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## Harassment case heats up as Lyons takes oath

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

For new Andover State Rep. Jim Lyons, last week was a busy week that started with his swearing-in ceremony on Beacon Hill and ended, two days later, with a court proceeding involving neighbors who have been accused of harassing his family.

Authorities allege that Bill and Gail Johnson who live down the road at 36 High Vale Lane, harassed the Lyons family, starting in March 2008, through an acquaintance, Gerald Colton of Lowell. The alleged harassment ranges from using Lyons' identity to open bank accounts to calling the Department of Social Services with a false report that Lyons then-14-year-old son "inappropriately touched a female student at school," as reported by the Townsman back in 2008.

The Johnson couple, both of whom are 52, are each charged with making a fraudulent report of child abuse, identity fraud, conspiracy and criminal harassment, O'Connell said.

At the time of the incidents, Lyons was not a state representative or running for office. The two families had disagreed over the Johnsons' effort to build in the neighborhood.

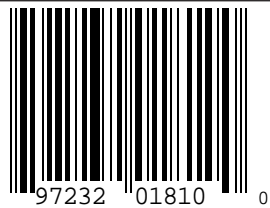
The trial involving the Johnsons is moving forward to a motions hearing on Jan. 19 that could go further to a trial, according to Steve O'Connell, spokesman for District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett.

Lyons declined to comment for this story. Bill and Gail Johnson similarly declined to comment, and Bill Johnson referred any questions to his attorney, Ron

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## \$44M QUESTION: WHY THIS BANCROFT PLAN?

### New school's future to be decided in final vote Jan. 25

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Even outspoken critics of the proposed plan to replace Bancroft Elementary School tend to agree on one critical point: there are structural problems with the existing school that will cost millions to address.

The question before voters at a Jan. 25 special townwide ballot election is whether the existing proposal to

replace Bancroft School with a new, larger school elsewhere on the Bancroft site is the solution they support.

The plan needs a simple majority to approve a debt exclusion override of Proposition 2 1/2, allowing the town to temporarily raise taxes above the limits allowed under state law, specifically to pay for this construction project. The project is estimated to cost \$44 million, with the town paying \$27 million and state reimbursing the town the other \$17 million. Supporters contend the actual cost should be less because 13 percent of the \$44 million is contingency money

### CONSIDERED ALTERNATIVES

Before choosing to support building a new 680-student elementary school near the existing Bancroft Elementary School, Andover conducted a Feasibility Study that considered other options. They are listed below.

IDEA	REASON REJECTED
Do nothing	Bancroft has structural problems that must be addressed
Shut building, redistrict	Other schools not large enough to support Bancroft's students
Lease, rent or buy another property	Available space needed extensive work
Renovate and/or add to Bancroft	Too expensive: must bring building up to current codes and move kids during construction
Renovate and/or add to both Bancroft and Shawsheen	See above, plus no state money for Shawsheen work
Build elsewhere on site	6-1 vote taken by School Building Committee to support proposed plan, seen as providing most flexibility for design
Build on existing school footprint	Need to move students during construction; renting portable classrooms would add millions to cost
Larger school on this site	Building Committee determined site would not support a larger building; would not fit neighborhood,



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Nancy Snow, a media teacher at Bancroft Elementary, stands in the media center, the heart of the current school that almost every classroom overlooks. The town will vote on whether to replace the structurally troubled building with a new building that seeks to keep some of the open feel of Bancroft while eliminating noise issues.

set aside in case there are unexpected problems.

In recent years, Andover has invested nearly \$2 million in keeping Bancroft School online,

and proponents of replacing Bancroft say not acting now could cost Andover much more. The town could need to spend more to keep it open, and they believe

Andover would receive less state reimbursement if it goes back to the drawing board to create another plan.

While opponents of the school

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A small meter measures the growth of the crack that reaches from the ceiling to the floor of the school.

agree that a new building is necessary, some say new 680-student building will be too big for the neighborhood, while others believe it is too expensive compared to contemporary projects.

Some residents of West Knoll Road have fought against forthcoming plans to turn their street, currently a dead-end road that they say was designed for local use only, into the only public access to the school throughout construction.

## Cost, access drive Bancroft opposition

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

The main opposition to building a new Bancroft Elementary School comes from those concerned about its price tag and those worried about proposed access to the building.

### OPPOSITION: COST IS AN ISSUE

For some, the \$44 million cost, and the cost per square foot, seem too much.

One individual who will be voting against the school on Jan. 25 is Ham Barnes, a West Knoll Road resident and school abutter.

"I firmly believe that we need to replace the school," Barnes said. "I just think that the plan we have doesn't take the right approach."

Barnes argues that the Bancroft plan looks to create what may be the most expensive school in the state since a new state method for building schools and



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Ham Barnes stands at the end of West Knoll Road, the road he lives on, that may soon become the primary means for getting to Bancroft Elementary School if construction moves forward.

receiving state reimbursement was adopted a few years ago.

However, officials argue that comparing the proposed Bancroft projects to projects that are underway is not a fair comparison, because the Bancroft project is using estimated costs, and most bids have been coming in

well below the state estimates.

School Committee member Annie Gilbert, who has worked extensively with the project, said the costs are necessary "to create an adequate and safe school for the children, and one that will

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## Cyber bullying death prompts Dad to speak to students

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

"Oct. 7, 2003 will always be the day that divides my life. Before that day my middle-school-aged son, Ryan, was alive... After that day my son

would be gone forever, a death by suicide. Some would call it bullycide or even cyber bullycide. I just call it a huge hole in my heart that will never heal."

- Excerpt from Ryan's story website, [ryanpatrickhalligan.org](http://ryanpatrickhalligan.org), and

written by his dad, John Halligan.

Parent John Halligan of Vermont suspected middle school trouble for his eighth-grade son, Ryan. But he and his wife, Kelly, had no idea how troubled their son was

until after his suicide.

That's when John Halligan searched his late son's computer and found evidence of cyber bullying. Ryan Halligan was clearly tormented by middle school classmates who cyber bullied him, he has

said. There was a "he's gay" rumor, after a so-called girlfriend put his private feelings on the Internet. She never wanted him as her boyfriend and thought it was funny to

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**African American war hero visits MLK brunch**



Charles McGee

The Andover Baptist Church will be visited by Air Force veteran and original Tuskegee Airman member Charles McGee, who will be a guest speaker at this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Day brunch.

As an original Tuskegee Airman, McGee was one of thousands of blacks who paved the way for African Americans serving in the Armed Services, according to the Rev. Lyndon Myers, the church's senior pastor.

The brunch starts at 11 a.m.

on Monday, Jan. 17. The event will be held at the Andover Baptist Church, 7 Central St., across Essex Street from the Memorial Hall Library, and is free for all who attend.

- Dustin Luca

**Golden Globe seat for local priest**

It's no secret that the Rev. Jack Conway of St. Robert's Church on Haggetts Pond Road enjoys his Hollywood connection. He welcomed churchgoing Hollywood actor Mark Wahlberg when his movie scenes for "The Fighter" were being filmed in nearby Lowell.

Father Conway told his congregation on Sunday that he is going to Los Angeles, Calif. this week as he received a ticket to the Golden Globes Awards Ceremony, airing

on television on Sunday, Jan. 16. He did not say if he is going with Wahlberg, who is a Catholic who attends church every day.

A call to the church confirmed that Conway is on vacation this week. His exact location was not revealed.

- Judy Wakefield

**Andover girl hospital's first of new year**

Winchester Hospital welcomed its first babies of the New Year on Jan. 1.

Keira Natalie was born at Winchester Hospital to Debra Demetra Gildea and Brian Gildea of Andover at 6:15 a.m. She weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Immanuel Timothy was born to Winnie and Ian Carpenter at 1:32 a.m. in their home in Wakefield.

Winnie, a patient of Winchester Hospital, was then transferred to the hospital with her newborn, who weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Both newborns are the second children in their families, with their older siblings also born at Winchester Hospital.

Debra, whose due date was Jan. 2, spent New Year's Eve with family. She and her husband drove to Winchester Hospital around 10 p.m., where she said, "Everything went without a hitch."

"It was quick and easy, and the nursing staff made it a pleasurable experience," said Debra, whose oldest child, James, was born at Winchester Hospital in August 2008. "I feel like having a baby on New Year's Day is a blessing. It's the best gift that parents can ask for."

**Routine absence**

It's that post-holiday time of year when some parents are anxious to get their kids back into a structured routine. That's difficult this January.

There are two no-school days coming up. Jan. 17 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday. Schools will also be closed on Jan. 25 due to the special election vote on a new Bancroft School. Finally, an early release day for elementary school kids is Jan. 27. So much for back to the routine.

- Judy Wakefield

**Family moving in town plans to take house with them**

Many people have moved from one property in Andover to another. It's less common to see a

house move within town.

But Andover residents Peter and Shirley Schwarz plan to move a house they own on Pearson Street to property they own on Shaw Drive next month.

The Schwarz, who live on Stinson Road and are currently selling that property, will be moving a house they own on Pearson Street to their Shaw Drive property on Feb. 13 from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m.

From there, the family's new Shaw Drive home will be built off the relocated house from Pearson Street.

In its journey, the house will be trucked from Pearson Street to Main Street, where it will travel for a number of miles through downtown and further along Route 28, until it reaches Wildwood Road. From there, the house will travel to its future home on Shaw Drive.

- Dustin Luca

**Free tax update seminar on Feb. 8**

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**After the shootings: Don't let policy disagreements become personal**

**Barry Finegold**

I am deeply saddened by what happened to Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords this past weekend. I did not know her well, but we crossed paths from time to time, and as a public official what happened to her hits close to home.

Over the next few days, people and political pundits will try to interpret this event in many ways. I don't believe one thing or one group led to this awful act. We don't know the facts yet, and it could turn out that this particular attack was not politically motivated. However, this is perhaps the opportunity to take a step back and evaluate whether what we are saying and how we are saying it is contributing to a healthy democratic discourse.

I am concerned that the violent terms in which we now refer to the exercise of democracy and the exchange of ideas are creating a political atmosphere where we

cannot disagree without hatred. The way we speak to each other, how we discuss our differences, and the way we react when we don't like someone's position on a matter of policy has changed for the worse. I believe this shift may lead to individuals taking action like we saw in the events of this weekend.

Everything has become personal instead of objective and reasoned - look no further than when we call health care "Obamacare," or when the debate over our involvement in Afghanistan and Iraq was raging it was "Bush's War." It gets worse when you have interest groups like MoveOn or the Tea Party preaching the sentiments of "taking our country back." Words matter and how we communicate will dictate the type of democracy we have.

Everyone is guilty of this: the media, political parties, and yes, even the public. We all share in the fact that this is what our political discourse has become. Don't

mistake this atmosphere for that of strong debate and difference of opinion. I know that I am a better elected official because of all those who have disagreed with my positions and made me really analyze and consider the votes I take. And strong opinions, and the ability to express them, are inextricably linked to a healthy democracy. Debating and disagreement are not the problem - this pervasive lack of respect for those with differing opinions is what has gotten us here. We must rebuild our respect for others, even in the face of great disagreement.

All of us must consider how we voice these beliefs and the actions that we take pursuant to them. Although there are many ways in which Beacon Hill needs to improve, one beneficial guideline is when lawmakers debate, they are never allowed to personally criticize any member of the body by name. You can argue for hours why a bill is a bad idea, but it can never be personal. I believe

we need to shift our debate in this direction; ideas may be wrong, but people deserve our respect and consideration.

I ask every person in the media, every elected official, and every concerned citizen to re-think how they address people when they disagree and how they debate those differences. I know I will. We are the greatest country in the world, but when we get to a point where debate is stymied for fear of physical reprisal, the freedom we all enjoy is in jeopardy. Remember that in addition to critically wounding an elected official, the assailant in Arizona murdered three elderly individuals, a judge, a legislative assistant to Congresswoman Giffords, and a 9-year-old girl. We can honor them and their memories by changing the way we treat each other.

Barry Finegold, a former state representative and selectman for Andover, is now the state senator for Andover and parts of Lawrence, Dracut and Tewksbury.

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**BULLYING: Parents of victim to speak next week**

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rumor, after a so-called girlfriend put his private feelings on the Internet. She never wanted him as her boyfriend and thought it was funny to share his messages.

Next week, the Halligans' tragedy will be discussed with middle-schoolers in Andover. John Halligan will share his first-hand cyber bullying experience with them. He speaks around the country in hopes of educating teens about how much cyber bullying can hurt or even push a teen to suicide.

Andover Youth Services Director Bill Fahey said hosting John Halligan is a "great initiative" for the school department and Parent to Parent, because first-hand experiences resonate most with teens.

"I just talked to a number

**CYBER BULLYING TALKS**

John Halligan, whose son committed suicide as a result of cyber bullying, will speak at all three middle schools during school hours and to parents on Jan. 20 at Pike School. See ryanpatrickhalligan.org for the Halligan's story. The talks are sponsored by the Andover Public Schools Health Education Department, in cooperation with Andover Parent to Parent. **Thursday, Jan. 20**

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of young people about this. They think writing something about someone is no big deal. They write things they would never say face to face," Fahey said. "This is a huge issue."

Fahey said today's teens are a technology generation and there are problems as a result. There are no easy answers when it comes to preventing cyber bullying, he said.

"It's a big responsibility to have a laptop and to be able to use it for two or three hours. I know kids use it for homework, but what else? Parents need to monitor," he said.

Fahey said his colleagues in youth services programs around the state are talking extensively about cyber bullying but have no easy answers about how to prevent it. Andover is taking a good first

step, he said.

"Talking about it, offering positive solutions is the way to go," he said. "And, hosting a dad who has real experience is a good step. I'm sure it devastated this family."

"Our kids can ask questions and see his emotion. This is a great initiative by the schools," Fahey said.

School department Health Education Director Brian McNally heard John Halligan speak in Pelham, N.H. last November.

"The audience was captivated. Kids really opened up to him," McNally said.

Halligan, who has appeared on Oprah, comes to Andover as new state legislation is requiring all schools to implement no-bullying rules, according to McNally.

"Bullying is serious in all communities. We need to talk about this," McNally said.

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**LYONS: Harassment case heats up**

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Johnsons' defense has been destroyed, according to Ranta.

"We have some motions pending," Ranta said. "What we want is the exoneration of our clients, which are innocent."

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Complicating the Johnsons' case in court is a level of prejudice that has formed over the time since the court cases originally started in 2008, Ranta said.

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## QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



A PICKUP TRUCK COULDN'T DO IT. You would need a roll-off truck.  
— *Andover Police Lt. James Hashem, concerning a strange case where someone apparently stole 30 large metal trash containers like those known as Dumpsters. Story, page 4.*

EVEN WHEN WE TAKE A BREAK, I go to karaoke and perform. My goal is to perform on a stage in front of thousands and have them sing back a song that I wrote.  
— *Sean Chicarello, an Andover High graduate, who performs in the band Still Well Angel with his twin brother, Stephen. Story in Arts, page 5.*



### IF BANCROFT APPROVED, EXPECT SHAWSHEEN TO CLOSE, TOWN TO REDISTRIC

A new Bancroft Elementary would add close to 200 seats at the school, a facet of the project that will go hand-in-hand with a townwide redistricting of elementary school populations. If the project is approved, shortly after the old Bancroft School closes, officials plan to close the small Shawsheen School, which had 267 student enrollments as of October 2010. Of that displaced population, roughly 200 students from kindergarten to the second grade will be dispersed into nearby schools. From there, the town will need to find a home for Shawsheen's pre-kindergarten population, which was 63 students at the beginning of this year. While no plan for the redistricting currently exists, School Committee Chairman Dennis Forgue said "there would be no intent" to keep the K-2 Shawsheen School open if the town votes in favor of the new Bancroft Elementary School on Jan. 25. "It is clearly the intent of the School Committee to close Shawsheen, but to do that you have to find a home for the pre-K," Forgue said. Ultimately, the town expects the redistricting process to cause Bancroft

Elementary, which carried 483 students as of October, to reach its full, planned occupancy of 680 students. With Bancroft Elementary built and fully occupied, and Shawsheen School taken offline, the town's elementary schools are expected drop from being at 104 percent of their capacity to being at 104 percent, not including a Shawsheen's projected 72 pre-kindergarten students. These capacity numbers are based on several factors, including using the midpoint of the school district's class sizes. Forgue said it is clear Andover's buildings will support the elementary-age student population for years to come, certainly for the next five years at a bare minimum. The state does not allow communities to "overbuild," or build beyond projected student population numbers that can be documented, said School Committee member Annie Gilbert. Officials don't expect redistricting to occur until after Bancroft's old building is demolished, during which time Bancroft would carry its traditional capacity and Shawsheen would remain open. During this time, Forgue said, the school would develop a plan to relocate Shawsheen's pre-kindergarten population.

## Unemployed invited to take free computer courses at NECC

Northern Essex is looking for unemployed workers who are interested in boosting their computer skills by taking one of two three-credit courses offered for free at the college. The courses, Computer for Beginners and Computer Applications, will be taught on Tuesday evenings, starting Jan. 25, at the college's new Lawrence location, NECC Riverwalk, 360 Merrimack St. "Many laid off workers are being held back in their job

searches because of a lack of computer experience," said Chuck Phair, the college's assistant dean for arts, business, communications and technology. "These free courses will help them upgrade their computer skills, giving them the tools to find and land a job." Computers for Beginners is an introductory course providing an overview of a personal computer. Topics to be covered will include the use of the Windows operating system, file

management, security, word processing basics, the World Wide Web and its resources including email, web browsers, and search engines. Computer Applications is an intermediate course that introduces application software for presentation graphics, electronic spreadsheets, and data base management and expands on word processing and operating systems. Charles Diggs, the college's director of enrollment services,

is working with a number of community organizations and service agencies including the Valley Works Career Center to recruit students. "We're looking for displaced workers, Department of Transition clients, displaced homemakers and veterans," said Diggs. The ability to read English is required. Those interested are invited to contact Jill Palermo in enrollment services at 978-556-3735 or [jpalamo@necc.mass.edu](mailto:jpalamo@necc.mass.edu).

## Absentee ballots allowed for Jan. 25 special election

At a Jan. 25 special election voters will be asked to approve the funding of construction of a new Bancroft Elementary School to replace the existing school. If you are unable to vote at your designated polling place on Jan. 25 because of a physical disability, religious belief or absence from town you can vote by absentee ballot. Ballots cannot be removed from the town clerk's office by voters, but voters approved for an absentee ballot can either vote at the counter or request a ballot be mailed to the voter or a family member.

Requests for absentee ballots must be received by the town clerk's office by noon on Monday, Jan. 24, 2011 and return absentee ballots must be received by the town clerk's office by 8 p.m. on Jan. 25. More information on absentee voting, including a link to the absentee ballot request form, can be found at [andoverma.gov/clerk/elections.php](http://andoverma.gov/clerk/elections.php). A copy of the ballot question can be viewed in the What's New section of the town's website at [andoverma.gov](http://andoverma.gov).

## Ruth's House has need for men's winter coats

Ruth's House, a non-profit, non-denominational thrift store located at 111 Lafayette Square, Haverhill, says it "has a desperate need for men's winter coats and jeans all sizes and for kids clothing, tops and jeans, size 4 through 18."

People may also drop off donations for the Sacred Heart's food pantry at Ruth's House. All donations are tax-deductible, and donors will be issued receipts for their gifts. Donations may be dropped off on Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,

Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Store hours are Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Friday, 9 to 4:30 and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is closed on Sunday and Monday.

## Back by popular demand: Free memory screening

A free memory screening event will be held today, Thursday, Jan. 13, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the North Andover Senior Center located at 120R Main St., North Andover. The screening is being conducted by Elder Services of Merrimack Valley and is open to anyone regardless of age who would like to have their memory screened. The event is confidential and the results of the screening are immediately shared with you. To sign-up, please contact the North Andover Senior Center at 978-688-9560. Screening takes 20 minutes to complete. Limited space available and appointments are assigned on a first come first served basis.

## Gearing up for Pan Mass Challenge

The weather outside may be frightful, but many cyclists from across the country are gearing up to ride up to 190 miles in the 32nd annual Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) and raise money for adult and pediatric cancer care and research at

Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. Online registration opens to the public on Jan. 18, 2011 at [pmc.org](http://pmc.org). The 32nd annual event will offer a new 25-mile route, which will join 10 existing routes that range from 47 to 190 miles.

## Correction

The South Church was misidentified in a photo caption in last week's edition.

## William Wood's influence on Andover focus of Andover Stories lecture

Residents are invited to the continuing Andover Historical Society lecture series, "Andover Stories: Presentations on Interesting and Obscure Andover History," next Tuesday, Jan. 18 at 2 p.m. Former Andover Historical Society Board President Donald Robb will present the history of William Wood, the founder of Shawsheen Village and president of the American Woolen Company, which was founded in 1899. Because of William Wood, an "industrial genius," the American Woolen Company became one of the largest textile manufacturers in the world. The American Woolen Company

provided cloth for U.S. Armed Forces uniforms for two World Wars and produced 40,000 miles of cloth each year. During this presentation, learn about the life and times of William Wood, a humanitarian and influential Andover resident. During this presentation, take a virtual tour of the neighborhood Wood created in the 1920s, Shawsheen Village. Learn about the unique differences of Shawsheen Village from other company towns and why the area was divided into "Brick Shawsheen" and "White Shawsheen." This event is free to the public. Come to 97 Main St. Call 978-475-2236 for more information.

## Tax bills have been mailed for fiscal year 2011

The town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2011, which started July 1, 2010 and ends June 30, 2011. Third quarter payment is due Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

Questions about property valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessors' office at 978-623-8265. Applications for abatements must be received in the assessors' office no later than 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011. The Town Offices at 36 Bartlet

St. are open Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with a blue Town of Andover seal in front of the offices at 36 Bartlet St. If you have not received a bill, call the tax collectors' office at

978-623-8246 or email to [treasurer@andoverma.gov](mailto:treasurer@andoverma.gov). It is now possible to pay Real Estate bills electronically or with a credit card with UniPay Online. Go to the Andover website: [andoverma.gov](http://andoverma.gov) and click on the e-Services box along the top of the website for instructions.

## State-aided family housing wait list opening

The Andover Housing Authority will open its waiting list for Memorial Circle's state-aided, family two-, three- and four-bedroom apartments effective Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011. The waiting list will close

effective Monday, Jan. 31, 2011 at 4 p.m. All veterans, Andover residents and people who work in Andover will receive a preference, according to a release from the Housing Authority.

Income limits range from \$45,100 for one person to \$85,050 for seven people. To obtain a preliminary application go to [andoverma.gov/boards/housing](http://andoverma.gov/boards/housing), or call 978-475-2365.

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# 30 giant trash containers vanish at local company

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

Dumpsters: they're big, incredibly heavy and for one company in town, they're missing.

Roughly 30 of the large metal trash containers were reported stolen from Deloury Industries, a construction company located at 46 Lowell Junction Road, last Thursday. The theft is being investigated by Andover police, according to Police Lt. James Hashem.

The trash containers, which were stolen over a currently undetermined amount of time, were valued at around \$3,000 to \$4,000 each, Hashem said. The theft was reported around 8 a.m. on Jan. 6.

Little addition information was available about the theft at presstime due to the ongoing investigation.

"Who would have taken them and how they would have taken them is all part of the investigation," Hashem said.

While Hashem said that it isn't unusual for businesses and companies to lose merchandise and products to theft, the method through which the theft occurred makes this an odd case.

"A pickup truck couldn't do it," Hashem said. "You would need a roll-off truck."

For feedback on this story, or for other story-related inquiries, please email [dluca@andovertownsm.com](mailto:dluca@andovertownsm.com).

## ■ POLICE LOG

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The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Jan. 4 through Jan. 10:

### ARRESTS

Tuesday, Jan. 4 — At 7:36 p.m., Steven Roe, 49, of 15 Berkeley St. in Merrimack, N.H., was arrested on Union Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, subsequent offense.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 — At 8:05 a.m., Ariel Tejada, 25, of 26 Sanborn St. in Lawrence, was arrested on Interstate 93 and charged with driving without an inspection sticker, operating a motor vehicle with a revoked license, operating an unregistered motor vehicle and warrants for malicious destruction of property over \$250 and threatening to commit a crime.

At 3:47 p.m., Varonil Sicard, 34, of 291 High St. in Lawrence, was arrested on Minuteman Road and charged with larceny over \$250.

Thursday, Jan. 6 — At 6:52 p.m., Anthony Martinez, 19, of 11 Park St. in Haverhill, was arrested on South Main Street and charged on warrants for destruction of property over \$250 and breaking and entering during the daytime.

Friday, Jan. 7 — At 8:04 p.m., Samuel Medina, 22, of 178 Park St. in Lawrence, was arrested on River Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 8:08 p.m., Leslibeth Guzman, 19, from Caguas, Puerto Rico, was arrested on River Road and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest and disorderly conduct.

At 9:02 p.m., Paul Ouellette, 28, of 4 Shawnee Place in Londonderry, N.H., was arrested on River Road and charged with possession of a class A drug.

Sunday, Jan. 9 — At 2:34 p.m., Ana Gil, 39, of 286 Melrose St. in Auburndale, Mass., was arrested on Main Street and charged on warrants for operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed and failure to keep in the right lane.

Monday, Jan. 10 — At 8:52 p.m., Garabed Shamschyan, 51, with a legal address of P.O. Box 39 in

Rangeley, Maine, was arrested on Brundrett Avenue and charged on warrants for driving with no inspection sticker, driving with a suspended registration, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and driving with a suspended license. Police logs indicated that he was arrested at the house he had been staying at recently, and the arrest originated from a phone call from the property owner, who reported to police that the man refused to leave when asked. The Rangeley, Maine address was according to his arrest warrant.

### BREAKS

Monday, Jan. 10 — At 2:02 p.m., a property break was reported on Lowell Junction Road.

### THEFTS

Tuesday, Jan. 4 — At 9:33 a.m., an Elm Court resident reported a case of credit card fraud.

Wednesday, Jan. 5 — At 12:16 p.m., a River Road resident reported a theft of her mail.

At 9:40 p.m., a truck driver, who parked his truck on Washington Avenue, reported that a plow attached to his truck had been stolen during the past half hour.

Thursday, Jan. 6 — At 11:46 a.m., a Carlisle Street resident called to report that items had been stolen from her vehicle overnight.

Monday, Jan. 10 — At 9:19 a.m., a Bullfinch Drive resident reported theft from and vandalism to his vehicle, in the form of a broken window. Close to 20 minutes later, another caller from Bullfinch Drive reported a second case of breaking and entering that resulted in a theft.

### INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 5 — At 1:14 p.m., police reported a case of an individual possessing a class D drug on River Road.

At 6:49 p.m., a Warwick Circle resident reported a case of check fraud.

Thursday, Jan. 6 — At 8:02 a.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Rocky Hill Road.

Friday, Jan. 7 — At 7:32 a.m., a resident called because an elderly male in the house was non-responsive. A responding ambulance reported an

unattended death at the residence shortly after arrival.

At 1:53 p.m., police were called to a business on Pearson Street to remove a customer who was "acting very strange." Police reported nothing criminal, just a "clash in personality."

Saturday, Jan. 8 — At 11:01 p.m., a River Road resident called police regarding two animals, believed to be either coyotes or wolves, that were eating a third, unidentified animal in her back yard.

Sunday, Jan. 9 — At 3:15 a.m., a Wintergreen Circle resident reported to police that she thought she heard voices in her basement.

At 10:58 a.m., a Clark Road resident called police to report an individual who had been ringing her doorbell 10 minutes earlier. The caller indicated, the individual then sat in a green minivan at the end of her driveway. Police arriving on the scene questioned the man, who was trying to drop off some information to the homeowner's daughter regarding a car accident the daughter and he were previously involved in.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 6 — At 12:10 p.m., a hit-and-run accident involving a parked car was reported on Bobby Jones Drive.

Friday, Jan. 7 — At 10:21 a.m., a caller on North Main Street reported a hit-and-run accident that occurred involving a parked car.

Saturday, Jan. 8 — At 5:25 p.m., a hit-and-run accident was reported in a parking lot on Main Street.

Sunday, Jan. 9 — At 8:20 p.m., a caller on Lowell Street reported an erratic operator driving down Route 133 with a flat tire. A second call from another individual on Lowell Street reported that a similar vehicle hit her car before leaving the gas station where she was parked. Andover police issued a warning to surrounding communities regarding the car, and Tewksbury police quickly found the driver, pulled him over and towed his vehicle. Andover police issued a summons against the hit-and-run driver for leaving the scene of property damage.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Seen here, one of as many as a dozen trees still stands in front of the Putnam Investments sign visible from Interstate 93, following a recent selective clearing and pruning of vegetation overseen by the state.

# Resident opposes tree cutting by business

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

A resident running for selectman claims that a precedent has been set because an Andover business was allowed to cut trees that were blocking its business sign along the side of Interstate 93.

Putnam Investments, a large investment firm located off of River Road in Andover, recently sought state approval to have trees in front of its south-facing, externally-lit sign cleared in an effort to make Putnam's presence in Andover more visible.

According to Andover resident Larry Bruce, who has opposed similar tree cutting efforts at Putnam a number of times in the past 15 years, the company threatened to pull its 1,000-employee facility out of Andover if the state didn't allow the tree cutting.

When approached for a comment, Putnam Investments Senior Vice President and Media Relations Manager Laura McNamara said the company has always cooperated with and respected local and state agencies.

"We greatly value our association with the Town of Andover and the surrounding local communities, and have always sought to work (cooperatively) with the Town and the Massachusetts Highway Department with (respect) to the very selective pruning of vegetation that might interfere with the visibility of our sign," McNamara said.

When asked for further comment, specifically in regards to the alleged movement threats, McNamara said in an e-mail that the company preferred to keep its statement "as is" and not

elaborate any further.

In a Jan. 8, 2010 correspondence between Putnam Senior Vice President Brian Powers and Patricia Leavenworth, district highway director at the state's Department of Transportation (MassDOT), Powers requested that authorities allow his company, at Putnam's own cost, to clear trees and brush that were obstructing the existing Putnam Investments sign, located just south of exit 45 on Interstate 93.

Failing a response, Powers wrote to Leavenworth again eight months later to again request that the sign be cleared at Putnam's expense. He wrote, "This has been an embarrassing situation for us at Putnam for many years now, having to field comments as to whether or not Putnam is actually still located (in Andover) or not when people do not see our sign any longer."

In the letter, Powers argued that the sign was essential to their presence in Andover beginning when they moved into town in 1996, and in the same sentence reminded officials that "coincidentally our lease is up for renewal and we are reviewing our options." The state responded soon after and the trees were removed by the end of the year.

According to Adam Hurtubise, spokesman for MassDOT, the state responded because Putnam's request for clearing was reasonable.

"Putnam Investments approached MassDOT and the Town of Andover with a reasonable request to have some vegetation ... removed," Hurtubise

said via e-mail. "All of the work was done by a contractor hired by Putnam under MassDOT supervision."

For Bruce, who fought to have trees replanted following similar incidents in front of the Putnam sign in 1997 and 2005, the cutting represents "a private entity that is treading upon our laws without any respect for the community or the state, with the sole interest in promoting the company."

Part of the concern, for Bruce, is that the cutting violates local bylaws governing the protection of wetlands. The trees that were cut, both Bruce and officials confirm, are in a wetlands buffer zone.

But according to Bob Douglas, director of Conservation in Andover, the company did not violate any wetlands protection laws.

"If they clear-cut the trees, then there would have been a violation, but that hasn't happened," Douglas said. "It is in a buffer zone, and there (are) a number of trees still there."

Bruce argues the cutting raises a larger issue: If Putnam can cut trees to clear visibility for a sign, why can't other businesses?

"It has now set a precedent for them to say, 'It is OK to cut trees.' If it OK for Putnam, is it OK for the body shop? Is it OK for the septic plumbing company?" Bruce said. "If it is OK for Putnam, it is OK for everyone?"

"No company in Massachusetts has the right to a view of their property from the highway," Bruce added. "I would like our community to look more like a destination than an urban thoroughway."

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# Arts & Entertainment

## EVENTS CALENDAR

COMPILED BY JUDY WAKEFIELD

### THURSDAY, JAN. 13

**BOOK SIGNING**, author Sarah Pinneo of *Ski House Cookbook*, 7 p.m., \$3, with sampling recipes of pulled pork and slow cooker beef chili, Andover Bookstore, 89 Rear Main St.; 978-475-0143.

**WINTER FESTIVAL OPENS**, featuring the work of young performers (grades 1-12) involved in the theater's fall/winter training program. Shows include segments from: "Oklahoma!", "13", and "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"; stonehamtheatre.org/yc\_wintershow.html.

**LIFE COACH**, and productivity specialist Linda King will talk about "How to Organize Your Life," 7 p.m., Flint Memorial Library, 147 Park St., North Reading, free and open to the public; 978-664-4942.

**LIVE MUSIC**, North Reading Community Band, 7 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 14

**LIVE PIANO**, Pianist Nancy Helenski, 2:30 p.m., Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 15

**FREE INTRO TO YOGA**, 9:30-10:30 a.m., UnionStudio Yoga, 305 North Main St. (Rte. 28), Andover. If you are new to yoga but not quite ready to jump into your first class, Intro to Yoga is for you, free one-hour class teaches principles of correct alignment, guidelines for breathing, and basic poses for strength, flexibility and balance. A relaxation practice promoting calm mind and body completes the practice; Instructor Connie Glone, unionstudiyyoga.com, 978 886-7944.

**AUDITIONS**, Pentucket Players Inc. of the Merrimack Valley host, for their spring production of Andrew Lloyd Webber & Tim Rice's rock-opera, "JESUS CHRIST: SUPERSTAR," Pentucket Bank Community Room, 25 Merrimack St. Haverhill, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., snow date & call backs, Sunday, Jan. 16; pentucketplayers.org.

**LIVE FOLK MUSIC**, Chris O'Brien and the 5-part harmonizing Parkington Sisters, the New Moon Coffeehouse, the Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St., Haverhill, 8 p.m., \$20 general admission; \$10 for kids 18 and under; newmooncoffeehouse.org.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 16

**DAY OF READINGS & HEALING**, 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., a 20-minute readings or healing session for \$10. Card readings can be tarot or angel cards, and energy work sessions are done by practitioners of Reiki and other healing modalities, Circles of Wisdom, 90 Main St., Andover.

**WATERCOLOR DEMONSTRATION**, by Ipswich artist Caleb Stone, 2 p.m., the East Mill Art Space, 21 High St., North Andover, MA (Davis and Furber Complex), hosted by the Andover/Nort Andover Artist Guild, \$5 donation for guests; Nella, 978-975-0015, andoversartistsguild.org.

**OPENING NIGHT FOR LYDIA'S CARNIVAL SIDESHOW**, sideshow revue featuring human blockheads, mind readers, hula hoopers, escape artists and folks that lie on beds of nails, Museum Place Mall (located at 1 East India Square, Salem, MA), at 7 p.m. escape artist Alexandria the Great is featured, \$5 advance, \$10 door; (978/210-2603), lydescarnivalsideshow.com.

**LIVE MUSIC**, The Reading Symphony Orchestra and the Reading Public Schools Childrens Concert, 2 p.m., Parker Middle School, 55-8; 978-664-5614.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 18

**PLAY BRIDGE**, 12:30 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 19

**COMMUNITY HIKE**, Harold Parker State Forest, every Wednesday at 10 a.m., free,

Please see CALENDAR, Page 6

# JAMMIN' WITH STILL WELL ANGEL



Twins Sean (front) and Stephen Chicarello and their band Still Well Angel will perform in Manchester, N.H., next month. FILE PHOTO

## Band has identical twins, AHS grads

By JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

Still Well Angel is a band of brothers — identical ones.

The Chicarello twins, Sean and Stephen, grew up in town, graduated from Andover High School in 1998 and bring their sound of rock/hard rock to Manchester, N.H. next month.

Sean Chicarello said the band, which has four members, sounds like the rock bands Creed or Staind. Still Well Angel songs have been played on the radio station ROCK101 based in Manchester, N.H.

It's been a long ride for the musical twins who have been doing music since they were 9. They were hired for young teen girl birthday parties, and danced and sang to New Kids on the Block music.

"By 14, I got a guitar and we started our first band," Sean Chicarello said.

In 1999, Still Well Angel was formed. The band took its name from a scene in the movie "A League of Their Own."

"There's a bratty kid named Stilwell 'Angel,'" Sean Chicarello said. "It just stuck with me and everyone liked Still Well Angel for our band's name."

He said the brothers, who get along well, have stay motivated all these years because they simply love music. Sean's wife, Virginia (Carroll) Chicarello, is also a twin and AHS graduate, Class of 2001. He said she is very supportive of his music and that helps a lot.

"Even when we take a break, I go to karaoke and perform," Sean Chicarello

### IN MANCHESTER, NOT ROCKFORD

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said. "My goal is to perform on a stage in front of thousands and have them sing back a song that I wrote. That would be cool."

Sean Chicarello plays guitar, writes lyrics and sings while Stephen plays the drums. The two other band members are Kevin Fisher on bass guitar and Jay Stelmach on guitar.

The band has performed at the Worcester Palladium, in New York and around New England. They have opened for several heavy metal bands including the Misfits, Haverhill native Rob Zombie's Powerman 5000 and RA.

Still Well Angel lyrics are typically about relatable subjects including life's struggles. Song inspiration comes from survivors of those struggles.

"I watch TV shows, like Intervention, and write about what people talk about, like runaways, adoption, single-parent households and alcoholism," Sean Chicarello said. "I love to write."

The brothers are excited to be putting on a somewhat local show, he said.

## Andover dancers in Angel celebration

Four dancers from Andover will join with more than 130 costumed performers in a presentation of the "Angel Dance Celebration" on Saturday, Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, at 7 p.m. at the Casey Theater at Regis College, 235 Wellesley St., Weston.

Andover dancers from the Angel Dance Company are Melissa Lee, Vivian Liu and Justin Amy Wang; and from the Little Angel Dance Troupe is Jessica Wang.

Hosted by the Angel Performance Art Co. of Weston, the program is billed as one that

will "present a variety of intricate and colorful dances representing many different ethnic groups across China, and showcase the talent from nine different dance groups Angel Dance Company." The groups are the Boston Chinese Dance Group, Commonwealth Ballet Company, Dongfang Dance Troupe, Huaxia Dance Troupe, Lexington School of Ballet, Little Angel Dance Troupe, Melody Dance Troupe and Sunshine Dance Troupe.

Tickets are \$20 and are available by calling 617-230-3854 or ordering online at angelperformanceart.com.

## 'Jesus Christ Superstar' auditions this Saturday

Pentucket Players Inc. of the Merrimack Valley will hold open auditions for their spring production of Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice's rock-opera, "Jesus Christ Superstar" this weekend.

The auditions, open to Andover residents, will be on Saturday, Jan. 15, at the Pentucket Bank Community Room, 25 Merrimack St. Haverhill, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Their will be a snow date and call backs on Sunday, Jan. 16.

Cast requirements in addition to principles, include ensemble roles of varying ages from high school to adults. Specific vocal requirements for principle roles can be found by clicking on the "participate" tab on the Pentucket Players' website pentucketplayers.org.

The production will be presented in April at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

## 'American Music' on tap for Jan. 21

Andover residents can enjoy a free concert of American music on Friday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m.

The concert will feature members of the Phillips Academy Music Department including Roksana Sudol, violin; Diane Lim, piano; Meghan Jacoby, flute; Christopher Walter, piano; Jan Müller-Szeraws, cello; Krista River, mezzo-soprano; Vincent Monaco, trumpet; Stephen Porter, piano, and Charlyn

Bethell, English horn. The program will include works by Samuel Barber, Leonard Bernstein, Aaron Copland, Derek Jacoby and Norman Dello Joio and will take place in the Timken Room at Graves Hall.

This concert is free and open to the public. For more information call the academy at 978-749-4263 or send an e-mail to music@andover.edu.

## Young Opera Co. auditioning youth for spring session

The Young Opera Company of New England is holding auditions on Saturday, Jan. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the First Parish Congregational Church in Wakefield. Rehearsals are Monday nights from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. at the church. Call 978-664-4705 to arrange an audition. To learn more about the company and view previous performance visit youngoperacompany.org

The Young Opera Company of New England began making its home in the Greater Wakefield area in the fall of 2010. It describes its mission in this way: "to train elementary, middle and high school singers to achieve excellence in vocal technique, stage presence and performance as they educate as well as entertain audiences of all ages through professional performances of substance and high quality. The company's goal is to train, through fine curriculum, great music and

ambitious operatic productions, the region's next generation of great performers."

This spring's repertoire includes an adaptation of the Gilbert and Sullivan operetta *Pirates of Penzance*, a production of the Terezin opera *Brundibar*, and concludes with a production of *Classic Broadway* celebrating the music of Cole Porter and George Gershwin. These performances are part of the 35th Anniversary of Marie Stultz's contribution to classical music with young singers throughout New England. Students of varying capability and experience are welcome as well as singers around the region, according to the group.

YOCNE and Stultz made their Boston debut this past July at New England Conservatory's historic Jordan Hall with a performance of an adaptation by Stultz of Mozart's "The Magic Flute."



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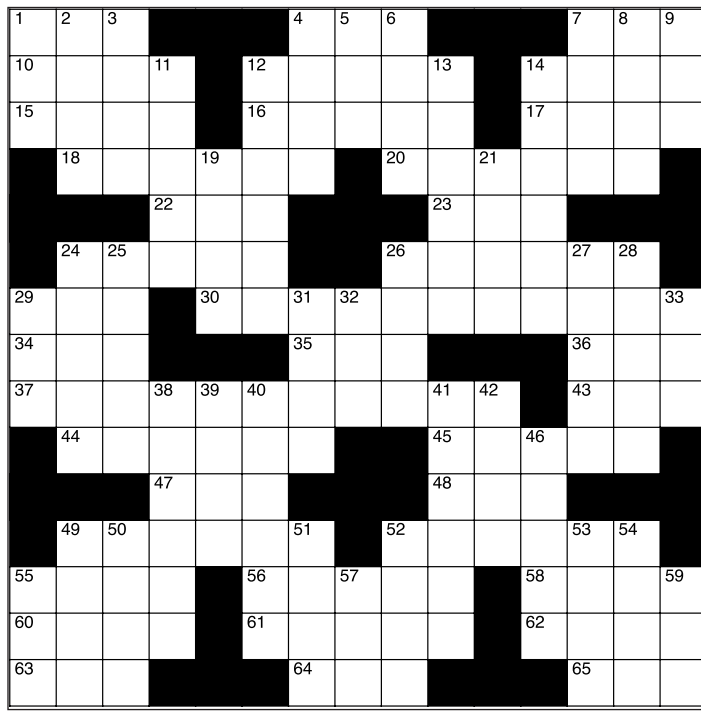
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## Crossword puzzle



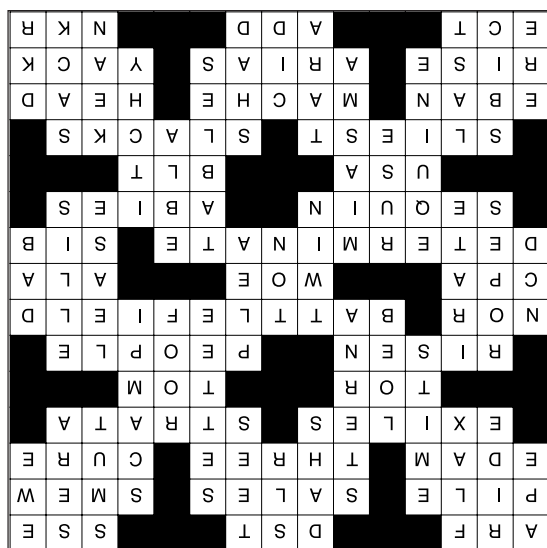
### CLUES ACROSS

1. Dog's bark
4. Fall back (time abbr.)
7. Point midway between S and SE
10. Heap
12. Gross revenue
14. Smallest merganser
15. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
16. Small integer
17. Restore to health
18. Banishments
20. Layers of rock
22. Hill (Celtic)
23. Male cat
24. Past tense of 60 across
26. Humans as a group
29. Introduces a further negative
30. Area of conflict
34. A licensed accountant
35. Deep distress or misery
36. A winglike structure
37. Having defined limits
43. A brother or sister
44. A small shiny ornamental disk
45. True firs
47. No. Am. republic (abbr.)
48. Bacon-lettuce-tomato sandwich
49. Most guileful
52. Casual trousers
55. Abba \_\_\_\_\_, Israeli politician
56. Papier-\_\_\_\_\_, art material
58. Am. costume designer Edith
60. Stand up

### CLUES DOWN

1. Mimic
2. Journey on horseback
3. Linen plant
4. Dashes
5. Single Lens Reflex
6. Golf ball stands
7. A particle of dirt
8. Clear blood fluids
9. Utters
11. Tern genus
12. Small sofa
13. Shrimp sauteed in butter and garlic
19. Leopold and \_\_\_\_\_
21. Top of motor vehicle
24. Securing devices
25. Highly incensed
26. Earnest entreaty
27. Rent
28. Am. immigration island
29. National Council on Disability (abbr.)
31. Same birthdate sibling
32. 2,000 pounds
33. A light stroke
38. Relating to a horse
39. A subterfuge
40. Unwholesome atmosphere
41. Dining, coffee and card
42. Cunieform tablets found in 1974
46. Scratchy
49. Invests in little enterprises
50. Foot-shaped shoe form
51. Scarlett's home
52. Genus alosa
53. New Jersey university
54. Paper bag
55. Before
57. Castilian knight El \_\_\_\_\_
59. Denmark

### Solution



# Winter events at Andover Bookstore

Residents will have a chance this month to warm up with chili, can discuss how local action might cool down nuclear threats and meet a Pulitzer Prize winner, all at the Andover Bookstore.

All events are open to the public, and held at the Andover Bookstore, 89 R Main St. Tickets are available at the door for \$3. For information call 978-475-0143.

### Sarah Pinneo: "Ski House Cookbook"

Tonight, Thursday, Jan. 13 at 7 p.m. visitors to the bookstore will be sampling pulled pork and slow cooker beef chili, made from recipes from this book filled with comfort food for the cold winter months. Join a group around the fireplace for cooking tips and easy satisfying suggestions for winter menus that "will warm you up from the inside out."

### David Wylie: "City, Save Thyself! Nuclear Terror and the Urban Ballot"

This event is Wednesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. "Wylie offers a powerful message: If you want to fix America, begin at the local level, but think globally" says former senator Bill Bradley about this book. According to the bookstore, the author is a former city councilor who writes about how change can come about through cities and towns starting a world-wide Municipal Security Congress to pressure nations to come together in confronting nuclear threats and global nuclear terrorism.

### Paul Harding: "Tinkers"

On Thursday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. meet Harding, who lives in Georgetown and writes with eloquence about local landscape and history.

According to the bookstore, "This book

was the surprise winner of last year's Pulitzer Prize. Harding's prose is lyrical and specific as he unfurls the history and final thoughts of a dying grandfather surrounded by his family and the antique clocks he has restored. As he lies in a hospital bed in his New England home, he wanders back through a mosaic of memories."

### Rosemary Herbert: "Front Page Teaser"

This author event is on Thursday, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. According to the bookstore, "Herbert has written a gripping tale of an investigative reporter, Liz Higgins, on the hunt. A woman has gone missing from her suburban Boston home. As the clues take Liz from the Irish music scene to suburban Wellesley neighborhoods, she vows to move from light news reporting to writing front page stories."

## EVENTS CALENDAR

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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.

**BOOK SALE OPENS**, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, Preview Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m., \$20 admission per person; mhl.org, 978-623-8401, x31, 32, or text 66746 (start your message with "askmhl").

**BOOK APPRAISAL**, 10 local history authors will speak about their books, 5:30 p.m., with Ken Gloss of Brattle Book Shop and Antiques Roadshow who will speak about the history of books, appraisal of books, documents and manuscripts follows, \$10 per person, Buttonwoods Museum, 240 Water St., Haverhill; 978-374-4621, haverhillhistory.org. Snow Date is Jan. 26.

**OPEN REHEARSALS START**, and auditions for Women Choral Singers, WomenSong, a choral group for women from the Massachusetts North Shore and Southern New Hampshire, 7:15-9 p.m.; Frances Burmeister, fburmeister@hotmail.com to set up an audition, womensong.org.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 20

**RECEPTION**, National Park Service Visitor Center, 2 New Liberty St., Salem, MA, 5:30-6:30 p.m., and see the winning images from 2010 Photo Contest on display. The public is welcome to attend the exhibit opening and enjoy light refreshments. The 2010 Essex Heritage Photo Contest will be viewable online at EssexHeritage.org and exhibited for one year.

**BOOK SALE**, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., see Jan. 19 listing.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 21

**LIVE MUSIC**, High Plain Drifters Winter concert, 10:30 a.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15

Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

**BOOK SALE**, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., see Jan. 19 listing.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 22

**LIVE MUSIC**, emma's revolution, women focus their political passions in deftly-turned phrases and memorable melodies to testify for love, peace, equality and justice, 8 p.m., \$16-18; http://www.uureading.org/ivyvitix.htm.

**SINGLES DANCE**, Angelica's Restaurant, 49 South Main St., Middleton, dancing with music by DJ, \$15, 8:30 p.m.-12 a.m., complimentary hors d'oeuvres, free salsa dance lessons, 7:30-8:30 p.m.; (978)750-4900, se-4u.com.

**SINGING**, "Lullaby of Broadway," with Jon O'Neil, 2 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225 x110.

**BOOK SALE**, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., see Jan. 19 listing.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 23

**LIVE PIANO**, 10 American legendary and contemporary composers are the focus of a piano recital fundraiser for the Essex Chamber Music Players featuring pianist David Alan Pihl, 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College's

Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, \$5-15, refreshments will be served; MWarts.Info, ecmp.org. Snow date is Jan. 30.

**BOOK SALE**, Memorial Hall Library, Andover, 1-4 p.m., see Jan. 19 listing.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 25

**PLAY BRIDGE**, 12:30 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext. 110.

### WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26

**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.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 27

**LIVE MUSIC**, Clarinetist Todd Brunnell and Synchronized Toast, 3 p.m., free, Atria Marland Place, 15 Stevens St., Andover; 978-475-4225, ext.110.

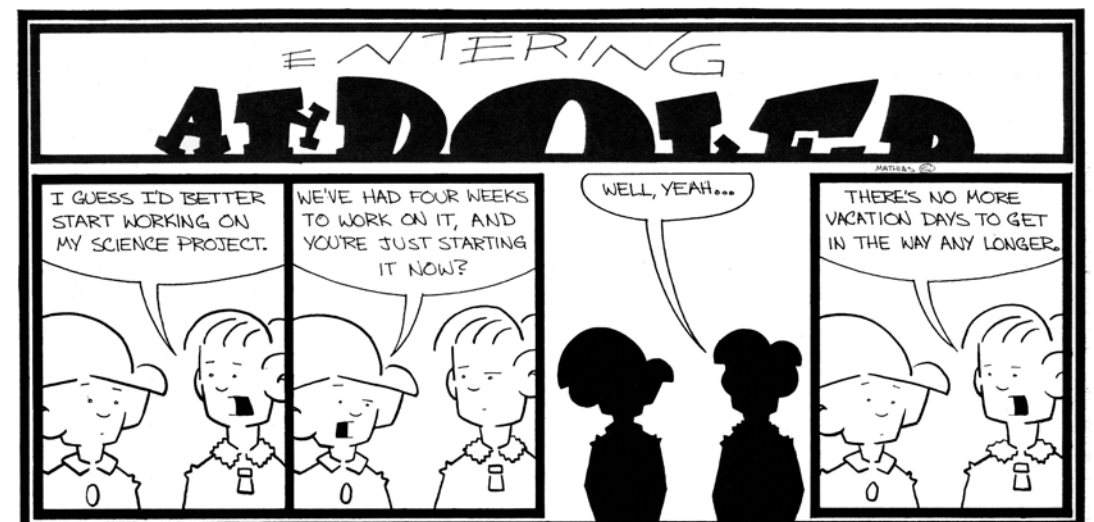
## Miss singing? Chamber chorus seeks new voices

Want to get back into singing? Known for its eclectic programming, the chorus Cantemus is seeking experienced singers in all voice parts, especially soprano and tenor.

Auditions will be by appointment on Tuesday, Jan. 18 from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at Miles River Middle School, Route 1A, Hamilton. To schedule an audition, call 1-888-CHORUS 1. See cantemus.org for complete audition and chorus details.

On April 30 and May 1, the 30- to 40-voice chamber chorus will perform a program of Brahms, Britten, Copland and Duruflé, along with a little vocal jazz.

## ENTERING ANDOVER by Don Mathias



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# Opinion

## Should we read anything into this?

We've all seen people down on their luck pick through garbage bins in hopes of finding treasure, or at least cans with a 5-cent deposit. It's not too often you hear of someone taking the Dumpster-size garbage bins themselves. But that's what happened last week in Andover. Police received a report of a thief who made off with 30 giant metal trash containers from a Lowell Junction Road construction company. The trash containers are about 20 feet long each. During the worst of the current recession, there was a reported increase in the number of people stealing metal from construction sites, presumably for the money they could get from scrap-metal dealers. Lately, there have been signs that the economy is very slowly improving, according to many experts. The trash containers cost over \$3,000 each, so their theft is significant and a serious matter for police. But we'd like to meet the expert who can explain whether the theft of these trash containers is a sign of an improving or struggling economy.

## Note to readers

Due to this week's storm, the Townsman went to press early Wednesday morning. Coverage of the storm and its aftermath will be posted on the Townsman website.

## Letters on Bancroft project

Next week's edition is the last before the Jan. 25 special election to determine if residents support building a new Bancroft Elementary School. Letters concerning this topic must be received by Friday at 5 p.m. for inclusion in the Jan. 20 Townsman. Letters must be no longer than 350 words and the Townsman reserves the right to edit, including for space, clarity and accuracy issues.

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

#### New Bancroft will improve special education delivery

**Editor, Townsman:**  
On Tuesday, Jan. 25, Andover voters will be asked to decide whether to support the proposed Bancroft Elementary School building project. Over the past year, we have heard about many critical issues addressed within the proposal – safety, sustainable and cost-saving features, solutions to the issues at Shawsheen School – but one issue that has received little attention is the positive impact this new building will have on the quality and efficiency of special education service delivery in Andover.

Within the existing Bancroft School building, special education services are delivered in what were originally designed to be closet spaces. These closets are scattered throughout the building and given their size, lighting and ventilation are clearly inadequate to meet the students' needs. Consequently, Andover has been cited by the state for noncompliance and must provide resolution.

The proposed Bancroft School design includes a centralized special education area located at the heart of the school which would allow all service delivery options

– physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, counseling, etc. – to be delivered efficiently. In addition, many classrooms will have shared connecting spaces that will allow students to receive targeted small-group instruction. These features will bring Bancroft into compliance with state regulations and offer our students a more inclusive and innovative educational environment.

Over the past 10 years, one of the biggest obstacles to controlling out-of-district spending costs has been the lack of available space within the Andover school buildings. Within the proposed Bancroft design, the MSBA has approved two classrooms to be built and used specifically for new in-district special education programming needs. One of the first steps in designing a quality in-district program is to provide appropriate space, and these two new classrooms at Bancroft will allow Andover the additional capacity they need to begin this process. New quality in-district programs allow students the opportunity to be educated with their peers, and the town the opportunity to control out-of-district spending within our own community.

For all of these reasons, I urge you to vote yes on question 1 at Jan. 25 special election.

CYNDI WEBBER

## WEB QUESTION

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Which of these statements best reflects your view of the proposed Bancroft Elementary?

- The current school is failing structurally, and needs to be replaced.
- A new Bancroft will close Shawsheen, taking care of two expensive birds with one stone.
- Replacing Bancroft will redistrict the town's elementary schools, balancing student-population issues.
- The school needs to be replaced, but this is not the school plan we need.
- Plans to build a new Bancroft Elementary will force a high level of debt and higher tax bills on Andover residents.

### LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's questions was "What statements best describe how you travel to work?" With 118 people responding, the answers were:

- I travel by car or truck most often: 33.9% (40 votes)
- I work within 20 miles of where I live: 21.19% (25 votes)
- I work in the Boston area: 13.56% (16 votes)
- I travel by train most often: 7.63% (9 votes)
- I travel by foot or bicycle most often: 5.93% (7 votes)
- I work from home, and do not need to travel: 5.08% (6 votes)
- I work further west into the state: 3.39% (4 votes)
- I work in an area not outlined above: 3.39% (4 votes)
- Other: 3.39% (4 votes)
- I travel by public transit, buses or cabs most often: 1.69% (2 votes)
- I work in the New Hampshire area: 0.85% (1 vote)

## SUMMER DREAMIN'



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

With a helmet and safety pads affixed, 3-1/2-year-old Gavin Cleary races around a parking lot in Andover.

## New Bancroft proposal a change from past projects

### Don Robb

Planning to open a new school in Andover has, in the past, almost always meant reacting to a crisis, major overcrowding in the town's schools. This time, however, it's different.

The proposal to build a new Bancroft School is unique in three distinct ways.

First, the need for a new school is based on the fact that two of the town's current elementary schools have reached a point where it is no longer economically feasible, nor safe, to consider keeping them on line for more than a year or so. Both Bancroft, where the town has invested millions in repair costs, and Shawsheen, which needs major renovation that would trigger millions to bring it up to code, have essentially reached the end of their useful lives.

During the planning process, every alternative was considered

– from redistributing the Bancroft population to the other schools, to leasing a building, to locating on another site. The current proposal emerged as by far the most cost efficient and effective.

Second, the new building is actually planned for the future, not just for the day it opens. In the past, new schools have tended to be overcrowded almost from the day the first students arrived. Upon completion, the new building will be able to accommodate both the current Bancroft enrollment and the K-2 population now located at Shawsheen. Students will remain in the present Bancroft building while the new building is being constructed, positioning the School Committee to consider closing Shawsheen in the future.

The new Bancroft will house about as many students as

currently attend West Elementary, with a construction cost within the range (\$290 to \$327 per square foot) of other recently built elementary schools in Massachusetts. Building in a different part of the present Bancroft site means no need to acquire land, and no disruption of students while the work is in progress.

The plan has been accepted for funding by the state, and the reimbursement money encumbered. If the plan were abandoned, money from the state, probably at a much lower amount, might not be available for as much as a decade.

Third, the new school will include a number of "green" elements. Both Shawsheen and the present Bancroft cost significantly more in maintenance every year than do other elementary schools. The "green" design will make the new building the

most efficient in the system, reducing both maintenance and utility costs. The state requires a certain level of "green" planning, but Andover has chosen to go beyond the minimum. In so doing, the town becomes eligible for increased state funding for the project, and saves itself operating costs on into the future.

Among the "green" features, all of which help to reduce costs, are high energy boilers, an energy-recovery system, daylight and rainwater harvesting, solar/thermal applications, and the use of recycled building materials.

The approach taken in the proposal for the new Bancroft represents a considerable departure from previous building projects, and could well serve as a model for future planning.

Don Robb is a former School Committee and Finance Committee member.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### LETTERS POLICY

The Townsman accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters should be typed, no longer than 350 words and must include writer's name, address and phone number (numbers will not be published). We reserve the right to edit letters for length, clarity and style. Letters about Bancroft must be received by Friday at 5 p.m. for the next edition.

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school, in the right location, and now is the right time to build it. It is obvious that the old Bancroft needs to be replaced, and we should replace it now, while we have the right team in place. Please vote Yes on Jan. 25.

Bob Willard  
76 Tewksbury St.

### New Bancroft access issue needs new look

**Editor, Townsman:**  
From the beginning, I have watched with interest the Bancroft School project. I've attended meetings, and listened to the debate about relocating the effected students to other towns with vacant school buildings, or absorbing of these students into our already overcrowded elementary schools during construction, or using modular trailers. I've heard from engineers that say the current school has reached the end of its useful life.

Throughout this process well-meaning School Committee members tried their best to limit both the impact of this project to the surrounding neighborhood and the disruption to the students. The costs and size of the project was left to other experts.

Special interest groups seeking more playing fields and access to the school after hours for programs were present. The committee and my neighbors did an admirable job. I voted for the debt exclusion override as I believe a superior school system is one of the foundations for a strong

community and the basis for which I moved here 25 years ago.

The fact that Massachusetts will reimburse the town a large portion of the project's costs is also a plus in these difficult economic times.

So why am I writing? Well, there are two things that I feel have been addressed but not yet resolved involving access.

During this current school vacation I drove up West Knoll to see for myself this proposed means of access. I've walked there many times before not knowing the town had a right of way. It is one of the finest areas that Andover has to offer.

Unfortunately I couldn't get up the icy slope due to the melting snow that froze and I had to back down the hill because it was too narrow to turn around. I can now understand the West Knoll residents' concerns. The other concern is the speed on South Main Street. I should know, as I leave my driveway several times a day. The speed limit should be reduced during busing hours or there should be some kind of human traffic control as buses are leaving or entering the area. While the speed limit is 45 mph it's common to observe trucks and cars at speeds well in excess of that.

A third lane similar to that for the entrance to Phillips Hockey rink is out of the question as there is no room.

I'm not really directly impacted by this project except for the taxes. I do not represent any special watchdog group for community projects. The decision to use West Knoll should be done carefully to assure the safety of the students, the impact of the neighborhood and the access the fire and police departments say they need to the school. West Knoll should play only a limited role in this project and the idea of access should be revisited by those involved.

MARK O'MALLEY  
301 South Main St.

### Thoughtful process has created building worth supporting

**Editor, Townsman:**  
On Jan. 25, you will be asked

whether or not the Town may exempt from Proposition 2 1/2 limitations (aka M.G.L. c. 59, § 21C) the payment of interest and principal necessary for the Bancroft Elementary School replacement project to become a reality.

The Bancroft project has been studied, analyzed and publicly discussed for years. Bancroft has structural issues that can no longer be ignored and that make the school's replacement inevitable. The replacement project has the support of the Board of Selectman, Finance Committee, Planning Board and School Committee.

All potential options for resolving the Bancroft problem have been thoroughly evaluated and publicly discussed: leaving the school as is, renovating the school, housing students elsewhere, closing Bancroft and putting the students in the remaining schools. All the options have also been scrutinized by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA is so supportive of the replacement project they have agreed to reimburse Andover for the construction costs to the maximum level permissible, 44 percent.

The thoughtful process and careful analysis going into the Bancroft project is to be commended. The towns that get ahead and stay ahead during difficult times are the ones that plan for the future and collaborate to solve problems. The Bancroft replacement project represents this collaborative capital planning effort. By finally resolving the Bancroft problem the town will also cease incurring the significant costs for emergency maintenance and structural repairs. The town will be able to capitalize on lower construction and financing costs available due to the present economy. The town will have a plan for its continually increasing student population and will have options for the potential closing of another aged school.

The careful analysis and thoughtful capital planning effort going into the Bancroft project will get our town ahead and should be supported by a Yes vote on Jan. 25.

DIANE MCCARRON  
1 Napier Road

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# VOTE: Decision on \$44M Bancroft School is Jan. 25

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If the new school moves forward, it will replace a facility that went into operation in 1969 under an "open learning" concept that, today, has both its rewards and its drawbacks, according to current staff and town officials. Educators say the proposed school has areas that will allow for the larger group collaboration Bancroft is famous for, while reducing the noise created in the current school.

Overall, years of planning, discussions and work on a new Bancroft Elementary will come before the town one last time in less than two weeks. A yes vote means the project will be built. Officials say they have not established a definitive plan for what they will do if residents shoot down the plan.

The Bancroft School will be paid over 20 years, costing the average taxpayer an additional \$179 in the first year and slightly less for each of the next 19 years.

"We have a school that is ticking," Dennis Fogue, School Committee chairman, said. "At some point, it is going to go offline."

## BANCROFT TODAY: OPEN, BUT FAILING

Walking through Bancroft Elementary School today, it is difficult to see why it needs to be replaced. Teachers and students occupy just about every room, hallways are lined with winter coats and education in the school is alive.

From the middle of the school's media center, you can hear all of the school at once. The open concept of the facility is what gives the Bancroft community its strength, Francine Goldstein, the school's principal, said.

"There are some wonderful things about our school teaching that lends itself to the openness," Goldstein said.

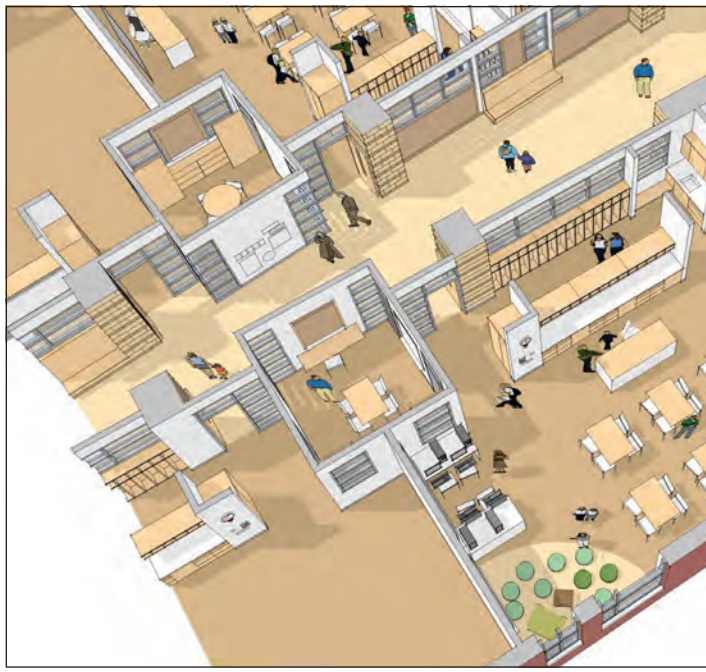
But while the community has grown, part of the school's drawback is the noise it generates, as children talking in one room can literally be heard across the building.

"Some of the noise and distraction can sometimes damage the children disproportionately, depending on the student," Andover superintendent Marinell McGrath said.

McGrath holds her index fingers out and taps the ends of them together while saying that the gesture is known as "the Bancroft Clap."

For Nancy Snow, media teacher at Bancroft, the infrastructure behind the open school concept also makes teaching difficult. In the media center, which is visible from almost anywhere in the building, large ventilation fans hum steadily.

"The open school, I love it, but with these fans, I'm constantly



This is an artist rendering of classrooms in the proposed Bancroft School.

talking over noise and the kids are trying to concentrate and listen over the noise," Snow said. "It does make it very hard during MCAS time, because we have to maintain a silent school when we are trying to teach."

For many at the school, the fans and other issues represent the smallest concerns. Beyond all of that, Bancroft Elementary is slowly falling apart.

Throughout the building, new steel plating has been added to keep older support beams from failing and coming down. When the beams were added, white vertical lines were painted across all of the plates' bolts to gauge whether they are coming loose or not.

Today, some of the lines are pointing horizontally, a sign that some bolts have turned under the stress and weight of what they support.

On one wall of the school, a crack in the concrete extends from the second-floor ceiling to the ground. Town officials have placed a small meter over it to gauge how fast the crack grows, and they check it regularly.

"I never worry (about safety) because they are always checking," Goldstein said.

Overall, the cost to maintain Bancroft amounts to around \$7 per square foot, when other schools, such as the recently-built High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle schools, cost less than \$2 per square foot.

To renovate Bancroft, fixing all structural problems and bringing the facility up to current code, would cost far more than it would to build a completely new school, officials have said.

A new school will also help address capacity issues at the other elementary schools allowing the town to close the K-2 Shawsheen School.

Overall, it is expected to cost \$1.5 million more annually to operate the new Bancroft

Elementary than the old, according to a memo from Joe Piantedosi, Andover's acting Plant and Facilities director. But this cost, which includes teacher salaries and supplies, will be equal to, and possibly lower than, the current operating cost of both the existing Bancroft and Shawsheen schools, Piantedosi said.

"We're really building a school and a half and closing down two of the least efficient in the system," said Tom Deso, vice-chairman of the School Building Committee.

"The reason for replacing Bancroft is significant building deficiencies, the cost of operation and it is at the end of its useful life," Fogue said. "Structural deficiencies overrode every consideration."

Current plans for the new Bancroft Elementary have it carrying close to 200 more students than it does today to cushion the wave of redistricted students after Shawsheen School closes.

Projected to carry 680 kids, the school will have three stories in some areas and carry some of the open-classroom characteristics so familiar to the Bancroft community, according to Goldstein.

"One of the things that was important to me in the design was maintaining some of that open feeling without having an open school," Goldstein said.

Like today, adults and older children walking down the halls will be able to see into every classroom they pass. But unlike today, they will be looking through windows, according to Goldstein.

The building is designed to have flexibility, to allow it to adapt to future education methods and processes, according to McGrath.

"This is going to be a building for 40 years," McGrath said. "We don't know how teaching and learning is going to evolve. We have to have a building that can adapt to these changes."

## FUTURE BANCROFT WILL AID EDUCATION

While educational concerns were not the reason to pursue a new school, the new Bancroft's design will help improve the

process by expanding on the finer qualities of the existing facility, according to Goldstein.

"The media center will be the heart of the building, without the noise," Goldstein said.

While teachers often bring students into small storage-like spaces in the current building, specially-constructed "personal instruction" rooms will allow teachers to break off with small groups of students during class.

Other space is set up to allow students within specific grade groups to work together and help each other as much as they do today, Goldstein said.

"We do some of that now, and I would hate to lose it," Goldstein said. "If anything, I think this will enhance it."

But as much as people love the open learning concept, leaving behind the noise level of the current Bancroft School behind will also contribute to the quality of the students' education.

"When teachers are planning something that is more interactive, hands on and noisier (in the current school), they have to check with the neighbors," Goldstein said. "With this new building, that will not be an issue."

## "GREEN" LABORATORY

A new Bancroft will also cost less to operate, according to Piantedosi.

While saying that plans use "proven technology" as opposed to recent "fads," Piantedosi said the net effect of going greener with the project is going to save the town money.

"We expect to see substantial savings in operating costs and energy consumption," Piantedosi said. "Savings will be effected by the fact that we put air quality as a No. 1 issue."

Controls will monitor carbon dioxide levels at the individual-room level, aiding the school's ventilation system in sending fresh, comfortable air only to where it is needed, according to Piantedosi.

"During low or no occupancy, panels to outside dampers are closed," Piantedosi said, adding that the same controls would send fresh air to places with lots of children.

The building will make extensive use of natural sunlight to not only illuminate the building, but also heat it during the winter. Meanwhile, energy-recovery units will transfer heat between incoming fresh air and outgoing stale air, Piantedosi said.

Nearby solar photovoltaic panels, as well as a free-standing wind turbine, will provide a small amount of energy to the school and provide data that students and teachers can use for projects, according to officials.

"They're not only going to reduce the operating costs of the building," McGrath said. "They're going to allow students to incorporate that teaching into their science, their math... into their classrooms."

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# If project fails, town backup plan uncertain

By DUSTIN LUCA  
STAFF WRITER

What happens if residents do not support the proposed plan to replace Bancroft? According to several town officials, the answer is not set in stone, but the town will still need to find a way to address documented structural problems at Bancroft Elementary School. If the vote fails, the "Plan B" the town pursues may depend on how badly it loses at the ballot box, according to School Committee member Annie Gilbert. Presently, if the vote fails by a narrow margin, the town would enter talks with the Massachusetts School Building Authority, which is covering 44 percent of the cost of the building, to see what kind of reimbursement it will offer if the town tries again with a similar plan.

"We don't have a plan B until we see what the (MSBA) will do," Gilbert said. "It depends on if we get creamed, or if we lose by a few votes."

Andover expects that if the project is rejected the town will receive less reimbursement for a similar project brought forward in a future year, because the state is offering less reimbursement now than when Andover started its project, according to School Committee Chairman Dennis Fogue.

If an overwhelming majority

of the town rejects the plans, officials say they will go back to the drawing board. The school could be replaced through a totally different project, or the town could take the renovation route with Bancroft.

"The likelihood is we would either move forward on our own, wait a while and get accepted and get lower reimbursement, or we would do nothing, so in a few years we would have to close Bancroft so it would be renovated," Fogue said. "At that point, we need to close it or put a ton of money into it, and who knows how long you are going to get out of that."

Recent repairs made to Bancroft will be good for roughly three to four years, said Joe Piantedosi, acting director of Plant and Facilities. More work will be needed within the next few years.

The other alternative, which was previously considered by town officials before they settled on the plan to build a new school, was to renovate and add onto the existing Bancroft. But to do so, the town would ultimately pay more, and the state would likely not provide a reimbursement, Piantedosi said.

"Our concern is that the nature of the repairs could become so substantial, that it would result in the school closing," Piantedosi said. "It depends on what we visually see."

# OPPOSITION: Critics say new school too expensive

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run, operationally, much more affordable for the town."

Further complicating the issue is the site costs associated with the building. While building a new High Plain Elementary and Wood Hill Middle school facility on an undeveloped site cost the town \$34 million almost a decade ago, the Bancroft project — which runs around \$10 million more — will require a new roadway, the demolition of an existing building and a complete relocation of an existing wetlands.

"Our site costs are high, and site costs vary from site to site," Gilbert said. "That is just a reality with the Bancroft site."

Gilbert said the price is not unreasonable.

"If we were asking the town for \$27 million just to replace the current Bancroft, it would be too expensive," said Gilbert, adding that the plan also addresses issues at Shawsheen School, allowing the town to close that school altogether. "What we are asking to replace is the two highest-cost buildings (in town)."

According to Lorraine Finnegan, a senior associate with Symmes Maini & McKee Associates, who has aided in designing the new school for state approval, costs run at around \$324 per square foot for construction only, while overall project costs — which include everything from printing construction bid documents to buying new computers, receiving necessary building and environmental permits and even moving things from one building to another — put the project at \$419 per square foot.

The range for other recent elementary school projects in the state put the average cost between \$290 and \$327 per square foot, according to

Gilbert, leaving the Bancroft project towards the high side of the cost spectrum.

## WEST KNOLL RESIDENTS OPPOSE EXTENSION

How the town has planned for the project has also concerned some residents. As an example, Barnes said redistricting is expected following the opening of the new school, and plans for upgrading or extending West Knoll Road have also been announced, but these plans have either not been made publicly available or they haven't been completed yet.

It has also been announced that West Knoll Road, a road that abuts the Bancroft Elementary School property, would be extended and used as a primary means for getting to the school during construction. The existing access on Bancroft Road would be used for construction only.

The West Knoll extension would pass directly between two of the street's houses and use the Barnes family's driveway, which is on town-owned land.

"It is going to change the look and feel of the neighborhood," Barnes said, adding that many residents at the end of the street bought property and built houses there because they were at the end of West Knoll Road.

But the larger issue with West Knoll Road, said Barnes, is the ability of the road handle school buses, and the cars of teachers and parents, every morning and afternoon. He said there are visibility concerns for vehicles pulling off West Knoll Road and onto Route 28, especially when snowbanks pile up during the winter. A traffic island at the end of the road could complicate bus traffic pulling onto the road, and a hill just yards away compounds visibility concerns, Barnes said.

According to Plant and Facilities Director Joe Piantedosi, the town has reviewed such concerns. Other residents have discussed the grading of the road, saying traffic can "disappear" from sight at one point, according to Piantedosi.

"We have looked at that," Piantedosi said. "There are many roads in Andover that are as steep as that, that have buses going at that all the time."

Andover Police Lt. James Hashem said the police and fire departments have reviewed safety concerns at the entrance of the street, and they support the current layout more than any other options.

"We've been involved in the process right from the start," Hashem said. "We found the design is, really, better in the current configuration with two entrances and two exits instead of just one."

Should Bancroft Elementary receive a vote of approval from residents on Jan. 25, officials plan to extend West Knoll Road over the summer as the early steps to build the new Bancroft Elementary School kick into effect.

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# Townspeople

## Car crash and courage

Bill Dalton



Yesterday, I saw a photo of a few people in my high school class that brought back memories of poker, a car, an accident and a brave girl. The boys in the photo were involved in the poker part of the memories. Seeing Fran Jordan, the brave girl, reminded me of the rest. We were seniors when the picture was taken, but the story started earlier.

In my junior year, I played poker with a group of boys including three or four regulars. At first, there wasn't much money involved - nickles, dimes, and some quarters - but as the weeks went by, the amounts escalated.

One weekend, I paid 35 cents and bought a book on how to win at poker. I read it and became almost unbeatable. Before summer, I'd won so much that I was able to buy a small sports car, called an Austin Healey Sprite. It was a blue two-seater and was fun to drive.

That summer, Fran Jordan and I ran into each other by "The Barn" in the Old North Andover Center. The Barn was a place where Andover and North Andover kids hung out together. Fran was my closest girl friend, who wasn't a girlfriend. We liked each other's company, but we only dated a little, usually when she was at odds with a boyfriend. She was a terrific student and could talk about almost any subject, and she was pretty. We talked and laughed for a while, and she asked if she could drive my car. I said sure. The top was off the car and the night was nice. Fran had long blond hair that blew around a little in the wind. She was quick to smile and laugh, and we were having fun, not paying much attention to where we were driving.

We were in Boxford, and I didn't recognize the road, but it was narrow and winding, a perfect place to drive a sports car. Fran was a good driver and shifted the gears smoothly. There was no sign warning us, but after coming out of a curve, our road ended at a "T" intersection, and instantly we were in the middle of the intersection. A few yards ahead was an electrical transformer station.

We slid sideways as Fran slammed the brake pedal and turned the steering wheel to avoid going into the transformer. I was on the side of the car closest to the transformer, and the tires bit into the dirt as we went off the end of our road. The car rolled over, landing upside down, trapping us beneath it.

My head was in gritty soil, and I was disoriented. I was stunned but don't believe I lost consciousness. It was pitch black. I asked Fran if she was all right. She said, "I don't think so." The engine had quit when the car turned upside down or perhaps Fran turned it off, but I didn't hear it. I heard fluids dripping and I smelled a pervasive gasoline odor. I concentrated on where the handle to my door was and asked Fran if she could find her handle.

She said she couldn't move. Her voice was quiet and didn't sound at all afraid.

I figured out that my right hand had to be near the door handle and I found it, clicking it to the open position. I pushed against the door as hard as I could in the cramped space, and it moved a little, letting in some light from near the electric transformer, which was only a few feet away. I looked over to Fran, and her head was at an awkward angle. I kept pushing at the door until I opened it enough to crawl out. Two men in their twenties were standing several feet away. They watched, neither making a move to help. I stood up and asked if they'd lift the car so I could get Fran out. Neither moved. I turned and got my hands under the car and lifted it off the ground, yelling for them to get Fran out. Neither would go under the car, but they finally took over holding the car up so I could crawl in.

Fran said I should be careful moving her. Still, she was calm. I asked if she could help me by moving herself as I tried to take the pressure off her head by adjusting her upper body. She may have moved a little, but I don't think so. The men were telling me to hurry up. The gas smell was on their nerves as well as mine. Fran was calm. I got her sideways and pulled the top part of her from beneath the car. She whispered to please pull her skirt down to cover her legs. As I pulled the rest of her out, I adjusted her skirt which was up on her stomach. I thought what an amazing girl she was to be thinking of modesty at such a time.

A minute later, I'd moved her far enough away from the car that we were safe from fire. One of men said he was surprised I was able to lift the car; they were barely able to hold it up together. I said it had to be adrenalin. The rest of the night was filled with sirens, lights, an ambulance driving dangerously fast, and an emergency room. Fran was seriously injured and the professionals' work possibly saved her life and probably saved her from paralysis.

Fran went into surgery that included drilling a hole on each side of her skull. The holes were used to put a large clamp on her head, and the clamp was attached to a pulley that had weights on it. The idea was to stretch her neck to keep the broken vertebrae from damaging her spinal cord. She spent several days, perhaps a week or two, in that position and then wore a protective collar. I visited her often and she never complained. She apologized for wrecking my car and I said for her not to be foolish. It really didn't matter. She was as brave as a person could be.

In the picture taken that following January, she looks healthy; she healed well. The last I heard, she was living in the Midwest and had a family.

*Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the "Andover Townsman" and enjoys receiving your e-mails at billdalton@andover-townie.com. The Andover High Class of 1961 is holding its 50 reunion this year and if you don't know about it, contact Bill, and he'll put you in touch with the committee.*



Richard Padova, instructor in the Global Studies Dept. at Northern Essex Community College, talks about three centuries of presidential campaigns and elections at the Andover Senior Center.

MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

## PROFESSOR: HUMAN SEARCH ENGINE ON CAMPAIGN TRIVIA

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD  
STAFF WRITER

America's best known historical museum, The Smithsonian, has one. So does local political historian Richard Padova of Andover.

With a pair of curator gloves, he showed his prized collector's item to those gathered at a lecture at the Andover Senior center on Tuesday. The item is a dinner pail carrying an election slogan from the turn of the last century.

Candidates William McKinley and Teddy Roosevelt were running for president and vice president back then. "Four years more of the full dinner pail" was their winning campaign slogan during those prosperous times of jobs at factories and mills. Dinner pails were used by all those workers.

"People were enthused about elections back then. Eighty to 90 percent of the people voted. Not like today," Padova said.

Padova is a history professor at Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill. Andover Senior Center has teamed with the college to provide interesting programs for Andover seniors like Tuesday's talk called "Buttons, Banners and Bumper Stickers." It was an informal talk on the history of presidential campaigns.

"Our college collaboration program is going over well. Our seniors like to learn," said Karen Payne Taylor of the Senior Center.

Padova, currently on semester break, gave a 15-question quiz on presidential campaigns to kick off the event.

The origin of the campaign slogan, "Tippecanoe and Tyler Too," got lots of attention. William Henry Harrison was considered a war hero after a battle with Indians at the Indiana Territory back in the mid 1800s. Tippecanoe was a creek at the battle scene. John Tyler was Harrison's vice president.

Padova's curator gloves came out again as he had a presidential ballot from 1852. Back then newspapers printed ballots and voters clipped out the ballots and voted. Democratic newspapers carried Democratic candidates while Republican



Richard Padova, instructor in the Global Studies Dept. at Northern Essex Community College, holds up a McKinley-Roosevelt Tin "Dinner Pail" Candle Lantern during a talk about three centuries of presidential campaigns and elections at the Andover Senior Center.

newspapers had Republican ballots.

"That all changed in 1890 when Australian ballots were introduced. You got to vote in private like you do today," Padova said.

Padova is a walking presidential campaign library. He spouts names, dates

and campaign slogans smore quickly than a Google search.

"Political history buff," is how he describes himself.

"He's great, isn't he?" Payne Taylor said. "It's his second time here and we hope to get him back again."

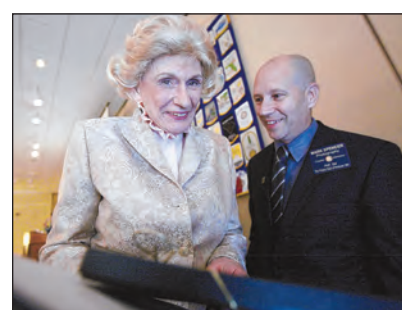
## Rotary solicits annual Citizens Who Care nominations

The Rotary Club of Andover announces the date for its 14th annual Citizens Who Care and third annual Educator of the Year awards.

The Citizens Who Care awards honor those who have made extraordinary contributions to the Andover community, above and beyond their normal job descriptions. Recipients must have some connection to Andover, either through their volunteer work, place of work or residence.

The Educator of the Year is given to one teacher in the Andover public school system who exemplifies these same qualities in and out of the classroom.

The club is currently soliciting nominations from the Andover



Belva Hopkins, receiving an award from Mark Spencer, was one of those honored for making extraordinary contributions to the Andover community during the 2010 Citizens Who Care Award Presentations hosted by the The Rotary Club of Andover.

community for both awards. Nomination forms may be downloaded from the website, rotaryandover.org. Submissions for both Citizens Who Care and Educator of the Year close March 15.

The awards banquet will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 12, at the Wyndham Hotel in Andover. Tickets are \$50 per

person for the event and include a silent auction. More information will be available closer to the date.

For more information on nominating someone for the Citizens Who Care award contact Peter Johnston at the Savings Bank his e-mail is pjohnston@tsb-awake24.com. For Educator of the Year, contact Raymond Cannon at ray@rjcanonlaw.com.

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### 25 Years Ago Jan. 9, 1986

Incumbent James D. Doherty has taken out nomination papers for the one-year term as town moderator; incumbents Gerald Silverman and Charles Wesson, have taken out nomination for the three-year term on the Board

of Selectmen, School Committee Chairman Donald Robb and committee member Richard Neal will be seeking re-election to the three-year term and incumbent for the five-year term of the Andover Housing Authority member, Ronald Hajj, has taken out nomination papers.

The Andover Historical Society is sponsoring another of its First Sunday Series on Sunday Jan. 12, at 2 p.m. at its headquarters, 97

Main St. The program features slides and taped narration on "The William Jenkins House and the Underground Railroad."

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ENGAGEMENT



Meredith Schmidt and Jason Edelstein

Meredith Avery Schmidt and Jason Lawrence Edelstein will be married Jan. 23 at the Bedford Village Inn, Bedford, N.H. The bride is the daughter of Emmett and Debby Schmidt of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School and Goucher College. She received a master's degree from Tufts University in 2010 and is currently completing her Ed.S in school psychology. The groom is the son of Peter and Beth Edelstein of Andover. He is a graduate of Andover High School and Ithaca College. He is currently employed at Brigham

and Women's Hospital as a senior orthopedic technician. The best man will be Adam Edelstein, the brother of the groom. Groomsmen will be Daniel Schmidt and Dr. Benjamin Schmidt, brothers of the bride. The maid of honor will be Danielle Giguere, a friend of the bride. Bridesmaids will be Lauren Hayes, Holly Gindes and Stephanie Cruse, friends of the bride. Following a honeymoon in Key West, Florida the couple will reside with their dog Oogie in Cambridge.

WEDDINGS



Tara Fitzpatrick and Matthew Grossman

Tara Fitzpatrick and Matthew Brett Grossman were married July 18, 2010 at The Commons in Topsfield, where the groom's grandfather, Cantor Harold Lew, officiated. A reception followed at The Commons. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fitzpatrick of Andover. She graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a bachelor's degree in marketing and is currently employed as a territory marketing sales representative. The groom is the son of Karen Grossman of Sharon and David and Diane Grossman of Quincy. He is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a bachelor's degree in economics. He is a financial analyst at Brown Brothers Harriman. After a honeymoon trip to the Poconos Mountains in New York, to Atlantic City and to Maine, the couple reside in Arlington.



Caitlin Geary and Mark Baggeroer

Caitlin Geary and Mark Baggeroer were married Sept. 25, 2010 at Holy Family Church in Amesbury. A reception followed at Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, N.H. The bride is the daughter of Kathy and Bill Geary of Andover. She is a graduate of Andover High School and received a bachelor of arts degree from the University of Richmond. She is currently a sales representative at Mercury Brewing Company in Ipswich. The groom is the son of Cindy and Bill Baggeroer of Andover. He is a graduate of Andover High School and received a bachelor of science degree from the University of New Hampshire. He is a property manager for Universal Property Management in Lowell. After a honeymoon trip to St. Kitts, the couple live in Amesbury.

Scout corrals project at Ironstone

Yannis Wallingford, an Andover Eagle Scout candidate from Troop 79, completed his Eagle project at Ironstone Farm, a therapeutic riding center located on Route 133 in Andover.



Yannis Wallingford designed and built a two-sided information kiosk at Ironstone Farm for his Eagle Scout project.

Ironstone Farm serves over 500 clients per week with over 220 volunteers coming and going to its Andover location. Wallingford designed and built a two-sided information kiosk to help keep visitors informed about Ironstone's programming, volunteer opportunities and upcoming events. Modular assembly took place at Yannis' home using teams of his fellow Scouts from Troop 79. Final assembly of the components and installation at the prepared site at Ironstone Farm took place on Nov. 27, 2010. The Eagle Scout rank is the

highest rank that a Boy Scout can earn.

The major requirements include 21 merit badges, six

months in a leadership position, and a leadership project, all of which have to be completed prior to the Scout's 18th birthday. Most Eagle Scouts would agree that the leadership project is the keystone event that not only makes or breaks a Scout's quest to achieve Eagle rank but also tests all the leadership skills they have developed. Wallingford is an Andover High School senior and member of the swimming, cross-country and track teams. He is also active with his local church group at St. Constantine & Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Andover. Following high school graduation, Yannis anticipates pursuing a chemical engineering major at West Point, according to a release from Ironstone.

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50 Years Ago Jan. 12, 1961

Slowly, and sometimes uncertainly, the Rogers Brook reconstruction project seems to move forward. The latest in small-paced developments is a report to the Selectmen Monday night that some land takings will be filed as proper plans, drawn on linen, an filed in the Registry. A tuberculosis testing program will be conducted for Andover public school children in grades 1 and 9, and 11 on February 6. A school budget of \$1,469,286 - an increase of 13 percent over last year - has been approved by the School Committee, and will be acted on by the voters at Town Meeting. William A. Doherty has announced his candidacy for reelection to the School Committee at the annual elections in March.

75 Years Ago Jan. 10, 1936

Welfare expenses in Andover are running higher at present than they have run any time in the past two years, Dr. J.J. Daly, chairman of the board of selectmen stated last night. The sharp increase is caused by a WPA regulation that no one may be employed on the WPA who was not registered on the ERA between May 1 and November 1. That particular period in Andover was one of very good employment conditions so that the ERA registration list dropped off to a minimum. The mills were very busy and farm work took a larger number of former ERA men. But at present the mills are slack again and farm work has come to a stop, thus throwing a large number of men onto the unemployment list.

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# Obituaries

## Ellen S. Allen, 92

Ellen S. (Easton) Allen, 92, passed away on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011 at Woodbriar Long-term Nursing Center, Wilmington.

Born in Amherst, Nova Scotia, Canada on Sept. 18, 1918 to Harold and Hattie (Steeves) Easton she came to the Boston area in 1929 with her family and was a graduate of Newton High School. She resided in Andover and North Reading before calling Cotuit and Centerville her home. Ellen and her husband, James W. Allen moved to Cotuit in 1977 and owned a Bed and Breakfast and for many years hosed baseball players in the Cape Cod League. She was a member of the Cotuit Federated Church and gave her time to the Big Brothers/Big Sisters organization as their bookkeeper.

She was the wife of the late James W. Allen for 35 years. She leaves a son, John J. Ely and wife Diane of Andover and their three children, Daniel and wife Jennifer, Matthew and wife Brett and Sarah and husband Stephen; a step-son, C. David Allen of Georgetown and his three children, Christopher and wife Julie and son Noah, Sarah and husband Brian and Jonathan; a step-daughter, Charlotte D. Allen of Bath, Maine; two nieces, Linda E. Gardner of Springdale, Ark., and Jeanne A. Smith of Albany, Ore. She was predeceased by her sister, Doris E. Smith.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Services are private. Contributions may be made to Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Cape Cod and the Islands, 1934 Falmouth Road, Centerville, MA 02632.

## Leona L. Keil, 78

Leona L. "Lillian" Keil, 78, of Andover, passed away Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

She was born in New York, N.Y. and was the daughter of the late Arthur and Grace (Tobin) Winkler. Lillian was a graduate of St. Mary's High School in Lawrence. She worked for over 30 years at Jo-Gal Shoe Company until they

closed. Lillian is survived by a nephew, David Porter.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Family and friends attended a funeral service on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011 at 1 p.m. in the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Burial followed in Bellevue Cemetery, Lawrence. For online condolences, please visit our website at [www.cataudellafh.com](http://www.cataudellafh.com).

## Cecilia P. Robito, 92



Cecilia P. "Pat" (Fugere) Robito, 92, of Andover, died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011 at the Wingate of Andover.

Born in Chelmsford, she was the daughter of Joseph and Delvina (Marcoux) Fugere. She was a graduate of St. Mary's High School.

She loved to knit, was an avid reader, and loved spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren.

The widow of Joseph P. Robito, she is survived by her children, Paul M. Robito and his wife Kathryn of Cape Coral, Fla., and Nancy R. Rizza and her fiancé

Gary J. Attalla of Dunbarton, N.H.; one sister, Jeanette Riley of Scottsdale, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Michael and Eric Robito, Jonathan and Jordan Rizza. She also leaves her great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105-1905. There were no calling hours. Family and friends were invited to a Mass of Christian burial, Monday at St. Michael's Church, 196 Main St., North Andover. Arrangements were under the direction of the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc., 233 Lawrence St., Methuen. To send and online condolence, please visit [www.pollardfuneralhome.com](http://www.pollardfuneralhome.com).

## Herbert H. Andersen Jr.



Herbert H. Andersen, Jr., died at home in his sleep Tuesday, Dec. 14, 2010.

Herb was born and educated in Beverly. He served his country in the Navy during World War II, was a design engineer for many years until his retirement where he moved to Largo.

He was the son of the late Herbert and Martha Andersen Sr. and husband to the late Florence Joseph Andersen.

He is survived by his wife Norma Beirne; sons, Lane and his

wife Joyce of Andover, Scott and his wife Ellen of Londonderry, N.H.; daughter, Cheryl and her husband Gary Wainwright of Windham, N.H.; seven grandchildren, Daniel and his wife Jaime of Easton, Timothy of Stoneham, Nancy of Natick, Jill and Kristen of Methuen, and Dana and Ryan Wainwright of Windham; and two great-grandchildren, Cooper and Tristan.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** A funeral service took place in Largo, on Monday, Dec. 20, and another will take place at West Parish Church in Andover, at a date to be determined, for family only. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to The American Heart Association or Diabetes Association.

## Albert W. Dillon, 85

Mr. Albert W. Dillon, age 85, formerly of Marblehead, died at Brookside Village, Peabody, on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011. He was the husband of Dorothy (Kirtton) Dillon to whom he had been married for 59 years.

Born in Waltham, he was the son of the late Joseph H. and Bernice E. (Clark) Dillon. He graduated from Belmont High School, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Northeastern University. He was a pilot in the U. S Navy during World War II, and served in the Naval Reserves for 18 years after the war.

A chemical engineer, Albert retired from the W. R. Grace Company of Cambridge. He was a licensed pilot and loved flying. He

also enjoyed sailing and spending summers at his lakeside cottage in Maine.

In addition to his wife he leaves a daughter, Jennifer L. Boshar and her husband Thomas W. of Andover; a son, Robert A. Dillon of Hackensack, Minn.; a daughter, Marianne C. Young and her husband Peter H. of Windham, Maine; a sister, June C. Christopher of Lovell, Maine; and four grandchildren, Katharine A., Daniel J. and Andrea E. Boshar and Tyler H. Young.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Services will be private. Donations in his memory may be made to the Benevolent Care Fund, 200 Brookside Village Drive, Peabody, MA 01960. For online guestbook please visit [www.eustisandcornellfuneralhome.com](http://www.eustisandcornellfuneralhome.com).

## Pamela Fisk Klempa, 51



Pamela Fisk Klempa, 51, of Haverhill and formerly of Andover, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 at Merrimack Valley Hospital after a battle with cancer.

She was born in Boston, June 1, 1959. She was a 1977 graduate of Andover High School and resided in Haverhill. She spent 23 years of her career at Lucent Technologies/Western Electric and most recently was a Certified Nurse's Assistant at Wingate Nursing Home in Haverhill. In her early years, she was active in the Ballard Vale United Church's youth group.

Pam was the beloved wife of Clifford Matthews and daughter of the late Robert Fisk. She is survived by her mother, Janet Fisk; sisters, Laurie Fisk, Cheryl O'Connor and Meredith Fisk. She was the loving mother to

Erin Degrave and Andy Klempa, as well as the doting grandmother to Austin Curley. She is also survived by nieces and nephews, Alicia Bourque, Corey Bourque and Kianna Nicosia.

Pam loved spending time with her grandson, Austin, whom she adored. In addition to her love of family, Pam was an avid bowler and Red Sox fan. Pam's kindness, thoughtfulness towards others, positive attitude and unending love will be remembered by all.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend her Memorial Service on Friday, Jan. 14, at 1 p.m. in the Ballardvale United Methodist Church, Andover. Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. in the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. In lieu of flowers, Pamela may be remembered through donations to the Jimmy Fund, 10 Brookline Place West, 6th Floor, Brookline, MA 02245-7226 OR The Children's Hospital, 300 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02115. For funeral home directions or to sign the family guest book, please visit [www.confeterialhomes.com](http://www.confeterialhomes.com).

## William F. Townsend, 75



Mr. William F. "Bill" Townsend, a resident of Lawrence, formerly of Andover, and beloved husband of Marie (Swenson) Townsend, died at the Lawrence General Hospital on Friday, Jan. 7, 2011. He was 75-years-old.

Born and raised in Andover, Bill was the beloved son of the late Gardner and Dora (Harkins) Townsend. He was educated in Andover, where he resided most of his life, before moving to Lawrence. Bill was a Korean War Navy veteran.

He worked as a diesel mechanic for McLean Trucking and retired after many years of service. He chose to continue working and did so on North Reading Transportation, until the day of his death. Bill was a member of the Andover Lodge of Elks and served as Exalted Ruler for many

terms. Following the closing of the Andover Lodge, he became a member of the Tewksbury-Wilmington Elks.

Besides his beloved wife of 53 years, Marie, he will be very sorely missed by his children, Deborah Townsend, Karen Brown and her husband Jim, William "Billy" Townsend, Jr., Tammy Bailey and her husband Dan, Lynne Townsend and Laurie Carlisle and her husband Dan; grandchildren, Sara Brown, Alyssa Grieco, Jennifer Brown, Danielle Grieco, Krystal Townsend and Matthew Carlisle; siblings, Nelson Townsend, Shirley Robinson, Barbara Beaulieu and Doris Papillon. Bill was also the brother of the late Gardner "Al" Townsend, Jr.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main St., Andover, on Monday, Jan. 10, 2011. Funeral service and interment will be private. For additional information, please visit, [www.burkemagliozi.com](http://www.burkemagliozi.com).

### RELIGION

#### St. Robert Bellarmine

The Golden Anniversary continues with a Parish Mission as the next event for St. Robert Bellarmine Parish, 18 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover, for its fiftieth anniversary year is a Parish Mission. Father Andy O'Reilly, C.P.P.S. will preach our Parish Mission: "The Compassionate Life" from Jan. 24 to 26 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Join us as we rediscover how to let go of what keeps us from living the fullness of God's life. The Mission will conclude with Eucharist on Wednesday evening, followed by Hospitality in the Gathering Space. Please plan to join us.

#### Temple Emanuel

On Friday, Jan. 14, at 7 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover will hold a Kabbalat Shabbat Unplugged Service, led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein, Cantor Donn Rosensweig, and Assistant Music Director Hazzan Idan Irelander, accompanied by a variety of professional musicians. The service of soulful music and inspiring prose is open to all, regardless of age, affiliation or faith. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the website at [templemanuel.net](http://templemanuel.net) or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

On Sunday, Jan. 30, at 5 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover will have a Deli Dinner and Movie Discussion Night. The Mad Adventures of Rabbi Jacob features, Victor Pivert, a very tolerant man, provided you are white, Catholic and French. To everyone else, he is a shameless racist. Victor uncovers a group of scheming Arab revolutionaries. He hides himself by dressing up as a rabbi, leading to one madcap scene after another. This is an extremely entertaining film fresh, funny and powerfully poignant. Join us as we watch the movie and then have an interesting and provocative discussion while we enjoy our great deli supper. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the website at [templemanuel.net](http://templemanuel.net) or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 to make reservations so that we have a count for supper.

On Thursday, Feb. 3, from noon to 2 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold its senior program. Please join us for lunch and a variety of games. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the website [templemanuel.net](http://templemanuel.net) or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

On Thursday, Feb. 3, Temple Emanuel of Andover Sisterhood will have a Book Swap at 6:30 p.m. Bring your gently used, current adult titles within the last five years and go home with some new ones. Enjoy the evening by sharing one of your favorite books and sipping something warm and comforting hot apple cider, cocoa or coffee. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the website at [templemanuel.net](http://templemanuel.net)

or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

On Friday, Feb. 4, at 5:30 p.m. Temple Emanuel of Andover, will hold a special abbreviated "TOT Shabbat" Sabbath service, for toddlers, preschool, and school aged children. Rabbi Robert Goldstein will lead the child-centered liturgy and tell a story. Cantor Donn Rosensweig will lead the singing. This service is Open to the Public. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road, Andover. Please visit the website at [templemanuel.net](http://templemanuel.net) or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356.

On Sunday, Feb. 13, Temple Emanuel of Andover Brotherhood will have a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Rd., in Andover. Please visit the website at [templemanuel.net](http://templemanuel.net) or call the Temple Office at 978-470-1356 with any questions.

#### Congregation Beth Israel

Congregation Beth Israel will be hosting their Egalitarian evening minyan services for the month of January Monday through Thursday, Jan. 17 to 20 at 7:30 p.m. at 13 Boutwell St., Andover. All are welcome.

#### North Parish, North Andover

The North Parish "Weekend of Service" will take place on Sunday and Monday, Jan. 16 and 17. North Parish is a North Andover congregation. In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and following the mission of North Parish, these efforts will serve two community organizations: The Community Giving Tree, operating out of Boxford, and Cor Unum, a meal center operating out of Lawrence.

There are a number of different ways to participate in the "Weekend of Service." These include:

Put together "sleep tight" bundles after the 11am service at North Parish on Sunday, Jan. 16 in the children's chapel.

Help sort winter clothes for donation to The Community Giving Tree at noon on Sunday Jan. 16 in the children's chapel.

Come help clean Cor Unum, a meal center located in Lawrence on Monday Jan. 17 starting at 9 a.m. Sign up during coffee hour Sunday at North Parish from 10 a.m. to noon or contact Kristin Hunt, [nprecoordinator@gmail.com](mailto:nprecoordinator@gmail.com).

Check online at [mlkday.gov](http://mlkday.gov) for other projects in our area.

#### West Parish

On Saturday, Jan. 29 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Rd., Andover (corner or Route 133 and Reservation Road) will have a Ham and Bean Supper. A spiral Ham with home cooked beans, dessert and drinks will be served. The suggested donation is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

For more information go to [westparishchurch.org](http://westparishchurch.org).

### SUPPORT GROUPS

#### Al-Anon Family Groups

The Al-Anon Family Groups is a non-profit fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. A local meeting of Greater Lawrence 12 and 12 Al-Anon Family Groups takes place on Wednesdays, at 7:30 p.m., Christ Church, 29 Central St., Andover

The office can be reached at AFG of MA Inc., 57 E. Main St. Suite 109, Westboro MA 01581, 508-366-0556, e-mail, [afgofma@aol.com](mailto:afgofma@aol.com).

#### Food Addicts

Food Addicts is a nonprofit program that provides a physical, mental and spiritual solution for food addiction. In Food Addicts, individuals who have been obese, too thin, or otherwise obsessed with food have found a solution that frees them from these problems. Food Addicts is based on the Twelve Steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. There are no dues, fees, or weigh-ins at the meetings.

Newcomers are always welcome at the weekly meetings in Andover on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St. For more information,

contact Maggie, the meeting's public information representative at 978-470-2230 or view the Food Addicts website at [foodaddicts.org](http://foodaddicts.org).

#### Andover Young Widow and Widowers

The Andover Young Widow and Widowers organization offers support to those dealing with the devastating loss of a spouse. Group discussions are facilitated by a licensed social worker and provide a safe place where young widowed persons, up to the age of 58, can share experiences and mutual support. The meetings are governed by what their needs are at the time.

Meetings are held on Wednesdays, 7 to 9 p.m., at a site in Andover.

For more information call 978-979-8993 or visit [youngwidowsandwidowers.org](http://youngwidowsandwidowers.org).

#### Breastfeeding Support Group

La Leche League of Andover, a mother to mother breastfeeding support group, meets on the last Friday of each month at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Andover 6 Locke St. off Main Street.



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### Andover Stories

Andover Historical Society

(Note: the following article, which appeared in the Feb. 12, 1942 issue of *The Andover Townsman*, was not attributed to any one writer, but was deemed too good a story to pass up by those at the Andover Historical Society who create this weekly column. The article gives a nostalgic glimpse into life in Andover nearly 70 years ago.)

Three men who were fishing through the ice down at Foster's Pond last Thursday night had an experience the likes of which they won't have again for a long time.

Just at dusk as they were gathering up their tackle, the cry of a woman, either drowning or being murdered, brought them to their feet in a hurry. They stood "frozen to the ice." Again came that mournful, moaning call, followed by a hysterical laugh. They pulled themselves together as best they could and started in the direction from whence the call for help came.

They tracked it down to Bill Davis' camp. Bill is a well-known Boston newspaperman, sportsman, and legal resident in Andover who lives about eight months of the year with Mrs. Davis and son Dick in their snug camp on the edge of the pond. On this particular occasion Mrs. Davis was away and son Dick is with the Marines with Bill Pomeroy, another Foster's Pond resident, at Parris Island, South Carolina.

In the Foster's Pond camp with Bill was his friend of many years, Chief Needahbeh, who for the last 14 years has been Master of Ceremonies at the Sportsmen's Show. For all the years Mr. Davis has lived on the pond, the Chief has made the Davis camp his headquarters. He is widely known in Andover, having lectured at most of the schools.

Well, to get back to the "murdered woman": the three fishermen approached the camp stealthily. Bill and the Chief could see them coming. They were peeking out a camp window. Finally one (of the fishermen) got up enough courage to come up on the porch and knock hard on the door.

Hospitable Bill opened the door, and the biggest of the three said gruffly: "What's going on in here? Where's the woman?"

At that precise moment, Chief Needahbeh, who had gone into the back room, donned his great feathered head-dress and stripped to the waist, with smudges of lipstick all over his face, and waving his famous, huge war club, rushed into the room letting out war-whoops, yells and brandishing his big stick.

Two of those guys got down on their knees right then and there, and the other jumped a space of 10 feet clear, right through the screened-in porch. He hasn't been seen since.

Then and only then did the surviving members learn that the "murdered woman" was none other than the Chief, practicing the loon call for which he has become famous. He opens and closes the Sportsmen's Show with that call at each performance.

(Willard H. Davis, managing editor of the Hotel and Restaurant News, swears it's all true. Chief Needahbeh is the same Indian mentioned in the *Townsman* (in January, 1942) who went canoeing on Foster's Pond in the middle of January.)

"*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. Further research on the Chief, born Roland Eugene Nelson, shows that he was well-known in fly-fishing circles as developer of the streamer fly. He was a member of the Penobscot tribe and lived in Greenville, Maine where he ran a tackle shop. He was a fixture around sportsmen's shows in the 1930s-50s, an expert fisherman, and an entertaining speaker. And, yes, could whoop up a loon like no other!

# Education

If you were a car, what gear would you be in?

**Ken Seifert**



I have developed a three-step process on self-improvement. The first step is to answer the question, "What gear are you in?"

Second, look to Shibui, a Japanese exercise. Finally, ask yourself "Do you feel the music?"

Each step is straightforward, hopefully easy to understand and, more importantly, might be useful. Of course, you are the final judge of my effort.

### THREE STEPS TO SELF-AWARENESS

This week, we start the process with part 1, "What gear are you in?" It is designed after the gears that can be found in every commercial car. It is easy to remember - DNRP for drive, neutral, reverse and park:

■ D stands for drive. D people have a tendency to be constantly moving forward, have ideas, set goals, and are headed somewhere.

■ N stands for neutral. These are people who are not quite sure whether they want to go forward or backward. You might say they are idling.

■ R stands for reverse. R people usually have a tendency to back up. They are not in neutral, nor moving forward. They may or may not be running away from something.

■ P stands for park. These people have a tendency to remain in one place. They do not desire to move in any direction.

The difference between neutral and park is important. There is a possibility the idlers might move. Those in park rarely do.

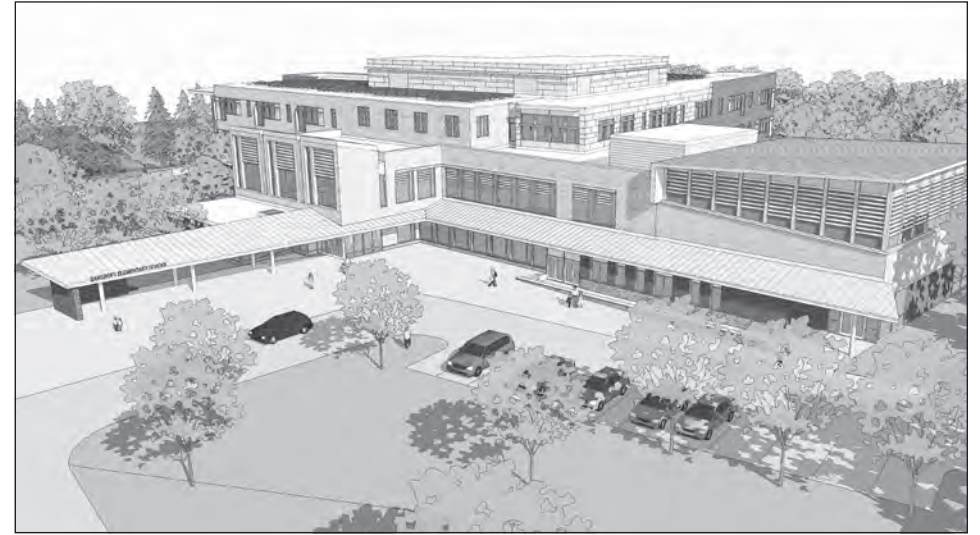
It is a flexible system. You can apply it to yourself every hour, day, week or month - whenever you choose. It depends on your personality type. Or you can decide, to paraphrase a line from *Gone with the Wind*, "Quite frankly, Seifert, I don't give a damn."

After a few evaluations of your gear, a pattern will begin to emerge. You then decide if

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Andover officials hope to replace the existing Bancroft Elementary School with a larger, new school that they say would serve 197 more students than are in the building this year, and allow for the closing of Shawsheen School, a K-2 facility.



## Superintendent: New Bancroft a step forward in educating students

**Marinel D. McGrath**

Andover Superintendent



As we look ahead to the next several decades, two things are certain: the world will change, and education must keep pace with

its demands. The proposed "new Bancroft" not only addresses our immediate need for a safe and compliant building, it ensures that the space within can be used as flexibly as possible to meet the diverse needs of students as teaching and learning evolves through the years to come.

For the foreseeable future, the ability to problem-solve, create, communicate, collaborate, work in teams, and use technology are all requirements for success in our globalized society. Effective schools must provide not just adequate classroom spaces for a fixed combination of children and their teachers, but opportunities for grouping students, interdisciplinary teaching, project-based work, and differentiated instruction. These values are well-reflected in the new Bancroft Elementary School design, where public spaces like corridors will become extensions of the classroom, and common-use "hubs" where everyone will cross paths are placed centrally on each of the three floors.

Well-designed educational space is motivating and promotes learning as an activity. In the new Bancroft, we've arranged classrooms in compact grade-level wings, creating child-friendly learning communities or "neighborhoods" within the larger school. Small-group instruction rooms are placed between classrooms, allowing students



One feature of the proposed new Bancroft Elementary School is that corridors will fan out on one end, allowing for more instructional or gathering space for large groups.

from different classes to work together on projects, either with direct teacher instruction

or independently within sight of staff. The hallways in each wing fan out into common spaces,

where multiple classrooms or even an entire grade can meet for special instruction, projects

■ FOR MORE ON THE BANCROFT ISSUE, SEE STORY ON PAGE 1, AND THE OPINION PAGE.

or programs.

On the third floor, the fine arts suite will enable teachers to integrate art and music instruction, with a retractable wall between the two music rooms allowing for separate music classes or larger ensemble rehearsals. A retractable wall also separates the gym and cafeteria, so the two spaces can be used independently or opened for a larger, whole-school gathering.

Uniting all of these elements is an energy-efficient, sustainable building design. Well-studied "green" features such as rainwater harvesting, a solar thermal system for heating water, high-efficiency lighting and boilers, photovoltaic panels, and a central data port will not only reduce our operating costs, but give students the ability to collect real-time data on energy consumption they can share district-wide. This will provide myriad science, math, and technology-based opportunities for students across Andover to learn about the challenges of the world they will inherit, and to teach each other and the rest of us how we can work together to tackle them.

As Andover superintendent of schools, I view each Andover school not as a single building, but as an integral part of a vibrant whole. The educational goal of our system is to prepare students with the skills and knowledge they need to meet the challenges of an ever-changing global society. The proposed "new Bancroft" represents an exciting step forward in that mission - not just for the children who will attend the school, but for all of the students and residents in our community.

## Andover man, former school parent, named Austin Prep trustee chairman

Anthony J. Pimentel of Andover has been named the newest chairman of the Austin Preparatory School Board of Trustees.

The Andover resident has been a member of the board since 2002, and fills the former chairmanship of Gus Niewenhaus, class of 1972, who served the school for many years as a board member. Niewenhaus retired from the board in August 2010.

Pimentel is the father of two Austin Prep graduates: daughter Jill (Pimentel) Slye, who graduated in 1999, and son Matt, who followed in 2001.

Pimentel serves as the chief operating officer for Sasso Construction in Wilmington.

His work on Austin Prep's two major capital projects, including the construction of its multi-purpose facility in 2001 and the renovation of the former monastery into a new library and arts space in 2008, was critical to the success of both projects, according to the school. In addition to his support of Austin Preps's capital improvements, Pimentel is also a longstanding supporter of the annual Austin Open Golf Tournament.

Pimentel sees the decision to enroll his children at Austin Prep as "the best decision I've ever made," according to a release. He said Austin's small class sizes allow faculty to get to know each student.

Looking ahead, Pimentel hopes to increase the size and enhance the structure of the board and strengthen communication among the board and faculty, administration and parents. "He also intends to support the school's efforts to broaden the offerings available to students, particularly in the arts, while preserving the favorable student teacher ratios and comfortable scale for which Austin has become known. After more than 10 years spent in the roles of parent, volunteer and trustee, Pimentel looks forward to taking on new challenges and responsibilities as board chairman," according to the school.

## Teas for parents of prospective Shawsheen School kindergarteners

Shawsheen School will host "Prospective Kindergarten Parent Teas" for those considering a September 2011 enrollment for their children, on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday, Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

Shawsheen School is a primary school of choice for Andover residents, educating students in preschool, kindergarten, and grades 1 and 2. The entire school focuses on the developmental stages of primary age children.

Residents are invited to come

and learn more about the school and talk with some Shawsheen School parents and staff. They will be able to tour the kindergarten classrooms, and participate in a question-and-answer period with staff and parents.

More information is available on the school website at [aps1.net/shawsheen](http://aps1.net/shawsheen) or by e-mailing Principal Moira O'Brien at [m2obrien@aps1.net](mailto:m2obrien@aps1.net).

People who plan on attending are asked to call 978-623-8856 by Jan. 24.

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## SEIFERT: What gear are you in?

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you like your gear or not. If you do, stay in gear. If you are not satisfied, you need to decide what gear you would prefer and do something about it.

To be fair, you should start by evaluating yourself first. You can then expand to consider family and friends. Keep your observations and evaluations to yourself. Woodrow Wilson once said, "If you want to make enemies, try to change something." However, if people ask your opinion and you think they are sincere, share the system and your evaluation. You can apply the process to town boards such as those in Andover, corporations and even countries. It works as well for organizations as people.

You can choose to join people who are in the gear you prefer, or in a variety of gears. You might even move to another town to match your gear preference. Should you choose to do so, you must understand reality never matches your desire. This is also true if you choose to remain in the same town. Flexibility is always good for one's mental health.

Motivation to change gears must come from within. You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink. If a change in gear is needed, the fuel must be in your tank!

I have used the system. Every morning I wake up and realize I have options. I can choose the gear I wish to be in. What a feeling of liberation. I wish I could be in forward gear all the time. However, there is no such thing as a perpetual motion machine. I would be lying if I said I was always in drive.

I have a consultant service on how to move from one gear to another. Companies make millions on such simple ideas and strategies. I would share my secrets, but nobody listens to a retired man who people perceive to be in "Park."

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

# Doherty Middle names students to term 1 honor roll

Below is a list of students who were named to the Doherty Middle School honor roll for the first term of the 2010-11 school year, according to the school.

### High Honors, Grade 6

Liam Alden, Isabelle Allen, Adi Arifovic, Kyle Aulbach, Gavin Batsimm, Julia Beckwith, Peter Berube, Aiden Blasi, Samantha Blumstein, Donald Borenstein, Sophia Boyd, Caroline Brink, Amanda Brosnan, Riley Carr, Bonnie Cheng, Gabriel Deacon, Teresa Dell Anno, Matthew Dennett, Shannon Donnelly, Dana Donovan, Samuel Drew, Rhea Dudani, Michelle Durling, Owen Ezell, Rayan Faiz, Jack Fanikos, Claire Feng, Jordyn Fenton, Elizabeth Flood, Graham Focke, Shelby Ganem, Lillian Gendreau, Robert Good, Charlotte Gorrie, Samantha Grant, Brandon Haffner, Leila Haghighi, Katherine Hall, Erin Hanrahan, Emma Harris, Elizabeth Heikkinen, Raini Huynh, Andrew Imrie, Dmitry Jean-Laurent, Julia Johnson, Matthew Joyal, Maxwell Kalinowski, Emma Kaufmann-LaDuc, Christopher Kennedy, Corey Kozlovski, Emai Lai, Rachel Landry, Caroline Lane, Arthur Lauretano, Olivia Lawler, Miranda Lawrence, Carolyn Leyne, Hayes Linzer, Juliana Lugg, Evan Lundgren, Allison MacKenzie, Ilana Mack, Erica Mazzaresse, Jacob McConley, Christine Morin, Owen Morrissey, Meghan Mucher, Julia Murphy, Ryan O'Meara, Kathryn O'Reilly, Pebe Ozirosky, Luc Pakey, Cindy Pan, Jacob Peffer, Ilana Pike, Sydney Price, Jackson Quinn, Charlotte Reeves, Caileigh Reming, Benjamin Riley, Christopher Rinaldi, Marina Rinaldi, Alexander Romanus, Hannah Roos, Anna Root, Thomas Ross, Elin Rungren, Kara Schuck, Anjay Shah, Morgan Shaw, Samantha Shea, Samuel Sievers, Isabella Silveira, Clare Sullivan, Haley Sutliff, James Thibodeau, Jeremiah Thomas, Angela Vu, Henry Wakelin, Samuel Wakelin, Erin Walsh, Jared Wilson, Anna Yeo, Eliot Zaeder, Laura Zavri, Richard Zhong

### High Honors, Grade 7

Jarrett Amirault, Justin Bacchi, Elizabeth Bernardin, Meghan Bodette, Rebecca Boese, Haley Bonilla, Wylie Boughton, Julia Boyd, Luisa Boyle, Michael Buhrer, Courtney Campbell, Jeffrey Champion, Jessica Chartier, Nicodemio Ciccia, Sara Clark, Emma Colcord, Michael Comeau, Erin Corbett, Jason Crews, Suzanne Cuzzo, Caroline Curtin, Ross DaPrato, Kristina Day, Marissa Dorros, Diane Draper, Rachel Drew, Victoria Edwards, Sean Enright, Summer Erickson, Meaghan Farrell, Caitlyn Fitzsimmons, Henry Gilbert, Jesse Girrell, Claire Glover, Polina Gomer, Katherine Graber, Carter Griffith, Alexia Hagler, Michaela Hagler, Samantha Hagler, Carter Howe, Jack Hughes, Fiona Jungmann, Katrina Kiely, Jacob Lansberry, Amber Li, Kevin Li, Gavin Liddell, Francesca Lionetta, Erin Logee, Caroline Lopez, Gabriel Mahaniah, Mackenzie Manter, Julia Masterson, Patrick McHardy, Jonathan Monderer, Madison Murphy, Mikayla Murphy, Taejasvi Narayan, Megan Neal, Dylan Norris, Joshua Norton, Olivia Oberto, Julia Pakey, Daniel Perrone, Dillon Preston, Anirudh Pula, Vivien Qin, Neil Resnik, Molly Rocca, Carter Schuh, Gavin Smith, Hannah Souza, Julia Spagnuolo, Jason Spencer, Meghan Stickney, Mary Sullivan, Isabel Tavener, Claire Tellekson-Flash, Haley Tomaszewski, Elizabeth Troiano, Aleah Walsh, Angela Wang, Geoffrey Warne, Theresa Weis, Abigail White, Victoria Wu, Mikaela Zallen, Victor Zhang

### High Honors, Grade 8

Juliet Adams, Sydney Alepa, Sophia Allen, Victor Amesoder, Julian Amirault, Gisele Aoun, Mahalia Banton, John Belluche, Katharine Blumstein, Madeline Broccoli, Caroline Brosnan, Mark Campbell, Emily Cardin, Elizabeth Carmichael, Zach Ciampa, Emily Connors, Rachael Cormier, Alexandra Crowley, Kyle Curtis, Christopher Damiani, James Drew, Suzanne Egerton, Athena Erickson, Sara Faigel, Issraa Faiz, Sarah Flaherty, Hope Flynn, Isabella Flynn,

Jillian Gamache, Viviane Garth, Alexander Gray, Jason Grosz, Nathan Hamer, Daniel Harvey, Amanda Hornick, William Hubschman, Julia Jackson, Carley Jessep, Meghan Johnson, Theo Kalantzakos, Delilah Kaufmann-LaDuc, Christopher Keane, Alexandra Kempster, Tokyo Kozlovski, Macia Letsky, Jaclyn Long, Stephen Lundgren, Brad Lynn, Elizabeth Manson, Julia Manty, Elli Mapstone, Walker Martin, Zach Martins, Andrew Matteucci, Erica Mazzarelli, Bryan McGuiggin, Heather Mei, Elizabeth Millar, Gwyneth Miner, Rebecca Mini, Jessie Nason, Alexandra Okun, Joanna Olson, Evan Pantely, Daniel Parrill, Julia Perry, Jacqueline Polanco, Hannah Powell, Anna Quartararo, Carissa Reming, Liam Rex, Peter Rex, Hannah Ricketts, Cecilia Root, Katherine Rosen, Maxfield Sabal, Rebecca Savord, Sasha Schwartz, Erica Shaw, Sebastian Silveira, Vivian Steinbaugh, Erin Sweeney, Emily Tamarin, Austin Tang, Julia Torres, Maureen Tyner, Matthew Vaudou, Joseph Vetere, Lucas Walsh, Lauren Wanthal, Paige Webster, Karena Yan, Derek Yau, Christine Zhang

### Honors, Grade 6

Philip Amesoder, Thomas Barrett, Jessica Barry, Jakob Beckwith, Grayson Beherrrell, John Boese, Brian Bondaruk, Kathleen Buck, Conor Cammann, Anna Carroll, Sophie Chingris, John Clark, Samuel Conte, Lindsey Cronin, John Crowley, Alexander Dalton, Conor Dawson, Erik Dilorio, Ethan Doherty, John Donovan, Molly Eberth, Joshua Faigel, Emma Feeney, Brittany Gale, Samuel Gentile, Nicholas Gilpin, Skylar Hadad, Thomas Haut, Caroline Healey, Charles Healy, Angela Hertz, Kira Hudkins, Allison Hureau, Scott Jackson, Elizabeth Keefe, John Kiezulas, Jacob Koffman, Joshua Kravetz, Alexander Ladd, Hayley Licata, William Lionetta, Jason Lynn, Thomas Mapstone, Gabrielle Marrocco, Edgar Mauge, Erika Merrill, Jack Moffitt, Mitch Nesteruk, Michael O'Connor, Nicolas Penta, Steven Pien, Jacob Pliskaner,

Maryam Raad, Michael Reilly, Sadie Reppucci, Thomas Rockwell, Sarah Rungren, Stefanie Sartschev, Aram Smith, Michael Starkweather, Kerri Thibodeau, Ryan Wall, Kathleen Walsh, Samantha Williams

### Honors, Grade 7

Grace Bentley, Maxwell Blanch, Maxim Bouchard, Ana Buchholz, Benjamin Buchholz, Maximilian Buchholz, Aleck Chen, Gillian Connors, Peter Dankert, Elizabeth Day, Taylor Day, Amanda Devine, Tyler Devine, Jordan Devlin, Derek Dutton, Oliver Eberth, Matthew Finley, Zachary Fugere, Jonathan Gill, Katherine Gorrie, Sachiko Hagiya, Tristan Hubbard, Hannah Jablonki, Philippa Johnson, Madeline Jarberg, Grace Kelly, John Kelly, Joshua King, Elizabeth Kobelski, Guy Leibman, Mia Lin, Zoe Lyons, Kelan Mahan, Jake Martins, Casey McCarroll, Kathleen McDermott, Sudha Michaels, Ryan Mola, Jennifer Monderer, Thomas Murphy, Matteo Napolitano, William Pannos, Hannah Passanisi, Kaitlyn Ponti, Madelyn Reppucci, Harrison Ross, Riley Ross, Sophia Sherman, Jesse Shulins, Olivia Soutter, Cole Spencer, Jake Stelzner, Avery Sutliff, Mouammed Thiam

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Andrew Biddle, Ommel Bonilla, Andrew Bottiger, Cameron Burton, George Cardillo, Kaegan Casey, Bridget Collins, Thomas Duffton, William Dutton, Shannon Fitzsimmons, Dylan Gale, Sabine Gang, Amrit Gill, Jacob Gordon, Ian Greaves, Victor Query, Timothy Hairston, Jay Healey, Sam Heikkinen, Kelly Johnson, Sean Kucharski, Alex Mazzaresse, Samuel McClory, Colin McDonnell, Shane Napolitano, Allie Nussbaum, James Nussbaum, Griffin O'Connor, Marcus Pelletier, Melissa Pepernik-Jones, William Sauerbrunn, Nicholas Sawaya, Sarah Seero, Matthew Serrao, Van Shrestinian, Alexia Smith, Dean Smith, Timothy Sorota, William Stahley, Michael Trainor, Joseph Vano, Nicholas Wackowski, Meagan Wolfe, Lawrence Zhu

## Open house lets residents explore NECC Riverwalk

Anyone interested in learning more about the programs and courses offered at Northern Essex Community College's newest campus, NECC Riverwalk, is invited to attend a ribbon cutting and open house today, Thursday, Jan. 13 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Free and open to the public, the event will feature classroom demonstrations, an art show,

performances by the NECC Student Jazz-Rock Ensemble, and tours of the new space. Information on the programs offered at NECC Riverwalk, including credit courses in business and computer information sciences, noncredit course in career skills and personal enrichment, and courses in adult literacy and ESL, will also be available. The

ribbon cutting will be at 5 p.m.

"We're thrilled with this beautiful renovated space," said David Hartleb, college president, who will be on hand to cut the ribbon for the new space. "It's helping us give local residents the skills needed to succeed in today's economy."

NECC Riverwalk opened in the fall and demand far exceeded expectations. The college had anticipated offering 15 credit courses to 330 students but ended up with 40 credit courses and 800 students. The 26,000 square-foot mill space features 20 classroom, five computer

training rooms, a conference room, and staff offices.

For more information on the event, visit [necc.mass.edu/openhouse](http://necc.mass.edu/openhouse), or contact Deborah Gray at [dgray@necc.mass.edu](mailto:dgray@necc.mass.edu) or 978-659-1275 or Josefina Taveras at [jtaveras@necc.mass.edu](mailto:jtaveras@necc.mass.edu) or 978-659-1220.

## Winnie the Pooh is loved

"If there ever comes a day when we can't be together keep me in your heart, I'll stay there forever"

This Winnie the Pooh quote is so true. Everyone who reads or listens to a Winnie the Pooh book written by Alan Alexander Milne (A.A. Milne) keeps that loveable bear in their hearts forever.

Milne was born on Jan. 18, 1882 in Kilburn, London. One of his teachers was H.G. Wells, another famous author. Milne attended Cambridge on a mathematics scholarship.

Later Milne married and had a son named Christopher Robin Milne.

During World War I troops from Winnipeg traveled through Canada on their way to Europe.

The train stopped at White River, Ontario. Lieutenant Harry Colebourn saw a small black bear cub with a hunter who had killed its mother. Colebourn bought the cub for \$20 and named it Winnipeg in honor of his home town. The name was quickly shortened to Winnie.

Winnie traveled with the brigade as its mascot. While the brigade fought in France, Winnie lived at the London Zoo.

Christopher Robin loved going to the zoo to visit Winnie. A fast friendship developed



The characters in Winnie the Pooh were inspired by Christopher Robin's stuffed animals, shown here.

between the two. Young Christopher loved Winnie so much he named his stuffed bear Winnie.

Christopher's dad was inspired by his

son's friendship with Winnie. He developed a series of children's books. The stuffed animals in his son's room became additional characters in his books. Eeyore, Piglet, Tigger, Rabbit, Owl, Kanga, and Roo came to life in the stories.

E.H. Shepard drew illustrations for the books. The pictures brought out feelings of magic in many children and adults.

The first book was released in 1926. More books followed. Today over 20 million copies of the first four "Winnie the Pooh" books have been sold. The books have been published in more than 25 languages.

Winnie the Pooh came

to life when Walt Disney made the first movie in 1966.

Today Winnie the Pooh and friends are just as popular as ever.

As Winnie the Pooh says: "If ever there is tomorrow when we're not together...there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we're apart. I'll always be with you."

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### Newspaper in Education activity

Christopher and his father were inspired by a bear cub at the zoo. Look through your newspaper for something that might inspire you to write a story. Make a list of things you and your classmates found in the newspaper.



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# Business

## Natural Health Care owner invites skeptics to lecture

Pamela M. Seyler, owner of Andover Natural Health Care, will be offering a free lecture and discussion, "What Is Natural Health Care? And can it help me?" on Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Andover Natural Health Care, 166 North Main St., Andover, across the parking lot from Whole Foods.

According to Seyler, this presentation is designed to answer some of the most common questions about the more natural approach to caring for one's health such as: Is it scientific? Is it safe? Is it effective? Is it worth my time to try it? How

much will it cost? Is it covered by insurance?

"More and more people are turning to alternative health supporting methods and finding them helpful," she said in a release. "Whether you are healthy and wish to know how to stay that way, or struggling with health problems and would like to feel better, this one-hour presentation and discussion will help you decide if natural health care is an approach you want to take. Doubters are encouraged to attend."

Learn more at [andovernhc.com](http://andovernhc.com).

## Coldwell Banker calls toy drive a success

As a result of residents' generosity, two moving trucks filled with donated toys and other gifts were delivered to The Home for Little Wanderers Jamaica Plain toy room this holiday season, according to the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover.

Miss Massachusetts 2011 Alida D'Angona and Miss Massachusetts Teen USA 2011 Kay Tetreault joined Rick Loughlin, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in New England, to unload the toys last month.

The sales associates of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage encouraged neighbors throughout the community to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the local Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office located at 305 North Main St., Andover.

"I would like to express a heartfelt thank you to all of the friends, neighbors and community members who donated to this year's toy drive," said Erminio Grasso, sales manager of the Andover

office. "Because of their generosity, many children were able to experience a happier and more memorable holiday."

"We are grateful for everyone's efforts and support. The donations truly made the holidays much brighter for the thousands of children and families that The Home's programs serve throughout the state," said Bob Sherburne, senior corporate relations manager for The Home for Little Wanderers.

The Home for Little Wanderers is a nationally renowned, private, non-profit child and family service agency providing services to thousands of children and families, through more than 20 programs. The mission of The Home is to ensure the healthy behavioral, emotional, social and educational development and physical well-being of children and families living in at-risk circumstances. With a history dating back to 1799, The Home for Little Wanderers is the oldest child welfare agency in the nation and the largest in New England.

### ■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce will present "The Annual Merrimack Valley Mayors and Town Managers Breakfast" on Friday, Jan. 14, from 7:30 to 9:15 a.m. at the Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury St., Andover.

Invited guest speaker will be Lt. Governor Timothy Murray and confirmed speakers will include Andover Town Manager Buzz Stacyszynski, Amesbury Mayor Thatcher Kezer, Haverhill

Mayor James Fiorentini, Lawrence Mayor William Lantigua, Lowell Mayor William Milinazzo, Methuen Mayor William Manzi, North Andover Town Manager Mark Rees, Newburyport Mayor Donna Holaday, Tewksbury Town Manager Richard Montuori.

Special guest moderator will be Al Getler, Publisher, Eagle Tribune Publishing.

The cost is \$25 for members and \$50 for non-members. For more information call 978-686-0900.



From left, South Elementary third-grade students Julia Rice, Cora Steffenson, Jack O'Brien, Jayden Amirault, Chloe Brussard and Ivan Shokum make known their appreciation for receiving interactive whiteboards.

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## Pfizer donates \$5,000 for interactive whiteboards

South Elementary School is located just a few miles from the Andover Pfizer campus, and has long enjoyed a relationship with the company. For years, employees have volunteered their time to teach Andover children about "Bacteria Around Us," an enrichment program hosted at the School. Several Pfizer's employees have children who attend South Elementary.

So Pfizer BioProcess Research & Development employee and

South Elementary mother Dana Di Nino thought she might have some success asking her company to help South in its effort to buy large interactive whiteboards that should improve the children's education. She was right.

Pfizer recently donated \$5,000 to the cause.

So called SMARTboards allow teachers to project their laptop screen onto its surface, where teachers and students can manipulate information by touch.

"After hearing about the PTO fundraising effort for SMART-Boards at South Elementary and seeing an amazing demonstration at a PTO meeting, I inquired about potential donation opportunities through my work at Pfizer," according to Di Nino. "I was able to get the support of other Pfizer employees who are parents at South and get multiple names on the submitted proposal. We had guidance and assistance from Jim Callahan, our Andover

community outreach/PR point person. Ken Bradley, our site leader here in Andover, read and approved the proposal."

Several Pfizer employees and South parents joined those involved in going to South to present a ceremonial check recently. Third-graders who will receive the technology presented thank you notes they had written and told the employees why the effort was appreciated and how it will help them.

## Phillips Academy's facilities guru heads to new challenge

After nearly two decades serving as the chief strategist behind Phillips Academy's campus planning and stewardship efforts, Michael Williams, director of facilities, has accepted a position with the Aga Khan Academies. As senior manager for property development, Williams will be based in Gouvieux, France, but his work will extend globally as he works to build 18 residential academies in Africa, the Middle East, and Central and Southern Asia, according to a release from Phillips Academy.

"My experience at Andover will serve me well as I join a small team leading the effort to build schools of equal quality in many areas of our world where high quality, educational facilities will contribute significantly to the positive growth of these

countries," said Williams.

"His Highness, the Aga Khan, initiated a program to establish a network of schools dedicated to expanding access to education of an international standard of excellence. The academies, which focus on pre-primary through higher secondary education, are planned for key locations. The first such school, the Aga Khan Academy in Mombasa, opened in August 2003," according to a release.

Reflecting on Williams's service to Andover, Steve Carter, chief operating and financial officer, said colleagues will miss his "expertise, strategic vision and his meticulous approach to campus planning. In his 18-plus years at Andover, he has overseen dozens of multi-million-dollar facilities projects and managed a large in-house staff and numerous

contractors."

"His ability to take a project from vision to the thing itself has made this extraordinary campus ever more functional and beautiful," added Head of School Barbara Chase. "We salute him and thank him for nearly two decades of service to Andover."

In addition to the completion of a campus master plan in 1996, some of the more visible building initiatives completed during his time at Andover include, multiple dorm renovations, Abbot campus restoration projects that included upgrades at Draper Hall and Abbot Hall, Cochran Chapel renovation, Gelb Science Center, Shuman Center, Harrison Rinks, Phelps Stadium, the new power plant, the reconstruction of the iconic Memorial Bell Tower, the renovations of the Addison

Gallery, the Andover Inn, as well as Paresky Commons, which recently earned a LEED silver certification from the U.S. Green Building Council.

Among his most recent work, Williams has been instrumental in the Academy's efforts to secure a new site for a boathouse, according to the school. Plans for that project have since entered the design phase.

"As a facilities professional, working at Andover has been a special privilege not only because it's such an excellent school with a strong, supportive community, but also because the campus is a masterpiece of American campus design," said Williams. "It was a wonderful chance to help configure this treasure for the decades ahead in a way which hopefully retains the quality of its history."

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## Sports

## Farnham standing out for Patriots practice squad

By HECTOR LONGO  
STAFF WRITER

For 16 weeks, the frustration mounted with every sprint, every squat and every power lift.

"At least now I know, for all those sprints and all that lifting, there was a pretty good reason," said Andover's Buddy Farnham, who was recently signed onto the New England Patriots' practice squad.

"I was pretty excited to be back, walking through the locker room again. It was all a bit surreal."

A free agent rookie out of Brown University, Farnham has spent the entire season at his parents' home in Andover, hoping for a call like this.

After seeing time at receiver, safety and special teams, Farnham was released in the team's final cuts.

He was told to be ready, and in his heart he always felt he would return.

But as the weeks passed, the dream faded, too.

"Being at home, there really wasn't much to do, other than work out, stay in shape and be ready," said Farnham. "I know I can play this game, and I wanted to continue to pursue it. I'm surprised, because it's so late, but I'm definitely grateful for this opportunity."

As a member of the team's 8-man practice squad, Farnham technically is still a free agent, able to sign to any team's active roster.

He began practicing with the Pats on Dec. 29, and was one of four players named practice player of the week during preparation for the regular season finale against Miami. Past winners of the award this season have been budding star tight end Aaron Hernandez and receiver Julian Edelman.

"Anything I can do to help," he said. "It's been great seeing the guys here again," he said.

The 6-foot, 185-pound Farnham was the Ivy League and New England Player of the Year as a senior at Brown in 2009. He completed the 2009 season with 1,003 receiving yards and 74 receptions. Farnham is among the Ivy League's all-time leaders in receptions (229, 6th) and receiving yards (2,895, 7th).

## Sign ups under way for AYS winter lacrosse

Registration is now open for the Andover Youth Services winter lacrosse session.

The session is run by Andover High School lacrosse coaches Wayne Puglisi and Jon McVeigh, with the help of members of the varsity lacrosse teams and AYS lacrosse coaches.

This session is open to new and returning players in the first through eighth grades. New this year, organizers are offering the opportunity for freshmen to take part in this five-week indoor program.

"The AYS winter lacrosse session is a great way to get back into lacrosse for the upcoming season or for new players to learn some of the basic skills of the game," according to AYS.

The winter session will take place on Sundays, Jan. 30 and Feb. 6 and 13, and on Saturdays, March 5 and 12 at the Andover High School Field House.

The girls session is from noon to 2 p.m. and the boys session is from 2 to 4 p.m.

Players will need to provide their own equipment. Mandatory equipment for boys includes a stick, mouth guard, helmet, and shoulder and elbow pads. Girls must have a stick, mouth guard and goggles.

To register, visit [ayslacrosse.com](http://ayslacrosse.com), if you have any questions about the Winter Session or Andover Youth Lacrosse, email [ays@andoverma.gov](mailto:ays@andoverma.gov).

## IVY LEAGUE BOUND

## Track star Bishop to run at elite Cornell

By DAVID WILLIS  
STAFF WRITER

While she has excelled in a wide variety of events during her track career, there are two events that just clicked for Eve Bishop.

"I definitely like the 200-meter (outdoors) and 300-meter (indoors) the best," Bishop said. "In a short sprint, it's over before you know it. It's just whoever runs the fastest."

"In the 200 or 300, you have to play it smarter so you aren't too tired at the end. It takes more strategy."

It should be no surprise that, in addition to possessing stellar speed, Bishop has used her intelligence to gain an advantage over her opponents.

A standout since her sophomore season, Bishop has now emerged as the top sprinter for powerhouse Andover High. But she may be an even bigger star in the classroom, where she is ranked in the top 5 percent of her class, and was accepted early decision to elite Cornell University.

"She will go down as one of the best girls sprinters in Andover High history," said Golden Warriors coach Peter Comeau. "She may end up our best sprinter in school history. She wanted to go to a great college that is also Division 1 track. Cornell is Ivy League and has a very good track program."

It will be at Cornell where Bishop will continue her track career, after spending much of the fall weighing options between the Big Red and fellow Ivy League

member Brown University.

But the moment she stepped foot on the Cornell campus, the decision was made.

"I visited towards the end of October and I just knew it was the right place for me," she said. "The academics are amazing, and it is a great place for track too."

As a member of the National Honor Society and having scored a perfect 36 on the ACT, Bishop was also accepted to another elite school — MIT.

"I applied and was accepted there," said Bishop, who is currently enrolled in Advanced Placement calculus and English. "But I had already accepted early decision to Cornell, and I don't think it would have made any difference. I am very happy with where I am going."

Bishop, who dreams of being a doctor, is also excited to take her track skills to the Division 1 Big Red.

"The recruiting process actually made weighing my options easier," she said. "They are very strong in sprints, and the coach (Lou Duesing) has been there for 21 years. They have produced All-American sprinters."

Bishop wasted no time emerging as a standout for Andover. Trying track for the first time as a sophomore, she was a member of the 4x100 relay that took fourth at New England's (49.52) and sixth at All-States.

She continued to excel as a junior. In indoor track she ran on the 4x200 that took third at All-States, fourth at New England's

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FILE PHOTO

Andover's Eve Bishop has become one of the top sprinters in the state, while also starring in the classroom. She will be attending elite Cornell University next fall.

## Roundup: Swett, hockey on a roll with three wins

## BOYS HOCKEY

C.J. Boillard and Liam Centrella each scored a goal as Andover won its third straight game, 2-1 over Arlington on Saturday. Chris Kucharski, Matt Swett and Jim Burns each had an assist and Kyle Berthiaume made eight saves for the winners.

Matt Swett scored a pair of goals as Andover topped powerhouse Austin Prep 4-2 last Wednesday. Scott Campbell and David Belluche (assist) each scored a goal for the second straight game, Liam Centrella has a pair of assists and Kyle Berthiaume made 34 saves and had an assist for the winners.

Scott Campbell tallied a pair of goals as Andover earned its first win of the season, downing Chelmsford 3-1 last Monday. David Belluche chipped in the other goal, while Jim Burns has a pair of assists for the winners. Kyle Berthiaume made 15 saves in the win.

"Everyone wants to win," Campbell said. "We kind of felt if we didn't win this game it would put us in a hole for the rest of the season. But we didn't think we were going to lose coming in. This is just a great win because it puts us back in the hunt for the league."

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Caveney, Warriors edge Central

Devon Caveney delivered a career day, scoring 22 points as Andover edged archrival Central Catholic for the second time already this season, 53-52 on Friday.

"Our rivalry is a huge," Nicole Boudreau said. "It's the most fun game to play of the year."

Boudreau added 17 points, and clinched the game with a steal, dishing the ball to Ally Fazio to run out the clock. Natalie Gomez-Martinez had eight points for the winners, who remain perfect at 9-0.

"I think this was probably one of the more physical, toughest high school girls basketball games in a long time," said Raiders coach Sue Downer

Ally Fazio knocked down three 3-pointers on her way



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Andover's Jim Burns fires a shot on goal against Chelmsford. Burns scored twice as the Golden Warriors beat the Lions for their first of three straight wins.

to 12 points, helping Andover best Mount Wachusett 72-51 last Tuesday. Olivia Biles added 10 points and Nicole Boudreau stood out with 24 points for the winners.

## GIRLS TRACK

## Mullins, Bishop star

Maggie Mullins continued to dominate, winning the 2-mile in a stellar 11:03.87 as Andover took an outstanding fourth as a team at the Dartmouth Relays on Saturday.

Eve Bishop also stood out, taking second in the 300, teaming with Mullins, Sydney Eberth and Jaclyn Torres to win the sprint medley and running on the runner-up 4x400 team with Eberth and Torres and Rae Bronenkant.

## BOYS TRACK

## Farnham, relays wow

Will Ossoff, Ryan Beaumont, Ryan Cooney and Simon Voorhees combined to win the 4x800 in 8:10.14 to lead Andover to a fourth-place finish at the Dartmouth Relays on Saturday.

Pat Farnham sped to a second in the 300 (36.52) and teamed with Adam Carrington, Brian Knapp and Voorhees for a second in the sprint medley. Voorhees added a sixth in the mile.

## GIRLS HOCKEY

## Leary scores twice in win

Meghan Leary scored a pair of goals as Andover earned its first victory of the season, blasting Chelmsford 7-4 on Saturday. Gabbie Hindin, Brianna Smith, Megan Keefe, Jill Manning and Weezie Gross each added a goal for the winners.

Jill Manning scored a goal, but

Andover fell to Billerica 4-1 last Wednesday. Laura Cahill and Meghan Pierce each had an assist for the Warriors.

## GIRLS SKIING

## Heath, Andover roll

Sara Heath (20.53), Kerry Christopher (20.66) and Jess Kearns (20.74) took places 2-4 overall as Andover opened its season by defeating North Andover 99.5-35.5 and Austin Prep 130-5 last Thursday. Also for the Golden Warriors, Maddie Baldwin added a ninth and Ross Ganley was 10th.

## WRESTLING

## Riley scores quick pin

Andover's Jack Riley won by pin at 103 in 57 seconds as the Golden Warriors defeated Pentucket 48-23 last Thursday. Mike Tiwani (125), Nick Marcotte (152), Josh Navila (171) and David Ortiz (215) each added victories for the winners.

## Team player Caveney is Player of Fortnight

Coach Jim Tildsley of the Andover High School girls varsity basketball team nominates sophomore Devon Caveney as this week's "Player of the Fortnight" award winner.

"Devon is a great team player, and she does so many things well for us. Her 22 points in the Central game were huge. Devon scores, she plays defense, and she does all the little things well. She takes coaching well, and she understands her role. We're looking forward to a great rest of the season from her," said Tildsley.

The next "Player of the Fortnight" award will be given next week, to a boys varsity basketball player.

## GIRLS GYMNASTICS

## Mattison dominates in win

Rachel Mattison won the vault (8.8), bars (9.1), beam (9.05) and all-around as Andover crushed Arlington 127-66 last Thursday. Natalie Wagner added a second in the floor routine for the winners.

Andover's Jenny Coneeny placed second in the bars, beam, floor and all-around, but the Golden Warriors lost to Acton-Boxboro 178-140 last Monday. Rachel Mattison won the floor exercise and was third in the all-around for the Warriors.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Bramanti, Warriors split

Joe Bramanti erupted for 29 points as Andover rallied from a 19-point halftime deficit to down Methuen 68-56 last Monday. Jack Kieckhafer added 12 points and Sam Dowden chipped in with nine for the Golden Warriors, who trailed 23-4 after the first quarter and 32-13 at the half.

Brian Salvesen scored 13 points, but Andover lost to archrival Central Catholic 64-55 on Saturday. The Golden Warriors had won the previous meeting. Joe Bramanti added 13 points for the Warriors.

■ THE WEEK AHEAD

**BOYS BASKETBALL**

Jan. 18..... Billerica.....7:30 p.m.

**GIRLS BASKETBALL**

Jan. 14..... Barrington.....6:30 p.m.  
Jan. 18..... at Lawrence.....7 p.m.

**BOYS ICE HOCKEY**

Jan. 15..... Acton-Boxboro.....6 p.m.  
Jan. 17..... Austin Prep.....2 p.m.  
Jan. 19..... at Haverhill.....7 p.m.

**GIRLS ICE HOCKEY**

Jan. 15..... Arlington Catholic.....6 p.m.  
Jan. 17..... Newton South.....7:20 p.m.  
Jan. 19..... Arlington.....7:20 p.m.

**BOYS SKIING**

Jan. 20..... Haverhill.....3:30 p.m.

**GIRLS SKIING**

Jan. 13..... Manchester Essex.....3:30 p.m.

**BOYS INDOOR TRACK**

Jan. 13..... at Lowell.....4 p.m.  
Jan. 16..... Class A Relays (at Reggie Lewis Center).....9 a.m.  
Jan. 19..... Haverhill.....4 p.m.

**GIRLS INDOOR TRACK**

Jan. 13..... at Lowell.....4 p.m.  
Jan. 16..... Class A Relays (at Reggie Lewis Center).....9 a.m.  
Jan. 19..... Haverhill.....4 p.m.

**BOYS SWIMMING**

Jan. 14..... at B.C. High.....3:30 p.m.

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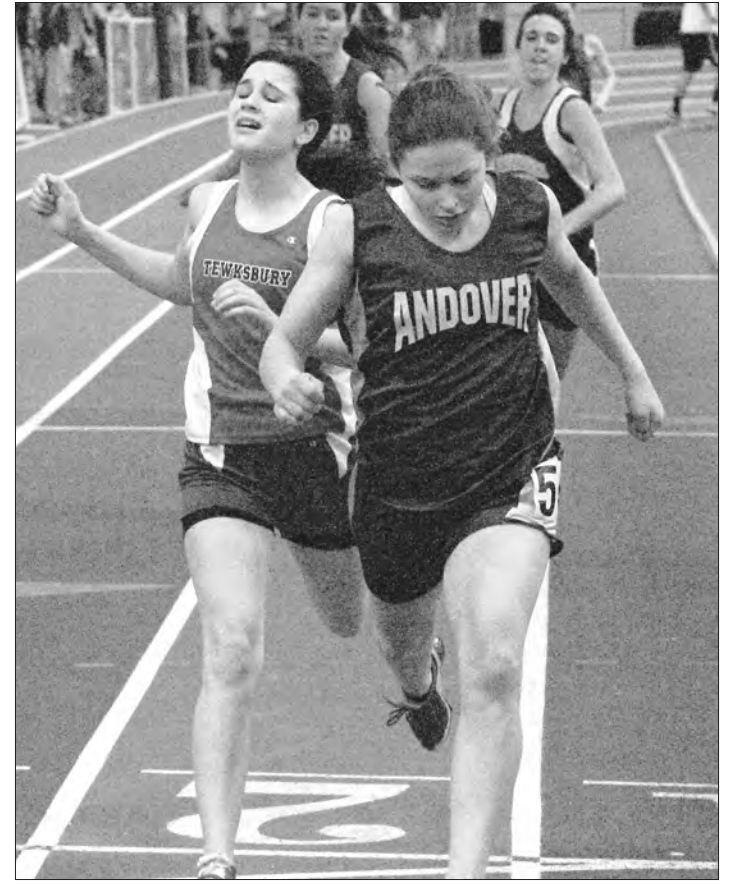
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**BOYS GYMNASTICS**

Jan. 14..... at Burlington.....7 p.m.  
Jan. 18..... at Braintree.....7 p.m.  
Jan. 20..... Newton North.....7 p.m.

**GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

Jan. 18..... at Lowell.....7 p.m.



FILE PHOTO  
Andover's Eve Bishop, right, uses her athleticism and intelligence to gain an edge on her opponents.

Pee Wee champs



COURTESY PHOTO  
Andover Pee Wee 2s captured the Pee Wee Championship of the America Cup Tournament at Lake Placid, N.Y. during the weekend of Jan. 7 through 9. Pictured are, front row, from left: Cameron Ritchie, Colby Keller, John Kelly, John Molloy, Cara Cahill, with Kris Augustine in front; and back row, from left: Sarah Wright, Jack Fraser, Eliot Zaeder, Luke McQuaide, Kyle Getty, Thomas Mapstone, Michael Biddle, Luke Nawrocki, Head Coach John Fraser, and Assistant Coaches Sean Molloy and Mark Nawrocki.

**BISHOP: Headed to Cornell**

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and seventh at Nike Indoor Nationals. She was also a member of the 4x400 that was fourth at All-States and fifth at New Englands — while also taking fourth individually in the 300 at Division 1 states. She was even better outdoors. She led the 4x100 relay that took first overall at All-States and second at New Englands while running on the 4x200 that placed third in the “emerging elite” division at New Balance Nationals.

As an individual, she took second in the 200 at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 meet, seventh at All-States and sixth at New Englands. That all while also winning the pole vault in all but one dual meet last season.

“I wanted to improve on the year I had as a junior,” she said. “My key is to not let the pressure get to me. Think about the race. Think about what you have done in practice and what you did to prepare.”

This season has gotten off to an impressive start for Bishop. She took second individually in the 300 and ran on the winning 1,600 sprint medley and the 4x400 relay that took second overall at the Dartmouth Relays over the weekend. She also ran on the sprint medley that placed first at the Boston Holiday Invitational.

“I keep telling myself to put my feet down faster and faster,” she said. “Even though it gets tougher as the race goes on, I keep telling myself it’s almost done. My mindset doesn’t change too much when I go to different events, but my technique does.”

Comeau expects that success to continue at the college ranks.

“She has made herself into a top sprinter,” he said. “She is may be the top girls sprinter in Massachusetts. She got in because of her intelligence, but she can definitely run at the Division 1 level. She has worked hard and became a special runner.”



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