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Community looks to help family left homeless after fire

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The community is mobilizing to help an Andover family left homeless by a house fire nearly two weeks before Christmas. The cause of the Dec. 10 two-alarm fire at the Sanborn family's

home at 60 Jenkins Road is still under investigation, but Fire Chief Mike Mansfield said there is no way anyone who lived there will return before the end of the year. "There is significant damage in portions of the second floor of the home," Mansfield said. The

fire started in a garage attached to the right-side of the house and quickly spread. Five people lived at 60 Jenkins Road prior to last Friday's fire. The Sanborn family includes Edith and Robert Sanborn, who've lived in town for 50 years; their son Everett; his wife Lorna,

and their son Caleb, who will turn 3 in January. For Juan Alvarez, who lives with his wife Joanne next door, the fire is a tragedy going into the Christmas season. "They've lost everything. Literally everything," Alvarez said. "They had all their Christmas

presents, their tree. It is all gone." Currently, the family is living in a small apartment. Originally, a larger house was offered to them, but, because they have a toddler, concerns about lead paint kept them from accepting the offer.

"Five people crammed into a small apartment, they're not used to it," Alvarez said. With Christmas now only one week away, Alvarez and others around the community are donating money and clothing to

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NOT YOUR TYPICAL TEACHER



Joseph Ole Tipanko, a warrior of the Maasai people from South Kenya, performs a spiritual song and dance for students at Wood Hill Middle School in Andover on Friday morning. DAVID LE/Staff Photo

Educator from Kenya visits classes, officials

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

When Joseph Ole Tipanko walks into the room, the jingling of his jewelry draws the attention of everybody around him. Tipanko, a member of the Maasai people of Kenya, sits and comments about how much colder it is here than in Kenya. As a teacher who walks for four hours in 90- to 100-degree weather daily, sudden exposure to frigid, New England air was definitely an eye-opening experience, Tipanko said.

"Africa is very warm, and Kenya is on the equator," Tipanko said. "So it is very hot." Tipanko, who teaches third and fourth grade back home, came to the United States on a mission: To raise awareness of his culture, and to raise money for education back home. According to Bill Fahey, director of Andover Youth Services who visited Africa earlier this year, Tipanko wants to build schools and give children,

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Patrick Bucco, principal of the Wood Hill Middle School in Andover and Joseph Ole Tipanko, a member of the Maasai people from South Kenya, center, are surrounded by students.

Meeting on Stop & Shop plans today

Late spring opening targeted

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Yes, Virginia, there will be a Stop & Shop in Shawsheen Plaza – eventually. The list of non-believers is growing in town this holiday season because the grocery store site has been vacant for six months, since Market Basket closed its doors in June. But a meeting between the Andover Town Manager and Stop & Shop officials is happening today, Thursday, Dec. 16, to discuss a late spring opening. "I'm meeting with them later this week," Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski wrote in e-mail to the Townsman on Monday. He expects to be updated on what the supermarket has been doing for the past six months. "I expect they will be getting their permits shortly," he said. They have been working with

"As we've said all along, the store is requiring much more work than we thought."

Bob LaRochelle, Stop & Shop spokesperson

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Hunters hunting fellow hunters

Poaching said to be on decline following 'management program'

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Two Andover hunters and Conservation Director Bob Douglas walk through the woods at the Boloian Reservation, part of the Fish Brook Wetlands. An overseer for that particular reservation stops and points into the trees at an illegal tree stand, used for hunting deer, about 30 feet into the air. Surprised, Douglas says, "Well, look at that." The stand will become one of the 11 unlawful stands ripped down as of this week. As 23 town residents participate in a "deer management program," bow hunters involved are also on the hunt for poachers, individuals who are hunting on town property illegally. Overall, Douglas believes illegal hunting has not increased because of the program. Instead, the town now has people who are just more apt to find the illegal

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THEN: The Abbot Furniture store owned by Herman and Joseph Abbot was destroyed in a fire in 1870. Its now the site of Memorial Hall Library, built as a War Memorial in 1873.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: The Memorial Hall Library in Elm Square, Andover was built as a Civil War Memorial in 1873.

Water main break Wednesday

Town employees worked to replace a broken water main under Orchard Street, off Route 28, early Wednesday afternoon. At presstime, the road was expected to be closed for the better part of Wednesday.

— *Dustin Luca*

Quota presentation: Create a life of joy

Quota International of Andover invites residents to be guests as it presents nationally known motivational speaker Lillian Arleque, at Memorial Hall Library, in Andover, on Tuesday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. To attend, contact Vena Coco at vcoco@aol.com.

"During this empowering, informative and inspirational presentation, Dr. Arleque will teach participants how to create a life that is filled with joy and success. A master presenter and teacher, Lillian utilizes humor, metaphors, anecdotes music and low risk interaction to engage her audiences and provide a memorable experience. Participants will leave armed with simple but life changing strategies," according to Rotary. Arleque, an Andover resident, earned her doctorate in education from the University of Massachusetts.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



A lot of my family members were like, 'I didn't think it would actually happen.' They know how hard it is, and thought I was thinking too big, but to see it happen for them, and for me, is great.
— *Andover resident Emma Lamoreaux, 16, on her fledgling acting career, which includes appearances in commercials and on billboards. Story in Arts, page 14.*

How could we have forgotten a hero so remarkable? How do we correct this? We can start by spelling his name correctly on the street sign.
— *Bill Dalton, in a column calling on the town to correct a mistake on a street he believes was named in honor of a Civil War hero. See column in Townspeople, page 9.*



Andoverites at two local studios share stage with Rockettes

Andover performers from two local dance studios will perform at the Wang Center in Boston as part of the Radio City Rockettes' Christmas Spectacular this week.

Holly Mulkern, 18 of Andover, will perform a dance

choreographed by Nancy Chippendale at the Rockettes' performance tonight, Thursday, Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m. with 17 other dancers from Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios.

Andover's Michaela McIver, Andover choreographer/

instructor Erika Steele and Andover director Debra Steele from Dance Images Dance & Music Center of Methuen are involved in the Radio City Rockettes' "Christmas Spectacular" production on Sunday, Dec. 19 at noon.

Tickets for either performance are available by calling the Wang Center box office.

Dancers from both studios helped promote the Rockettes' show by performing at Fanueil Hall on Sept. 11.

Season for Giving: USMC, MSP wrapping Toys for Tots campaign

The 2010 Toys for Tots campaign marks the 26th year that the Massachusetts State Police have partnered with the Marine Corps for the administration of the Toys for Tots program in Massachusetts.

Those wishing to donate new, non-violent, unwrapped toys for boys and girls ranging in age from newborn to 18 years may drop the toys off at any Massachusetts State Police

barracks. There is a state police facility in Andover, on Route 125 near the Gould Road intersection.

Donors may also choose to send monetary donations to: Massachusetts State Police, Toys for Tots Coordinator, 124 Acton St., Maynard, MA 01754. All checks shall be made out to "Toys for Tots."

Last year, the Massachusetts State Police collected

approximately 42,000 toys while also collecting more than \$4,000 in donations. The toys were provided to area charities.

The money was also provided to charities to assist with toy purchases and holiday meals for families served by those organizations.

Once again, difficult economic conditions leave many families in need of assistance this holiday season.

"Toy donations in 2009 were down approximately 30 percent from 2008, while financial donations fell almost 50 percent in the same time period.

Now, more than ever, the Toys for Tots program needs the assistance of those who can help provide support to families that will otherwise go without this holiday season," according to a release from the Massachusetts State Police.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Half-million for Andover document preservation center

Twenty-five Massachusetts cultural initiatives have received National Endowment for the Humanities grants totaling \$2,230,219, including an organization in Andover, according to U.S. Senator John Kerry.

"These investments will help promote the value of learning and historical preservation across Massachusetts," said Kerry.

Among those receiving a grant is the Northeast Document Conservation Center in Andover, which received \$500,000 for preservation education and training.

who bring new or gently used hats, gloves and mittens of all sizes to the snowman: Town Offices, senior center, Memorial Hall Library, SHED (Shawsheen Extended Day Program), Bancroft, Shawsheen, and High Plain elementary schools.

The Christ Church Children's Center has visited the Town Offices for over 10 years to participate in a sharing lesson. Three preschool groups walk up from the school with teachers and parents to learn first-hand about giving to others in need.

To make donations, simply go to one of the locations before noon on Friday, Dec. 17 and drop off your mittens, hats, and scarves and pick up a candy cane.

474-0810, or visit the website samel-ins.com, or find the store on Facebook.

Shawsheen River violation

A company in Billerica that makes X-ray detection and related equipment has agreed to pay \$40,000 to settle EPA claims that it violated the federal Clean Water Act by discharging stormwater into wetlands adjacent to a Shawsheen River tributary.

According to EPA's New England office, American Science & Engineering violated the Clean Water Act by discharging without authorization stormwater associated with industrial activity.

The Clean Water Act requires many industrial operations to have permits and controls in place to prevent pollutants from being discharged with stormwater into nearby waterways. Each site must have a stormwater pollution prevention plan that puts in place practices that the company will follow to prevent runoff from being contaminated by pollutants. Without these controls, stormwater can pick up pollutants as it flows over the site. The stormwater can then carry the pollutants to nearby

waterways, where they can degrade water quality as well as swimming, fishing and drinking water, according to the EPA.

AS&E disclosed its violations to EPA and took some measures to minimize storm water runoff, but the company did not meet all legal requirements, nor all the requirements of EPA's self-disclosure policy. EPA said it took the company's disclosure into consideration in setting the penalty.

Stress reduction meeting today

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce's Human Resource Association will present "Addressing Ways to Reduce Stress and Improve Morale in the Workplace" today, Thursday, Dec. 16, from noon to 1:45 p.m. at Joe Fish Seafood Restaurant and Bar, 1120 Osgood St., Route 125, North Andover.

A hot lunch is included. The cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

For more information call 978-686-0900.

December health clinics

The Andover Health Department will offer a mini clinics on Monday, Dec. 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, including Dec. 22 and 29. No appointment is necessary.

Chamber night at the Pops

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce along with the Lowell Memorial Auditorium will present "Keith Lockhart and the Boston Pops on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m. Seating of 24 is available in balcony D row G and H 1-12. Full rows with four end seats. All tickets are \$60. For more information call 978-686-0900 or thechamber@merrimackvalleychamber.com, or merrimackvalleychamber.com.

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Town Census going out this month

The Annual Town Census will be mailed to residents at the end of December 2010. Anyone who is leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census during December 2010-January 2011 should contact the Town Clerk's office at 978-623-8255 so that they will not be dropped from the voter

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

NSCC recipient of scholarship endowment

The North Shore Community College Foundation announces the endowment of a new scholarship, The Kindred Healthcare Scholarship, funded by Kindred Healthcare, Inc. The scholarship will assist students enrolled in NSCC's Health Professions programs, training to become registered nurses or licensed practical nurses. Ranked one of Fortune magazine's Most Admired Healthcare Companies in 2009 and 2010, Kindred's mission is to promote healing, provide hope, and preserve

dignity. "Education and career ladder development represents one of Kindred's core values," said Michael Beal, Vice President, East Coast region. "Creating a Kindred scholarship is another step in aligning ourselves with those values and goals." Since its establishment in 1985, the NSCC Foundation has helped more than 2700 students share over \$2 million dollars. For more information on the NSCC Foundation, call Tatiana Burgos-Espinal, Director of Development, at 978-739-5527.



JONATHAN PHELPS/Staff photos

Andover firefighters put out a fire at 60 Jenkins Road that broke out Friday afternoon, and started in the home's garage.

FIRE: Home damaged

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make the Sanborn's Christmas brighter. George Ray, senior pastor at Trinity Evangelical Church in North Reading, said that the church has been accepting donations and passing them on to the Sanborn family since the fire. Last Sunday, parishioners donated clothing for everybody in the family, especially Caleb. The church raised \$5,000 during that day alone. "We are in touch with them on a day-to-day basis to see if there is anything we can do to help them," Ray said. "It seems to me, at this point, that a monetary

contribution is the wisest." In addition to Trinity Evangelical Church, located at 105 Haverhill St. in North Reading, the Alvarez family, located at 56 Jenkins Road, is also accepting donations for the family. While the main part of the house is still intact, it received significant damage. It took crews from Andover, North Andover, Lawrence, Tewksbury and North Reading over an hour to control the blaze, Mansfield said. While crews fought the fire, the garage collapsed, destroying most of the evidence regarding the fire's origin, according to



Mansfield. "It is unfortunate that the fire had to happen," Mansfield said. "It is always unfortunate when it happens, but it is much more unfortunate for the families involved when it happens around the holidays."

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KENYAN: Warrior visits Andover students, officials

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particularly girls, opportunities to further their education. Once girls reach age 13, a payment of \$350 determines whether they can continue school or must marry men who could be more than twice their age, Fahey said. "A part of their living is based on livestock and trading, so there isn't a whole lot of money," Fahey said. "When someone needs \$350 to go to school, that's like saying to you or me, 'Hey, you need to come

up with \$350,000.' It's very overwhelming." Andover kids enjoyed working with Tipanko as he made his rounds through the schools, Fahey said. "They've been very happy to learn about Joseph's culture," Fahey said. "This is a huge first-hand opportunity to talk to someone who lives a nomadic lifestyle." And Tipanko enjoyed visiting Andover, where he said the streets are much cleaner. He found pizza

interesting, while the concept of instantly-available hot water was hard to get used to. He noticed other differences, too, he said. "We try to take our time, to work out things," Tipanko said. "It is not a quick rush like what you see here. We take our time, which gives us our freedom and joy." But other things around town gave him warmth in the cold, New England air, he said. "Christmas is a very big issue here," Tipanko said. "I have

found people here are very warm-hearted."

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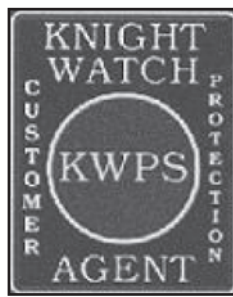
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Much more noise, action at North Reading market

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

While Andover residents are hoping for Stop & Shop to get to work on a store here, some North Reading residents had the opposite problem: they felt Stop & Shop was too aggressive in trying to open its store.

Noisy equipment at the just-opened Stop & Shop in North Reading on Route 28 started so early in the morning, the North Reading town administrator issued a cease and desist order. He said that if the company didn't start working later in the morning, it would be shut down.

"The problem was with the site work. Stop & Shop had to remove the septic system and the work started at 4 a.m. They said they needed to start that early to meet a deadline," said North Reading Town Administrator Greg Bolukinos. "The equipment was very noisy. They were told to shut down or start later."

After getting complaint calls from neighbors, Bolukinos issued the order and Stop & Shop

"I have not heard any complaints since they opened. I have only heard that there are more shoppers from Andover at the store."

Greg Bolukinos, North Reading town administrator

complied, he said. Construction work started later, at a more reasonable hour.

"I have not heard any complaints since they opened," he said. "I have only heard that there are more shoppers from Andover at the store."

Stop & Shop relocated their North Reading store closer to the Andover town line on Route 28. Their former location is now vacant and Bolukinos said Stop & Shop owns it. The grocery store has said its former North Reading store will be used for retail. But no one has submitted any plans to Bolukinos.

SHOP: Possible spring opening

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the (Community Development and Planning department) staff for months.

Kathy Urquhart, director of Andover's Elder Services Department and the senior center, said senior shoppers in town are indeed skeptical that the store is coming.

"It was the fall, then early spring, now late spring. They just want it to open," she said.

She's especially concerned about the many seniors living at Washington Park, a condominium development next to Shawsheen Plaza.

"They could walk to grocery shopping," she said. "Now, it's vacant."

Residents have seen little to no action inside the storefront at Shawsheen Plaza, and pepper both town and state elected officials with questions.

But a company official said there has been action - behind the scenes.

"We know it's been an inconvenience for shoppers," Stop & Shop spokesman Bob LaRochelle said. "But, (the progress) is nothing you can see. Plans for the construction are being worked on. It's coming together."

LaRochelle said the scheduled Dec. 16 meeting will focus on the company's engineering, electrical and plumbing teams.

"As we've said all along, the store is requiring much more work than we thought," he said. "We are very anxious to get in...it's going to be a brand new store for Andover when it's all done."

The target opening date for the Andover Stop & Shop is now "late spring, 2011," according to LaRochelle, who said he could not be more specific.

The recent opening of Stop & Shop's new store in North Reading in a former Shaw's store on Route 28, just over the Andover town line, will have no effect on the timing of the Andover store's opening, LaRochelle said.

Local shoppers will just have to wait. The opening could happen nearly a year after Market Basket closed, after more than 40 years in Shawsheen Plaza.

The Market Basket lease was not renewed. Instead, Stop & Shop bought the entire shopping plaza for \$12.7 million and announced it planned to open a store there.

As a result, many grocery shoppers in town are traveling out of town as the lone grocery store - the organic-leaning Whole Foods - is more costly than Market Basket.

LaRochelle encourages local grocery shoppers to be patient.

"It's going to be well worth the wait," LaRochelle said. "We're sorry for any inconvenience, but our Andover store is going to be great. You'll see."

HUNTING: Taking aim at unauthorized tree stands

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hunting that has gone on for years, Douglas said.

"As a bow hunter, we're in the woods more through the program," Michael Jarbeau, a Tewksbury Street resident and participant in the program, said. "We're able to spend more time in the groove, so we see more of the illegal activity, such as hunters in the areas they're not supposed to be."

Through the deer management program, residents are required to hunt from tree stands, and they are given the tags necessary to mark their stand as legally part of the program. Any stand without a tag identifying it is illegal, according to Douglas.

In the past, the town has tried to catch poachers on town property through its conservation-land overseers.

"We relied on our volunteers, who are out in the woods, our overseers or hikers," Douglas said. "We would pull in probably two or three (illegal stands) a year, but now that we've got hunters in the woods all the time, it's been a really good way for us to pinpoint the unlawful stands and get them out of there."

"Hikers stay on the trails, but hunters go off trail, into the deepest, darkest woods," Douglas said.

There have been some instances of legal hunters and officials encountering illegal hunters who, Douglas says, "got the word."

"I got a call from one of our hunters who had seen cars off of (Interstate 495)," Douglas said. "On my way home from work, I put cards on those cars explaining the



Dustin Luca/Staff Photos

Legal stands have a nearby markersaying "Town of Andover Conservation Commission," with the hunter's registered number.

rules and giving them my phone number.

"The next day, we did a sweep of the area and we happened to catch a hunter on site," Douglas said. "He had no weapon, and what he was doing there was ... removing the stand."

Jarbeau said he believes the program has helped improve the safety of all of the town's woodlands.

"Not only has it improved that, I think we're better equipped because conservation has given us specific maps and specific areas to hunt," Jarbeau said. "With an illegal hunter, all the woods are his playground. So he could be hunting right behind the houses where you live or right at the school."

"The people who will end up in the woods are the people who are from the town," Douglas said. "Policemen, firemen, residents who have their kids in school ...

The people who are out of town, the people who are not a part of the program, we can't attest to, so we'd rather them not be in the



A volunteer conservation land overseer, who wished to not be identified, confiscates an illegal tree stand as Conservation Director Bob Douglas and another town resident watch from below.

woods."

A management program allows for the town to control deer hunting and keep it safe, said Jarbeau.

"It's a better way of handling it," Jarbeau said. "If we're going to have the hunting program, let's have it with qualified people."

The program, which aims to reduce an overpopulated deer herd and restore biodiversity and health to town forests, ends on Dec. 31. Officials expect to discuss next year to whether the program should be a permanent part of the town's bylaws.

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Obituaries

Richard A. Marciano, 79

Richard Anthony Marciano, 79, passed away swiftly and unexpectedly on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2010, at his winter home in Lecanto, Fla.

Born on April 30, 1931, the fourth child of Anthony and Lena Marciano, he was raised in Belmont, lived much of his adult life in Andover, and spent his retirement in Standish, Maine, and Lecanto, Fla., where he was a parishioner at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Betty Marciano; five children, Robyn Huck of Woodstock Vt., Richard Marciano, Jr. of Buxton, Maine, James Marciano of Amherst, N.H., John Marciano of Andover, and Elizabeth Ross of Standish, Maine; three siblings, Peter Marciano of Medford, and his wife Mary, Arthur Marciano of Stamford, Conn. and Tequesta, Fla., and Frances Vaccaro of Windham, N.H.; two sons-in-law, Karl Huck and Jonathan Ross; two daughters-in-law, Nancy Marciano and Liane Marciano; and 11 grandchildren.

An avid baseball, soccer, and basketball player throughout high school and college, he was a three-season athlete at Belmont High School, where he was a member of the Class of 1949, and was the starting point guard for the basketball team of his alma mater, MIT, from which he graduated with a B.S. in management in 1953. After two years in the U.S. Army Chemical Corps, he began his professional life in Newport, R.I., where he was a founding member of the Newport Ski Club in 1955. His career in engineering management included years of service at Raytheon, Avco, Magnetic Corporation of America, and MITRE Corporation.

A passionate golfer, he was a member at several country clubs: Indian Ridge (Andover), Sky

Meadow (Nashua, N.H.), Moss Creek (Hilton Head, S.C.), Black Diamond Ranch (Lecanto, Fla.), and counted among his proudest golfing moments a double eagle on the par five, 460-yard tenth hole at Indian Ridge during a member/guest tournament.

A self-taught painter and expert on picking and cooking wild mushrooms, he was also known for his annual Christmas card and poem.

The central story of his life, however, began in 1957, when he met Betty LaFlame, an elementary school teacher in Newton. In the eventful year of 1959, they married, became parents, and moved to Andover, where they were founding congregants of St. Robert Bellarmine Parish. Their deep and resolute belief and their devotion to each other and their union formed the foundation of their lives, a foundation on which they built a life of love, love that was showered on their children, love that was so clear to their many dear friends, love that they shared so willingly with thousands of couples through their years of involvement in Marriage Encounter and Engaged Encounter.

In recent years they have been active members of the Centering Prayer Group and the Charismatic Community at Our Lady of Grace.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2010 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Fero Funeral Home in Beverly Hills, Fla. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated today, Thursday, Dec. 16, 2010 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic church in Beverly Hills. A memorial service will also be held in New England in the springtime for his extended family and many, many friends there. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090, Baltimore, MD 21203-7090 (http://crs.org). A photo memorial and guestbook will be online at www.MeM.com.

Jacob Abugov, 85

Dr. Jacob (Jack) Abugov, 85, of Andover, passed away peacefully in Boston on Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2010.

He was born in Boston on June 12, 1925, the son of Abraham and Sadie (Marin) Abugov. He was the loving husband of Arlene (Schwartz), to whom he was married for 59 years. He was the devoted father of Robert Abugov of Rockville, Md., Joyce Scott of Newburyport, and Daniel Abugov and his wife Sarah of Andover; grandfather of Alexander Abugov, Ross Scott, and Michaela Scott; and favorite uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his beloved granddaughter, Rachel Abugov as well as his three sisters, Dorothy, Edith, and Joanne.

He graduated from Brighton High School and attended Northeastern University until enlisting as a Cadet in the Air Force during World War II. After the war he graduated from New England College of Optometry, and subsequently worked as an optometrist in Lawrence

and Salem, Mass., for more than 60 years before retiring this year at the age of 84 due to illness.

Jack took great pride in his family, and derived his greatest pleasure from family gatherings. He was known for his kind and gentle manner and his willingness to help others any way he could. He loved gardening, the beach, and was an avid fisherman. He enjoyed meeting his friends for coffee every morning at Bruegger's. He will be fondly remembered and greatly missed.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral service was Sunday, Dec. 12 at 2 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Burial followed in Temple Emanuel Cemetery, Lawrence. A memorial observance was held on Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. at his daughter Joyce's home in Newburyport. Those who wish may donate to their favorite charity in Jack's memory. Arrangements are by the H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill and Bradford. Condolences to his family may be made at www.farmerfuneralhomes.com.

Frederick E. Steber, 60



Mr. Frederick E. Steber, 60, died Sunday, Dec. 12, 2010 at the Lahey Clinic in Burlington.

Born in Peabody, Mr. Steber had been an area resident most of his life. He was an employee of Diamond Taxi and Andover Livery. Mr. Steber was a member of the Arlington Club, the Rocky Club and played Darts for the Pizza Pub.

He is survived by one daughter, April Steber of Richmond, Va.; three sons, Allen Tudisca

of Salem, N.H., Denis Bedard of Salisbury, Christopher Bedard of North Andover; two sisters, Elenor DiMarzo of Olympia, Wash., and Nancy Bournival of Exeter, Maine. There are several nieces and nephews. He will be remembered by many loved ones and friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: At the request of the family all services will be private. Memorial donations may be made to the family; c/o April M. Steber, 606 Spirea Road, Richmond, VA 23236. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Edgar J. Racicot Inc. Funeral Home, 256 Broadway, Lawrence. www.racicot-funeralhome.com.

Mary (Loosigian) Gallant



LAWRENCE — Mary (Loosigian) Gallant of South Lawrence, died Friday, Dec. 10, 2010 at Prescott House in North Andover.

An outgoing, fun loving, and talented crafter, Mary enjoyed card games, gardening, and cooking. Her meticulous needlework resulted in prize-winning embroidery and quilts. She was proudly independent and lived on her own well into her 96th year.

Born in Watertown in 1913, Mary was the daughter of Ohan and Anna Loosigian, early immigrants from Armenia. She grew up in Andover on the family farm now known as Strawberry Hill. Never intimidated by hard work, she contributed both her labor and her paycheck to the family during the years of the Depression and World War II. She worked for many years

in the office of the Andover Town Clerk. In 1947, Mary married her long-time sweetheart, Hubert J. Gallant, who predeceased her in 1980.

For a number of years she worked as a bookkeeper for Arnold Motors and the Toscano accounting firm.

Mary was the sister of the late Bertha Durgerian of Andover. She leaves her brother, Peter O. Loosigian of Andover. She also is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their children, as well as her beloved "Button."

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Monday, Dec. 13, 2010 from 4 to 7 p.m. at The Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Methuen. The funeral services were on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. in Grace Episcopal Church, 35 Jackson St., Lawrence. Burial was in West Parish Garden Cemetery, Andover. Memorial contributions may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, 35 Jackson St., Lawrence, MA 01841, or to the charity of the donor's choice. To send an online condolence, visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

RELIGION

Beth Israel minyan services

Congregation Beth Israel will continue to host its Egalitarian evening minyan services for the month of December, Monday through Thursday, Dec. 20-23 at 13 Boutwell St., Andover at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

Free Jewish Books from The PJ Library

Jewish children ages six months to eight years are eligible to receive The PJ Library, a free Jewish book or CD of the month club that is mailed home.

To learn more about the program or to register a child for The PJ Library, contact Phyllis Osher, Program Associate, at

978-740-4404 or email posher@rilcf.org. To register online, visit the Foundation's website at rilcf.org.

Rolling Ridge Retreat's Peacock recognized

At the November national meeting of the International Association of Conference Center Administrators, Larry J. Peacock, Executive Director of Rolling Ridge Retreat and Conference Center was recognized as a Certified Conference Center Professional certificate. The recognition comes after completing six courses of study on management, marketing and administration and presenting a comprehensive review and plan for Rolling Ridge.

'Blue Christmas' at West Parish Dec. 19

While Christmas is a time of joy and expectation for many, for some people, some years — particularly those who have lost a loved one — Christmas is not a time they can authentically experience these feelings.

For these people, a "Blue

Christmas" service of music, readings, meditation, candles and preparation is offered at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, near the intersection with Route 133, on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m.

"Christmas is not always easy or fun or happy. Christmas

celebrates the promise that God is with us, whatever happens. God did not come to earth as royalty in the midst of a celebration, but entered humbly, quietly, in the midst of darkness, where we are most in need," according to a church release. "All are welcome."

Independent Andover Bookstore remains a rare business



Andover Stories

By Katie Gohn,
Andover Historical Society

To many people, the Andover Bookstore, located downtown off Main Street, is truly more than just a bookstore. While it has changed throughout the centuries, it remains an important part of Andover's academic and intellectual legacy.

Founded in 1809 by Mark Newman, the Andover Bookstore is the oldest operating business in Andover and the second oldest bookstore in the nation. It was originally located on the Andover Theological Seminary campus. Newman resigned as the principal of Phillips Academy to become the primary bookseller for the seminary and the academy. In 1813, Dr. Eliphalet Pearson moved Andover's printing press, acquired in 1798, onto the second floor of Newman's bookstore. Timothy Flagg and Abraham J. Gould were the primary operators of the press until 1832. Before Flagg died in 1831, the bookstore and the printing press moved to the Brick House, where Newman's son Mark H. Newman continued his father's bookselling business. Warren F. Draper purchased the bookstore in 1854.

A large part of the bookstore's success was due to textbook sales to students of the seminary, Abbot Academy, the Punctard Free School, and Phillips Academy. In the late 1860s, the store moved off the seminary's campus to 37 Main St., but its connection to the students remained.

Ownership changed again in 1887 and John N. Cole became the store's business manager. Utilizing the store's printing press, Cole and his associates began publication of the Andover Townsman. Thriving under his leadership, Cole moved the press and printing business out of the bookstore. As with the original family owners, Cole's son, Philip P. Cole, took over the store following the death of his father.

In 1960, Jerome and Ethel



Original Mark Newman bookstore



Current bookstore

Cross purchased the bookstore, giving it a new life and a new location. While Cross sold coal and oil for profit, selling books was his passion. "You have to be a little patient," Mrs. Cross remembers, "book buying is contagious." The couple renovated an old barn at 89R Main St. making it an ideal setting for the beloved bookstore—cozy and inviting, with thousands of titles that could occupy a reader for hours.

After 30 years, the Crosses sold the thriving bookstore to William and Carolyn Dalton in 1990. In 1992, Robert Hugo purchased the Andover Bookstore and incorporated it into Hugo Bookstores — a small, independent chain of local bookstores including Spirit of '76 Bookstore in Marblehead and The Book Rack in Newburyport.

Based on its history, it is clear that even a small bookstore can have a large impact on the community. Despite the changing times of online books and big bookstores, the Andover Bookstore continues to provide an intimate place where friends and neighbors can gather to talk books, politics, and so much more, and the Hugo family wants it to stay

that way.

"There is still a love for coming to a bookstore," John Hugo, manager of the Andover store says, "it's a community that you can't get on the internet." With over 50 author events every year, with both widely known and local authors, the bookstore remains the heart of Andover's scholastic community. Phillips Academy continues to use the bookstore as its primary text source, as the long lines at the beginning of the school year prove. And who could resist the crackling of fire and the cozy chairs that invite readers to the store on a cold winter day?

The number of independent bookstores may be declining, but with local support, the Andover Bookstore will continue to withstand the test of time by providing not only books, but a sense of community. It stands tall among Andover's most treasured institutions.

"Andover Stories" is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, told in anticipation of the Andover Historical Society's 100 anniversary in 2011.



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Opinion

Reality: Greater cost when more people have health coverage

"Health care reform is working in Massachusetts," Gov. Deval Patrick declared Monday, noting that more than 98 percent of the state's residents are now covered by some kind of insurance.

That same day the State House News Service reported that "the Patrick administration still faces a significant budget gap, largely because of soaring costs in the state Medicaid program."

According to the story, 75 percent of those newly insured since passage of the health reform law in 2006 "have found coverage through publicly subsidized programs, including the expanded Medicaid or MassHealth system."

"The trends," the story continues, "point toward an entitlement program with runaway costs that's devouring new state revenues and leaving other services ... subject to continuing budget cuts amid a sluggish economic recovery and dried-up federal revenue sources."

It notes that just three months into the current fiscal year last October, the Legislature allocated an additional \$327 million for the state's \$10-million Medicaid program, and officials are now warning that another \$500 million might be required before the books close on June 30. This single item now accounts for a third of all state spending. Which makes Monday's announcement by the governor something for taxpayers to celebrate, we suppose. After all, they're paying for it.

Full-time work for full-time pay

"The legislature ought frequently to assemble for the redress of grievances, for correcting, strengthening and confirming the laws, and for making new laws, as the common good may require."

- Article XXII, Part the First (Declaration of Rights), Massachusetts Constitution

Nothing in there about getting jobs for constituents, helping friends on the public payroll boost their pensions, or making calls on behalf of supporters to the Registry of Motor Vehicles or other state agencies. Nothing in there, either, about taking half a year off to run for re-election.

State legislators insist they're plenty busy even when the House and Senate are not in session as has been the case since July 31 of this year. But does what they're doing comply with the mandate established for that branch of government by John Adams and his colleagues in 1780?

The State House News Service reports how members of the House of Representatives were due back on Beacon Hill this week "not to settle differences over stalled expanded gambling legislation or to address the state's scandal-plagued and patronage-ridden Probation Department," but "to publicly say goodbye to each other through floor speeches scheduled to begin Thursday morning."

As the news agency notes, "The low-key goodbyes stand in stark contrast to the wild, lame-duck sessions occurring in Washington where Congress is in the throes of major debates ... over tax and debt policies."

Whether or not you agree with what's going on in Washington these days, lawmakers there are still hard at work with just 10 days to go before Christmas.

WEB QUESTION

What are you looking forward to most in counting down to Christmas?

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What are you looking forward to most in counting down to Christmas?

- Going to Christmas parties
- Doing last-minute shopping at the mall
- Singing Christmas carols with friends

- Watching classic holiday movies
- Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
- Enjoying cookies, eggnog and other seasonal food and drink
- Quiet time with family
- Religious services
- Other

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WINTER SEASON COMING INTO FOCUS



ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

Andover High basketball player Ally Fazio takes part in practice Monday afternoon.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

More trains without more parking is a lesser solution

Editor, Townsman:

I welcome the addition of more commuter trains to Boston that will service Andover with the addition of the second track. However, unless additional parking is provided at the train stops the effort will be for naught. The MBTA should work with all the towns along the route to insure that this parallel effort takes place.

JOSEPH T. PONTI
16 Alden Road

Republicans protect the rich

Editor, Townsman:

Recently, every U.S. Republican denator, including the junior senator from Massachusetts, Scott Brown, voted against a bill which would have extended the Bush tax cuts for every American, with the exception of those who earn more than \$1 million per year. At the same time, all the Republican senators pledged to block the Senate from conducting any business until the Bush tax cuts were extended for the nation's millionaires and billionaires.

Given the fact that the US Congressional Budget Office stated that the extension of the Bush tax cuts would increase the national debt by \$700 billion, while providing a disproportionately small stimulus to the US economy, it would appear that the Republicans' vote was irrational. In fact, the Republican Senators' vote can be viewed as a rational decision, with foreseeable political consequences, when viewed in the context of two additional

facts:

■ Fact 1: The next presidential campaign will likely cost each serious presidential candidate on the order of \$500 million.

■ Fact 2: The US Supreme Court has ruled that individuals and corporations can now anonymously donate as much money as they want to political causes.

With this additional information, it is reasonable to conclude that the Republican leaders have decided to limit their "constituents" to those whose income is in the nation's top 1 percent. For, in doing so, they apparently believe they will be able to fund their future political campaigns by asking this elite income group to "donate" a mere 0.07 percent (\$500 million out of \$700 billion) of their Bush tax cuts to the Republican coffers.

If my hypothesis is correct, we can expect the Republican Party to block any attempt to introduce real federal tax reform or to reduce the national deficits if it adversely impacts the income of the nation's wealthiest 1 percent.

HAYWARD ZWERLING, M.D.
10 Coventry Lane

Non-partisan group should redraw districts

Editor, Townsman:

Your editorial ("Good Time to Slay Gerry Monster") is right on target. It is time for Massachusetts to join the other states that have established nonpartisan, non-political commissions to handle the task of redrawing districts for Congress and for the state Senate and House. These districts should be compact, contiguous, and share a community of interest. They should not be

based on the protection of existing officeholders or the advantage of one political party.

For example, Andover should have a single representative in the House. As you note, the 18th Essex district is a bizarre shape, neither compact, nor contiguous, nor sharing common interests. My representative must represent not only three precincts of Andover, but also portions of North Andover, Boxford, Georgetown, Haverhill, and Methuen. This does not serve the interests of any of those communities, much less the cause of democracy.

Ironically, if the Democrat-controlled redistricting panel does the right thing and creates a single Andover House district, it will be accused of seeking partisan advantage by forcing two newly-elected Republican representatives to run against each other. But in politics, sometimes the right thing is done for the wrong reason.

If the governor and legislative leaders do not establish a nonpartisan, non-political commission to objectively redraw districts, then there should be a referendum by petition to assure that such a commission is established by the time this task occurs again, in ten years.

RICHARD HOWE
3 Robandy Road

True meaning of Christmas

Editor, Townsman:

This letter is from the students in the Grade 9 Confirmation Class at St. Patrick's Parish in Lawrence.

As a class we feel Christmas should be about Jesus, but around us we see very few

reminders of that. There are people fighting over the "right" gift, children have become materialistic; Santa has become the new focus instead of Jesus.

Christmas should be about giving, love and God. We should show the real meaning of being Christian, by singing carols, praying and giving to the poor. The true meaning of Christmas is loving and caring for each other. We are tired of seeing everyone making a list to Santa and asking for iPods, Play Stations and laptops. Why doesn't anyone ask for happiness, peace and spending time together, instead of frantically shopping?

Many Christmas songs are about Santa and receiving gifts. The whole point of the holiday is to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Jesus should be the center of this holiday. Going to church on Christmas Day should be important as a family. Some of us were altar servers and serving Mass was one of our favorite things to do because it would make us feel happy inside. We respect and were honored to serve God on Jesus' birthday; one of the most important days of the church year. Hopefully, one day, the true meaning of Christmas will come back to those who have forgotten it.

As Charles Schultz in 1965 fought to have Linus quote scripture in the famous Christmas Special, Charlie Brown Christmas, we also need to be the voice that speaks out: "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord (Luke 2:11) - and Charlie Brown that is the true meaning of Christmas.

JULIE CAPOZZI
Confirmation Catechist
Lawrence

THURSDAY FILE

"I still cringe when I hear 'American Woman,' because I never quite nailed the notes. I was trying to be Robert Plant and I never quite had the power."
- Burton Cummings

"I've always done everything by intuition and gut feeling, and almost never used accountants to decide if I should start a new business. It's like a painting. You're trying to get every detail right on that painting. You want to create something you're proud of and that will make a real difference to people. If you get that painting right, then somebody may buy it, and if you create this excellent business, somebody may use it, and hopefully you'll be able to pay the bills at the end of the day."
- Richard Branson

"To take an interest in the affairs of others is entirely natural; so natural, in fact, that even a cat, lying catnapping on top of a wall, will watch with half an eye the people walking by below. But between such curiosity, which is permissible, and nosiness, which is not, there lies a dividing line that some people simply miss even if it is a line that is painted red and marked by the very clearest of warning signs."
- Alexander McCall Smith

"Criticism may not be agreeable, but it is necessary. It fulfills the same

function as pain in the human body. It calls attention to an unhealthy state of things."
- Winston Churchill

"Let's transplant the primitive soul to ultramodern New York, inject his soul with the noise of the subway, of the 'el,' and may his brain become a long street of buildings 224 stories high. ... Down with Rome, down with Venice and all that has been."
- Joan Miró

"Above all, trust your own senses. You know more than you think you do. Hear the noise a piece of good chocolate makes when it snaps; see the gleam on a fish that is truly fresh; taste the sweetness in a cinnamon stick; inhale the perfume of real Basmati rice. Wake up and smell the coffee."
- Bee Wilson

"If you design everything around one person or one family or a couple of people, it's not going to work forever."
- Seif al-Islam Gadhafi

It is very interesting to explore the neuro-chemical bases of romantic attachment, but we shouldn't think that this perspective on its own provides a full understanding of what love is.

- Nick Bostrom, Professor, Oxford University

"In times of recession and shrinking money, the arts is one of the great consoling factors because you can turn to books and paintings and literature for insights into the human condition which greed and money can't buy."
- Joan Bakewell

"I really opened myself up. I peeled back the skin of the fruit, cut the pulp and then took that very hard seed, and inside that seed was a kind of liquid cream substance of the man I am."
- Jean-Claude Van Damme

"There is total confusion. These people ... really have no business model. They basically thrive when oil prices go up, and now they are crying uncle when prices go down."
- Fadel Gheit, managing director of oil and gas research at New York's Oppenheimer and Co.

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds, adored by little statesmen and philosophers and divines. With consistency a great soul has simply nothing to do. He may as well concern himself with his shadow on the wall. Speak what you think now in hard words, and to-morrow speak what to-morrow thoughts in hard words again, though it contradict every thing you said to-day. - 'Ah, so you shall be sure

to be misunderstood.' - Is it so bad, then, to be misunderstood? Pythagoras was misunderstood, and Socrates, and Jesus, and Luther, and Copernicus, and Galileo, and Newton, and every pure and wise spirit that ever took flesh. To be great is to be misunderstood.

- Ralph Waldo Emerson, 1803 - 1882, Self-Reliance

Wisdom begins the day you learn to listen to all knowledge!
- Monk Frost

Light gives of itself freely, filling all available space. It does not seek anything in return; it asks not whether you are friend or foe. It gives of itself and is not thereby diminished.
- Michael Strassfeld

If of all words of tongue and pen, The saddest are, "It might have been." More sad are these we daily see: "It is, but hadn't ought to be."
- Francis Brett Hart

The Lords of Chaos are the enemies of Logic, the jugglers of Truth, the molders of Beauty.
- Michael Moorcock, The Knight of the Swords

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TOWN TALK

Favorite things – What are yours?



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Luke Ingles, 18-months-old of Andover, enjoyed playing with a colorful globe during the recent Holiday Happenings. The Townsman wants to know your favorite holiday traditions, decorations or memories. Send your answers by e-mail to townsman@andovertownsmen.com. Photos may be sent as jpg attachments to an e-mail. Answers can also be dropped off at 33 Chestnut St., Andover.

PETA blasts town management

As deer hunting by bow and arrow began in the town during the past month and a half, a rushing tide of e-mails hit the in-boxes of town officials, Town Manager Buzz Stapezynski said.

"I personally got 200 e-mails," Stapezynski said.

Believing that members of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals posted e-mail addresses for himself and other officials on certain web forums, Stapezynski said many of the e-mails criticized the town for contributing to "the whole issue of killing animals."

"That was their bigger argument," Stapezynski said. "Don't kill animals."

The torrent of e-mails has stopped, Stapezynski said.

- Dustin Luca

Vote Gore/Lieberman in 2000!

Was a recent notice sent out to residents to remove political signs unconstitutional?

The argument has been made by Tom Urbilis, Andover's town counsel, that the town ordering residents to remove political signs under a particular size is an affront to the First Amendment.

Under present zoning bylaws, no rules govern smaller signs, including the cardboard signs so popular during election campaign cycles. This gives those signs an unlimited life span. The Planning Board has been informed that Urbilis may create a warrant article to change town bylaws and establish a date by which such signs need to be removed. That

issue could come before Town Meeting in April.

- Dustin Luca

On eve of Jesus' birth, group collects for babes

A group of Christian men will kick off Christmas Eve day with a meal and a plan to help babies in need.

The Merrimack Valley Christian Men's Christmas Eve Breakfast is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 24 beginning promptly at 7 a.m., at Salvatore's, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence. Last year, more than 200 men gathered to celebrate, enjoy a buffet breakfast and prop off items that could be used by families with babies. The cost is \$17 per person, and

organizers need a final count by Wednesday, Dec. 22. Those interested in attending are asked to email hackett.jim@comcast.net, or call Jim Hackett at 978-474-4068 to reserve a spot.

The group helps Neighbors in Need, which spends thousands of dollars each year on baby products, by bringing baby formula (especially Enfamil with iron), diapers (all sizes), baby food in jars, boxes of cereal and clothes.

"The clothes may be used as long as they are clean and in good shape," reports Brad W. Heim, a St. Augustine Church parishioner. "There will be a van in front of the restaurant to collect our donations. We filled it last year! Let's do it again."

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Townspeople

COMMUNITY SPIRIT JINGLES



Brenda Nason-Afshin said she always has wanted to decorate a tree for Methuen's "Festival of Trees." She was asked to create one to represent the Lawrence Everett Mills, where she has her studio, in the historic "Stone Mill" and it won the First Place Conifer Award for "Most Traditional" tree.



Andover High School student volunteer Sarah Papa helps Grace Karl with a temporary tattoo during the Professional Center for Child Development's holiday party. Grace's mother Paula Karl, LICSW is a social worker in Early Intervention at the PCCD.

Andover residents are finding a variety of ways to enjoy "the most wonderful time of the year."

Residents have watched many young Andover dancers enhance local productions of the Nutcracker, and still have the chance to see Dance Prism's Nutcracker at the Collins Center on Shawsheen Road this Saturday, Dec. 18, at 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 19 at 2:30 p.m.

Andoverites have also been decking the halls, perhaps none so successfully as Brenda Nason-Afshin who won a first place "Most Traditional" ribbon at Methuen's Festival of Trees. Her challenge was to create a beautiful tree, in seven days, to be raffled off among 240 others, at the 17th annual event, which provides money for historic preservation projects throughout the Merrimack Valley. Afshin, a community artist, is most recently known for her "Kindred Spirits" project where, based on a "kindness is contagious" concept, she arranges her own, multi-cultural, plush dolls to act out positive messages, on bulletin boards, in community spaces. One of her boards has been displayed at South Elementary School for years.

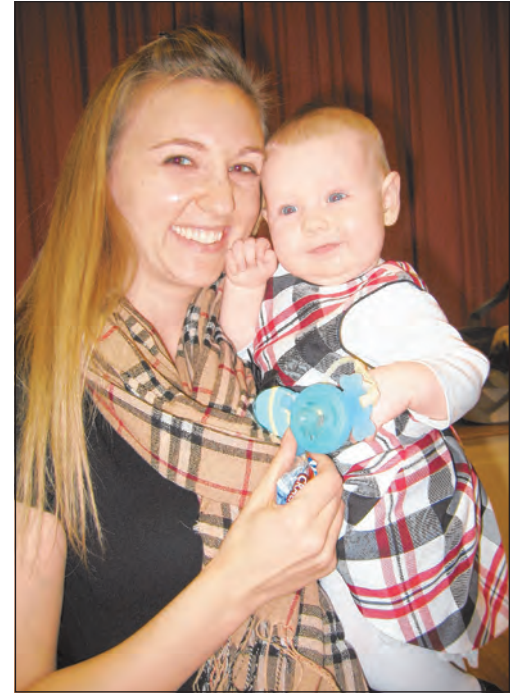
Afshin is also known as the assistant tap

dance teacher of the "Sunset Tappers" at the Andover Senior Center, a decorator for the newly resurrected "Crystal Ballroom dancing night, and an events decorator for Andover Youth Services, who helps a team of "elves" create a large variety of wreaths and kissing balls for the tree lot at Andover Skate Park during the holiday season.

Of course, it wouldn't be the holiday season without parties - and parties for people of all ages. The Professional Center for Child Development held its holiday affair at West Parish Church recently attracting 150 children, family members, and staff from the Osgood Street Center. They listened and sang along with Andover's Brian Corcoran to holiday and children's favorites. The group enjoyed a craft project, snacks, a coloring station, dancing, temporary tattoos and a visit from a much loved jolly fellow.

However, not all events have been able to get off the ground, yet.

Due to last Sunday's nearly day-long downpour, the annual tree lighting on the BallardVale Green has been rescheduled to Sunday, Dec. 19 at 5 p.m. Andover residents are invited to join neighbors for hot chocolate, treats and Christmas carols sung by candlelight.



Tara Wilson and her daughter Kaylin Wilson Ardizzone of Andover were all smiles at the annual PCCD holiday party.



Dancers in the New England Civic Ballet, left, Elaina Ventre, 9, of Andover, Amber Carito, 13, of Methuen, and Erica Nork, 12, of Andover, prepare in the hallway backstage at The Rogers Center for the Arts in North Andover, before their last performance of this year's The Nutcracker.

What's in a name? A lot. Rename Bartlet.

Bill Dalton



Most New England towns have a Civil War Memorial. It's usually a statue of a Union soldier standing on watch. The statue's pedestal carries the names of those in town who served, with a notation for those who gave their lives. Andover's memorial is the Memorial Hall in the Memorial Hall Library that lists those who served with a brief summary of their service, including if and how they died.

At one time we also remembered the Civil War by naming Bartlett Street after one of the most heroic people I've ever read about: Civil War General William F. Bartlett, who was born in Haverhill, graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover and entered Harvard before joining the Union cause. In a previous column, which you can read online (andovertownsmen.com), I described his extraordinary war exploits. He joined as a private and was a

major general at 24. Almost as unusual is that, while recovering from the loss his leg in combat, he returned to Harvard for over two years and received his degree, before returning to service. He was involved in events that can hardly be imagined.

There is a statue honoring General Bartlett at the State House. The Grand Army of the Republic Post 99 in Andover was called the "General Francis F. Bartlett Post," not only because of his well-known exploits but because so many Andover men served with and under him.

Andover forgot it named a street after him and, in the process, began misspelling Bartlett. Probably due to the coincidence of names, Bessie Goldsmith said in her book, "A Townswoman's Andover" (1964) that the street was named after William F. Bartlett of Newburyport, an otherwise obscure historical figure who had given money to the Andover Theological Seminary in the years 1808 to 1820. She offers no evidence, except for references to the spelling of "Bartlet" Street, which she gets partially wrong.

(As an aside, the spelling of

Bessie's "Bartlet" is not certain. There is strong evidence, including a cover magazine story edited by Nathaniel Hawthorne and his sister while William F. Bartlett was alive, that indicates that "Bartlet" was spelled "Bartlett." Former Selectman Gail Ralston, who works at PA, noted that campus maps have the two buildings named for Bessie's Bartlett spelled both ways. Perhaps he either didn't care about how his name was spelled or dropped one of the "Ts" later in life.)

In last week's Townsman there was a letter to the editor written by Steve Hirshberg, who lives on Blueberry Circle. He grew up in Haverhill and in elementary school the curriculum highlighted General William F. Bartlett as "one of three iconic, historic figures associated with that city" along with Hannah Dustin and John Greenleaf Whittier. Mr. Hirshberg, who has lived in Andover for 31 years, says, "Bartlett was the Civil War 'Superman' for all Haverhill sixth graders." He thinks General Bartlett should be recognized in Andover for his "immense courage." I agree.

The incorrect assumption that Andover named a street

for another person might have lived forever if not for the accident of my finding a hand-drawn map of the town center done by my father in 1917, which spelled the street "Bartlett." When the issue of the spelling was raised in my column, I received a suggestion from Dave Dargie that maybe we had the wrong Bartlett. After many hours of research, there is no doubt in my mind that he is right. A visit to the Andover Historical Society indicated that as late as 1916 the town remembered General Bartlett by including an Andover relative in a ceremony mentioning the general. The Andover Bartletts spell their name with two "Ts" at the end. Perhaps this ceremony was the reason my dad knew how to spell Bartlett Street.

How could we have forgotten a hero so remarkable? How do we correct this? We can start by spelling his name correctly on the street sign.

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



Above, Trainor with a halibut caught with longline gear in Penobscot Bay, Maine.

Local graduate, fisherman fighting mining firm's plan

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

An Andover High School graduate who is now a commercial fisherman out of Seattle, Wash., is working to increase awareness about a proposed mine he believes will have a negative effect on the crystal clear Bristol Bay area in Alaska.

Ross Trainor, a 2002 AHS graduate who was very active in Andover Youth Services, catches salmon — cod in the winter — from his own boat. He said a proposed gold and copper mine

in his fishing area has been proposed by Pebble Mining. Trainor fishes salmon in Bristol Bay, Alaska, and the mine would be built around there.

Trainor is organizing an expedition through Alaska to raise awareness about his cause.

"Fishing will be so effected," he said. "The mine says we (fishermen) won't be effected, but we would."

Proponents also say the project will create jobs, increase tax revenue to the state of Alaska, and reduce U.S. dependence on

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELLIGET

100 Years Ago - Dec. 16, 1910

The meeting of the November Club held last Monday afternoon was given up to a very interesting address by Mrs. Glendower Evans, on "The Socialist Movement in the United States." Mrs. Evans is a very agreeable and fluent speaker and was listened to with great interest. Following the address, tea was served.

Many Andover people during the past few years have taken advantage of the fine courses of lectures which have been given from time to time by the trustees of the White Fund in Lawrence. The fact that another series will be given this winter will, therefore, be welcome. The lectures will be given in the city hall, free of charge, and will

commence at quarter before eight.

Among the Andover people in attendance at the opening of the American Woolen Company's new building in New York were President William M. Wood, Walter M. Lamont, George Simpson and David R. Lawson.

75 Years Ago - Dec. 13, 1935

The Special Town Meeting last Tuesday was poorly attended, and was in a giving mood. Everything in the warrant was approved, including \$35,000 more for the PWA school project.

Ballardvale's 900 residents are divided on their desires about mail delivery, it was learned this week. A large number want free delivery service the same as the rest of Andover receives, while another group is reluctant to give up the village post office. If Ballardvale becomes part of the Andover

postal district, the price of first class postage from Ballardvale to elsewhere in the town would go down to two cents from its present three-cent rate.

Sergei Rachmaninoff, famous Russian composer-pianist, who will be heard here on Tuesday evening, at George Washington Hall, Phillips Academy, is regarded as one of the foremost musicians that Russia has yet produced.

The traffic beacon in Shawsheen Village was demolished early Saturday morning by a car that was reported stolen fifteen minutes after the accident. The driver, however, was eventually charged by police with drunkenness, driving under the influence, and leaving the scene of an accident without making known his identity.

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■ **ENGAGEMENT**



Emily Riemer and Kyle Sisk

Rob and Dee Riemer of Andover are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Emily Riemer, to Kyle Sisk of Beavercreek, Ohio.

Emily graduated from Andover High School. She received a bachelor's degree in journalism from Ithaca College and a masters of arts in international communications from Leeds University in England. She is currently a

reporter for ABC 6/FOX 28 in Columbus, Ohio.

Kyle is the son of Jim and Ellen Sisk. He received a bachelor of science in business administration from Miami University and runs his own fundraising and consulting business, Capital Cornered.

The couple live in Bexley, Ohio, and are planning a spring 2011 wedding.

■ **TOWNSPEOPLE**

Andover residents ran against cancer

Kenneth Aulbach and Deborah Sloan of Andover ran in the 10th annual B.A.A. Half Marathon this fall, presented by Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and the Jimmy Fund, as members of the official Dana-Farber team.

Each Dana-Farber team member committed to raise at least \$500 for cancer care and research at world-renowned Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The 2010 team fundraising goal is \$450,000.

"The B.A.A. Half Marathon enables Dana-Farber runners to challenge themselves while making a positive difference in the lives of adult and pediatric cancer patients worldwide," says 1976 Boston Marathon winner Jack Fultz, training advisor to Dana-Farber's Marathon and Running Programs.

The 13.1-mile rolling course is an out-and-back loop that runs along the Emerald Necklace park system.

76 Andoverites helped PMC

The Pan-Massachusetts Challenge presented a check for \$33 million to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute this November. The 2010 fundraising total was \$2.6 million, or 8.6 percent more than the organization gave in 2009.

Seventy-six Andover residents raised \$363,056.08 of that total for cancer research and treatment at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute by riding up to 190 miles in the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge. Their effort helped the PMC bring the organization's 31-year



Kane Goodman, 8, of Andover, helped "Kick Cancer" at the New England Patriots/Indianapolis Colts game on Nov. 21. Goodman was one of 20 pediatric cancer patients being treated at Dana-Farber/Children's Hospital Cancer Care who kicked a football down the field at halftime. The ceremony was part of an effort increase cancer awareness among Patriots fans.

total Jimmy Fund contribution to \$303 million.

Martha Russell of Andover was present for the PMC's check presentation celebration at Fenway Park (see photo).

The PMC is a pioneer of the

athletic fundraising industry and today raises more money for charity than any other in the country. Those involved with the race made the largest single contribution to the Jimmy Fund in 2010.

The 32nd annual PMC is set for Aug. 6 and 7, 2011. Registration opens online on Jan. 11 for alumni and Jan. 18 for newcomers. For more information about the PMC, visit pmc.org.

Harvard Club of Andover elects new board members

At its recent board meeting, the Harvard Club of Andover elected Lawrence B. Morse, Harvard 1969 and attorney as chairman, Richard Soo Hoo, Harvard 1972 and CPA as president, Janet Benvenuti, Harvard Business School 1985 and founder of Circle of Life Partners LLC and Stephanie Moore, Harvard Business School 1984 and owner of Lasting Impressions Custom Design and Build Inc. as new board directors.

The Harvard Club of Andover welcomes new members who are graduates of all Harvard University schools, faculty members or administrative staff. The HCA sponsors a variety of social as well as educational events year round, including wine tastings, hikes, barbecue pool parties, networking sessions, annual dinners and lectures by Harvard faculty and staff. We also are involved with scholarships and philanthropic projects. Annually we grant The Harvard Book Award at local high school graduations.

Most of its events are open to the public and residents are invited.

For more information about the Harvard Club of Andover, visit clubs.harvard.edu/university/andover/ or contact Richard Soo Hoo, president, at 978-470-2293 or richsoohoo@aol.com.

FIGHT: Local grad takes on mining firm's plan in Seattle

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foreign nations.

Reports on the issue describe the proposed Alaska Pebble Mine project as a large and controversial copper, gold, and molybdenum open pit mine. It would be built within one of Alaska's watersheds draining into Bristol Bay in Southwest Alaska. This is an area that includes the headwaters of some important salmon-spawning streams that

feed three rivers. Bristol Bay is home to Alaska's largest sustainable commercial sockeye salmon fishery, according to reports. Trout also like these waters, Trainor said.

"It's a good climate for the fish and putting a mine there would ruin that," Trainor said.

Plans for Trainor's expeditions are just getting off the ground. Go to seatosummit.wordpress.com/ or email rosstrainor@yahoo.com for more information.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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50 Years Ago - Dec. 15, 1960

A special program of Christmas music has been scheduled through Dec. 22 in front of the Christmas tree at the town hall. The Board of Trade arranged the programs of appropriate music. Tonight, at 7:30, the Andover Male Choir will sing; J. Everett Collins is director.

Weary highway crews were still fighting snow Wednesday - this time in an effort to get the main

streets unplugged. In the wake of the worst December blizzard since 1909, every available truck was pressed into service Wednesday morning to haul snow away from the main shopping area. (The blizzard was Monday, Dec. 12.)

Three skating rinks have been prepared for public use, at the Central Playground, Ballardvale and on Cuba street.

The Selectmen delayed breaking a long-established precedent Tuesday night, but apparently only for two weeks. Before the

board was an application for one electric utility pole on Stirling street—the heart of the underground service area. Although all residents of the street had been notified, Town Clerk Irving Piper said he had received no objections to the pole, which could be put up some 150 feet in on Stirling street from Haverhill. The desire of a resident for expanded service was cited as the reason for the request, and the Electric Company states that the underground system won't provide it.

■ **SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES**

BY KAREN PAYNE TAYLOR
SENIOR CENTER STAFF

All members of the Andover community are welcome for classes at the Andover Senior Center as space allows. Call the center at 978-623-8321 or drop by for a tour at 30 Whittier St., Andover, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration appreciated for all classes and events as space is limited.

Chronic Pain...Ouch! Thursday, Dec. 16, 1:30 p.m.; cost \$3. Meditation and relaxation techniques taught to immediately start to improve your life. On-going Pain Management support group meets on the third Monday of each month, at

1:30 p.m. Pre-register required.

Say 'Goodnight' to Insomnia: Tuesday, Dec. 21, 9:30 a.m.; cost \$3. Sleep better and feel better after this two-hour, experiential technique-based workshop. Pre-register.

New Year's Eve Afternoon Celebration: Thursday, Dec. 30, 1:30 p.m.; cost \$5. Food, fun and entertainment with famed accordion player Sebastian Faro playing music from around the world.

Soup's On! "See the USA in your Chevrolet," Tuesday, Jan. 4, noon; \$4. Take the front seat as Andover's Retelles let you join them on a cross-country camping trip celebrating both their 80th birthdays. Photos and stories.

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The Samaritans of Merrimack Valley has answered a crisis line for the last 30 years, hoping to prevent suicide by offering a listening ear to those who are depressed and desperate. It is part of a state wide network, but our location is right here in the Merrimack Valley.

Some callers share a first name, but when I say "Hi, my name is Ed," this woman declines. Sometimes she just moans or sighs. Then the line hums for a while as I wait. My job is not to be chatty or cheery, but to give her the opportunity to say what is on her mind. In the Samaritan network, it is called "befriending." We are not there to be experts, to diagnose and refer. We are there simply to listen, to give someone a few moments of solid human contact.

Finally, she volunteers a word. It could be about the weather or something on TV. It's a beginning. I ask open ended questions. I remember from previous conversations that she has health issues. Is she getting help?

She is intelligent and enjoys reading. I listen for what is stimulating to her. But mostly I listen for how she is thinking about the immediate future, because for each call, I have to make an "assessment." What is the risk for suicide? Sometime I have to ask a caller directly: "Are you preparing to commit suicide?" Is there a plan? Are the means

NON-PROFIT PROSE

Andover residents are leaders in a host of nonprofit and service organizations that benefit people throughout the Merrimack Valley.

The Andover Townsman has started a new opportunity. Periodically, it will offer some space to these groups to tell residents about themselves, in part by sharing success stories. Great Women to Know, a mentoring group, has contributed already, and during December, Family Service Inc. is sharing stories that should fit with the hopeful spirit of the holiday season.

at hand? If yes, have you already taken the first step?

For this regular caller, it is enough to know that she is going out in the afternoon to the library or grocery store. She is seeing a future. Most calls that come to Samaritans are not about talking someone off a ledge. They are more about preventing someone from getting out on the ledge.

After a while, another call comes in and she hears the ring. We say goodbye and I switch lines. "Samaritans. Can I help you?" But after my shift ends, my mind often comes back to her. She will call again when the next shift begins. And maybe the next day. She just needs someone to share a presence and affirm her humanity.

I would wish more for her. I could wish to say some word of advice that would widen her friendships and give her joy, but that is not my role. It is enough that when she calls and needs to talk, someone picks up.

Samaritans is a program of Family Service. We give hope.

The Rev. Ed Deyton is a Family Service board member and Samaritan volunteer.



TIM JEAN/Staff Photo

The town may use a policy on how many parking spaces each business needs to help shape what types of businesses are on the ground floor of downtown buildings.

Think fresh: New parking rules?

Effort aims to soften requirements for businesses moving into downtown

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A sub shop wanting to move into the downtown would need to have 10 parking spaces for its patrons — even though there may be no new parking spaces available.

A few months from now, that requirement may be significantly different.

A possible warrant article for April's Town Meeting may work to soften parking requirements for businesses, offices and restaurants that move into Andover's "general business district" downtown, according to Lisa Schwarz, Andover's senior planner.

"When a new business comes into a new space, it is really difficult for them to generate parking that doesn't exist," Schwarz said. "They are moving into existing space, and there is no land around to create the spaces."

The proposed changes to the town's

laws, which would require a Town Meeting vote to get approval, will seek to lower requirements for particular types of operations based on where they seek to establish themselves in the downtown area. The policy could be used to encourage the types of businesses residents favor.

For example, possible plans could give retail businesses the added perk of needing less parking if they set up shop on the first floor of a multi-story building, while office space will see a decreased requirement for being on the top floors.

The end goal is to encourage certain uses while discouraging others, according to Schwarz.

With the proposed changes, over time, shopping could become easier for people who park their car downtown for a short amount of time, as all the shopping outlets will be on the lower levels of the business district's buildings.

"Just having people walking is nice," Schwarz said, who added that most people who park downtown do so for anywhere from 15 minutes to three hours. "They are parking there, running around, and they come back. They aren't parking there for eight hours."

Overall, Schwarz believes the downtown area could become more appealing to business operations trying to move in if requirements to do so are more relaxed in certain cases.

Today, prospective businesses are required to seek a special permit to be an exception to parking bylaws.

"We are trying to look at ways of removing that extra step," Schwarz said. "We don't want them to go somewhere else because they can't create parking that doesn't exist."

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

Samel Insurance, Rotary help Guilmette students

The Rotary Club of Lawrence, and its Andover members, are leading a drive to buy classroom libraries for each of the 24 classrooms of displaced first through fourth graders of the Guilmette School in Lawrence. The Guilmette School is the Rotary Club of Lawrence's year round Adopted School, where the Rotary runs Read Aloud, Science Club, and Career Day programs.

Extensive mold was found in the Guilmette School early in the school year this year, forcing the shutdown of the entire school and displacement of 1,154 first-through eighth-grade students to various locations throughout the city. The remediation of the school and subsequent renovation is expected to take at least another few months.

Due to the toxic nature of the mold, almost none of the classroom or school supplies, including computers, books, paper, crayons, balls, etc., were able to be removed from the school. This has left every teacher scrambling for supplies and left the children without the needed resources to learn efficiently or as effectively.

Jon Samel, owner of Samel Insurance in Andover and active member of the Lawrence Rotary Club, who is spearheading the drive said, "The classroom libraries are essential to forming the backbone of a child's learning experience at school. They are desperately missing these critical tools for proper education, particularly for the first-through fourth-graders."

"Each of these libraries contains a set of 100 books that are grade appropriate and covers the range of learning for beginners to advanced students," he continued.

To date, the Rotary Club of Lawrence has donated six libraries. Private donors, such as Samel and fellow Rotarians have contributed their own funds to purchase additional libraries, with the goal to equip each class with a library before the end of December, according to a release.

Each library costs \$350 for 100 books. Anyone interested in learning more or donating all or part of the cost of a library is encouraged to contact Jon Samel at his email address, jon@samel-ins.com or call 978-474-0810.

Spirit of giving includes Coats for Kids

To help every child have a warm coat this winter, students at the Andover Montessori, West Middle School and South School in Andover are doing their part by participating in Anton's Cleaners 16th annual Coats for Kids drive, which runs through Jan. 8, 2011.

The students have organized a coat drive to collect adult and children's coats, which will be donated to the Coats for Kids program. More than 200 schools are participating in the drive throughout eastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. Last year, nearly two-thirds of nearly 55,000 coats that were donated came in through the school program.

"The dedication of our Andover students has always been one of the keys to the success of Coats for Kids," says Charles A. Anton, president of Anton's Cleaners. "Their commitment stems from the knowing that some of their own neighbors may well be in need of a warm coat, and they work very hard to make sure no one has to be cold this winter."

All of the elementary and middle schools that have registered for the drive are eligible to compete in the School Rewards Program, which awards prizes to the three elementary and three

middle schools that collect the most coats based per student.

Since its inception in 1995, Coats for Kids distributed over 600,000 coats.

Once collected and cleaned, coats will be distributed through the Coats for Kids Distribution Partners network, which includes organizations such as Massachusetts Community Action Programs, The Salvation Army, Middlesex Human Service Agency, Boston University Medical Center Outreach Van Project, The Wish Project, Community Giving Tree, Mental Health Association of Greater Lowell, Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services of New England, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and Rosie's Place, to name just a few.

Schools wishing to participate in Coats for Kids can register at antons.com/cfk/register.html, or by calling Danielle Kempe at 617-328-0069 Ext. 26 or email at cfk@grahamcomm.com.

Holiday shopping in full gear

Bank of New England on Haverhill Street recently sponsored an "Evening of Holiday Shopping" at Lyn Evans Potpourri Designs on Main Street. Several local women attended and were treated to a mini-

fashion show.

Casa Blanca Restaurant, also on Main Street, handled appetizers while make up applications were by Renee Jaques, manager of Beauty & Main, located on Post Office Avenue. The fashions were modeled by Bank of New England employees Kristin McSheehy, Tanya Farrar, Jessica Finocchiaro and Krystil McDonald.

— Judy Wakefield

Dewhirst maintains CPC designation

The National Funeral Directors Association has renewed the nationally recognized Certified Preplanning Consultant designation to Richard "Rick" Dewhirst, president of Charles F. Dewhirst Family Funeral Homes of Andover, Methuen, Lawrence and Salem, N.H.

The CPC certification program is considered the standard of excellence in funeral service for individuals who help families plan funerals in advance. To become a Certified Preplanning Consultant, candidates must meet specific program requirements and pass an examination based on a standards manual. CPCs must demonstrate their ongoing professional commitment by fulfilling specific requirements as they renew their certification every four years.

Dewhirst is a licensed funeral director in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Involved in funeral care for over 35 years, he is past president of the Massachusetts Funeral Directors Associations and a past delegate to the National Funeral Directors Association. He currently serves as chairman of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce board, is a past president of the Holy Family Hospital Men's Guild, as well as serving on several charitable and non-profit boards of directors. He is the author of the book, "The Death Care Journey, before, during and after a loss."

LGH earns 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.

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Arts & Entertainment

Welcome, winter!

Do you wonder what causes the winter solstice, and what does it mean? Come to Harold Parker State Forest next Tuesday and learn about this day, which was among the most important days of the year to ancient peoples, according to organizers.

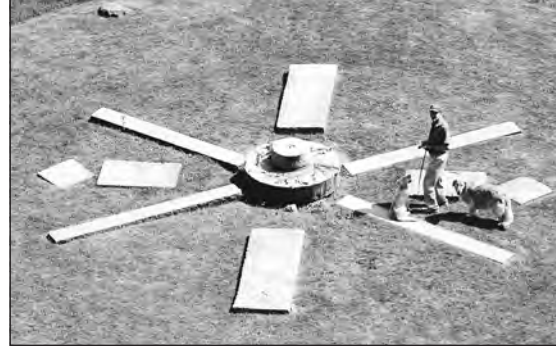
The Harold Parker State Forest Winter Solstice Celebration will be on Tuesday, Dec. 21 from 3 to 5 p.m., complete with hot chocolate. There will be a short hike prior to the solstice sunset ritual.

The solstice will be at sunset at exactly

4:14 p.m. People are encouraged to dress warm, wear hiking footwear and bring water.

Here's where to park: Take Route 114 from either the North or South and follow the signs to Harold Parker State Forest. Turn right at the stop sign. The pavilion is on the left.

For more information call 617-828-1728 or visit mass.gov/dcr. The program is free and is co-sponsored by the Friends of Harold Parker and the state Department of Conservation and Recreation.



File photo
Solstice stones built atop Holt Hill in Andover have long attracted people at certain times of year. There will be an event in Harold Parker next Tuesday.

Young actor knows this Dickens classic

Boy has role in NSMT's A Christmas Carol

Joseph Hall, a second grade student at Bancroft Elementary School, is in A Christmas Carol at the North Shore Music Theater through Dec. 23. He plays the role of Ignorance, half of the allegorical twins, Ignorance and Want.

The Ghost of Christmas Present shows the twins to Scrooge with the warning: "This boy is Ignorance. This girl is Want. Beware them both, and all of their degree, but most of all beware this boy, for on his brow I see that written which is Doom, unless the writing be erased."

Joseph is also the understudy for the part of Tiny Tim, and he is in the ensemble. He performs in every show, which includes school shows Tuesday through Friday, as well weekend performances, according to his mother, Mary Hall.

Andover students from several schools have travelled to North Shore Music Theater for the show.

Joseph has been in Oliver and Broadway and All That Jazz in Newburyport, Broadway Kids in Andover, and school variety



Joe Hall will portray Ignorance.

shows. He plays piano, many sports, and is a junior black belt in taekwondo.

Joseph is not the only member of his family involved in theater.

His sisters, Katherine, a sixth-grader at Doherty Middle, and Caroline, a fourth-grader at Bancroft Elementary, are sharing the role of Heidi in Heidi the Musical in Newburyport through Dec. 19. Nathan Ladd, a sixth grade student at the Andover School of Montessori plays Peter opposite Katherine.



Members of West Parish Church are ready for their annual outdoor retelling of the biblical Christmas story this Saturday.

Musicians galore make for Not Your Typical Silent Night

Have yourself an eclectic little Christmas performance this weekend at the Rogers Center.

More than 100 artists performing in many musical styles will seek to bring the magic of Christmas alive when "Not Your Typical Silent Night" returns on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 12 and under, and lap-sitters are free with a parent. Tickets are on sale at the Rogers Center for the Arts Box Office at 978-837-5355, Monday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., cash or check only, payable to Blue Window Arts Group. To order by U.S. Mail call 978-794-3778.

Among those joining the Choral Majority gospel choir for this contemporary interpretation of the classic Christmas celebration, is internationally acclaimed jazz saxophonist Lance Bryant of Andover and Boston gospel ensemble Confirmation, led by founder/director David Coleman. Coleman was recently profiled on BBC America's "First Person" for his work with the Tufts University gospel choir. Other featured artists include singer/

guitarist Ryan Phelps of Bradford, soprano Shaunielle McDonald of Merrimack, singer/songwriter Gail Dorey of Watertown and rappers Roberto German and Danny Suriel of Lawrence.

Produced by the Blue Window Arts Group, NYTSN has sold out the 600-seat Rogers Center the last three years, according to a release from organizers.

"Since our start in 1996, we've been privileged to collaborate with many renowned local artists to create a diverse repertoire with new arrangements every year," says artistic director Eric Lindahl.

Singer/actress Robin Allison Lindahl, who has starred on most New England theater stages, will direct children's choirs in addition to singing some of the show's highlights.

Always an audience favorite, three children's groups from area churches will perform: a Kids Choir of first- through third-graders, a youth choir of fourth- through seventh-graders and a girls' ensemble of eighth- through 12th-graders.

As in years past, every ticket-buyer will receive a button emblazoned with this year's theme: Spread Love.

Merrimack Rep's Beasley's Christmas Party

Filled with humor, heart and hope, Beasley's Christmas Party, adapted by C.W. Munger from the story by Booth Tarkington, receives its New England premiere at Merrimack Repertory Theatre through Dec. 19. This is the story of a curious journalist and his extremely eccentric

next-door neighbor who is planning a most unusual Christmas party. Tickets are available at MerrimackRep.org or by calling 978-654-4MRT. Special family four packs, two adult/senior tickets and two student tickets, are available for \$100 by calling the Box Office at 978-654-4678.

Christmas as it was — outdoors

West Parish pageant includes animals, people of all ages

Andover parishioners and some live animals are getting ready for an outdoor performance of the biblical Christmas story.

West Parish Church 32nd Annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant will be on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m.

Residents Amy Bush and Stephen Sergeant will play the parts of Mary and Joseph as the historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch once again becomes the entrance to Bethlehem. This annual reenactment of the Christmas story includes a cast of children, youth and adults and a stable of live animals. Through drama, narration and carols the audience shares

in the miracle of Christmas as Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem, the shepherds seek out the manger, and the wise men bring their gifts. The biblical account of Jesus' birth and modern-day stories such as the "Littlest Angel" and the "Little Drummer Boy" are included in the reenactment.

Over its 31 years, many past and present Andover families have been involved with the pageant. Blake Martin will portray Basil, the innkeeper, and Jim Olson is the narrator.

The public is invited to attend the free half-hour performance of gospel narration and choral accompaniment. After people

are welcome to photograph the living nativity scene and to enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall. The Ministry of Outreach will be accepting non-perishable food items at the archway prior to the pageant. These will be donated to local food pantries.

West Parish Church, United Church of Christ, an open and affirming church, is located at 129 Reservation Road, Andover at the intersection of Route 133, Lowell Street and Shawsheen Road, approximately two miles east of Interstate 93. For more information call the church at 978-475-3528 between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. or visit westparishchurch.org.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 16

TREE FESTIVAL, 20 decorated Christmas trees on display, "An Andover Christmas Academy," businesses from the Andover community decorated including Andover Fire Rescue personnel, Memorial Hall Library, Andover Historical Society Volunteer Guild, Wingate at Andover, Girl Scouts Shawsheen Service Unit, Marland Place and Cub Scout Pack 79, Andover Historical Society, Main St., free admission during museum hours, through Dec. 22; 978-475-2236.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17

CARNIVAL SIDESHOW, Tony Gangi, a.k.a. The Amazing Human Head and author of "Carney Sideshow: Weird Wonders of the Midway," 7:30 p.m., Museum Place Mall (located at 1 East India Square, Salem, MA), \$10 advance/\$15 at the door; (978)210-2603.

SATURDAY, DEC. 18

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC, The Treble Chorus of New England Holiday concert, 7 p.m., South Church, 41 Central St., Andover. Come join as they sing "A Touch of Baroque;" treblechorusne.org, Anna Choi 978.794.4600.

THE NORTH POLE EXPRESS, a magical train ride for the entire family, hosted by Saint Michael School PTO, North Andover. Trains leave from the Newburyport MBTA Train Station. Train Times: 11:35 a.m., 1:15, 3:15, 5:30 p.m.. \$20 per person; saintmichael.com, 978-686-1862. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence. Donations of new hats, mittens, scarves and sweaters (for all ages) will gladly be accepted at the train station.

LIVE HOLIDAY SHOW, "God With Us: An Unexpected Christmas Experience," 7 p.m., Brookridge Community Church, 232 Main St., Haverhill. For both adults and children, free, but reservations needed at <http://www.brookridge.org/arts/>.

SUNDAY, DEC. 19

GENEALOGISTS MEETING, the Essex Society of Genealogists, featuring Judith Lucey, Assistant Archivist, NEHGS, on Highlights of the New NEHGS Website: AmericanAncestors.org, 1 p.m., Centre Congregational Church, Summer Street, Lynnfield; esog.org.

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC, The North Shore Christian Men's Choir and the Lighthouse Brass Quintet, 3 p.m., First Baptist Church, Four High Street at Harvey Park, Rockport, Free admission, refreshments will be served.

BALLARDVALE TREE LIGHTING, and Carol Sing, 5 p.m., sponsored by the BallardVale Historic District Commission, all welcome, refreshments provided. Dogs on leashes welcome; 978-475-0125 (Rescheduled from last week).

HOLIDAY SHOW, "God With Us: An Unexpected Christmas Experience," music, storytelling, 7 p.m., free, Brookridge Community Church, 232 Main St., Haverhill; <http://www.brookridge.org/arts/> for free ticket.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22

COMMUNITY HIKE, Harold Parker State Forest, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., free, meet at the headquarters, 305 Middleton Road, North Andover. This is a moderately paced walk appropriate for all ages. Wear walking footwear; bring water and sunscreen; (617) 828-1728, mass.gov/dcr.

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"Connecting children with nature through science and art, this dynamic conservation and design program is designed to teach wetland habitat and waterfowl conservation to students in kindergarten through high school. Using scientific and wildlife observation principles, the program helps students communicate visually what they have

learned by creating an entry for the Junior Duck Stamp Program art contest," according to Mass Wildlife. "This non-traditional pairing of subjects brings new interest to both science and the arts and teaches greater awareness of our natural resources." Artwork submissions must be postmarked by March 15, 2011. For official entry information

visit fws.gov/juniorduck. In Massachusetts the Junior Duck Stamp Program is sponsored by Mass Wildlife, Massachusetts

Wildlife Federation, and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. For questions about the program contact Education

Coordinator Pam Landry at 508-389-6310 or Pam.Landry@state.ma.us.

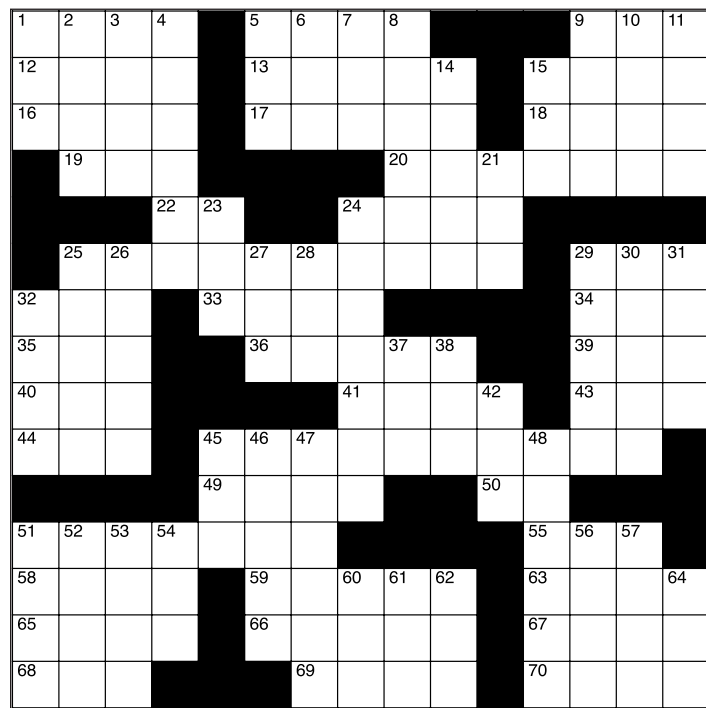
Crossword puzzle

CLUES ACROSS

1. Lowest musical range
5. Examine hastily
9. Burns wood (abbr.)
12. Buttocks
13. Heroic tales
15. New York art district
16. Cut into cubes
17. Wipe out information
18. A graphic symbol
19. Decametre
20. Drooping
22. Manuscript (abbr.)
24. Large cat (archaic)
25. Yellow green
29. Defunct fast airplane
32. The cry made by sheep
33. Hostelries
34. Ingested
35. Frosty
36. E. Asia weight units
39. Long fluffy scarf
40. Melancholy
41. Paper thin tin plate
43. Acorn tree
44. Longest division of geological time
45. A miserly person
49. Myanmar monetary units
50. Atomic #37
51. Loins of lamb
55. Deaf language (abbr.)
58. Length x width
59. Type of battery
63. Gastrocolic momentum
65. Strike worker replacement
66. Unaccompanied
67. Tangerine + grapefruit
68. Used to possess
69. Other side of yin
70. Urochord or tunicate

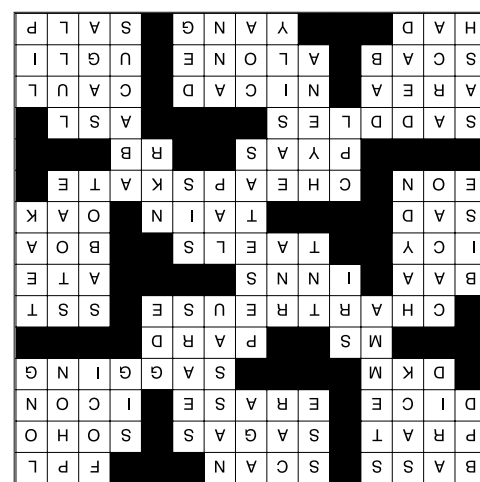
CLUES DOWN

1. Barrels per day (abbr.)
2. Very dry
3. A paper bag
4. Family tree of manuscripts
5. Midway between S and SE
6. Auto
7. Honorable title (Turkish)
8. Bahamian capital
9. Focal points
10. Unit of loudness
11. Yearn
14. Worked with Roebuck
15. Message at end of an e-mail
21. Haitian monetary unit (abbr.)
23. ___ Lanka: old Ceylon
24. Former Spanish monetary units
25. Source of chocolate
26. "The Creation" composer
27. Explosive
28. Genetic information messenger
29. Wooden shoe
30. Covered colonnades

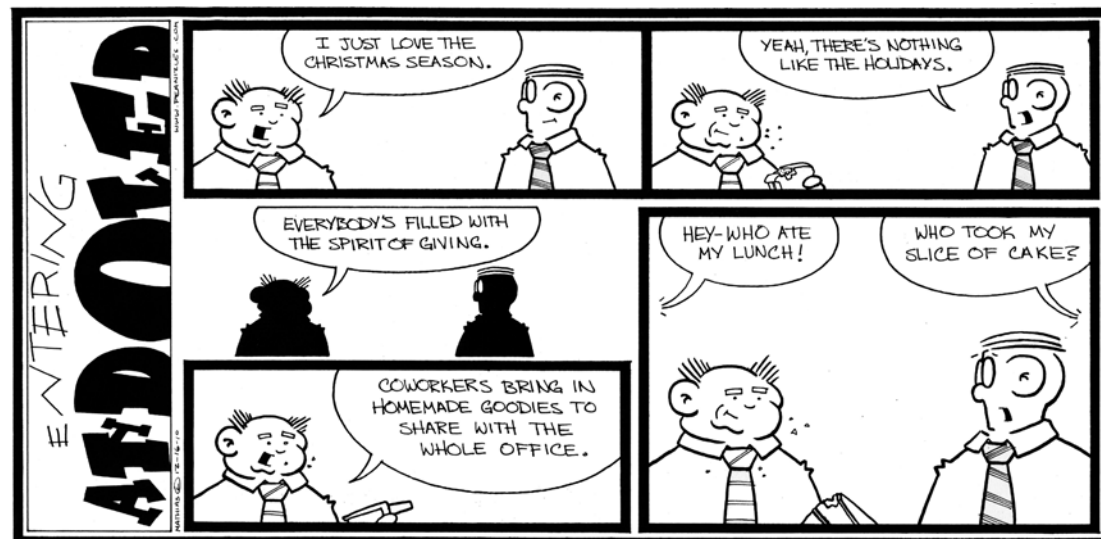


31. Pool area wood
32. A dry cold north wind in SE France
37. Area between the waist and knees when sitting down
38. Female sibling
42. Norwegian currency (abbr.)
45. NCO rank below Sergeant (abbr.)
46. Shenzi in "Lion King"
47. Without difficulty
48. Ancient counting device
51. Frame that holds window panes
52. Blood clam genus
53. No longer having life
54. Light hit of paint
56. Heroic tale
57. Calming pause
60. Common postal form (abbr.)
61. Diarist Frank

Solution



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Dashing through the snow

Everyone knows "Jingle Bells." The popular winter song has been recorded by hundreds of singers.

"Jingle Bells" never mentions Christmas. It was written for a Thanksgiving church service about 150 years ago.

We no longer sing it correctly. Through the years, the tune of the chorus has been simplified from the original sheet music. Some of the words have also changed.

The original song did not use the word "fun." Instead, the word "joy" was used in the chorus and the word "sport" was used in the first verse. James Pierpont was born in Medford, Massachusetts in 1822. He attended a school in New Hampshire. He wrote letters to his mother about a sleigh ride he had taken through the December snow.

Later, Pierpont moved to Savannah, Georgia. In 1857, James Pierpont was the choir director and organist of a Unitarian Church there. He wrote "Jingle Bells" for the children to sing.

The song was so well received that the children were asked to sing it again for the Christmas program.

Pierpont named the song "The One Horse Open Sleigh" on the 1857 sheet music. However, when the song was reissued two years later, the name was changed to "Jingle Bells."

Pierpont wrote many songs, but "Jingle Bells" was his only popular success. Both Medford, Massachusetts and Savannah, Georgia claim to be the home of "Jingle Bells." The beautiful song about an old-fashioned winter fun is still popular today.

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Jingle Bells

By James Pierpont 1857

1. Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh,
Over the fields we go,
Laughing all the way;
Bells on bobtail ring,
Making spirits bright,
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight, O

Chorus:
Jingle bells, jingle bells,
Jingle all the way!
O what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.

2. A day or two ago,
I thought I'd take a ride,
And soon Miss Fanny Bright
Was seated by my side;
The horse was lean and lank
Misfortune seemed his lot;
He got into a drifted bank,
And we, we got upstot. O

3. A day or two ago,
The story I must tell
I went out on the snow
And on my back I fell;
A gent was riding by
In a one-horse open sleigh,
He laughed as there
I sprawling lie,
But quickly drove away, O

4. Now the ground is white
Go it while you're Young,
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song;
Just get a bob-tailed bay
Two-forty as his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And crack, you'll take the lead. O



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Local high schooler pursues acting dream

AHS sophomore working on amateur movie

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Andover High student Emma Lamoreaux is in commercials, on billboards and wants to make her way toward the silver screen.

Emma, a 16-year-old sophomore, aspires to be an actress when she graduates from high school, and pursues that experience outside of school.

"It's a lot of work for me to do, with school and things, and student government, and then having to do auditions on top of it," Emma said. "It's definitely something I really love to do, but it is really hard work as well."

Today, she's starring in an amateur movie. Before that, she worked on commercials for cell phones and school tutoring services, with her role in an ad for Pocket Wireless also bringing her image to billboards along Route 84 in Danbury, Conn.

But her career didn't begin overnight.

Emma started modeling around age 7, and she was picked up as an actress by Boston-based Dynasty Models and Talent when she was 14, according to Phil Lamoreaux, Emma's father.

The auditioning process is where Emma's talents as an actress shines, he said.

"You have to be perfect for a minute or two. No distractions, no second tries," her father said.



Emma Lamoreaux, right, on the set of "Prism."

"That is a specialized skill."

After working with and auditioning for Dynasty for six months, Emma landed her first drama called "The Prism."

In the movie, Emma plays the role of a two-sided character who betrays her allies in a futuristic world, where a nearby city causes widespread problems for the region.

Central to Emma's success, both in commercials and under the recording eye of movie cameras, is a certain part of her personality that brings her to auditioning success, according to Courtney Shaw, her booking agent at Dynasty.

"A lot of the people we see come around just want to be in a movie, but there are some kids that have a flair for it," Shaw said. "She is confident when she goes into auditions, and she prepares. She really loves it too. She's outstanding."

After high school, Emma said she will devote more of her time to acting. Within a few years, if she doesn't get as far as she hoped, she plans to pursue finishing her education at an acting school.

She subscribes to the view that an actor or actress will never get the parts he or she doesn't try for.

"Most of the time, if you audition, you won't get the part," Emma said, offering her best advice. "Keep going, and don't give up. ... Don't let it get you down."

More than 400 view Race to Nowhere

Documentary looks into educational pressures on children

More than 400 people recently attended a screening of Race to Nowhere, a film depicting how as a society Americans' focus is often more on educational outcomes than actual learning. Children are not always allowed to act like children.

Producer Vicki Abeles filmed this documentary to open parent's eyes to the side effects heavy early-life responsibilities can have on the children who will be our future leaders.

Following the screening at the Collins Center at Andover High School, Rick Weissbourd, Harvard professor and author of The Parents We Want to Be, facilitated a discussion about the film. His research has led to concrete strategies for raising moral and happy children

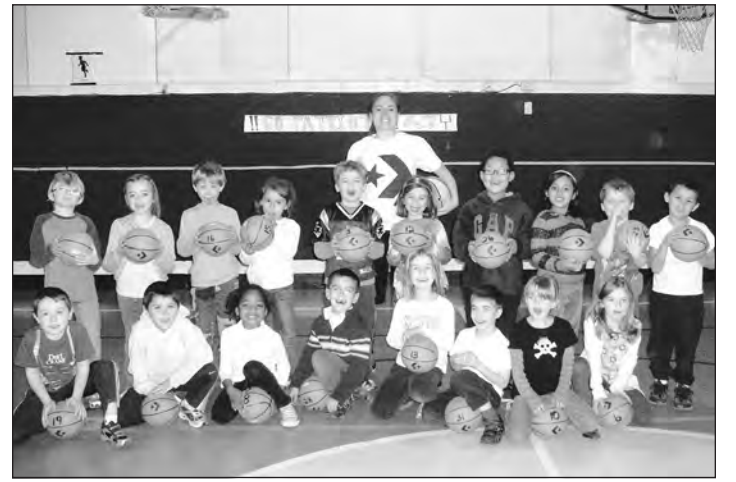
while avoiding the extremes of too much or too little involvement. His talk led to a discussion about options for reducing educational stress in parents' and children's lives.

The Thursday, Dec. 2 event was sponsored by Andover School of Montessori and Parent to Parent.

On Thursday, Jan. 6 at 6:30 p.m., Andover School of Montessori will host a follow-up meeting to further discuss the stress in children's lives today and possible solutions that organizers say will support parents, students and teachers. All are invited to attend.

To find another local screening of Race to Nowhere go to racetonowhere.com.

Testers



Converse tested its new line of children's sneakers at Shawsheen School this fall, according to the school. To thank the students, Shawsheen School children were given free basketball skills and drills from Converse representative Angela Manfredi, a former Bentley University basketball star player. Converse donated the basketballs used during her demonstration.

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Education

Three Rs to learn at home

Ken Seifert



In 1977 Larry Larsen and I co-authored a book, Parents and Families: Reports of Their Death Have Been Greatly

Exaggerated. It was a near best seller - that means we had it printed. Since that time we have worked on projects together, had lunches and solved all the major problems of the world and of Andover. The one topic we have discussed, more than any other, is the family as it has emerged, these past 33 years, both locally and nationally.

Larsen is a very good friend, a most competent psychologist, a skilled humorist, and knows more about adolescents than anyone in the town.

About six weeks ago, we had one of our lunches. The critical question we discussed was "how have things changed since launching our epic?" The answers consumed most of our time. I can't even remember what I had to eat. As a matter of fact I don't think we did our usual exchange of jokes we had heard since the last lunch.

We discussed one particular thought. There has been a movement that has permeated the American scene since the end of the Second World War: I am going to give my children those things I did not have. We have achieved this goal more than any other time in the history of civilization. It has become so dominant that we may have forgotten a very important lesson. We may have failed to give them what they need.

Larry said, work on it a little more for a column, Ken; it has possibilities.

The critics talk about self-indulgent children and adults. A brief description of them might be those people who expect others to do those things they can do for themselves. The rite of passage might be a roomful of toys, a new car, the latest video and

Ipod technology. The children might expect mommy and daddy to drive them all over God's creation so they can play ball. It can also mean they expect their parents to provide them with a college education, even if it means a second mortgage.

I do not blame such people for one second. They have received those things other children and adults did not have. What they have been deprived of is a good training at home. It is a social deprivation and not an economical one.

On the other hand, there are some people who for generations have recognized the value of the parent's role at home and passed lessons on with determination. They have fought peer pressure and maintained the course. They have been called old fuddy duddies and cheap skates. They are depicted as out of step and not with the times.

In simple terms schooling is a case of the three Rs. The school has the fundamental responsibility to teach reading, "riting, and "rithmitic. The traditional training by parents also has its three-R curriculum: respect, responsibility and reliability. Respect for yourself and others. Responsibility, to try to do the right thing and to accept the consequences for your behavior. Reliability, to pay your dues and always be available to help a person in need. A good school fulfills the six Rs, a really outstanding parent does also.

There is an ancient Japanese concept from the mid 1300s called shibui. Basically, it means the balance between too much and not enough. It does not provide recipes for the concept of balance in our lives. Maybe the time has come to examine the 21st century balance of childhood. I hope I don't sound like the Grinch Who Stole Christmas. If I do, don't blame me, blame my parents.

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

AFE gifts lift education, spirits

A handful of Andover teachers with new ideas were surprised at school recently with balloons and something even more likely to lift their spirits - money for their classroom innovations.

The Andover Fund for Education recently awarded grants to teachers implementing "innovative classroom projects" at four area schools: High Plain Elementary, Sanborn Elementary, West Middle and Wood Hill Middle School.

The largest of four grants awarded by AFE this fall went to Wood Hill Middle School science and math teachers Laura Stella and Cheryl Marfleet, who received \$1,000 to support their "Creating Currents" alternative energy curriculum. "Creating Currents" allows students to complete home-energy audits, measure energy consumption, and experiment with efficient designs for alternative energies.

High Plain Elementary teachers Susan Farquhar and Sally Magner were awarded a grant of \$500 for books and gardening materials associated with their "Garden of Learning" project, which teaches students about nature through hands-on activities in the school's courtyard garden and related readings in science and social studies.

West Middle School teacher Darryl Keene received a grant of \$400 to purchase technology that



AFE Board Member Sue McLellan (left) poses while presenting balloons to congratulate Wood Hill Middle School teacher Laura Stella on her fall grant.

connects graphing calculators to an LCD projector, to enhance math instruction for eighth-graders.

Sanborn school third grade teacher Megan Clapp received \$400 to support "Study Island," an interactive web-based program meant to build students' confidence and proficiency in math and the language arts.

Founded in 1991 by the late Fred Fitzgerald, the AFE describes itself as "dedicated to enriching Andover's public schools by funding creative and imaginative projects that reinforce the core curriculum." Over the past two years, AFE has awarded 23 grants totaling more than \$12,000 Andover teachers.

HOLIDAY GIFT FOR TEACHERS

The Andover Fund for Education encourages community members to recognize outstanding local educators through its "Honor a Teacher" initiative. People looking to acknowledge a teacher during the holidays, or at any time, can make a personalized donation to AFE in that teacher's honor, according to AFE.

The teacher receives a card from AFE indicating the name of the donor and, if the donor chooses, offering a personal message as well. The amount of the donation remains private. All donations are used to fund innovative classroom projects through an AFE grant, according to the organization. Donations can be made by sending a check directly to the AFE c/o Barbara Neal, Treasurer, 1 Twin Brook Circle, Andover, MA 01810, or online via PayPal through the AFE website andoverfundforeducation.org).

Grants are awarded in both the fall and the spring; the next grant deadline is Feb. 15, 2011.

The AFE's primary fundraising event, the annual Andover Spelling Bee, will take place Friday, April 8, 2011. This fun-filled community event, which has become a local tradition, offers participants a chance to support educational innovation in the Andover Public Schools while also promoting a local school, business or organization.

LOCAL SCHOLARS

Austin Prep honor roll

Austin Preparatory School has announced that the following Andover students made the honor roll for the first quarter of the 2010-11 academic year. Distinction indicates no grade lower than A-, and Honors indicates no grade lower than B-.

Grade 6

Alicia Green, Honors
Alessandra Merenna, Honors

Grade 7

Matthew Dona, Honors

Grade 8

Anthony Diorio, Honors
Azniv Nalbandian, Honors

Grade 9

Corey Bedrosian, Honors
Aileen Kim, Honors

Grade 10

Anne Green, Honors

Grade 11

Christopher Arrigg, Honors

Maura Green, Honors
Aram Nalbandian, Honors
Emily Weidlein, Honors

Grade 12

Shannon McCarthy, Distinction
Michelle Menezes, Distinction
Nysa Casha, Honors
Jessica Martin, Honors

Essex Agricultural honors

Essex Agricultural and Technical High School in Danvers has announced Andover students that achieved honor roll status:

Molly Bonelli, Brooke Porter, Aleksandr Chongris, Jonathan Maldonado, and Nickolas Miffton.

Boston College High School honors

George Apostle of Andover achieved honors for the first quarter at Boston College High School. For honors a freshman must have at least a 3.165 quality-point average and all grades "C-" or higher.

Boston College High School is a Jesuit, Catholic, college-preparatory school for young men founded in 1863 with approximately 1,500 students from more than 100 communities in eastern Massachusetts.

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Kobler is a 2007 graduate of Andover High School and more recently, he attended the School of Visual Arts in New York City.

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Sports

Andover girls basketball opens with big wins

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Devon Caveney and Ally Fazio each tallied 12 points as Andover rolled past Lowell 55-38 on Saturday. Nicole Boudreau had a team-high 14 points for the Golden Warriors, who jumped out to a 13-point halftime advantage, playing less than 24 hours after their season debut.

Natalie Gomez-Martinez opened the season in style, scoring 16 points, dishing out 10 assists and adding six rebounds as Andover blasted Chelmsford 77-34 in its season opener on Friday. Nicole Boudreau hit six 3-pointers on her way to a game-high 30 points, Devon Caveney chipped in with 10 points and Olivia Biles added 12 for the winners.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Warriors drop opener

Joe Bramanti scored 16 points, but Andover struggled with its shot and fell to Lowell 50-47 in its season opener on Saturday. Craig Luschenat added 11 points and Sam Dowden had six points for the Warriors.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Joe Bramanti dribbles past a defender during Andover's season opener on Saturday. Bramanti scored 16 points, but the Golden Warriors fell 50-47.

"The defense is ahead of the offense obviously," said head coach David Fazio. "I thought we did some pretty good things defensively, but the object of the game is to stop the opposing team and then score on the other end. We had so many opportunities to score."

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Dec. 18at Billerica	8 p.m.
Dec. 22at Waltham	7 p.m.
GIRLS HOCKEY		
Dec. 18at Lincoln-Sudbury	8 p.m.
Dec. 22	.....Westford Academy	7:20 p.m.
BOYS TRACK		
Dec. 18	.....at Winterfest	9:30 a.m.
Dec. 22	.....Methuen	4 p.m.
GIRLS TRACK		
Dec. 18	.....at Winterfest	9:30 a.m.
Dec. 22	.....Methuen and Notre Dame Tyngsboro	4 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS		
Dec. 23	.....at Methuen	7 p.m.
WRESTLING		
Dec. 18	.....at Sons of Italy Tourney	4 p.m.
Dec. 23	.....at Greater Lowell tri meet	4 p.m.

READY TO PLAY

After three serious injuries, Costello hopes return to Andover is the charm

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

Despite his past, James Costello continues to play basketball with a fearless tenacity. It's the only way he knows on the court.

"You have to take the hits," he said. "You have to take charges and do the little things. I have concerns, sure. But I can't think like that. I have to put my injuries behind me."

After back injuries cost him two seasons while playing at Brooks, and a broken wrist suffered on the court during the summer, Costello is looking to start his career new this season as a forward for Andover High.

"He is long and athletic," said Andover coach David Fazio. "He knows how to play the game. We just have to keep him healthy."

After growing up in Andover, Costello and his family made the decision that he would attend Brooks for high school. Then a 5-foot-11 guard, Costello made the varsity basketball team as a freshman. But, in just the sixth game of the year, a win over Groton, his season came to a fast end.

"I took a charge and landed right on my back," he remembered. "At first I thought it was just a bruised tailbone and tried to keep going. But the pain just kept getting worse over the next two weeks."

Costello's family took him to Children's Hospital Boston, where he was diagnosed with a stress fracture in his back. He had to wear a back brace that immobilized his entire torso for eight weeks, and his season was finished.

"It was just awful," he said. "The back brace was hot and uncomfortable and I couldn't do anything athletic. Just physical therapy."

After an offseason of rehab and cleared to play by doctors, Costello returned to Brooks for his sophomore season last year. But, more bad luck was on the way.

"It was the first week of the season," he said. "I got through practice and my back was just killing me. I went back to the doctor, and he told me I was right back where I had started."

Costello was again diagnosed with a stress fracture in his back, and his season was over before it started.

"It was so frustrating," said Costello. "I didn't want to miss a whole season. I didn't



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's James Costello can do impressive things with the ball in his hands. After three serious injuries, Costello is looking for a breakout season for the Golden Warriors.

want to sit there and start all over again, getting my back strong."

He again had to wear the back brace, but found a new physical therapist that helped him learn new exercises to allow his back to heal faster. He also attended every practice and game for Brooks, studying the game from the bench.

But, during the year, Costello also began considering a move back to Andover High.

"I missed playing basketball with the guys," he said. "I wanted to be part of the Andover program. I enjoyed Brooks and coach (John) McVeigh. But I wanted a change. You look at the crazy crowds at Andover games, and compare them to Brooks games when there aren't more than 25 people at a game."

His return to Andover, however, had a rocky start during the Hoops for Hope summer league season.

"It was during warmups," he said. "I was going for a 360 (degree) dunk, caught my wrist on the rim, fell backwards and landed on my wrist."

Boys Basketball

2009-10 season: 16-7, lost in Division 1 North quarterfinals

Returning starters (3): Joe Bramanti, 6-2, Sr., guard; Brian Miller, 6-4, Sr., forward (out for the season); Sam Dowden, 6-4, Soph., forward

Returning lettermen: Van Caraviello, 6-0, Sr., guard; Jack Kieckhafer, 5-8, Sr., guard; Brian Salvesen, 6-1, Sr., forward; Nate Bryant, 6-0, Sr., forward; Craig Luschenat, 5-11, Jr., guard

Promising newcomers: Timmy LaBrie, 6-0, Jr., forward; James Costello, 6-2, Jr., forward; Kenny Miyachi, 5-8, Soph., guard; Chris Dunn, 6-0, Soph., guard

Captains: Joe Bramanti, Brian Miller

Candidates: 65

Returning leaders: Joe Bramanti 16.8 ppg, 29 3-pointers; Brian Miller 10.1 ppg, Sam Dowden 5.0 ppg

Returning honorees: Joe Bramanti and Brian Miller, Eagle-Tribune All-Stars
Head coach: David Fazio (22nd year, 330-149)
Assistant coaches: Carol Martini; David Giribaldi (JV), Alan Hibino (Frosh.)

He suffered a broken left (non-shooting) wrist and underwent surgery on June 23rd. He wore a cast that extended to his elbow for four weeks, another smaller cast for three more weeks and a brace for two weeks.

"That was definitely a moment I'd like to have back," he said. "They said I couldn't shoot a basketball until I got my brace off and everything was set."

But now totally healthy, Costello is on the court for the Golden Warriors. He scored six points in Andover's season-opening loss to Lowell on Saturday.

The 6-foot-2, 165-pound forward now hopes he can make his impact on the always-competitive Merrimack Valley Conference.

"I'm pretty aware and don't make many mistakes," he said. "I have long arms and legs, which help a lot. I have a decent jump shot, but I like driving to the hoop and I'm a pretty decent leaper. I've only dunked once in a game, but I am planning to bring that to Andover."

Fazio was also impressed through the preseason.

"He finishes in the paint," said the coach. "He is also going to be a very good, long defender. Hopefully, coming home will bring him some good luck and he'll have a good, healthy junior year."



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