & Cor Unum in Lawrence. Over 400 pounds of apples were split between the two charities. Partners thanked farm owner Mike Smolak for allowing them to do the picking. From left are Kevin Boreri, Tony Salerno, Randy Hart, Sharon Coskren, Mike Feltz and Bill Dumont.

LGH earns national recognition for nursing excellence

Lowell General Hospital has announced it is one of seven hospitals in the state to achieve Magnet designation for excellence in nursing by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Magnet Recognition Program. Magnet recognition is one of the highest levels of recognition a hospital can achieve, according to the hospital.

The Magnet Recognition Program recognizes healthcare organizations that demonstrate excellence in nursing practices and adherence to national standards for the organization and delivery of nursing services.

"Magnet recognition is a tremendous achievement for Lowell General Hospital and is the capstone of our organization's demonstration of nursing excellence," says Normand E. Deschene, president and chief operating officer of Lowell General. "The status granted by the ANCC officially recognizes the excellent work our nurses do every day

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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 2

AUDITIONS, Merrimack Junior Theatre for the musical "Annie," 6-8:30 p.m., Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover. Students in grades 4-10 may audition; MerrimackJrTheatre.com, click on "Auditioning Information."

AUTHOR READING, Julia Glass will read from *The Widower's Tale*, 7 p.m., \$3. In a quirky farmhouse outside of Boston, 70-year-old Percy Darling enjoys a mostly solitary life until, in complex scheme to help his oldest daughter through a crisis, he allows a progressive preschool to move into his barn. Andover Bookstore 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

FRIDAY, DEC. 3

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS, downtown Andover on Main Street, 5-9 p.m., a tree lighting, caroling and later-than-usual store closings, hosted by Andover Business Center Association.

LIVE MUSIC, Messiah and More: Sharing the Christmas Spirit, with professional chamber orchestra and acclaimed Boston area soloists Susan Consoli, Pamela Dellal, Martin Kelly and Thomas Jones, audience carol sing-a-long, Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover, 7:30 p.m.

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students, 6 p.m., free, Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

LIVE MODERN DANCE, The Phillips Academy Departments of Theatre, Dance and Music, present "Appalachian Spring," a modern dance concert performed by the Andover Dance Group and directed by Judith Wombwell, instructor in theatre and dance. Music will be performed by student musicians and conducted by Christopher Walter, instructor in music, 8 p.m., \$5; 978-749-4433. Tang Theatre is located in George Washington Hall on the Phillips Academy campus. A second show is Dec. 4, same time.

LIVE HIP-HOP DANCE PIECE, the rise and fall of four young Hollywood starlets is the inspiration, Northern Essex Community College's annual winter Student Dance Performance titled "Shift," Sport and Fitness Center on the Haverhill campus, 7:30 p.m., \$3-7; Michelle Deane, mdeane@necc.mass.edu.

AUDITIONS, Merrimack Junior Theatre, see Dec. 2 listing.

SATURDAY, DEC. 4

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA, 9 a.m.-noon, Free Christian Church, Elm Street, Andover, sponsored by The Andover Business Center Assoc., partnered with Andover High School Girls Varsity Ice Hockey Program. There is no charge to come, instant picture with Santa (\$7) available.

HOLIDAY HIGH TEA & CORDIALS, benefits VNA Hospice Care, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Lanam Club, 260 Main St., Andover, the festively decorated Lanam Club offers a selection of teas and pastries; hospicecarema.org.

RED BOW FAIR, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, No. Andover.

LIVE MUSIC, Andover Chamber Music and Mistral, the Ensemble-in-Residence, 5 p.m., South Church, Andover, with three of Johann Sebastian Bach's Brandenburg Concertos (#2, #3 & #4) and his Double Violin Concerto, \$30 general admission, \$10 student rush; 978-474-6222, andoverchambermusic.org.

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Holidays, Santa ride into town



Emily Tsai, 3, of Andover, hugs her reindeer as she awaits to the start of the Andover Holiday Parade in downtown Andover.



Santa Claus waves from the top of a fire truck during the Holiday Parade in downtown Andover on Sunday.



Andover firefighter Brian Wright rides his motorcycle at the start of the Holiday Parade in downtown Andover.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff Photos

Say it ain't so, Josie

MJT's final curtain to fall in March

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

The longtime director of the popular Merrimack Junior Theatre will soon have a new starring role as the curtain is getting ready to close for good on the organization she helped found 23 years ago.



Josie Walker

MJT director Josephine "Josie" Walker will soon be a grandmother and she plans to be very involved with her new role.

"Twenty-three years is a long time and I'm going to take a new direction in my life," Walker responded in an email when asked about the curtain closing on her popular youth theater group.

Walker, also a music teacher at West Elementary School, is getting ready to retire from there after 30 years. She plans to retire in June 2012.

"My daughter is expecting, and I'm looking forward to doing grandmotherly things," she wrote.

MJT is holding auditions today, Thursday, Dec. 2 and tomorrow, for their final show. MJT is staging "Annie" in March.

AUDITIONS NOT EVEN A DAY AWAY

Merrimack Junior Theatre has auditions for the group's final musical, "Annie," today, Thursday, Dec. 2 and tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 3 from 6-8:30 p.m. at Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 71 Chandler Road, Andover.

Students in grades 4-10 may audition. "Annie" will be staged March 25-27, 2011, at North Andover Middle School.

Walker wrote that MJT has been "joyful and a source of great satisfaction for us on the board."

Walker, Corinne Gediman and Anne Sullivan started the group and have been on the MJT Board of Directors all these years. [Kathy Abisso and Chris Christoforo are now on the MJT Action and Advisory Board which has periodically helped out with productions over the years.]

"The three of us have been able to stick to our original vision of 'Life Skills Through Theater Arts' since the very beginning," Walker said. "Our goal has never been to create great performers, but to offer children an opportunity to grow and expand. Great performances always come as a

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AYS tree lot open

After a short but sweet season at the newly renovated skatepark, the Andover Youth Services has transformed its renovated state park behind West Middle School on Shawsheen Road into its AYS "Lot of Trees," selling Christmas trees and other seasonal items.

The lot is now open featuring fresh balsam trees from New Brunswick and North Carolina Fraser fir trees, decorated and undecorated wreaths of all sizes and shapes, ornaments and kissing balls. The lot is open Monday through Friday 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 to 9. The lot will stay open until Dec. 22.

"Continuing in its seventh season, the 'Lot of Trees' is powered by the whole community, from the AHS student volunteers who meet and greet all the customers and help pick out the perfect tree, to your favorite Andover sports coaches giving their time to the AYS cause, to the jolly Youth Services employees (also volunteering their time) carefully tying your purchases to the top of your vehicle," according to Glenn Wilson, AYS assistant director. "The wreaths, centerpieces, cemetery baskets, and kissing balls are decorated by an army of skilled helpers working away the night hours."

Even the tips that are generated by the lot go to a worthy cause, the 12th Annual Holiday Gift Drive, which purchases holiday gifts and meals for over 150 children in Andover each year, said Wilson.

People interested in volunteering, donating to the Holiday Gift Drive, or who need more information, can visit andoveryouthservices.com or call AYS at 978-623-8241.

Decorate a wreath with Andover Garden Club

Interested in making your own wreaths?

You can learn to decorate a fresh evergreen wreath at the Andover Garden Club membership meeting and workshop on Tuesday, Dec. 7 at 10 a.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., Andover.

The garden club will provide wreaths, a selection of greens, ribbons, and decorative materials and people are also encouraged to bring their own to share or to match their home décor. Experts will be on hand to provide advice and guidance. Participants will take home a creation to hang in or outside their homes.

Admission is \$11 for guests, which includes a wreath and refreshments. There is no charge for members. For more information, call Betty Chapman at 978-470-2627 or at bettychapman@verizon.net.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and



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Andover Garden Club members Elaine Hine and Pat Edmonds decorate wreaths at a past workshop. Members and guests will likewise have a chance to exercise their creativity on Dec. 7.

conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region. Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chairman Anne Feeney, 978-475-7119, pianopasta@comcast.net.

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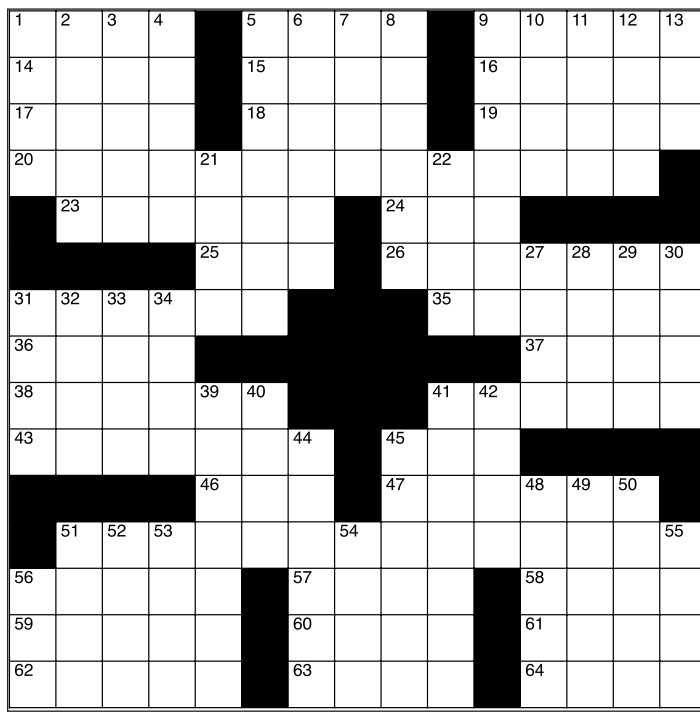
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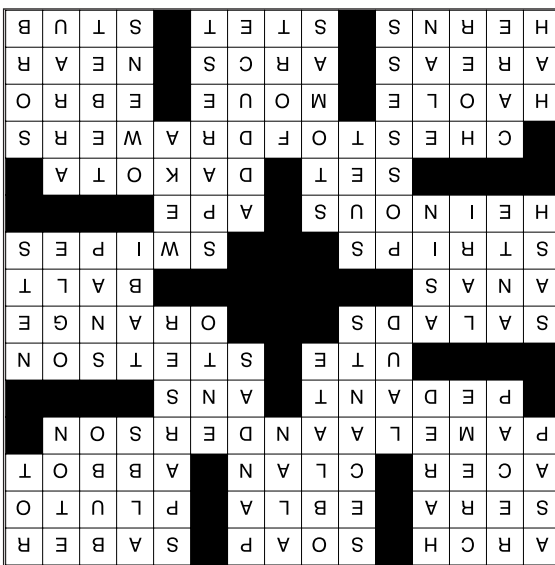
CLUES ACROSS

1. Curved supporting structure
5. Cleaning agent
9. A stout sword
14. Many serums
15. Modern Tell Mardikh
16. Roman god of the underworld
17. Maple genus
18. Scottish kinship group
19. Superior of an abbey of monks
20. Baywatch star
23. Bookworm
24. Autonomic nervous system
25. Chief Ouray's tribe
26. Famous hat brand
31. Tossed, Cobb and tuna
35. Red + yellow
36. Freshwater duck genus
37. One who speaks Baltic
38. Removes furniture varnish
41. Filches
43. Shockingly evil or cruel
45. Mimic
46. Fixed in one's purpose

CLUES DOWN

47. A Sioux
 51. Bedroom bureau
 56. White person, Hawaiian slang
 57. A disdainful grimace
 58. A Spanish river
 59. Regions
 60. Sparks
 61. Close by
 62. Herons, archaic
 63. Let it stand (Latin)
 64. Torn ticket receipt
- “within”
27. Japanese sock
 28. Clothing closing mechanism
 29. Stare at
 30. Fish entrapers
 31. Fabric belt
 32. Stake for new cards
 33. = to 100 tetri
 34. 7th Hindu month
 39. Have ownership of
 40. Hard fat bird cakes
 41. Least dense
 42. Wood hen
 44. Leaf pores
 45. Advance evidence for
 48. US Olympic athlete Jesse
 49. 10th Hebrew month
 50. Chilean pianist Claudio
 51. Int'l. relief organization
 52. One who cultivates with a tool
 53. Ardour
 54. Garrison
 55. Fruit of the service tree
 56. Expresses surprise

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Concerts highlight season at Phillips

At Phillips Academy, it's beginning to sound a lot like Christmas and the holiday season.

Residents can choose from three musical performances at Phillips Academy in a week's time.

Chamber Music Society

On Friday, Dec. 3, at 6p.m. the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students. 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., Andover. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible.

The program will include movements of chamber music by Mendelssohn, Ravel, Schumann, Mozart, Ibert, Haydn, Milhaud and Beethoven.

For more information contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

Concert Service of Lessons and Carols

The Service of Lessons and Carols will take place on Sunday, Dec. 5, at 4:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel, presented by the Phillips Academy Chaplaincy and Music Department. The Service of Lessons and Carols is derived from ancient sources and is celebrated according to its usage at King's College, Cambridge, England. Traditional Christmas readings will be heard and familiar Christmas carols from various traditions and cultures will be sung and played. The service will feature the Fidelio Society and

the Academy Chorus under the direction of Christopher Walter, the Handbell Choir under the direction of Patrick Kabanda, the Academy Harp Ensemble under the direction of Emily Lewis, and members of the Protestant and Catholic communities.

This concert is free and open to the public. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. For further information please contact the music department at 978-749-4263 or e-mail to music@andover.edu.

Phillips Academy Messiah concert

On Friday, Dec. 10, at 7:30 p.m., the Phillips Academy Music Department will sponsor its 23rd annual holiday concert, a benefit concert for Neighbors in Need and the Merrimack Valley chapter of American Red Cross. The concert features excerpts from Handel's oratorio, Messiah.

The program, under the direction of Christopher Walter, will feature the Phillips Academy Community Chorus and the Academy Chamber Players made up of students, faculty and staff of the Academy and musicians from the Merrimack Valley, Boston, and North Shore areas. This year our special guests as soloists are soprano Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell, mezzo-soprano Krista River, tenor Allen Combs, and bass-baritone Donald Wilkinson.

General admission is \$5; senior citizens and students may be admitted with a donation of nonperishable or canned food. The concert will be held in Cochran Chapel on the school campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible. Any inquiries regarding this performance may be made to the Phillips Academy Music Department by calling 978-749-4263 or e-mail the department at music@andover.edu.

MJT: Final show

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result of dedicated children.” At Andover High School, news of the MJT closing was somewhat sad to hear for those affiliated with theater productions.

“MJT has been a great training ground for the AHS program. It will be sorely missed,” according to AHS Drama Director Susan Choquette. “My high school actors who come to me with MJT experience already possess a strong skill set and are ahead of the curve in many ways.”

Walker noted that when MJT started, it was “the only game in town.”

“Now, we see many new opportunities for theater for children, in the schools and in community groups, and this makes it so much easier for us to retire,” said Walker. “If other groups are a factor, it is that we are happy to see so many new and different opportunities for children in Andover now.”

Walker is now seeing a second generation of students at MJT and gets rave reviews on her method of introducing young children to musical theater.

“Everything they (MJT) do is age appropriate, well-staged and extremely well-executed. Josie teaches so much through theater as well as about theater,” according to Choquette. “Young people leave the MJT experience feeling really great about themselves as performers and as people.”

Choquette believes there will be a large hole left by the absence of MJT.

“But to paraphrase Maria Von Trapp in ‘The Sound of Music’ - ‘when a door closes, somewhere a window opens.’ This ending is sad but perhaps it will be the beginning of something new,” she suggested.

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LIVE MUSIC, Cantemus Chamber Chorus

with guest artists on harp, celebrate this “Season of Carols,” 7:30 p.m., First Congregational Church, 12 School St., Rockport; and on Sunday, December 5 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 166 High St., Newburyport; cantemus.org, 1-888-CHORUS 1.

TWIN ANDOVER GROUP MEETS, talks about connection to Andover, England, noon, Jackson's Restaurant, 478 Lowell St., Methuen (Route 110). Holiday Luncheon. New Members are always welcome: Marge Snell at 978-686-3647.

HOLIDAY OPEN STUDIOS, Western Ave Studios, 122 Western Ave., Lowell, noon-5 p.m. Features works by over 200 artists and a café, no admission, free parking; westernavestudios.com, 978-349-8069. Also happening Dec. 5, 11, 12.

COCOA WITH SANTA, 9 a.m.-noon, \$7-child, \$5-grown-ups, Winnekinni Castle, Kenoza Road, Haverhill.

LIVE HIP-HOP DANCE PIECE, see Dec. 3 listing.

SUNDAY, DEC. 5

LIVE THEATER, The Delvena Theatre Company will present a dramatic reading of “A Christmas Carol,” 2 p.m., free, Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., Andover; mhl.org, 978-623-8401, x 31 or 32.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, Andover A Better

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AUDITIONS, Colonial Chorus Players for “Jekyll and Hyde,” 5 p.m., Old Hose House, 1249 Main St., Reading, colonialchorus.com, 781-944-9780.

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MONDAY, DEC. 6

AUDITIONS, Colonial Chorus Players, see Dec. 7 listing.

TUESDAY, DEC. 7

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 8

HADASSAH DONOR DINNER, 6 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggets Road, Andover, Speakers: Karen Propp and Jean Trounstine, editors of “Why I'm Still Married,” a collection of essays

by award-winning women writers; RSVP: hadassahmy@gmail.com.

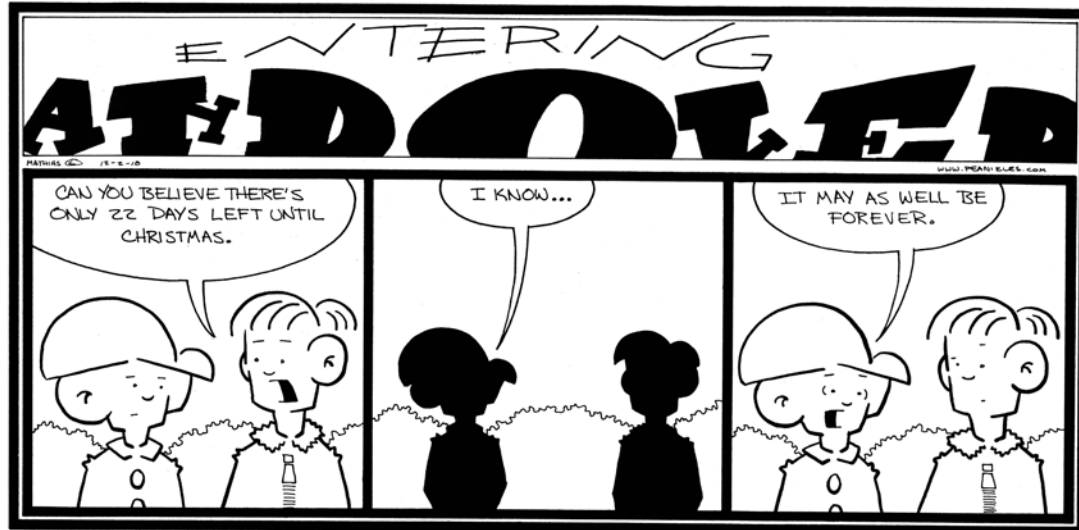
THURSDAY, DEC. 9

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FRIDAY, DEC. 10

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC, The Phillips Academy Music Department will sponsor its 23rd annual holiday concert featuring excerpts from Handel's oratorio, 7:30 p.m., \$5, in Cochran Chapel, 180 Main St., Andover, featuring the Phillips Academy Community Chorus and the Academy Chamber Players made up of students, faculty and staff. Special soloist guests are soprano Barbara Kilduff-O'Farrell, mezzo-soprano Krista River, tenor Allen Combs and bass-baritone Donald Wilkinson; 978-749-4263, music@andover.edu.

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The land of Israel was under Syrian rule. The Syrian King ordered his soldiers to steal all the gold and treasure from the Jewish temple at Jerusalem. They set up an altar to the god Zeus and tried to force the Jewish people to worship other gods.

The Jewish people, led by Judah Maccabee, defeated the Syrians and took the temple back. The Syrians had stolen the golden menorah. The Jews set up a simple light that burned for eight days.

During Hanakkuh, one more candle is lit each night, until all eight candles are lighted. There is a servant candle that is lit each night and used to light the other candles.

In 1983, Peter Yarrow wrote a Hanakkuh song. It quickly became popular.



A child uses the servant candle to light a menorah for Hanakkuh. Peter Yarrow, below, wrote “Light One Candle.”

Peter, a folksinger, was part of the group “Peter, Paul and Mary.” He also wrote a children's song named, “Puff, the Magic Dragon.”

Peter said his song was written as a “commitment to justice.” It has inspired people to work to make the world a better place.

Light One Candle

By Peter Yarrow, 1983

Light one candle for the Maccabee children
With thanks that their light didn't die.

Light one candle for the pain they endured
When their right to exist was denied.

Light one candle for the terrible sacrifice
Justice and freedom demand.
But light one candle for the wisdom to know

When the peacemaker's time is at hand.

Chorus
Don't let the light go out!
It's lasted for so many years!
Don't let the light go out!
Let it shine through our love and our tears.

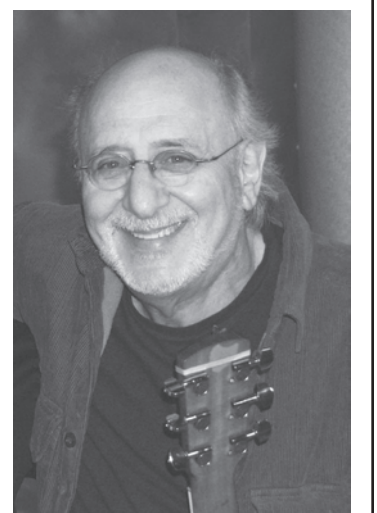
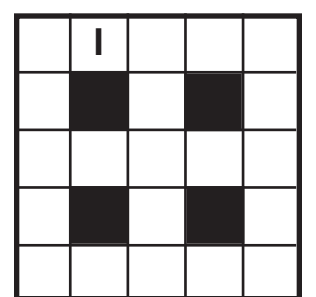


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Cross Five

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Newspaper in Education activity

Peter Yarrow wrote “Light One Candle” at a time when Soviet Jews faced persecution and hard times. Communities often help those who have hard times at the holidays. Look through your newspaper to see if your community has a toy drive or food drive. As a class, talk about how you could help people.





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Sports

ANDOVER FOOTBALL: 'WE'LL BE BACK'

Saddened by playoff defeat, Warriors already thrilled for 2011 season

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

LYNN — Through all the disappointment, Andover star back Andy Coke had a message for the rest of Massachusetts football.

"Everything has been put into place for next year," said Coke. "We'll be ready to go, and I think we can be even better next season."

Andover's dream run ended on Tuesday night, falling to powerhouse Everett 21-0 in the Eastern Mass. Division 1 semifinals at Manning Field in front of a crowd of approximately 1,800 fans.

But despite the sadness over the loss, the Golden Warriors remained optimistic about the 2011 season.

"We are never going to be satisfied with just getting here," said Andover coach E.J. Perry. "We have to win when we get here. We'll be back. Don't worry about that."

Coke said the experiences of this game — both good and bad — will prove valuable for the future season.

After all, the Golden Warriors were far closer than the three-touchdown loss indicated.

"This loss gives us a lot of motivation for next year," he said. "Going from 4-7 (in 2008) to 8-4 this season is special. But we want 11-0, 12-0 and 13-0 (winning the Super Bowl). We want it even more now."

"I really feel like we were the better team (than Everett). But they were more comfortable in the big game. We have that experience now."

Andover returns a stellar group of talent next season, led by the dynamic Coke, who set school records in rushing yards (1,811) and touchdowns (24). Also back is his backfield mate, jet-fast Freddie Scribner (379 rushing yards).

The returning talent continues with maybe the best kicker in the state in Mark Zavrl — who also happens to be a stellar linebacker — and wide receiver Cam Farnham, who are both just sophomore. Andover also brings back a pair of key linemen in Matt Crush and T.J. Leeman.



Andover's Ned Deane (48) records one of his team-high 14 tackles in the Golden Warriors' 21-0 loss to Everett in the Eastern Mass. Division 1 semifinals on Tuesday. It was Andover's first trip to the playoffs in 35 years.

"Like I told my wife, I'm not going to sleep until we get a championship," said Perry. "Then we get a championship, and it's the playoffs. I won't sleep tonight either, but tomorrow night will be the first night I sleep."

"We lose 20 great players, but we have 40 great players sticking around. And they're coming back with a vengeance."

Coke more than agreed with his coach.

"We're on the cusp. The MVC title was great, but this loss is leaving a little bit of a sour taste," said Coke. "This is great motivation for the offseason. A lot of guys are saying that next year's team will be better than this year's team, I'm going to make sure of that, starting this offseason."

Big start can't propel Golden Warriors

"We gave it our all," said senior quad-captain Ned Deane. "We played tough and gave them

a game, but we couldn't pull it out. It was still a heck of a season though."

Andover looked outstanding out of the gate on Tuesday, driving 72 yards on 17 plays — holding the ball for all but one play of the first quarter. But, on the 18th play of the drive, the Golden Warriors were stuffed on fourth-and-2 for a turnover on downs, after having already successfully executed two fourth-down tries on the drive. Then, 13 plays later, Everett scored to go ahead to stay.

"We shot ourselves in the foot too many times," said Coke. "We did some good things. But we didn't score when we should have on the first drive, and gave the ball back to them a few times. The turnovers hurt us."

On their first drive of the second half, the Golden Warriors lost a fumble near midfield, and on the second possession they drove to the Everett 8-yard line, only to fumble it away. A possession later, they moved to the Crimson Tide 5-yard line only to once again turn

the ball over on downs.

Facing a defense frequently stacking eight players in the box, Coke was still able to tally 92 yards on 19 carries, and he caught three passes for 33 yards. Tom Dempsey took nearly every snap at quarterback, after splitting time with Coke in recent weeks, completing 12 passes for 147 yards. Ben McQuaide caught three passes for a team-high 50 yards.

The Golden Warrior defense held tough in the first half, forcing the Crimson Tide to punt and ending the other drive when Tyler Boudrow picked off a pass. They opened the second half by forcing another punt before Everett scored on back-to-back drives.

"The defense has played very well all season," said Perry. "But we gave them short fields and that made it very tough on our defense. (Matt) Costello made some amazing catches."

Deane capped his outstanding senior season with a team-high 14 tackles, while Scribner



Andover's Andy Coke surges through a hole against Everett on Tuesday. Coke rushed for a school record of 1,811 yards this season.

had six tackles and Zavrl had five before having to leave the game due to injury. Baker and Michael McGovern each also had five tackles, Chris Newton had a sack and Boudrow knocked down three passes to go with his interception.

"Hats off to the defense," said Coke. "We could have given them more support."

Everett 21, Andover 0

Division 1 semifinals at Manning Field, Lynn
Andover (8-4):.....0 0 0 0 — 0
Everett (11-0):.....0 7 14 0 — 21

Second Quarter
E — Matt Costello 15 pass from Jonathan DiBiasio (Gilly DeSouza kick), 6:03
Third Quarter
E — Manny Asprilla 3 run (DeSouza kick), 3:46
E — Costello 12 pass from DiBiasio (DeSouza kick), 0:28
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: Andover (31-150) — Andy Coke 19-92, Freddie Scribner 9-38, Tom Dempsey 3-20; Everett (26-175) — Jonathan DiBiasio 10-60, Manny Asprilla 9-58, Kenny Catiq 4-53, Yondell Langston 3-4
PASSING: Andover — Dempsey 12-20-0, 147; Everett — DiBiasio 13-22-1, 181
RECEIVING: Andover — Ben McQuaide 3-50, Ned Deane 1-40, Coke 3-33, Cam Farnham 4-23, Scribner 1-1; Everett — Matt Costello 11-167, Asprilla 2-14

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Andover celebrates Thanksgiving with historic victory

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Some cried, some jumped up and down and others hugged anyone they could find. Coach E.J. Perry was carried off the field on the shoulders of his players, and quarterback Tom Dempsey clung to the game ball with both hands.

Emotions were flowing, for the biggest victory for Andover football in more than three decades.

"I broke down into tears on the last play," said center Connor Clancy. "It was a feeling that we will never forget for the rest of our lives. Everyone was nervous, everyone was tired but we got it

done."

Needing one last drive to ice the win, Andover delivered in style and the defense locked down one more time as the Golden Warriors clinched a 19-7 victory on Thanksgiving over Central Catholic in front of an estimated crowd of 3,500.

The win gave Andover the Merrimack Valley Conference Large title and its first trip to the postseason since 1975, the last of three straight EMass Super Bowl seasons.

"We just needed one last score," said Golden Warriors back Andy Coke. "First I was just thinking it was a win on Thanksgiving. Then I realized it was the

title, the first in 35 years. All the work, all the sweat and tears is all worth it right now."

The Golden Warriors took the early advantage. Freddie Scribner (8 carries, 71 yards) broke free for a 60-yard run. Four plays later, sophomore Mark Zavrl booted a 37-yard field goal to give Andover the lead.

Andover added to the lead late in the first on a 3-yard run by Michael McGovern, then the talented Zavrl booted a 42-yard field goal in the swirling wind with 1:50 left in the half to make it 12-0 at the break.

But Central finally cut into the lead with a nine-play, 73-yard drive that Trae Musumarra finished with a 1-yard touchdown plunge on fourth down to make it 12-7 with 7:58 left in the game.

"I felt like the team was tired," said Clancy. "We went around and said 'Why are you tired? We're playing the biggest games of our lives.' Everyone was nervous, but we got our nerves out."

In need of a boost, the Golden Warriors gave the ball to their superstar.

Held to just 54 yards through 3 1/2 quarters, Coke finally found his groove. He rushed on all but

one play of the game's deciding drive, carrying five times for 66 yards and a 6-yard touchdown with 1:54 left to play.

"They shut me down for most of the game," said Coke, who finished with 120 yards. "It got to me a little bit. But they kept telling me to keep going. We've done this before. We have really done well in the clutch."

Central's late attempt at a two-minute drill was then squashed by back-to-back sacks from Matt Crush and Chris Newton.

The Golden Warriors limited Central to just 170 yards of total offense. Deane once again paced Andover with 14 tackles, while

Lyle Baker had seven stops and Crush and Zavrl each had six tackles. Newton added two sacks and McGovern picked off a pass.

Andover 19, Central Catholic 7

Central Catholic (7-4, 3-1 MVC Large):.....0007 — 7
Andover (8-3, 3-1 MVC Large):.....9307 — 19
First Quarter
A — Mark Zavrl 37 field goal, 8:08
A — Michael McGovern 3 run (pass failed), 2:16
Second Quarter
A — Zavrl 42 field goal, 1:50
Fourth Quarter
CC — Trae Musumarra 1 run (Cam Walsh kick), 7:58
A — Andy Coke 6 run (Zavrl kick), 1:54
INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: Andover (30-198) — Andy Coke 20-120, Freddie Scribner 8-71, Michael McGovern 2-7; Central (33-120) — Matt McDermott 10-58, Cam Walsh 6-39, Trae Musumarra 9-22, Ben Onett 8-1
PASSING: Andover — Coke 1-6-1, 0; Tom Dempsey 0-1-0; Central — Onett 8-15-0, 39; McDermott 3-10-1, 11
RECEIVING: Andover — Cam Farnham 1-0; Central — Ryan Sullivan 4-25, Matt Boes 1-9, Jaycob Morales 3-10, Zach Bardwell 1-6, Santino Barancato 2-0

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Star runner Voorhees closes out his special season

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — Most anyone would have been thrilled with Simon Voorhees' junior cross country season in 2009, when he earned All-Merrimack Valley Conference honors and delivered an impressive showing at All-States.

Anyone, except Simon Voorhees. "I was very disappointed by my junior year," said Voorhees. "I felt like I wasn't in the best shape in the beginning of the season, and when I recovered I didn't finish the way I wanted to. I wanted my senior season to be special."

It certainly was special this fall for the Golden Warriors cross country team, particularly Voorhees and breakout girls star Maggie Mullins.

"Simon has the talent," said Andover coach Leo Lafond. "But he also has the work ethic to go along with it, and that's what's made him great. He improved to the point where he is one of the favorites — or the favorite — in most every race he runs."

Voorhees played soccer as a freshman, but missed much of the season with a hamstring injury. That winter, he decided to try indoor track, and quickly clicked in distance events.

"I struggled early on," said Voorhees. "But by the end of the season I was running a 4:51 mile, and I really liked it. With the encouragement of assistant track and cross country coach Brenda Clark-Warne I decided to do cross country as a sophomore."

Voorhees impressed right away in his first cross country season as a sophomore, finishing 28th at Eastern Mass. Division 1 states and being named All-MVC for the first time.

Last season was even better, as he placed 13th at EMass Division 1 states, 41st at All-States and repeated as All-MVC. He followed that up in track by running on the 4x800 relay that placed a stellar second at All-States and Eastern Mass. Division 1 states, helping Andover



ANDY BAUMGARTNER/Staff photo

Simon Voorhees leads the pack at the MVC Meet earlier this season. It was a breakout season for Voorhees and the Andover cross country team.

to team titles in both. But Voorhees wanted more.

"I wanted to get to where I thought I should be," he said. "I put in a lot more miles of training than I ever had. I was doing 45 miles a week. The whole (Andover) team was running together by the middle of June. We did a lot before the season started."

Voorhees and the Golden Warriors surged through the regular season, going 8-1 in dual meets, including their first victory over powerhouse Methuen in 11 years, with Voorhees taking first individually in each of their wins.

Voorhees has continued to surge since then. He placed first overall at the Division 1 State Coaches Meet (15:55.58), fifth at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 meet (Andover placed sixth as a team) and was second at the MVC League Meet.

He then finished his season with a stellar 17th at All-States (14:47) and on Saturday took 29th at the Nike Boys Northeast Regional.

Ranked in the top 20 percent of his high school class, Voorhees plans to run in college, with his top choices Lehigh and Bucknell.

"He just knows everything

about cross country," said Lafond. "He knows the names of the best runners he's going against, and he is very dedicated to the sport itself. It shows his interest and desire that he is so dedicated to the details."

Mullins an instant superstar
Lafond couldn't say enough about the performance of junior newcomer Maggie Mullins.

"She is a special talent," said Lafond. "She will be ranked among the best ever in the Merrimack Valley. She could be one of the best ever. I'm not going to say she'll be as good as (North Andover legend and current Georgetown University runner) Kirsten Kasper, but you can't rule it out."

After placing a stellar third at the Division 1 meet, she delivered a stunning fourth at All-States with a 16:58.5 two weeks ago. On Saturday, she was 16th at the Nike Girls Northeast Regional.

"We knew she would be good," said Lafond. "But what we found out is she is a better cross country runner than track runner. She has great strength at the end of races, and she is going to be a better college runner than she even is in high school."

1-10 Announcements

Happy Ads

Place a happy ad in this section to wish a special someone a Happy Birthday, Anniversary, Retirement, Thinking of You, or Just Wish Them a Nice Day. Only \$1.00 per line per day (5 line minimum)! Call today. The Classified Connection 800-927-9200

3A Lost & Found

LOST bag of toys at Santa Parade in Haverhill on Sunday. Bionicle toys and a tin of Pokemon cards. Please call 978-457-4322 if found.

LOST: Camera Nikon digital, silver case sentimental value, lots of family memories. Cumberland Farms Haverhill at Santa Parade Sun. 11/21 REWARD (603) 378-0226

LOST CAT Black & white cat (named Byte) in Methuen near Pleasant Valley Animal Hospital. If anyone please return to Pleasant Valley Animal Hospital. 978-837-8519.

LOST CAT Charcoal gray neutered male. Call grey, no white markings. 3 yrs old. Scruffy fur on upper back; long tail. Lost 11/23, Main St. Groveland. 978-373-9565

LOST CAT Orange female with white nose/chest/stomach/paws. CousCous is 11 years old, missing from Rockport since 6/18, may be in roadways/Main St. \$500 Reward. 978-325-2189 anytime or 978-546-9373

LOST CAT recently shaved, gray/white, white chest. 7 yrs old, answers to Clumpy, may have taken a ride in customer's car. Lost without him. REWARD Please call From's Auto 978-683-9544 or 978-399-3025

LOST gray & white cat. Last seen Friday 10/29, East Methuen. White face, front & legs. Gray above eyes on back & tail. Please call with any information 978-688-1781.

First Run
LOST: CAT Sun, Nov. 28th, Centerville Area, Beverly Black & white Tuxedo cat semi-long beautiful black coat, white paws, black swish on face green eyes answers to Smudge (978) 979-7689

LOST: Red tabby long haired male cat. Double patch. Seen since 11/18 vicinity of Ari's Pizzeria Rt 125 Bradford, MA. Call (978) 373-4034

FOUND: CAT, Small black & gray tabby with white paws, black & flea collar. Seen since 11/18 vicinity of Ari's Pizzeria Rt 125 Bradford, MA. Call (978) 373-4034

FOUND CELL PHONES
2 cell phones found Monday, Nov. 29 in the morning at the Epping Park & Ride on Rt. 125, Epping, NH. (603) 770-7921 or (603) 382-1707

FOUND - digital camera in the Barnes and Noble parking lot in Salem, NH in early November. Please call to describe 978 886 4642.

FOUND young female cat, not spade. Haverhill area. Call 978-685-4239

7 Entertainment

*** SANTA FOR HIRE ***
Real Beard Jolly Santa For parties, events, visits, photos, calls, chats. www.ImSanta.org 603-582-3166

11-17 Financial

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Some advertisements running in this category may require an investment

18-24 Instructions

20 Private Tutoring
A.C.E. MATH TUTOR - 20+ years teaching. Math Ph.D. All levels, Middle School-College including SATs. 978-273-4933

21 Music & Dancing
DRUM & GUITAR LESSONS at your home. Degree from Berklee. 19 yrs. teaching experience. 603-498-3195 www.johnmedeirosjr.net

22 Instruction Miscellaneous
PIANO LESSONS in Andover by prep school teacher. Jazz, Pop, Classical, Composition. MM-NEC. Bob B. 781-439-1898

26-50 Real Estate For Sale

27MA Commercial Property MA
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BEVERLY - 3500 sq. ft. sunken living room sharing 2 sided fireplace w/ family room, custom granite kitchen, master suite with deck. 3 additional bedrooms, heater garage. \$699K Call Betsy Merry 508-641-6241 MerryFox Realty.

31MA Homes MA
Beverly - Well maintained two-family, separate utilities, hardwood floors, natural gas steam heat. 2 car garage, enclosed porches and spacious attic. \$469K Call Rick Petralia Coldwell Banker 978-665-1203

31NH Homes NH
ATKINSON-Traditional style Colonial large kitchen opens front to back family room with brick fireplace \$399,900 KSRJ Signature Realty Group 603-819-4844

THE TOWNSMAN Thursday, December 2, 2010 19

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Boxford - Country Cape on 2 private acres, 10room, 4bedroom, fireplace, 2 car garage, inground pool, Mosconomet School District! \$475,000 Pat Skibbee 978-465-8851 RIVER VALLEY RE

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Lynn - Nicely maintained 6
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LOTS OF LAND!
Methuen-Methuen beautiful home with 23 plus acres and even more available! Easy highway access. 3 bedroom, 3 bathroom 2400sq ft home. Fireplaces throughout with hardwood floors, 4 car garage with a lift. Oversized deck overlooking huge back yard! asking \$750,000 Call Russell for appointment 978-682-2838

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METHUEN-The Reserve at Merrimack Valley Golf Club
42 Homes with maintenance, Open House Everyday 12-4 Janet McLennan 978-683-8008

METHUEN-Young Colonial
loaded with amenities on cul-de-sac, Marsh school district 4 bedrooms, 24x28 family room, sunroom, central air & more! Beautiful home! Rosemary Scalera Century 21 McLennan & Co. 978-314-4967

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Newburyport-Perfect restoration
in town Italianate! Curved staircase & hidden maid's stairs, french doors, breakfast/sunroom, 4 bedrooms, 2 car garage \$699,000 Joanne Purinton 978-462-6898 RIVER VALLEY RE

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ROCKPORT - Historic Seaport
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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be convened on December 14, 2010, at 8:00 p.m., in the Third Floor Conference Room, Town Office Building, Bartlett Street, on an application submitted by Roger White, for a Modification of a Definitive Subdivision Plan entitled Murray Hill Estates located at Murray Hill Lane on property owned by Greenwood Trust and being more specifically identified as Assessors Map 148 and Lot 1B. The application may be examined in the Planning Division between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

THE ANDOVER PLANNING BOARD
Joan Duff, Chair AT - 11/25, 12/2/10

Fremont, NH Level
3 Bedroom Split Level 1 Bath, Stove, Refrigerator, Dishwasher included. Washer & Dryer hookups. Hardwood floors. Section 8 & Pets OK. \$165,0

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First Run METHUEN - 430 Pelham St. 2 bedroom, 2nd floor, parking, yard, no pets/smoke. Near 93 & 495. \$900 no utilities. References. Call (978) 686-2118.

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