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Average home's tax bill up \$306

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The average single-family homeowner's tax bill will rise \$306, a 4.1 percent increase over last year.

Selectmen voted Monday

to set a tax classification shift for 2012 that selectmen say reflects the most uniform percentage increase for residents and commercial businesses.

Compared to homeowners' 4.1 percent increase, the

average commercial property owner will see taxes rise 4 percent. The average industrial property owners will see taxes rise 2.1 percent.

"Ultimately, when it comes to setting the factor, the fairest way to do it is to take a

look and see where it's going to have an equal impact on both the residential and the commercial settings, that way we're sharing the pain," said Brian Major, selectmen

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SPANISH, IN THE FIRST GRADE? ¡SI!

Task force recommends district-wide language changes

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Andover students may start learning Spanish in the first grade as soon as the fall of 2013.

The drastic change is one of a variety of suggestions developed by a world languages task force assembled to look at all levels of education and that hopes to make Andover a leader in foreign language education. The task force of school administrators, teachers and parents was assigned to "address the needs for developing a strong, comprehensive world language program for Andover Public Schools," said Nancy Duclos, assistant superintendent and task force chairwoman.

"Roughly 25 percent of the districts we looked at are offering programs at the elementary level," said Christine Banta, a parent and task force member. "That's an opportunity, that's a chance, for us to be leaders and distinguish ourselves, and not just look and say, 'What is

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AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Patricia Gregory teaches a sixth grade Spanish class at the Wood Hill Middle School. A foreign language task force reviewing the language options at Andover Public Schools recently said that it would like to see Spanish taught at every grade level beginning with first grade.



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Andover fans were out in force as they cheered on the Golden Warriors during Andover High's game against Methuen on Tuesday. It was Andover's first regular season game since the story broke about hazing allegations involving players in the Andover program.

All about basketball

Boys program marred by hazing incident starts season with win

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

There were no negative signs seen, no taunts yelled, no reference at all to the hazing allegations during the first game of the Andover High boys basketball season Tuesday night.

Now, Andover officials are hoping the healing can truly begin for all Andover students affected by the recent attention.

Andover's boys varsity and junior varsity basketball teams both won their home season openers Tuesday in two games that went on with no unusual incidents sparked

by the hazing scandal. "One of the tough parts was we haven't had a game. Now we're on a normal schedule," said Chris Bergeron, Andover's athletic director, after the varsity game. "It was a good start. It was good for the healing process here in Andover."

All eyes have been on the town's school system and athletic department for the last few weeks after hazing allegations were made regarding

players in the school's basketball program coaxing others into playing a humiliating sex game called "wet biscuit"

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TOWN TALK

Party for year's shortest day

There are many ways to celebrate "the holidays" and the Shawsheen River Watershed Association has its own.

It will offer its annual Winter Solstice Celebration on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at

6:30 p.m., at Serio's Grove, Andover conservation property off Lowell Junction Road, marking the day with the shortest amount of daylight this year.

"We will have a campfire and a short program on the astronomy, mythology and history surrounding the winter solstice," according to a

release. "We are looking for musicians and singers to add to the merriment."

Residents interested in the event can bring bells, ingredients for s'mores, non-alcoholic drinks, flashlights and lanterns, stadium sets and musical instruments.

Handling of Special Town Meeting

Town officials this week were quick to praise the handling of Special Town Meeting which was so well-attended that it saw

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Time with a special guest



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Katie Barry, 4, of Andover, approaches Santa as it's her turn to visit with him during Santa's visit to Free Christian Church in Andover Saturday.

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In Brief

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...

“ I frankly am not losing sleep over the nonsense we are sure to hear this winter at Andover [basketball] games. Hopefully, it is creative. I suggest the Golden Rule should be for everyone to be cognizant that there will be young kids and ladies and gentlemen present that should not have to listen to stuff that is clearly crude.
 – Jim Arnold, Geneva Road resident and former local sports columnist, on the possibility of taunts related to the “wet biscuit” scandal involving some members of the boys basketball team. See column, page 6.

” On the way to Edinburgh, we stopped in London and were sure to visit Dickens’ house and practice English accents.
 – Mary Hall, showing some of the passion for acting her three children have. The Hall siblings are in Charles Dickens’ “A Christmas Carol,” where they will have a chance to show off those English accents. Story in Arts, page 15.

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 Advertising copy must be in the Townsman office by Monday at 5 p.m.
 Camera-ready advertising copy is due by Tuesday at noon.
 No cancellations honored after these deadlines.

West Parish Church Blue Christmas

West Parish Church will again offer a “Blue Christmas” service for people for whom Christmas is a difficult time, because of a death of a loved one, or another reason.
 Those interested may attend West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover, on Sunday evening, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m., for a service of music, readings, meditation, candles and preparation.
 “Christmas celebrates the promise that God IS with us, whatever happens. God did not come to earth as royalty in the midst of a celebration, but entered humbly, quietly, in the midst of darkness, where we are most in need,” organizers wrote. “All are welcome.”
 West Parish is handicapped accessible. Directions are available on the church website at westparishchurch.org.

Town census going out

The Annual Town Census will be mailed to residents at the end of December 2011.
 People who will be leaving town for an extended period of time and at risk for not receiving the census during the December 2011/January 2012 time frame should contact the town clerk’s office at 978-623-8255 so that they will not be dropped from the voter or census rolls.
 All registered voters must return the census each year to remain on the voter rolls per state law. Non-registered voters are also required to return the annual census. This information is commonly used to verify a person’s residency for public school admission, military benefits and in-state tuition reductions.
 The town census provides vital information that supports services in your community according to Kathy McKenna, Assistant Town Clerk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

MV Christian Men’s Christmas Eve breakfast

The Merrimack Valley Christian Men’s Christmas Eve Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Dec. 24 at Salvatore’s, 354 Merrimack St., Lawrence.
 Plan to arrive between 6:30 and 7 a.m. - no later than 7 a.m. as a short program will begin.
 A full buffet breakfast will follow.
 Cost is \$17 per person in cash.
 Please RSVP by Dec. 22 by contacting Jim Hackett at hackett.jim@comcast.net or 978-474-4068.

DCS collects mittens

Andover Department of Community Services is sponsoring its annual mitten and hat collection benefitting local children and adults.
 Several locations in Andover have agreed to participate in the program by displaying the DCS snowman and providing a candy cane or treat for those who bring new or gently used hats, gloves and mittens of all sizes to the snowman. Look for the snowman at Andover Town Offices, Andover Senior Center, Memorial Hall Library, and several local schools. To make donations, go to one of the locations before noon today, Thursday, Dec. 15. For more information, contact Andover DCS at 978-623-8277.

Volunteers needed for free tax services

Community volunteers are needed to help provide free tax services through the IRS’ Volunteer Income Tax Assistance and Tax Counseling for the Elderly Programs.

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: In the winter of 1957, the snow was piled along Main Street, almost burying the parking meters at the edge of the sidewalk.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

NOW: Main Street in downtown Andover no longer has parking meters - or snow (at least so far this December).

Tsongas joins letter on small business

U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas (D-Mass.), Edward J. Markey (D-Mass.), and Peter Welsh (D-Vt.) sent a letter last Thursday, Dec. 8, signed by a bipartisan group of 27 House members requesting that the conference committee appointed to iron out the differences between the House and Senate-passed versions of the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) adopt an amendment, included in the Senate-passed version, to preserve the Small Business Innovation and Research program.
 Tsongas, Andover’s Congresswoman, has been appointed to serve as a conferee on the NDAA conference committee and her office reports “she will use this letter to illustrate the strong, bipartisan support in Congress for preserving this important program.”

American Red Cross blood drive

The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 22 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Andover Town House, 20 Main St.
 All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a free appetizer or dessert from Chili’s Grill & Bar. To make an appointment to donate blood, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767.

Coats for Kids

Anton’s Cleaners has launched their 17th annual Coats for Kids program which runs through Jan. 8, 2012.
 Gently worn coats are needed and collected for all ages: children, teens, adults, and infants.
 In the program’s 16-year history, Coats for Kids has collected, cleaned and distributed over 688,000 coats. Drop off locations include all 43 Anton’s Cleaners locations and all four Jordan’s Furniture locations.
 For more information, visit antons.com/cfk.

Cookie swap, Christmas Gathering

The Andover Sister Towns Associations of Andover and North Andover are planning a Christmas Gathering at the Andover Historical Society on Saturday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. Viewing of the Historical Society’s colorfully decorated Christmas trees and a cookie exchange are included in the event.
 To participate, bring a plate of cookies to swap and take home a variety and equal number of cookies made by others. For more information about Andover Sister Towns Association or the Christmas Gathering, contact Marj Snell at fredsnell@gmail.com.

CORRECTIONS

In last week’s Dec. 8 edition of the Townsman, a photo caption for a front page story about a downtown business being seized by the Essex County Sheriff’s Department improperly credited the photographer who took the photo. The photo was taken by Jonathan Phelps.
 On page 6 under the Local Scholars section an item with the headline “Inducted into national honor society” omitted the school the boys attended. They attend St. John’s Preparatory School.

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United in song



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Members of the South Church Choir and the South Side Singers from South Elementary School performed, Sunday, at the Neighbors in Need Holiday and Christmas Music Benefit Concert at Methuen Memorial Music Hall. The two groups are shown in front of the great organ that was played by former Phillips Academy organist Patrick Kabanda, at far right. The South Side Singers are under the direction of Linda O'Donnell, music teacher at South Elementary School. Barbara Kilduff, coloratura soprano, of Andover, also performed. She is on the faculty at Phillips Academy.

Brown at house party

Warren, Brown making multiple visits to Andover

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

While Republican incumbent U.S. Sen. Scott Brown recently lunched with supporters in Andover, local Democrats are quick to remind that a potential challenger's time in Andover was just as successful.

Democrat Elizabeth Warren of Cambridge is competing in a Democratic primary to decide who will face Brown. She drew 160 to 170 people in Andover when she visited a few months ago.

"And it was before she announced," said Patricia Commane, chairwoman of the Town Democratic Committee. "That was word of mouth...it was wildly successful."

Meanwhile, Brown is campaigning with home visits, like the one he had in Andover on Dec. 2. He has said he will shift into official campaign mode in February or March.

Andover hostess Lisa McDonald, a Republican and

big Brown supporter, said the Dec. 2 luncheon at her Durham Drive home was indeed low key.

"He answered questions, and resonated with people and was very refreshing and genuine. It went very well," she said.

Brown was also in Andover for Thanksgiving, on the podium at the Feaster Rive Road Race that attracts 10,000 people. McDonald said Brown is planning more house parties while campaigning, while Commane expects Warren to return to Andover "two or three times" before the primary election.

Both McDonald and Commane predicted a tough senate race.

"He (Brown) talked about how the Democrats really want his 'Ted Kennedy seat' back," McDonald said, referring to the late senator who held the seat now occupied by Brown.

As for Warren, her first televised advertisement is now being aired and

Commane said it's going over well.

"She's for working people, not Wall Street," Commane said.

Kiwanis Santas, elves collect \$11K for charity

By NEIL FATER
STAFF WRITER

A bus full of Christmas carolers were able to raise over \$11,000 to help kids attend the therapeutic riding program at Ironstone Farm in Andover.

Each year, members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence join with children from area schools for Santa Night. Dressed in Santa and elf outfits they sing at restaurants and bars, collecting money for a good cause. The turnout this year was a bit higher than expected.

"I was overwhelmed with the number of people we had on the bus," said Kiwanis treasurer Jeffrey Shank of Andover Advisory Group. "We had a 58-passenger bus and I thought it was going to look empty. It was packed full. We didn't have enough food."

One Kiwanis member had to go to a supermarket to buy extra sandwiches while the rest sang at a restaurant.

Every three years, Kiwanis picks a special charity to receive \$10,000 per year for three years. The money to pay for this commitment comes from the annual Santa Night. This is the final year of the Ironstone initiative, which supports children with disabilities from Lawrence, allowing them to participate in the therapy program at Ironstone Farm on Route 133 in town.

Prior to the night, Kiwanis members collected \$8,575 in pledges, and the singers added another \$2,484 during their "rooftop collections" - stops at restaurants.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Emily Wilson of Andover, Ali Beauchamp, Mike DeLuca of Andover, Jeff Shank and Jeff Ferrante sing at the Loft Restaurant in North Andover.

The group of singing Santas and elves went to more than a dozen restaurants in Lawrence, Methuen and North Andover as well as On the Bone at the Wyndham Boston Andover Hotel in Andover before stopping in downtown Andover. They arrived in Andover on Friday following the conclusion of Holiday Happenings. Andover restaurants visited were Casa Blanca on Main Street, Dylan's Bar & Grill on Park Street and Palmers Tavern on Elm Street, where Kiwanis member and Andover resident Mike DeLuca of Woodworth Motors took over as lead singer with the band in the bar.

The group also made one other stop.

As part of its golf tournament fundraiser in July, the Kiwanis Club of Greater Lawrence auctions off an appearance by the singing Santas. Last year, the group

appeared at a private house party. This year, the person who bid on the item was unable to use it on Dec. 9, so the person asked to Kiwanis to sing for families at Capernaum Place in Lawrence, a transitional housing program described as "the step between homelessness and a permanent home." The building, part of Lazarus House, has 20 apartment units for families and individuals.

For many of the singers, singing for the children and adults there was the highlight of the night.

Shank said he is already looking for ways to top the 2011 event.

"Next year, it will be our 10th anniversary and we're planning some good stuff. It's going to be even better than it has been," he pledged.



Courtesy photo

From left are Andover residents Lisa McDonald and Cheryl Eckel, Sen. Scott Brown, and Andover residents Ellen Munick, MaryBeth Finn and Lisa Drew.

TAXES: Commercial tax rate up 4 percent

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chairman.

Business owners do pay higher taxes than homeowners already. The shift approved, called a 1.47 tax factor, means there is a 47 percent higher tax burden for commercial and industrial taxpayers than home owners. Cyr Circle resident Mary Carbone made a case for another approach, which would have seen residential taxes go up 3.8 percent instead of 4.1 percent, while commercial taxes went up 4.7 percent instead of 4.0. Industrial taxes would rise 2.8 percent instead of 2.1.

"[The selectmen's plan] would give the residential 4.1 and the commercial 4.0,"

said Carbone. "I thought I would be asking for the 1.47 factor, but now hearing that the commercial [increase] is going to be lower than the residential, I don't know as I'm in agreement with that."

"The residents of this community need a break, and they need it big time," said Carbone. "I hear it out there, all the time."

Selectmen took three other votes, each rejecting possible discounts which would benefit particular tax-paying classes in the town. There will be no open space discount favoring residential property owners with open space over those without, and no residential exemption or commercial exemption.

Holy Family named 'Best Hospital'

Holy Family Hospital was named the "Reader's Choice for Best Hospital in Massachusetts" by Applaud Women magazine.

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Closed door meeting on buying land for fire station

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

After a tri-board meeting Monday, selectmen, Finance Committee and School Committee members all entered executive session to discuss a land purchase relating to relocating the Ballardvale Fire Station.

The three committees had met to discuss the FY 2013-2017 Capital Improvement

Plan and budget assumptions for the coming budget cycle. Listed at the end of the agenda was an executive session “to discuss land acquisition.”

At a selectmen meeting earlier that evening, one resident asked what the purchase related to, but the only information offered was that it was regarding a topic that involved all three committees.

When reached by phone, Town Manager Buzz Stapeczynski said the land purchase involves a private land offering made in response to a request for proposal seeking private land options for moving the Ballardvale Fire Station, which the town hopes to replace.

“We’re considering a site,” said Stapeczynski. “We wanted to talk to the School Committee and Finance

Committee about that site, and cost, and all that kind of stuff.”

Stapeczynski said he couldn’t identify the site being discussed. The site is one of an unknown number of proposals for private land purchases, made after a plan to build the new fire station on a ball field at the corner of South Elementary School property drew criticism from some residents.

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA
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TVs stolen in housebreaks

Police responded to two reported house breaks in Andover this week.

The first call came in at 3:37 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 8 from a house on River Road. Damage was reported to a door. A TV, lock box, jewelry box containing jewelry and a camera were stolen from the home, according to Andover Police Sgt. Patrick Robb.

The second break took place on Monday, Dec. 12 at a home on Corbett Street. It was reported at 3:55 p.m., and a video game console, TV and around \$80 in cash were reported stolen in the incident. There was no evidence of forced entry, according to Robb.

It is unknown whether the two incidents are related, Robb said.

The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Dec. 6 through Monday, Dec. 12:

ARRESTS

Tuesday, Dec. 6 — At 5:25 a.m., Ryan Asoian, 21, of 120 Abbott St., Andover, was

arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member, intimidating a witness and threatening to commit a crime.

Friday, Dec. 9 — At 3:02 p.m., Jeffrey Lude, 35, of 85 Green St., Biddeford, Maine, was arrested on Lowell Street and charged with operating a motor vehicle while unlicensed and with a motor vehicle lights violation.

Sunday, Dec. 11 — At 7:07 p.m., John Regan, 77, of 40 Topping Road, Andover, was arrested at his address and charged with resisting arrest and disorderly conduct. The call stemmed from a 911 call placed by a cab driver reporting that he had an intoxicated man in his cab who refused to get out of the cab.

Monday, Dec. 12 — At 10:39 p.m., Jose Colon, 38, of 20 Daisy St., Lawrence, was arrested on Poor Street and charged with a red light violation and with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

THEFTS

Saturday, Dec. 10 — At 3:26 p.m., a case of theft at a restaurant on North Main Street, involving up to two

employees at the restaurant, was reported to police.

Monday, Dec. 12 — At 7:54 a.m., a theft of a bush was reported on Crenshaw Lane.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 6 — At 1:56 p.m., police received reports of a suspicious person on Turner Circle “taking pictures of the house and then when he was asked to stop he took a picture of (the caller).”

At 5:23 p.m., an Andover Street resident reported that a car with three teenagers “just drove over his lawn.” The license plate for the car came back to a car rental company. A survey of the lawn determined that no damage was done to the property.

At 5:34 p.m., a Marion Avenue resident reported hearing “strange noises that were coming from her back door.” She wanted the incident documented due to a rash of other incidents recently taking place around her neighborhood. An officer responding to the call reported that “UPS was delivering a package and knocked on the door.”

Thursday, Dec. 8

— At 6:22 a.m., police were called to a Bobby Jones Drive residents on reports of “some sort of animal” that was found in the kitchen.

Beginning at 8:41 p.m., a police officer conducted three liquor checks along Park and Main streets.

Friday, Dec. 9 — At 1:22 a.m., police were called to assist state police dispatched to Route 495 southbound on reports of a six-car street race.

At 11:25 a.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Noel Road.

At 8:37 p.m., police were called to Shawshen Road on a report of an intoxicated 16-year-old female who needed transport to a hospital.

ACCIDENTS

Wednesday, Dec. 7 — At 3:42 p.m., a hit-and-run accident with no injuries was reported on River Road.

Saturday, Dec. 10 — At 9:25 a.m., a hit-and-run accident with no injuries was reported on Barnard Street.

At 11:07 a.m., a hit-and-run accident involving damage to a stone wall was reported on Cutler Road.



The Andover police force in the 1890s.

Police logs tell a story



Andover Stories
Alison Milne
Andover Police Department

Since the establishment of a professional police force in 1889, many Andover events, and how police have responded to them, have been documented in “the daily logs.” A study of these logs captures glimpses into the relevant issues of the times.

Documentation began under the watchful eyes of Chief George Cheever. The duty of record-keeping passed on to the next group of chiefs – George W. Mears (1896), William L. Frye (1900), Llewellyn D. Pomeroy (1907), and Frank M. Smith (1914). The logs started out being handwritten in cursive – an elegant writing style done with fountain pens. In the late 1940s the logs were kept using a typewriter, with more of the recording being done by sergeants. Not until 1986 did the logs become computerized.

Some of the calls the police responded to in the early 1900s speak to how the town lived. Back then, a lot of calls involved people being arrested for “public drunkenness.” It was against the law to be under the influence, as alcohol sale and consumption was prohibited in the 1920s and into the 1930s. Just the mere appearance of being “drunk” would be cause for arrest.

Another sign of the times were the many calls that involved dogs. As there was no leash law back then, dogs were allowed to roam free. Large numbers of calls were recorded for dogs that had been hit by cars. Dogs were often left for dead by the side of the road, and dog bites were extremely common.

Officer Robert T. Black is a memorable patrolman from the Andover Police force. His career and life were brought to a tragic halt when he was killed during a call to an armed robbery in 1925. His bravery and commitment to keeping Andover a safe community will forever be respected, and was recorded in the log that day with great

sadness.

World War II brought many challenges to town. Because of the war, there was a shortage of money to repair police vehicles. At one point, the force had only one vehicle. It was very important for this vehicle to be maintained so as to be able to respond to calls throughout the town. To this end, Chief Dane (1932-1952) made several lengthy log entries directed to the patrolmen which sternly conveyed to them that they must be careful in the way that they were driving the car. One time, he admonished his men to go “easy on the clutch” on the car because they could not afford to keep sending it in for repairs.

Another sad note occurred in the 1940s with a drowning involving three children on Brechin Terrace. They were originally called in as missing, and were “last seen on tricycles and dressed in ski suits.” They were later found drowned in the Shawshen River close by their homes. Residents who have been here since that time will never forget this unthinkable occurrence.

During the 1960s and 1970s, police enforcement took on a new focus. Drugs became prevalent in the community, and many calls were related to people overdosing on drugs and being brought to detoxification facilities. In addition, many arrests were made on drug charges. To this day, drugs are still a problem, and actually have worsened to include many different kinds. Younger people in Andover are being exposed to drugs, and detectives and patrol officers are faced with trying to get a handle on this epidemic and to get drugs off the streets.

The Andover Police Department is an ever-evolving and growing organization that strives to serve the changing needs of the community. This goal has been supported by the “modern” chiefs – David L. Nicoll (1952-79), James F. Johnson (1979-1998), and current Chief Brian J. Pattullo. Careful record-keeping in the daily logs certainly reflects their commitment and that of the entire department.

“Andover Stories” is a weekly column about interesting local people and events, to celebrate the Andover Historical Society’s 100 anniversary in 2011.

OBITUARIES

Raymond F. Roeger, Sr., 88

Raymond F. “Rusty” Roeger, Sr., 88, died Monday, Dec. 12, at the Colonial Poplin Assisted Living Center.

Raymond was born Jan. 3, 1923 the son of Herman and Elizabeth (Zaunseil) Roeger and he resided in Methuen for many years. He had formerly been employed



at the Raytheon Co. in Andover as a Tester prior to his retirement. During World War II he served in the Army. Rusty was a member of the Methuen Post 122 Legion.

Raymond was the widower of Dorothy M. (Thomas) Roeger and is survived by one daughter Susan J. and

her husband Vinny Mazzaglia of Chester, N.H.; two sons, recently widowed Raymond F., Jr. and his wife Charlene who passed away Dec. 11, and David J. Roeger, both of Lawrence; and 5 grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Raymond was predeceased by brothers; Herbert, Frederick, and Walter Roeger and his sister Pauline Stern-

dale.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Funeral Mass will take place today, Thursday, at 9 a.m. in Saint Monica’s Church with entombment to follow in Saint Mary-Immaculate Conception Mausoleum. Friends were scheduled to be received Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at the Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, Inc. 233 Lawrence St. in Methuen. To send online condolences visit www.pollardfuneralhome.com

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Preschool screening

The Andover Public Schools will be conducting a screening for 3- and 4-year-old preschool

children in the community on the third Friday of every month.

The screening is completely voluntary and available to parents who

have a concern about their child’s development.

The screening is conducted by members of the special education staff and provides information

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TOWN TALK

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emergency sections of voters opened up on the Collins Center stage, in a pit in front of the stage and in a nearby cafeteria. Throughout the hour between when the meeting was supposed to start and when it actually did start, officials worked to ensure that all voters arriving at the high school had an opportunity to weigh in and determine the fate of a proposed Cormier Youth Center, along with a few other articles.

Whittier Street resident John Pasquale, however, disagreed with the handling of the meeting, saying that it was a fire hazard that could have turned into a disaster.

"Here we have an overcrowded 'function capacity,' and everybody's scurrying around, watching what's going on, trying to accommodate all this overflow," said Pasquale. "I go outside the building and I don't see an ambulance out there. I don't see anybody preparing anything for an emergency."

"When we have big functions, somebody has to step up and take control, and ensure the

public, and that didn't happen," Pasquale said.

Brian Major, selectmen chairman, disagreed, saying the fire and police chiefs, and Moderator Sheila Doherty, did maintain control throughout the event.

— *Dustin Luca*

Rezoning Chestnut Street?

Residents in the area of Chestnut and Central streets are having discussions with town planning officials on the zoning of Chestnut Street, particularly the end closest to Central Street near St. Augustine School.

Currently, all buildings on the street up to the law office of Johnson and Borenstein, at 12 Chestnut St. are zoned as part of the general business district, known formally by residents as downtown Andover, according to Paul Materazzo, planning director. Beyond that cutoff, buildings are zoned as single family residences. Some object to that.

The discussion revolves around zoning everything along that end of Chestnut Street, right to Central Street, as part of the general business district.

An article proposing the zoning change could come up at next year's Annual Town Meeting, currently scheduled for April 30 and May 1, 2012 at the high school field house.

— *Dustin Luca*

Town Meeting warrant open

The warrant 2012 Town Meeting, to be held on April 30 and May 1, is now open.

Residents hoping to file a private article for consideration can file a petition with signatures from at least 10 registered Andover voters to get on the warrant. The warrant opened on Oct. 31, and it closes on Jan. 27, 2012.

The attorney general's office recently approved the amended changes to the town's bylaw governing warrant article petitions, which the town adopted at Special Town Meeting last week, according to Larry Murphy, town clerk.

As a result of the vote, petitions must have the wording of the article on the same page as all signatures associated with the article.

Residents can visit the

town clerk's office for more information.

— *Dustin Luca*

Devilish details

A new history book by a long-time local curator focuses on the antics of old time criminals in New England.

Using that famous Flip Wilson line, "The Devil Made Me Do It," former Andover Historical Society curator Juliet Haines Mofford's new book takes a fun step back when she researches crimes of 17th and early 18th century New England. Even Wilson's famous character, Geraldine, would giggle to learn that marital discord resulted in couples locked up side by side in the village square under a sign that read "Quarrelsome Couple."

Mofford now lives in Bath, Maine. The book (\$14.95) is published by Globe Pequot Press.

— *Judy Wakefield*

Are you hearing some talk around town that we didn't catch? Let us know! Call 978-475-7000, or email townsmen@andovertownsmen.com.

Santa drops in



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

The Holy Name Society of Corpus Christi Parish in Lawrence held its 51st annual Christmas Party for Exceptional Adults on Sunday during Thanksgiving Day weekend. Close to 100 people attended, which included the party guests who are assisted by caretakers from Creative Living, Fidelity House and CLASS Inc. The guests were treated to a pasta and meatball dinner and danced to live music. The highlight of the day was the arrival of Santa Claus who presented everybody with a gift as their photo was taken with him. Here, Beth Madden of Andover receives a Christmas present. She attended the party with her parents, Joe and Cyndy Madden.

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YOUR OPINION

Bring it on, student fans - and other thoughts

Jim Arnold

One of my favorite student fan section taunts actually targeted me.

I was a columnist at the Eagle-Tribune, and Central Catholic's student body was unhappy with something I had written.

So the Central students wrote a rebuttal - on a banner about 50 feet long and five feet tall, and hung it over a condemned completely empty section of Lawrence Veteran Stadium seats.

It read: "Jim Arnold Fan Club" and had arrows pointing down to the empty seats.

That was 20 years ago. But student fans are back in the news this week as we all fret about how the kids will act at Andover High boys basketball games.

The Andover basketball program has lost several players due to their role in a sordid scenario at Stonehill College this past summer.

I frankly am not losing sleep over the nonsense we are sure to hear this winter at Andover games. Hopefully, it is creative. I suggest the Golden Rule should be for everyone to be cognizant that there will be young kids and ladies and gentlemen present that should not



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

Golden Warriors' head coach David Fazio was his usual animated self during the Andover-Methuen basketball game Tuesday night at Andover High School. Andover played its first regular season game since the hazing story broke involving some members of the boys basketball program.

have to listen to stuff that is clearly crude.

Some other thoughts on this mess:

■ Bill Burt had a tall order when he first wrote about this story. He was treading tough ground, and impacting lives. It is hard to

imagine a better-worded introduction to the scandal.

■ One media trend troubles me: the ongoing representation that this incident involved upperclassmen intimidating younger kids. In fact, the students being punished include two freshmen, three juniors

and one senior. Two students were allegedly victimized: one junior and one sophomore. Sorry, but that makes me wonder if this was less about bullying/hazing, than it was a bunch of boys acting like idiots.

■ No, I'm not condoning any of what went on. But it is not a news flash to me that teenage boys were masturbating.

■ Blogs and Sound Off serve a valuable purpose. Disenfranchised folks, and people who are truly endangered by identifying themselves, have a say. But we all are aware of the dark side of these forums: anonymity can breed cowards. And the venom that this vocal minority is raining down on all parties in this case is nauseating. If you are going to shout for authorities to jail ninth-graders for this and throw away the key, have the courage to identify yourself. If you are going to say this must be an Andover tradition, thus smearing everyone who ever played basketball at Andover, have the guts to give your name.

■ Lawrence High Basketball Coach Paul Neal spoke for many coaches when he said he is glad he cannot be held responsible for what his players do in the summer. How true this is, especially when the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association forbids

coaches from overseeing team-oriented gatherings during the off-season. We can't have it both ways. We can't forbid David Fazio from coaching Andover High in summer, yet hold him responsible for this nonsense.

■ Speaking of Fazio, is there any entity, any charity, that he has not helped raise money for in this area? He emceed every conceivable fundraiser and supports every imaginable cause. No, I am not throwing him out with the bathwater.

■ Andover High Baseball Coach Dan Grams pointed out that maybe some of this stems from too many kids playing just one sport. Too much independent down-time. Too many hours spent with one group of peers. He is onto something.

■ State laws mandating confidentiality may be counterproductive in cases like this. Andover School Superintendent Mariel McGrath, Principal Thomas Sharkey and Athletic Director Chris Bergeron are as good as it gets. Their input and reflections on this matter would be helpful.

OK, game time. Bring it on, student fans. We can handle it. Just remember someone's mom, child or sister may be listening too.

Jim Arnold lives on Geneva Road in Andover.

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Sports

Eyes set on national team

Girl synchronized swimmers, 10, earn eligibility to compete

Two Andover 10-year-olds are in line to compete for a place on the age 11-12 national synchronized swimming team.

The Andover/North Andover YMCA's synchronized swim team, ANA Synchro, sent Lindi Schroeder and Reverie Nedde, both age 10 and of Andover, to Arizona earlier this fall to compete in the first stage of the national team trials.

When the final scores were calculated, Lindi placed first

and Reverie Nedde, finished eighth. Both ANA synchro swimmers are now eligible for phase two of the national team trials to be held in May 2012.

The two girls are hoping to follow in the footsteps of fellow Andover/North Andover Synchro swimmer Caitlin Klauer, who last year successfully completed both this stage and those that followed to win a place on the age 11-12 national team.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo.

Myles McIntyer of Andover prepares to return a shot to his opponent Nick McLane during a match at the Andover Youth Squash tournament at Brooks School in North Andover this past weekend.



ANA Synchro swimmers Lindi Schroeder (left) and Reverie Nedde (right) of Andover, pictured with ANA Synchro head coach Svetlana Malinovskaya.

Squash club boasts growing returns

Children in the Andover Youth Squash Association faced other youth squash associations during a tournament at Brooks School in North Andover this weekend.

AYSA was formed in

2007 to offer squash to Merrimack Valley. In its infancy, AYSA had one coach and seven players. Today, the program has three coaches and instructs more than 50 players a session. AYSA offers a fall and spring

session from September through April. Registration has begun for the 2012 spring session and information can be found online at andover-squash.org.

Approximately 100 racquetball-loving adults are

part of another group, the Andover Racquet Club. The adults play at Phillips Academy in the evenings during weekdays and in the mornings on weekends. Most members are from Andover and North Andover.

SPORTS BRIEFS

New Special Olympics basketball program in town

Special Olympics Massachusetts announces the formation of a new unified basketball program in Andover, the Andover Rising Stars.

"The unified program is

open to female and male athletes, aged 8-21 years old, who have a diagnosed cognitive or physical disability. Unified sports programs include a mixture of athletes who have a diagnosed disability and mentors in the same age group who play along with the athletes to model skills, strategies, and rules of

the game. Our goal is to help athletes realize their potential, develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage and experience better health, joy and friendship," according to a release. "This program is proud to include coaches with years of experience coaching youth basketball and who are certified by Special

Olympics to coach athletes who qualify for the unified sports program. We are also very fortunate to have Donna McManus, adaptive physical Education teacher here in the Andover Public Schools as a part of our team."

People interested in being a part of the program as an athlete, mentor or coach, or

seeking more information, can contact andrisingstars@yahoo.com or go to the group's Facebook page and click on "like" to receive program updates to your Facebook page.

Practices are being held Tuesday nights 6:30 until 8:00 at the Pike School, 34 Sunset Rock Road in Andover.

Practices will continue on Tuesday nights until the state tournament is held in Worcester on March 10 and 11, 2012.

Andover has a similar program called the Andover Golden Eagles but the Rising Stars program is unrelated, according to Jeannette Angles.



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Obituaries

Dorothy A. Camp, 79

Dorothy Ann Camp nee Dodge, 79, resident of Deerfield, IL since 1968, passed away peacefully in her sleep in the early morning of December 10, 2011. She grew up in Andover, MA at 47 Summer Street and graduated from Punchard High School in 1950. Beloved wife of the late John R. Camp who was a 1948 graduate



of Phillips Academy; loving mother of 3 and grandmother of 3; dear sister of Edward Dodge, of Andover, MA.

ARRANGEMENTS: Services were held in IL. Donations may be made to a charity of your choice. For information please call Kelley & Spalding Funeral Home at (847) 831-4260 or www.kelleyspaldingfuneralhome.com

Edward E. Gurry, 85

Mr. Edward E. Gurry, a longtime resident of Andover and beloved husband of the late Theresa M. (Corcoran) Gurry, died at the Life Care Center of Merrimack Valley in Billerica on Saturday, December 10, 2011. He was 85 years old.

Born in Revere, Massachusetts, on September 21, 1926, he was the beloved son of the late Geraldine (Lockwood) and step-son of the late Arthur Crooks. Mr. Gurry worked as a Foreman Lather in the construction industry. He was a World War II Navy veteran and received his honorable discharge on April 27, 1946. Edward was a longtime communicant of St. Augustine Church of Andover.

He will be sorely missed by his loving children; Faith and her husband Joseph Fucarile of Chelmsford, Edward, Jr. and his wife Allison Gurry of Townsend, George Gurry and Darlene McManus of

Nashua, New Hampshire and Brian Gurry and his fiancée Nancy Reddish of Andover, grandchildren; Kelly and her husband Scott Johnston, Jeff Fucarile, Bryan and his wife Laura Fucarile, Eric Gurry, Jodie Gurry, Kimberly Gurry, Lindsay Gurry, Tristan Gurry and Guy McManus and great-grandchildren; Brady and Beckett Johnston.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex St., in Andover, on Friday, Dec. 16, 2011, at 1 p.m. Relatives and friends are most welcome to attend. Visitation will be held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, Friday, prior to the Mass, from 11:30 to 12:30. Burial will be in Spring Grove Cemetery in Andover. Donations in Edward's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA 02472. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.

Stanford R. Amstutz, 80

Stanford R. Amstutz, 80, died at Wingate of Andover, December 11th, after a courageous six year battle with Multiple System Atrophy, a rare neurodegenerative disease.

Mr. Amstutz, of North Andover, formerly of Andover, is survived by his wife of 45 years, Carolyn (Stevens), and their two daughters, Jennifer Amstutz and her husband Spencer Warnick of Albany NY, and Elizabeth and her husband Neil Munro of Sevenoaks, Kent, England. He also leaves four grandchildren: Ryan Stanford Warnick, Daniel Spencer Warnick, Katherine Stevens Munro, and Emily Forbes Munro.

Also among his survivors are his sister-in-law, Martha Walsh and her husband John of Lancaster Pennsylvania as well as several nieces and nephews. Mr. Amstutz was born in Smithville, Ohio, March 8, 1931, the son of Harvey and Beulah Amstutz. He attended Ashland College for one year, before transferring to M.I.T., from which he graduated in 1955 with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He was a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity, and was an ROTC cadet.

After being commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force, he served for three years as an engineering officer in communication system development. After leaving the Air Force, Mr. Amstutz

joined Sylvania Electronic Systems where he conducted development on communication systems and radars. In 1965 he earned his Masters in Science from Northeastern University, and then in 1972 went to Comshare, a computer time sharing company in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was VP of Software Product Development.

In 1982 he joined GTE Laboratories in Waltham, Massachusetts. At GTE he was Principal Architect of Burst Switching Technology, an innovative approach permitting switching of voice and data through the same switching fabric. He received 8 patents for this work, and the burst switch was added to the Smithsonian collection in 1998. In addition to his ongoing interest in all things technical, Mr. Amstutz was an avid reader, historian, skier, golfer and a lifelong learner.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Memorial Service will be held at West Parish Church, 129 Reservation Road, Andover on Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be directed to MSA Research Fund, c/o Dr. Peter Novak, U Mass Memorial Fund, 365 Plantation Street, Worcester 01605, or the charity of your choice. Family and friends may call on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover MA. For directions or to offer online condolences please visit www.confeteralhomes.com

Claire Eunice Croteau, 83

Claire "Eunice" T. Croteau, 83, of Lawrence, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 4, at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Eunice is predeceased by her husband, Eugene A. Croteau, a son, Jay Croteau and a grandson, Ryan Beaulieu. She leaves her children, Donald E. and his wife Lek Croteau of Melbourne, FL, Russell P. and his wife Diane T. Croteau of Manchester, NH, Patricia A. and her husband Robert J. Beaulieu of Greenville, TN, Neil A. and his wife Diane M. Croteau of Derry, NH, Marie C. Croteau of S. Lawrence, with whom Eunice lived and Eugene A. (Skip) Croteau Jr. and his wife Marie J. of Peabody, MA, a sister, Sr.



Marcelle Theriault S.U.S.C. of Lawrence, a brother, Joseph "Rene" Theriault and his wife Roselle of Windham, NH, 10 grandchildren, Donny Jr., Alex, Wendy, Lachlan, Robert Jr., Chris, Beth, Thomas, Jeff, Michael, a great-granddaughter, Phoenix and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends called on Thursday, December 8, at the Arthur J. Scott Funeral Home, Lawrence. A funeral Mass was held on Friday at St. Augustine's Church, Andover. Burial followed at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Andover. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701. To make an online condolence, please visit www.dewhirstfuneral.com.

John J. Quinn, Sr., 74

John J. Quinn, Sr., 74, of Lowell died on Dec. 9, 2011 at the Lowell General Hospital. Husband of the late Simone M. (Ayotte) Quinn.

Born in Lawrence, on Aug. 14, 1937, the son of the late James and Ann (Dobrinski) Quinn. Prior to his retirement, he had worked as an assembler for the Raytheon Co. in Andover, for over 30 years and more recently was employed by North Reading Transportation as a bus monitor.

Surviving him are a daughter and six sons, Lorrie Quinn-Filocamo of Sandown, NH, John J. Quinn, Jr. and his wife Milagro of Lowell, Michael Quinn and his wife Emily of Dracut, Anthony Quinn and his wife Donna of Lowell, Jeffrey Quinn and his wife Julie

of South Carolina, Brian Quinn of Lowell, Timothy Quinn of Lowell; thirteen grandchildren, a great-grandson; three sisters and brothers in law, Arline and Gerald Fortin of Derry, NH, Patricia and Ronald Hajdys of Salem, NH and Lorraine and Richard Deshairmais of Salem, NH; also nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends were invited to call at the Martin Funeral Home, 308 Pawtucket St., Lowell on Tuesday from 4 until 7 p.m. Funeral Wednesday morning with a funeral Mass to be celebrated at 9 a.m. at Ste Marguerite D'Youville Parish, 1340 Lakeview Ave., Dracut. Burial in Westlawn II Cemetery, Lowell. For online condolences and directions, please visit www.martinfuneralhome.net.

Stephen F. LoPiano, Jr., 92

Stephen F. LoPiano, Jr. Esq., a well-respected attorney for very many years in the Merrimack Valley, passed away at Lawrence General Hospital on Monday, Dec. 5, at the age of 92.

Stephen was predeceased by his sisters Lena Zinno and her husband Ralph, Roma LoPiano (with whom he resided), and Edith DeRosa and her husband Angelo. Among his immediate survivors are his niece Carol Martin and her husband David of Lawrence and his nephew Richard DeRosa and his wife Diane of Hudson, NH; grandnephew Stephen DeRosa, his wife Kerri, and their children of Lowell; grandniece Chris-



tine Lowell, her husband James, and their children of Nashua, NH; and grandniece Beth Martin, her husband Timothy, and their children of Lowell. He is also survived by his companion of many years, Andra Kew and her son Chris.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Friday, Dec. 9, at Immaculate Conception Church, 144 East Merrimack St., Lowell, with his funeral Mass following. Burial was in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. Memorial Contributions may be made to Immaculate Conception Church Restoration Fund, 3 Fayette Street, Lowell, MA 01852. For online condolences, please visit www.cataudellafh.com.

Robert A. Sullivan, 85

Mr. Robert A. Sullivan, a resident of Andover for more than 14 years and beloved husband of the late Gertrude A. (Ottino) Sullivan, died at the Wingate Nursing Center in Andover on Thursday evening, December 8, 2011.

Mr. Sullivan was formerly a 42 resident of Reading, where he and Gertrude raised their family and attended St. Agnes Church. He was 85 years old. Born in Malden, Massachusetts, on July 5, 1926, he was the beloved son of the late Frank and Honora (Doherty) Sullivan. Robert was a World War II Army veteran, entering the military on December 4, 1944 at Ft. Bank's and receiving his honorable discharge from Ft. Lewis in Washington on November 26, 1949.

While in the military Mr. Sullivan was an M1 Rifle Marksman and worked as a Messenger. He had seen action during the Luzon Campaign. Robert was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Medal, the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one bronze star and the Victory Medal, for his exemplary service to the Army. In civilian life Mr. Sullivan was a graduate of Boston College, class of 1952.

At age 26 Mr. Sullivan was made Vice President of Skinner & Sherman Labs and had then opened his own Laboratory known as Anylcon in Dorchester. In his late years of employment he worked as a Forensic Chemist for Massachusetts State Police. Some of his fondest memories was working with his daughter, Regina and son-in-law, Stephen, at Medical Health Care Solutions in Andover.

Bob was a long time communicant of St. Augustine Church of Andover, a member of the Holy Name Society and an avid Red Sox Fan. In his younger years, Bob worked at Fenway Park as one of the early concessioners.

Mr. Sullivan will be very sorely missed by his loving children; Robert A., Jr., and his wife Linda Sullivan of Andover Maureen T. Sullivan of Andover, Denise M. and her husband Paul Russo of Westford, Elizabeth A. and her husband Daniel Reagan of Albuquerque, New Mexico

and Regina G. and her husband Stephen Brighton of Andover, grandchildren; Kathryn, David and Peter

Russo, Stephen and Krystal Brighton and Sean Sullivan, siblings; Ellen Della of Haverhill and Thomas Sullivan of Yonkers, New York and many nieces and nephews. He was also the loving father of the late Paul T. Sullivan.

ARRANGEMENTS: His funeral Mass was celebrated in St. Augustine Church, 43 Essex Street, Andover, Monday, Dec. 12, 2011, at 10 a.m. Calling hours were held in the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, Sunday, December 11, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. Burial was to be in Mt. Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury. For additional information, please visit, www.burkemagliozi.com.



Veronica Ronny Reidy, 93

Veronica "Ronny" (Stolarz) Reidy, a resident of Andover and beloved wife of the late John J. Reidy, died at Berkeley Nursing Center in Lawrence on Wednesday morning, December 7, 2011, with her daughter by her side. She was 93-years-old.

Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on July 4, 1918, she was the beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Helena (Sliva) Stolarz. Ronny was a graduate of Lawrence High School and had been employed as an office manager for W. Shirley Barnard/Lally Enterprises in downtown Andover for 67 years and met her future husband, Jack, on her lunch break at "Doc's."

Ronny's great loves were her family, her husband and especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Even at age 90, neighbors would take notice of her daily walk uptown and the meticulous care she took of her grounds. Main Street Andover locals marveled at her style. She will be long remembered for her generosity and loving heart.

She will be greatly missed by her loving daughter and son-in-law; Nancy and her

husband Sam Perruccio of Salem, New Hampshire, two granddaughters; Laura and her husband Eric Klimas of

Haverhill and Dawn and her husband Corrado Brancato of Windham, New Hampshire, two great-grandchildren; Domenic and Carmela Brancato, both of Windham, New Hampshire, brother-in-law; Norman Reidy of Andover, nieces; Judy and her husband Walter Burke of Atkinson, New Hampshire and Cynthia Ryan of Andover. Ronny was predeceased by her loving siblings; Victoria and Walter Stolarz and Emily Homsey.

ARRANGEMENTS: Relatives and friends were welcome to come to the Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 North Main Street, Andover, to celebrate Ronny's life on Thursday, December 8, 2011. A prayer service followed. Burial was in St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence. A special thanks to the staff of the Berkeley Nursing Home of Lawrence for all their love and care. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ronny's memory may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. For additional information, please visit www.burkemagliozi.com.



Walter J. Katra, 101

Walter J. Katra, 101, passed away Dec. 11, at Academy Manor Nursing Home, Andover.

Mr. Katra was born in Lawrence in 1910 then moved to Poland with his parents in 1912. During the second World War he was taken captive by the Russians and was placed in a concentration camp, where he was made to do heavy work in the stone fields. After being freed he joined the Polish Army in Russia. In 1942 he left Russia, and served in Iran, Iraq, Palestine, Egypt, and then in 1944 left for Italy, taking part in the Battle of Monte Cassino.

Mr. Katra continued to serve in the until the war's end. He was awarded the Monte Cassino cross and the Battle Cross as commendation for his ser-



vice in the Polish Army. Following the war, Mr. Katra moved to England, before returning to Lawrence. He married and worked at Essem Packing Co. until his retirement. He was a member of the former Holy Trinity Church. He was a member of the Stopyra Post.

Mr. Katra is survived by his wife, Stanislaw (Sledz) Katra, and several nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents, Paul and Henryka (Blasik) Katra, his sister, Maria Sledz, and his brothers Franciszek, Tadeusz, and Feliks Katra.

ARRANGEMENTS: A service was set to be held at Plonowski Funeral Home, Lawrence, on Wednesday, Dec. 14. Burial was to follow at St. Mary-Immaculate Conception Cemetery, Lawrence, MA.

Rose R. DiMaggio, 91

Rose R. (Angelone) DiMaggio, 91, of Lawrence, died Sunday, Dec. 11, at Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Rose was born and raised in Lawrence and educated in Lawrence schools. She was a parishioner of the Corpus Christi Parish. Rose worked for the shoe industry in Lawrence.

Rose's family would like to thank the staff at the Academy Manor for their kindness and care, and special thanks for the staff at the Nevins Alzheimer's Day Center.

Wife of the late John DiMaggio, she is survived by her daughter Jean Drouin of Lawrence, her son John M. DiMaggio and his wife Kristine of Lawrence, four grandchildren; Kevin Drouin and his wife Melissa of Lawrence,



Ron Drouin Jr., and his wife Carol of Methuen, John M. DiMaggio Jr. and his wife Kim of Methuen, Jill DiMaggio and Andrew Bruce of Melbourne Australia, her sisters-in-law Marie Pelligrino and Rose Trela, nine great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends were invited to call on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at Cataudella Funeral Home, Methuen. A funeral Mass will be celebrated at Corpus Christi Parish in Holy Rosary Church in Lawrence today, Thursday, Dec. 15, at 10 a.m. Burial will be at St. Mary's Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Lawrence. Donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association 311 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA 02472. For online condolences visit www.cataudellafh.com.

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Jingle belles

John Guschov holds onto his daughter Rachel, 21 months old, as her sister Katie, 3, spins nonstop. The father and his daughters danced the night away during the annual Holly Ball held in the Old Town Hall. The annual event is sponsored by the town of Andover's Department of Community Services. For more photos from the Holly Ball, see the Arts section, page 15.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Santa to stop for coffee, photos

Visit Claus this Saturday at weekly community coffee in Old Town Hall

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus is coming to town, and he invites residents to bring their kids and a camera for his visit.

At this Saturday's community coffee in Old Town Hall, Santa Claus will make another special stop in town to meet with kids a week before he hits the sled on Christmas Eve.

Rick Pruneau, owner of Park Street Pub at the intersection of Park and Bartlet streets, said he's been working closely with Santa, and is excited to bring him back to Andover just before Christmas week.

"We want people to come down and bring their children, bring their family, and they can bring their cameras with them," said Pruneau. There will be no cost to

having a picture taken with Santa, who will have a special area set up at the weekly event.

"Santa believes in Andover. It's one of his favorite stops," said Pruneau. "Santa has been coming to Andover for many, many years. Now that we have the Saturday coffee, we have the opportunity to bring him to everybody in Andover."

The photo session will run from 10 to 11:30 a.m., and Santa himself told the Townsman he'll stick around "as long as people are there to take pictures."

Saturday community coffee is held weekly at Old Town Hall, also called the Town House, at 20 Main St. The event features free doughnuts, bagels, coffee and a place to stop and chat with other Andover residents. It is often a place for people



Santa aboard a fire truck at one of the many Holiday Parades down Main Street he has attended over the years.

to gather to talk about town politics. The weekly event is hosted by the Andover Senior Center.

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Opinion

Free to tweet and so much more

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

This is the first of the 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution – known today as our Bill of Rights – which were ratified on Dec. 15, 1791. This week a group of media organizations, including this newspaper, is urging people to exercise their “right to tweet” or otherwise express themselves.

In late November of 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proclaimed Dec. 15 a national holiday on the 150th anniversary of the amendments’ adoption, declaring Americans “will not, under any threat...surrender the guarantee of liberty our forefathers framed for us in our Bill of Rights.” Just days later, Pearl Harbor was attacked and the United States entered World War II. Americans stood up to protect such rights throughout the war, and have continued to do so in the years after. But the holiday declaration has been largely forgotten.

So this year, the “Tweetathon” is being held to call attention to the Bill of Rights Day.

Specifically young Americans are being encouraged to think about the Bill of Rights because the American Society of News Editors is also administering a “Free to Tweet” scholarship contest, open to anyone between the ages of 14 and 22 who tweets on the importance of the First Amendment between 12:01 EST and 11:59 PST today, Thursday, Dec. 15. (Tweeters can use the hashtag #freetotweet. They can find a complete set of rules at freetotweet.org.)

Freedom of expression is a precious commodity not available everywhere in the world. The right to speak and worship freely was one of the reasons our nation was attacked by religious extremists from abroad on Sept. 11, 2001. Maintaining these freedoms requires constant vigilance. Young people can help spread the word this week by participating in ASNE’s “Free to Tweet” campaign.

Few things can beat our right to freedom of expression. But a \$5,000 scholarship won by filling a 140-character scholarship application might come close for many local youth.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

The Andover schools are considering introducing Spanish lessons in first grade. Is first grade too early to introduce world language curriculum to students?

- No, First grade is a great time to introduce secondary languages to students.
- No, I'd even start in kindergarten and preschool.
- Yes. Second or third grade would be a better time to start new languages.
- Yes. Fourth or fifth grade would be a better option to begin language study.
- Yes. World language introduction should stay at the middle school level.

- I don't know, or I have no opinion.
- Other (supply your own answer).

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

- Last week's questions was “Do you support or oppose teachers going on work-to-rule, and not working beyond the terms of their contracts?” With 131 people responding as of Tuesday night, the answers were:
- I don't support work to rule: 76 votes, 58 percent
 - Yes, I support it: 45 votes, 38.2 percent
 - I don't know, or I have no opinion: 5 votes, 3.8 percent

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Praise for Andover TV saving Town Meeting

Editor, Townsman:

On the evening of Dec. 5, the Andover Special Town Meeting at the Collins Center auditorium, Andover High School was going to have to be rescheduled to another day and another location. At the starting time of 7 p.m. the auditorium was at standing-room-only, with citizens seated in the orchestra pit and on the stage! Outside there was a line of over 350 citizens.

At that point Wess Murphy, executive director, and Sara Antonakos, programming director at Andover Television, set out to do the impossible with the help of Scott Worthley and the Collins Center crew. They arranged for the overflow of Andover citizens to go into the Andover High School cafeteria. Andover TV and the Collins Center crew patched in a live, two-way video/audio feed between the Collins Center

and the cafeteria in order to extend the Special Town Meeting to everyone who wished to attend.

If this were not done, another day and a larger location would have to had been found.

Andover TV and the Collins Center Crew did the impossible on the spot amidst the hustle and bustle of a huge crowd. They set up TV screens, microphones and speakers in the cafeteria and connected them to the microphones and television cameras in the Collins Center. Because of their quick-thinking, technical knowledge and superior effort the vote didn't have to be postponed and important town business was done safely.

These guys always come through for us, and did that night so that everyone who turned out could participate and vote, continuing our centuries-old town of Andover business.

KEN EULIE
Boston Road
RALPH BLEDSOE

ON SANTA'S 'ICE' LIST



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Andover High School ice hockey players, left, Weezie Gross, 15, and Melissa Newton, 16, take a break from photographing kids with Santa during Santa's visit to Free Christian Church on Saturday. The event is a fund-raiser for the team.

Majority should not sacrifice to benefit nation's wealthiest

Niki Tsongas

Earlier this year, the Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives passed a budget that proposed deep and permanent tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans.

The Republican budget (often called the Ryan budget for its author, Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan) paid for those expensive tax cuts by eliminating traditional Medicare and replacing it with a voucher system that would cover less than one-third of seniors' healthcare costs.

In the days leading up to Thanksgiving, that same debate was once again played out in Congress as a special bipartisan committee (the so-called “Super Committee”) tasked with finding at least \$1.5 trillion in savings to reduce the federal deficit stumbled over the insistence by some committee members that Medicare and Social Security benefits be cut to fund a permanent extension of the Bush tax cuts.

The math is clear. We will face a serious budget crisis even if the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest expire on schedule. But there is simply no way to extend them permanently — at a cost of \$800 billion over the next ten years — without reducing hard-earned benefits

for our nation's seniors and veterans.

This Thanksgiving's impasse was simply one example of the larger choice we face as a nation: Do we want to ask the majority of Americans, including our seniors, our returning veterans, and our struggling middle-class families, to sacrifice even more for the benefit of those who have the most? Or do we want to balance our federal budget by asking everyone who benefits from living in this country to share in its future?

Despite the failure of the Super Committee, Congress still has a responsibility to put our nation on a path to financial security. In the months ahead we will be confronted with the same fundamental choice of permanently extending the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans or ensuring that the guarantees of Social Security and Medicare are preserved for future generations.

Social Security and Medicare are two of the most successful domestic programs in our nation's history. For 70 years, Social Security has provided basic economic security that families who paid into it could rely on in times of need and has meant some measure of financial independence for generations of older Americans. Similarly, Medicare provides the assurance for America's

seniors that the costs of doctor's appointments, prescription drugs, as well as routine tests and treatments will be covered.

My office recently heard from a woman named Harriet in Dracut whose sole income is from Social Security. After her Medicare deduction, her Social Security check only comes to \$1100 per month and is barely enough to pay for groceries, prescription drug copays, dental work, and supplemental health insurance. Millions of seniors like Harriet simply cannot afford any type of Social Security cut.

After years of paying into these programs, our seniors and those about to retire deserve to know their retirement security is protected and that they won't have to deplete a lifetime of savings if they require longer hospital stays, assisted living, or a complicated surgery. Similarly, our children and grandchildren should have the same access to a secure retirement rather than having to shoulder more and more of that burden so that we can give tax cuts to the rich now.

I supported the unprecedented spending cuts passed in August that were part of the agreement to avoid government default because I recognize that cuts in government spending must be made to bring our budget into balance. But we cannot

balance the budget through spending cuts alone without doing real harm to the middle class by slashing public education, food and drug safety, air traffic control, highway and bridge safety, border security, consumer protection and national defense.

That is why tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans must be allowed to expire as planned at the end of next year—returning tax rates for the top 2 percent of Americans to their levels during the 1990s when we enjoyed both record budget surpluses and robust economic growth. Additionally, we need to close the kind of corporate tax loopholes that enabled Exxon-Mobil to pay no federal taxes in 2009 even as it made billions of dollars in profit.

Proposals that extend the Bush tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans while also seeking to make cuts to Medicare and Social Security essentially prioritize protecting the most fortunate among us at the expense of our nation's safety net for everyone else. Attempts to privatize these programs, or to turn them into block grants or vouchers that transfer those costs onto those least able to afford it, must be rejected.

Niki Tsongas is the US Congresswoman representing Andover.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Building a new American tradition

Editor, Townsman:

I did not write this, it was given/forwarded to me by a local artist in Lowell.

But I thought it was nicely written and great thought to share about supporting local businesses and keeping things “at home” this holiday

season:
Christmas 2011 – Birth of a New Tradition

As the holidays approach, the giant Asian factories are kicking into high gear to provide Americans with monstrous piles of cheaply produced goods — merchandise that has been produced at the expense of American labor. This year will be different. This year Americans will give the gift of genuine concern for other Americans. There is no longer an excuse that, at gift giving time, nothing can be found that is produced by American hands. Yes there is!

Who says a gift needs to fit in a shirt box, wrapped in Chinese-produced wrapping paper? Everyone — yes EVERYONE gets their hair cut. How about gift certificates from your local American hair salon or barber? Gym membership? It's appropriate for all ages.

Who wouldn't appreciate getting their car detailed? Are you one of those extravagant gifters? Perhaps that grateful gift receiver would like his driveway sealed, or lawn mowed for the summer, or driveway plowed all winter, or games at the local golf course.

There are a bazillion owner-run restaurants — all offering gift certificates. If your intended isn't the fancy eatery sort, what about

a half dozen breakfasts at a local joint?

How many people couldn't use an oil change for their car, truck or motorcycle, done at a shop?

Thinking about a heartfelt gift for mom? Mom would love the services of a local cleaning lady for a day.

My computer could use a tune-up, and I know I can find some young guy who is struggling to get his repair business up and running.

OK, you were looking for something more personal. Local artists and crafts people spin their own wool and knit them into scarves. They make amazing paintings, sculptures, photos, elegant glassware, jewelry, pottery and beautiful wooden boxes.

Plan your holiday outings at local, owner operated restaurants and leave your server a nice tip. And, how about going out to see a play or ballet at your hometown theater?

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Townspeople

When Punchard was perfect on the hardcourt

Bill Dalton



Coach Ken McKiniry's Punchard basketball teams were on a roll.

In the 1948-49 season, they won the Division C state championship, and not one starter was over six feet tall. In the 1949-50 season, Punchard lost the state play-off finals. In 1950-51 season, the team was 12-0 a little after mid-season and was pictured on the front page of the Feb. 1, 1951, Andover Townsman. In the March 8 edition, there was a two-page picture of the team, sponsored by local merchants, and printing on the picture announced that the team was the first undefeated basketball team in the high school's history, ending the regular season with a 22-0 record.

The schedule included, among others, Methuen, Johnson (North Andover), Lexington, Newburyport, Ipswich, Tewksbury and Stoneham. By beating Methuen and Johnson, the team won the Little Three Trophy, which was so coveted that, if a sports team had a losing season, yet won the Little Three, it was considered a successful season. (The big three were Lawrence, Lowell and Haverhill.)

The undefeated team was captained by Charles "Fish" Dwyer, who was the top scorer with 310 points. Fish was already known as one of Punchard's great quarterbacks, and in my 10-year-old's view, he could throw the ball a mile with startling accuracy; every kid I knew was in awe of his athletic skills.

The second highest scorer was Sid Watson with 268 points. In a column I wrote in 2007, I said this: Watson went on to be "the" legendary running back at Northeastern, averaging more than 100 yards a game and

earning him the nickname "Century Sid." He still holds the scoring records for the school. Watson played professionally for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Washington Redskins; yet, in the end, he is best known as Bowdoin's long-time hockey coach (a sport he never played) and athletic director. The athletic training facility at Bowdoin is named in his honor and memory.

Charles McCullom was the third highest scorer. In his later career at Nabisco, he was in charge of the Dinah Shore Golf Championship, one of the four major LPGA events. (It's now the Kraft Nabisco Championship.)

The rest of the team included Joe Stack, a fine three sport athlete; Scott Garrish, a very good baseball catcher; Jim Dolan, who was a sophomore elected captain of basketball for the next year; Cliff Lawrence, who was co-captain of the football with Fish and a fine running back; John Ross; John Abercrombie; Don Valz; and Paul Whitley, a sophomore who became one of Punchard's best athletes of the 1950s and an all-conference football player at UConn. If I'm leaving out further individual accomplishments, I welcome any information from my readers. In any event, it's clear the team was a talented group.

The state playoffs were called the "Tech Tournament" because MIT was involved in their origination; all play-off games were at the old Boston Garden. The team lost in the semi-finals, but continued a five-year run making the play-offs.

Perhaps to keep his eye out for upcoming talent, Coach McKiniry officiated at Church League basketball games, and I'll continue with a column on that league next week.

Bill Dalton writes a weekly column for the Andover Townsman. His email address is billdalton@andovertownie.com.



Santa Claus dances with the kids at Andover's Holiday Happenings Friday night.

CARL RUSSO/Staff photos

Andover embraces the season

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

With temperatures just right for the occasion, the holiday season was officially escorted into Andover last Friday night.

The annual "Holiday Happenings" event attracted shoppers and carolers to downtown Andover, along with the Big Man in Red. Cars took a break from the heart of Andover, on Main Street, as horse-drawn wagons were the preferred method of transportation. "It all happened under a full moon on a street full of excited children and families. Once again, Andover celebrated the season," said Kathleen Bates of the Andover Business Center Association, which organizes the event.

Storefronts were lighted to welcome visitors before and after a tree lighting with Santa in the TD Bank courtyard near the corner of Chestnut and Main streets. Bates said many businesses hosted musical entertainment in their stores for residents. The Free Christian Church carolers joined people of all ages at the tree. Mrs. Claus and some elves joined with The Treble Chorus of New England to provide entertainment at Enterprise Bank. "The unseasonal weather offered a great opportunity for Santa to dance with many families in front of Old Town Hall. The evening was filled with activities including storytelling at Andover Bookstore, the Christmas Tree Exhibit at the Andover Historical Society, an art show from Andover Youth Services in the Town House and even Frosty the Snowman at Circles of Wisdom," she said.



Ryan McCabe and his son Cameron, 2 have some fun in front of the Christmas tree.



Jack Hebert, 7 has his photo taken under the Christmas tree.



Olivia Grecoe, 8 (left) and her sister Elle, 7 enjoy their fried dough and toys.

Lance Bryant plays the soprano sax with carolers from the Andover Baptist Church and the Free Christian Church.



ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago Dec. 15, 1911

A large number of small children stopped before the display window of "The Metropolitan" yesterday, and viewed the barley sugar creations shown there. The pretty novelties attracted the attention of many grown-ups as well.

The November club has consented to repeat the play "Mrs. Oakley's Telephone" for the weekly entertainment Saturday evening at the Guild. The play is exceedingly amusing and ought to be well attended. Admission for members is 10 cents; 25 cents for others.

Alexander Black Jr., machinist, went to work in the repairs department of the Smith & Dove mills on Monday morning.

75 Years Ago Dec. 11, 1936

Conditions in Andover are greatly improved, Howard F. Shepard, chairman of the Board of Selectmen, reported last night. The several cuts in the W.P.A. quotas in the last few years have been practically absorbed, he said, so that there is very little

idleness now.

Nineteen street lights on the stretch of North Main street from the Tyer Rubber warehouse to the bridge over the Shawsheen have been dropped down to 250 candle-power from 600 this week. Chairman Walter Coleman of the street lighting committee states that this brings those lights down to the same candle-power as the others on Main street, from the warehouse to Salem street and from the bridge to the Lawrence line.

A Bureau of Old Age Assistance was set up a the meeting of the selectmen. It will consist of Selectman Howell F. Shepard, J. Everett Collins, and the town's recently appointed Old Age Assistance executive officer, Arthur W. Cole.

50 Years Ago Dec. 14, 1961

Youngsters in the Central School presented the annual Christmas program pageant last Sunday, before an audience of parents and friends. A highlight of the afternoon was the choral music presented by these young people of the school. The affair was under the direction of Miss Catherine Barrett, principal.

The Andover Teen Center

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SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

Starlight Players: The Andover Senior center's theater group will present "Home For The Holidays," lampooning some of our near and dear traditions and not-so-favorite obligations, on Monday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. The performance costs \$2. People can sign up ahead for lunch at noon and make it a day. There are a limited

number of seats, so people are asked to pre-register.

Men's Outdoor Adventure Group: People are asked to call to pre-register for these free events. On Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 9:30 a.m., the group will do a two-mile walk through the Goldsmith Reservation. On Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 9:30 a.m. they will visit the Great Brook Farm State Park and

cross-country ski.

High Tea and History: Andover's Community Theater will be the focus of this free talk on Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 2 p.m. RSVP required. Gail Ralston speaks about Andover's once thriving community theater. This event will be held at the Andover Historical Society so

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will be open Friday night from 7:30 to 11. A full night of entertainment will be offered that evening, which comes on the eve of the Andover-North Andover basketball game.

Advertisement: Andover Merchants awarding a \$25 Christmas Gift Bond included Andover Co-Op Supermarket, Andover Gift House, Anton's, Billings Jewelers, City Cleaners & Dyers, Cole Paint & Hardware, Dalton Pharmacy, The Dame Shop, Elander & Swanton, Elm Farm Super Market, John H. Greco, Jeweler, Hartigan Pharmacy, W.R. Hill Hardware, F.A. Hiscox & Co., Johnny's Supermarket, Kenneth P. Thompson, Co., Look Photo Service and McCartney's.

25 Years Ago Dec. 11, 1986

Headline: "Two families left homeless by Tuesday fire." According to sources at

the Andover Historical Society, the duplex at 120 Main St. had been built in the mid 19th century to house workers for the nearby Stevens mill. Houses erected during that period featured what is called "balloon framing," an open inner wall structure that has no fire stops.

After deliberations last Saturday, the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a straw vote on the comprehensive permit petition submitted by developer Paul Bruk. Bruk proposed to build 36 "affordable" condominium units on eight acres of land surrounded by residences on Elm, Pine and Summer streets and Washington Avenue.

An unexpected show of opposition confronted the re-submitted petition of Richard Donovan, 456 Lowell St. to continue operation of Ironstone Farm with six or more horses and to build an indoor riding facility.



New members turn to Andover Rotary

The Rotary Club of Andover continues to add new members from around the Merrimack Valley. Shown here, Club President Al Getler (far right) and Secretary Peter Johnston (second from right) welcome new members, from left: J.J.

Huggins, SNAP Infusion; Don Gottfried. The Bullfinch Group; Dr. Raj Gohel, family dentistry; and Jack Daniel, Pastor, Free Christian Church. Not pictured is Ryan Sylvia, Symphony Services.

Previously installed were Carrie Anderson, Merrimack

Valley YMCA; Dan Fallon, Georgetown Savings Bank; Matthew Ferrara, Matthew Ferrara's Learning Network; Donna Laconti, NEADS — Dogs for Deaf & Disabled Americans; and Chris Wilson, head of school for Esperanza Academy.

The Rotary Club of Andover is a group of business and professional leaders, dedicated to the idea of "Service Above Self." The club meets Friday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club, 260 North Main St. Guests are encouraged.

SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITIES

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people can enjoy the lovely period Christmas trees that adorn the Society in December each year. RSVP at the Historical Society by calling 978-475-2236.

New Year's Celebration: On Friday, Dec. 30 at 1:30 p.m. seniors can ring in the new year a little early. The cost is \$5; advance reservations only. There will be food, fun and entertainment with Russ McQueen, musician and comedian.

BIRTHS

DIAZ - Born at Lawrence General Hospital on Nov. 15, 2011, a daughter, Anayaliz, to Luis Diaz of Lawrence and Jasmin Pasho-Douglas of Andover. Grandparents are Ramon and Lisa Pasho of Andover, Fanny Taveras of Lawrence, and Blass Diaz of Bronx, N.Y.

PISCATELLI - Born at Lawrence General Hospital on Dec. 4, 2011, a daughter, Bianca Ann, to Jason and Carolyn (Casdia) Piscatelli of Andover. Grandparents are Charles and Marilyn Piscatelli of North Reading, and

New classes began Nov. 28 including classes in tai chi, line dancing, Zumba and tap dance. Many still have space. Visit the website for details.

The Andover Senior Center is located at 30 Whittier Court, on the bottom floor of the School Administration Building behind Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Pre-registration is required for all events, which are open to the entire community, pending space. Call for information at 978-623-8321, or visit andoverseniorenter.org.

Frank and Mary Ann Casdia of Cape Coral, Fla. Bianca is welcomed home by her big brother, Jason Piscatelli Jr.

Birth in the family?

If you'd like a birth in your family to be published in the *Townsmen*, send the information to townsmen@andover-townsmen.com. Put the word "birth" in the email subject line. You can also mail or drop off the information at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, MA 01810. Please include a telephone number the *Townsmen* staff can use in case there are any questions.

TOWNSPEOPLE

Kaleidoscope founder Baron appointed to State Advisory Council

Janis Baron, Kaleidoscope founder and consultant for Teachers21, was named to a three-year position on the Massachusetts Gifted and Talented Education Advisory Council.

The purpose of the council is to advise the Commissioner and the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education on matters pertinent to the implementation of education reform in the Commonwealth.

Baron's background in the field of gifted and talented education began in Andover, where she was a teacher and director of the Andover Public School's GT Program in the late 1970s.

In 1985, she authored a publication, "Fulfilling the Promise: Enrichment Strategies for the Regular



Scott Richardson was one of 87 Andoverites to ride in the Pan-Mass Challenge.

of Lee Baron of Tempe, Ariz., and Dr. Andrew Baron of Vancouver, B.C.

Town's PMC riders raise nearly half-million

Eighty-seven Andover residents raised just under \$500,000 of the \$35 million donated by the Pan-Massachusetts Challenge (PMC) to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute through its Jimmy Fund. They were among 5,169 cyclists who rode up to 190 miles across Massachusetts to raise money for cancer research and treatment. The 2011 fundraising total is \$2 million, or 5.7 percent, more than the PMC gave in 2010 and brings its 32-year Jimmy Fund contribution to \$338 million.

The 33rd annual PMC is set for Aug. 4 and 5, 2012. Registration opens online on Jan. 10 for PMC alumni and Jan. 17 for newcomers. Visit pmc.org.

Classroom." for the Massachusetts Office for Gifted and Talented.

As a staff development consultant for Teachers21 in Wellesley, Baron specializes in curriculum differentiation and works with many school districts to better meet the needs of all students. She founded and directs

the 32-year-old Kaleidoscope summer enrichment program in Andover, as well as the KITE program for high ability learners. Both of these popular programs are held each summer on the campus of the Pike School.

Baron lives in Andover with her husband, Harvey Harrison, and is the mother

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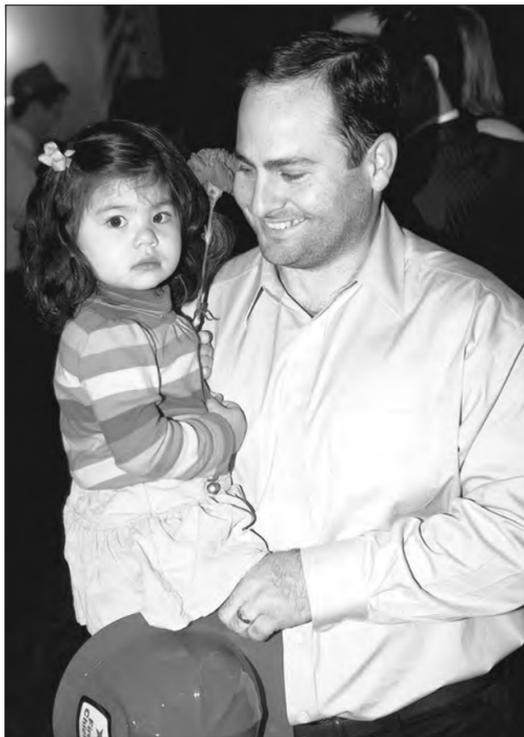
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Neal Beswick and his daughter Kerry, 5, dance during the annual Holly Ball held in the Old Town Hall.



Tom Randolph dances with his daughter Rachel, 2, at the Holly Ball sponsored by the town of Andover's Department of Community Services.



Peter Reilly gets a big hug from his daughter Norah, 4, at the Holly Ball.



A full stable of young actors who were involved in last year's pageant pose for a 2010 photo. West Parish now is preparing for its 33rd annual Christmas show on Dec. 17.

Live animals included at outdoor Christmas pageant

Members of West Parish Church will work with live animals to present their 33rd Annual Outdoor Christmas Pageant next Saturday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Congregation members will perform as Mary, Joseph, and baby Jesus as the historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch, at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawsheen Road, once again becomes the entrance to Bethlehem. This annual reenactment of the Christmas story includes a cast of children, youth and adults and a

stable of live animals. "Through drama, narration, and carols the audience shares in the miracle of Christmas as Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem, the shepherds seek out the manger, and the wise men bring their gifts. The biblical account of Jesus' birth and modern-day stories such as the "Littlest Angel" and the "Little Drummer Boy" are included in the reenactment," according to organizers.

Over its 33 years, many past and present Andover families have

been involved with the pageant. Blake Martin will portray Basil, the innkeeper, and Jim Olson is the narrator.

The public is invited to attend the free half-hour performance of gospel narration and choral accompaniment. Afterwards they are welcome to photograph the living Nativity scene and to enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall. The Ministry of Outreach will accept non-perishable food items at the archway prior to the pageant. These will be donated to local food pantries.

Triple the talent Andover siblings in Seacoast Rep's 'A Christmas Carol'

JUDY WAKEFIELD

productions, she said.

A production of "A Christmas Carol," in Portsmouth, N.H. features some triple talent from Andover.

The Hall siblings from Andover - Joseph, 8, Caroline, 11, and Katherine, 13 - are in the popular holiday show being staged by Seacoast Repertory of Portsmouth, N.H.

The drama bug started infecting this clan when Katherine was just 7 and starred in "The Littlest Angel."

"She was always very animated," said their mom, Katherine's younger siblings have since caught the acting bug and they all have appeared in numerous

Actors are double cast for "A Christmas Carol" and the Hall children are in what is known as the "green" cast. The show runs through Dec. 24. Their roles in "A Christmas Carol":

■ Joseph Hall, a third-grader at Bancroft Elementary School, is playing Tiny Tim, Ignorance and little Ebenezer.

■ Caroline Hall, a fifth-grader at Bancroft, is Street Girl, Want and in the ensemble.

■ Katherine Hall, a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School, is Fan and in the ensemble.

This show is being called a

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Courtesy photo

The Hall siblings of Andover, carry a banner earlier this month during the Portsmouth Christmas Parade to promote their A Christmas Carol production.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, DEC. 15

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COLONIAL WILLIAMSBURG WREATH WORKSHOP, 7 to 9 p.m., Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., with Susan DeLarm-Sandman of the Spade and Trowel Garden Club, \$25 non-members, \$20 members. Participants should bring wire cutters, gloves, or glue guns. Wreath materials and forms will be supplied; 978-475-2236 to reserve your place.

BOOK SIGNING, Marblehead-based historian and author Robert Booth, Salem Maritime Center Visitor Center, 2 New Liberty St., Salem, Ma., 7 p.m. Booth will be presenting an illustrated lecture entitled When Salem Ruled the World: Salem's Global Empire of Trade and Why it Failed, 1790-1830, based on his new book, "Death of an Empire: The Rise and Murderous Fall of Salem, America's Richest City."

FRIDAY, DEC. 16

ARTISTS RECEPTION, 6 to 9 p.m., Alpers Art, 77 Main St., Andover (temporary location through Dec. 30), 5% of proceeds to charity.

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STAGE: Siblings appear in 'A Christmas Carol'

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music-filled charmer sure to eliminate any hiccups from the audience. As always, Ebenezer Scrooge is visited by the ghosts of Past, Present and Future and they change his outlook, helping him to

discover the true meaning of the Christmas season. There are 16 shows being performed, and that includes school shows, said Mary Hall. She noted the show is particularly fitting for Katherine because her English class is now analyzing "A Christmas Carol." (Joseph and Caroline will obviously be in good shape to eventually tackle that assignment.) The young actors take their roles quite seriously.

In fact, another theater gig brought them to Edinburgh, Scotland last summer. "On the way to Edinburgh, we stopped in London and were sure to visit Dickens' house and practice English accents," Mary Hall said.

Crafty? You can apply for 2012 event in the Park

Applications are now being accepted for next year's Crafts in the Park, which will be held on Saturday, May 12, 2012 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain or shine.

Entries are due by Jan. 30. The show is a fundraiser. Proceeds from the booth fees are used for providing scholarships to local high school students participating in international exchange programs and support for families hosting students from abroad.

Crafts people will each be given 11 by 11-foot spaces (121 square feet) with a height limit of 7 feet due to some tree branches.

Amateur and professional crafts people are invited to display and sell their original craftwork.

Photos or a website address to images of one's work and display are necessary for jurying purposes.

Send the booth fee of \$85, completed application form, and a No. 10 self-addressed stamped envelope to: Andover Crafts in The Park, P.O. Box 685, Andover, MA 01810

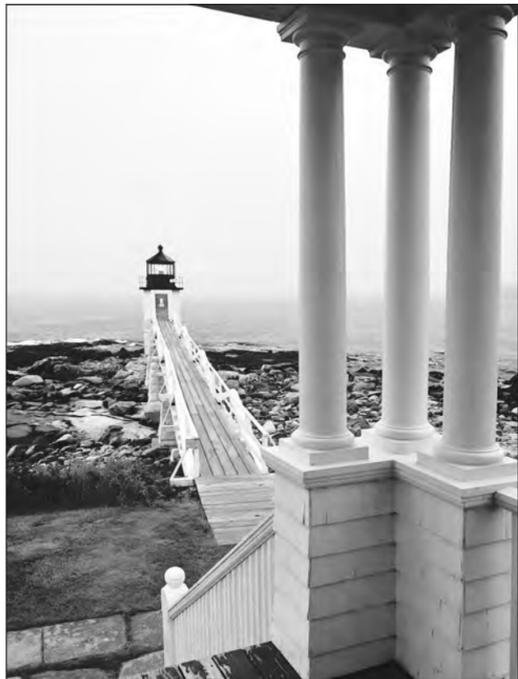
The applications must be received by Jan. 30, 2012 to be included in the first jury process. Notification of participation will be mailed in February 2012. Checks will be returned if you are not chosen for inclusion in the show.

If you would like your photos to be returned, include a return envelope with adequate postage.

No sales commissions are charged in addition to your booth fee. Food vendors require additional permits from the town of Andover.

For more information, email jury@craftsinthepark.com or visit craftsinthepark.com or call 978-475-6829.

Western Avenue Studios offers open houses



A photograph "Light at Port Clyde" by Jack Holmes of Andover, who is in Western Avenue Studios No. 330.

One of the largest artist studio collectives in the Northeast, Western Avenue Studios in Lowell, features a pair of Andover artists.

Started in 2005 with just a handful of studios on a single floor, Western Avenue has steadily grown to 149 studios on four floors in two buildings, featuring over 200 artists.

Andover artists Laura Gawlinski and Jack Holmes and North Andover artists Uli Kapp, Gay Tracy, Tarja Cockell and Tina Silverio. are part of the collective.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Wine & Cheese at 7 p.m., performance at 8 p.m., \$25, WHMA and Image Theater host this creative alternative to the usual holiday show, Parker Gallery; 978-452-7641.

SATURDAY, DEC. 17

CHRISTMAS GATHERING. The Andover Sister Towns Assn. of Andover and North Andover host, 2 p.m., at the Andover Historical Society with a viewing of the Society's Christmas tree exhibit and a cookie exchange. To participate in the cookie swap, bring a plate of cookies to swap and take home a plate; Marj Snell, fredsnell@gmail.com.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP. 10 a.m. to noon, Smolak Farms, 315 South Bradford St., North Andover, \$40 per couple or parent/child.

THE NUTCRACKER LIVE. Dance Prism, one of New England's most recognized touring ballet companies, The Collins Center, Shawsheen Road, Andover, 2:30 p.m., \$16 for children and seniors, \$22 for adults; danceprism.com, 978-371-1038.

DROP & SHOP, Northern Essex

Community College's sports teams—the men's baseball team and the women's basketball team—hold a Kid's "Knight" Out, 5 to 9 p.m., in the Sport and Fitness Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., \$25 per child, parents can drop off their children ages 6 to 12 at the center where the members of the college's Knights sports teams, under the direction of NECC Baseball Coach Chris Shanahan, will create an evening of fun and games. The concession stand will be open. Proceeds will help support the NECC top baseball team's spring training in Maryland. Parents are encouraged to sign up in advance, Athletic Director Sue MacAvoy, smacavoy@necc.mass.edu, 978-556-3820.

SUNDAY, DEC. 18

THE NUTCRACKER LIVE. Dance Prism, one of New England's most recognized touring ballet companies, The Collins Center for the Performing Arts at Andover High School, Shawsheen Road, Andover, 2:30 p.m., \$16 for children and seniors, \$22 for adults; danceprism.com, 978-371-1038.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 21

WINTER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION, 6:30 p.m., Serio's Grove, Lowell Junction Road, Andover, hosted by Shawsheen River Watershed Association. Campfire, short program on the astronomy, mythology and history of the winter solstice. At 7:15 p.m., there will be a "ringing of the bells" to reawaken the sun. Bring bells, marshmallows, flashlights, a stadium seat cushion; Bob Rausero, 978-851-9505.

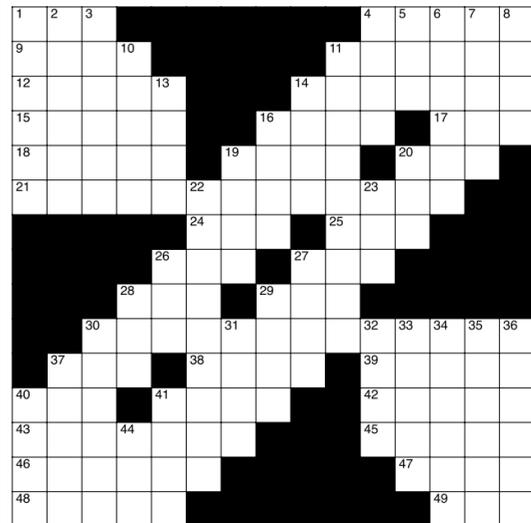
THURSDAY, DEC. 22

SANTA READING, reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas" by Santa Claus, part of the Historical Society's Holiday Celebrations, for ages 2-6. Story Hour with Santa from 5:30 to 7 p.m., 97 Main St. Join us in PJ's with your favorite stuffed animal, doll, or blanket for a story, \$6 per child, Andover Historical Society, 978-475-2236; andoverhistorical.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 23

ARTISTS RECEPTION, 6 to 9 p.m., Alpers Art, 77 Main St., Andover (temporary location through Dec. 30), 5 percent of proceeds to charity.

Crossword puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

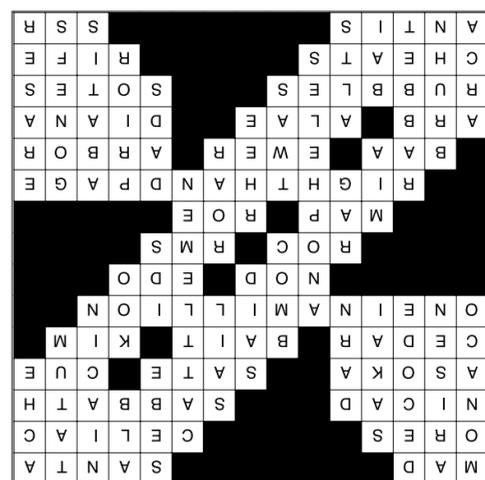
- Angry
- Mr. Claus
- Minerals
- Gluten-free diet disease
- Nickel-cadmium accumulator
- Day or rest & worship
- King of Magadha (273-232)
- Satisfy an appetite
- Stage signal
- Durable aromatic wood
- Something used to lure
- Actress Basinger
- A rare and exceptional person
- Quick head movement
- Yeddo
- Mythological bird
- Root mean square (abbr.)
- Chart of the Earth's surface
- Fish eggs
- Recto
- The cry made by sheep

CLUES DOWN

- Grace's Principality
- No longer seated
- Translate into ordinary language
- Point that is one point E of SE
- Linen vestment worn by priests
- A B vitamin
- Ryan O'Neal's daughter
- Dull steady pain
- Seaport on Osaka Bay
- Cowpunchers

- Mend a sock
- Ship's canvas
- Aformentioned
- Big man on campus
- English actress Stark
- Malaria mosquitoes
- Many subconsciouses
- A scrap of cloth
- Cry loudly
- Actress Farrow
- S. Korean Pres. Syngman (1948-65)
- Rectangular grooved joint
- "___ the night before Christmas"
- Male parents
- Earlier in time
- Rampart of felled trees
- Scoundrel (Yiddish)
- Pencilmark remover
- Danish ballet dancer Erik
- Blood clams genus
- Substitutes (abbr.)
- Spoken in the Dali region of Yunnan

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Business

THREE STORES HEADING OUT OF TOWN



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

After the owner of a building leased to rug retailer Sotherland & Co. had the property seized from its store owner, a judge at Lawrence District Court lifted the seizure and allowed owner Matt Enayat to remove all of the merchandise from the store.



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

J.L. Coombs and Stride Rite, two downtown footwear retailers, are closing in the coming months. A manager at Stride Rite couldn't comment, but a representative for J.L. Coombs said economic conditions prevented the store chain from renewing its five-year lease, which expires in January.

Seizure on business dropped Sotherland & Co. rug firm moving out

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A seizure order on a downtown rug business has been lifted and the company owning property in the store has been given three days to clear its merchandise out completely.

Following a lengthy dispute over nonpayment of rent going as far back as April of last year, Sotherland & Co., at 44 Main St., was recently seized by the Essex County Sheriff's Office on behalf of the building's owner, Irving Kaplan. In a Dec. 8 court order from Lawrence District Court, that seizure was lifted and Kaplan was ordered to "cease and desist any further actions against the property of the defendants," as ordered by Judge Mark Sullivan.

When approached at Sotherland & Co., store owner Matt Enayat declined

to comment as he and others moved merchandise from the store into a moving truck. Attorney John-Paul Thomas, representing Enayat in the case, as well as an attorney representing Kaplan, couldn't be reached for comment on Townsman deadline.

The original seizure stemmed from a court judgment filed on Nov. 10 calling for the property to be seized over a judgment of \$95,241.89 against Enayat, including unpaid rent from April 2010 to May 2011, as well as a lease security deposit, filing fees and more.

In a motion calling for the order on Dec. 8, Thomas said there was a concern that Kaplan would "attempt to sell, conceal, diminish or otherwise adversely affect ... property, inventory, merchandise and goods, all to the detriment of (Enayat)." Thomas also noted Enayat

"has received several phone calls from his customers whose property is located within the building," and that "they are demanding their goods be returned."

Kaplan also "changed all locks on (the) premises and wrongfully seized the entire inventory, goods and merchandise," according to Thomas. It was believed that Kaplan intended "on conducting a sale of all of (Enayat's) goods and merchandise that was wrongfully seized."

In Sullivan's order, Enayat is "allowed to reclaim all property, inventory, merchandise and business records belonging to the defendants and held in trust by the defendant." The order, signed Dec. 8, allowed for this to take place over a period of three days. It was not clear on Tuesday which day of the order it was.

Shoe drops: J.L. Coombs, Stride Rite closing here

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Walk a mile in their shoes, and you might understand why two downtown shoe outlets are closing their doors.

Two downtown footwear retailers — J.L. Coombs and Stride Rite — are closing as segments of the downtown Andover business community continue to struggle in competition with shopping malls.

A manager at Stride Rite who declined to give his name confirmed the store was closing but couldn't comment any further. Meanwhile, a couple hundred feet away, the four employees at J.L. Coombs worked behind closed doors to prepare for a closing sale that begins today, Thursday.

"There's just a certain level of business you need to do in these types of stores,"

said John Rand, operations manager for the J.L. Coombs corporate offices. "We are fighting the declining downtown and the malls."

J.L. Coombs closed this week to move its back room stock to the sales floor, which it will open to the public at discounted prices today, Dec. 15. From there, the store has until the third week of January to sell as much as it can before it moves its remaining stock, as well as its employees, to locations in Newburyport or Portsmouth, N.H. The company also has four stores in Maine.

The end of the lease will make the end of almost two decades of business in town for Lucy Brown, a manager who has worked at J.L. Coombs, Stride Rite and Dahers Shoe Store, which leased the J.L. Coombs space before 2007. She plans on

working at the Newburyport location once the Andover shop closes, and she expects to see many of her Andover customers there.

"I've been here for 17 years. I have many customers," said Brown. "The Newburyport store is really close. Most of our customers that shop here shop there too."

Coombs came into town on a five-year lease in 2007. That lease is expiring in January, and there is no intention to renew it, according to Rand.

"We looked at the three locations (in this area) and which one was the weakest, and this was the one," said Rand. "It wasn't worth the volume to renew the lease."

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

■ BUSINESS BRIEFS

Local chiropractor earns honor

James J. Peck, from Chiropractic Wellness Centre in Andover, was awarded a prestigious certificate and title this fall at Sherman College of Chiropractic in Spartanburg S.C.

Peck completed a year long Academy of Chiropractic Philosophy program in chiropractic philosophy by defending his 30-page thesis before a panel of members from the ACP. After successfully defending his paper along with 13 other chiropractors representing many areas of the country,



James Peck holds the certificate he was awarded after completing the chiropractic philosophy program.

the group was honored at a banquet dinner followed by

a presentation of the awards and certificates.

Marton named senior business advisor/technology specialist

Peter D. Marton of Andover was named senior business advisor and technology specialist by The Massachusetts Small Business Development Center at Clark University.

As a senior business advisor/technology specialist, Marton will be responsible for advising over 250 small business clients and entrepreneurial ventures annually.

He will provide assistance to technology related

startups, including management advice on best practices, business and product development, business planning, access to capital, marketing, operations and other aspects of running a small technology based business.

He will also advise clients in business acquisition and turnaround situations.

Marton has 25 years of executive leadership experience, having served most recently as Managing Director at systems integrator AxisPoint.

He also ran his own consulting firm, Marton Associates in Andover/Boston, and was a founding member of Cambridge Technology Partners.

Marton has served as adjunct professor of entrepreneurial leadership at Tufts University since he helped found the program in 2002. He also contributed to the development of the curriculum for Interise/Inner City Entrepreneurs, Boston, a streetwise M.B.A. program for CEOs of small businesses, and has been teaching in that program since its inception in 2004.

Marton earned a bachelor of science degree in physics and computational mathematics from Tufts University and a masters of business administration from the Stanford University School of Business.

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Education

Committee makes emergency hire of 2.04 teachers

Schools see more students who need to learn English

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The School Committee took an urgent vote on Monday, Dec. 12 to hire the equivalent of two full teachers to address the unexpected need for additional teachers for students from whom English

is a second language. The vote, which will increase the part-time status of some teachers to full-time and hire a total of 1.4 new positions, appropriated \$115,992.19 from cash available through the federal Education Jobs Fund, according to Marinel McGrath,

superintendent. This is money that can be used to save jobs or pay for new positions. “We have the English language learners program, which is actually growing because of the changing demographics in our population,” said McGrath. “Nancy (Duclos, assistant

superintendent) has done a full analysis with our ELL teachers and it results in having to add an additional 2.04 FTE to the budget ... so that we can meet the program needs for our students. “We’re currently in non-compliance with these youngsters, which opens us up for,

obviously, civil rights violations,” said McGrath. While the money was available this year, it will have to be worked into the budget for the coming fiscal year. “At this point, we have to hire the people and increase the time for the students who are currently there, and we had two additional students move in today,” said McGrath.

The bulk of English language learning students are Spanish, Korean and Chinese speaking students, but “there are also a multitude of other languages that we’re having to provide transition for,” said McGrath. ■ ■ ■
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Meteorological event



Courtesy photo

WBZ-TV Meteorologist Barry Burbank spoke to eighth-grade students at Doherty Middle School recently, welcomed to the school by the Doherty School PAC Enrichment Committee. This visit complemented a weather unit the students have been studying. Above, Burbank is flanked by eighth grade science teachers Dave Bettencourt and Erin Suffoletto. Burbank also greeted fifth-graders at West Elementary later the same day.

ON CAMPUS

Ladd awarded Salem State scholarship

Diane Ladd received the Francis McGrath Scholarship from Salem State University during a fall scholarship recognition reception at Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers.

Two dancers gain ‘Momentum’

Northern Essex Community College’s annual winter student dance performance titled “Momentum” was presented by the NECC Dance Program in the Sport and Fitness Center on the

Haverhill campus on Dec. 2 and 3. Andover students Ryan T. Jennings and Jeanine Stocker were among the performers. “Momentum” is described as “an eclectic mix of both faculty and student works” by NECC, the closest community college to Andover.

According to plan: Schools changing curriculum

Strategic Plan finished, supported by School Committee

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

As two task forces present ideas for changing the district’s fine arts and world language approaches, the town may start to get a sense for the system’s new strategic plan.

The plan is a continually-evolving blueprint of how education should work in Andover. Reviewed and vetted by the School Committee at its Nov. 17 meeting, it is a framework of policies that the school district will begin to act upon as it takes a harder look at its curriculums.

Marinel McGrath, superintendent of schools, spoke earlier this fall about the importance of strategic plans and mission statements.

“A good mission statement is really enduring and stands the test of time,” said McGrath. “You could have tweaks to a mission statement. ... Typically, your core values are enduring qualities. There’s always a curriculum goal you’re always striving to have, but your actions typically change.”

How will Andover use the strategic plan? Through feedback within the community, the district looks at five key areas — academic achievement, technology-supported learning, teaching and leading, communication and partnerships, and funding. The district models its programs based on a number of strategies in each goal, and each strategy has qualitative and quantitative ways of measuring whether it has been addressed and successful over time, or whether it hasn’t, and why.

“We’re articulating what these needs are, and we have a belief that through K-12, you need languages,” said McGrath. “Because I had the concept in my head, and I knew I wanted to have certain things ready for the budget this year, these were areas that we identified needed work. I got those started.”

In some ways, the school district wants the education process to leave the classroom. As outlined in the fourth goal in the plan, schools will soon reach out and “identify mutual needs and opportunities for collaboration and partnerships with parents, citizens, volunteers, business, and community partners,” as the executive summary reads.

“We want to increase student achievement in whatever way we can. We want to affect that learning process for students,” said McGrath. “We want to see it in terms of what kind of project-based learning kids are doing.”

As time goes on, the strategic plan will face revision. Every three to five years, teachers and administrators will return to the plan, check the goals, see what goals were hit or missed, and adapt.

“When you get to the fifth year, you review your curriculum again. So it’s a cyclical process,” said McGrath. “You go back and say, ‘What is still relevant?’ That’s what keeps it rolling.”

FUNDING – THE MISSING PIECE

The goals are ready to go, and two task forces are concluding. The last part of the equation is how the town will pay for parts of the plan that will increase expenses.

But not every change requires more money.

One example of a cost-free method of enhancing learning in Andover is using Google Docs, an online Microsoft Office-like productivity package that runs within a web browser and allows multiple users to simultaneously collaborate on and work with documents stored in a virtual data cloud.

“That’s a no-cost thing for us, but it helps us and moves us forward,” said McGrath.

For everything else, there could be one-time grants that can help set something up, and regular contributions from local groups for other items. Many things in the plan could also be supported with the town’s annual operating budget. All that information is now coming together this year as the last piece of the strategic plan, according to McGrath.

IN THE EVOLVING CLASSROOM

In recent years, white boards and chalkboards have been torn down in schools throughout town in favor of interactive white boards. At a smaller, individual level, some Andover classrooms are participating in pilots where textbooks have been replaced by tablet PCs, and the books can change daily instead of being confined to what was printed.

“Ten years ago, we might not have had a push for technology-rich classrooms,” said McGrath. “If something comes in and has an effect on the children, we have to be able to have the flexibility, and to cater to these kinds of changes.”

The task forces that studied how fine arts and foreign languages are handled system-wide were spelled out in the strategic plan.

Man, not mushroom

Ken Seifert



As the saying goes, “I’m mad as hell and I can’t take it any more.” Some government officials and private corporations treat me like a mushroom. I don’t know if it is deliberate or accidental. It is affecting my self esteem.

I am not some fungus but rather a living breathing human being.

How do you cultivate mushrooms? You keep them in the dark cellar and throw manure on them.

There is some hope. Every day we hear we need more transparency. It means give the mushroom people a little more light. Transparency means to bring to light, for all to see, how government and the private sector do business. I don’t understand why we can’t have complete daylight. In simple terms that means: this is what we plan to do, this is how it works and this is what it costs. No tricks. No verbal gymnastics. It is what it says it is. If we tricked you, you get your money back. If you don’t like the deal don’t buy it.

In most cases, as a mushroom, I don’t know what the deal is and how much it costs. For example, a car is advertised for \$19 a day. I trust the company. When I get the bill I discover the cost is really \$35 a day when you add hidden fees, taxes and gasoline charges. How about rebates: \$3 off a \$5.99 ream of paper. Fill out the form and you will receive a check in six to eight weeks. What they don’t tell you is there are 32 steps you must follow and if you miss just one you “do not pass go” and will never receive the promised rebate. How about the Christmas bonanza? TVs normally \$699 now \$199. In fine print you failed to read there is only one such bargain in the entire country. It is located in a warehouse in Cleveland and you live in Andover. Even if you shop over the Internet, the bargain has just been sold – would you like one for \$699?

On the government side there’s new

health care innovation. Both political parties stood on the White House lawn and proclaimed victory over poor health in America. In less than six months we find out “Obamacare” is a complete failure and the death knell for young and old alike. Whether it is an ad for toothpaste that cures most diseases of the entire body or the political campaigns that never end, there is more manure being heaped on me than I can take. I have decided, if it looks like a good deal but smells too good to be true, it is manure.

On the local level, we get dribs and drabs of capital projects, budget shortfalls, and new user fees and reduced services. Where is the big picture? Who sees the big picture? Some citizens say they can’t afford what’s coming. They are not mushrooms. I don’t know what’s coming. What is for real and what isn’t? Are we nearly bankrupt? Who says so?

For mushrooms like me, couldn’t we shed a little light on the subject of Town Meeting? Before the next Town Meeting how about planting some shrubs that will stay healthy in the sunlight?

A community town meeting that clearly shows our financial status in terms we can all understand is needed. What can we afford? What can’t we afford?

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 - Options that were explored and why they were rejected
 - Five innovative ways that make things better and will not cost more tax money and user fees
 - A public meeting for the specific purpose of listening to concerns and ideas of the taxpayers

If we begin to cultivate ways that are clearer and more comprehensive, maybe I will feel more like an involved citizen instead of a mushroom. It’s awful lonely being in the dark and covered with manure.
Ken Seifert is a 40-year resident of Andover and former superintendent of the Andover schools.

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LANGUAGES: Drastic changes suggested to make Andover an education leader

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everybody doing?’ and ‘Let’s just do that.’”

The process started with a survey sent to parents and school staff. More than 600 people participated, according to Peter Hall, who leads Andover High’s world language department.

“The task force was given the following charges: to study (kindergarten through twelfth grade) programming models in world language teaching and learning ... and to produce recommendations for one language to be taught at the elementary school level, two for the middle school level and decide which languages would be taught at the high school level,” said Hall. “Although (the survey) may not have been a statistically perfect survey, it did reveal important attitudes and beliefs towards languages and language study, and it gave us a sense of peoples’ language preferences.”

SURVEY: SPANISH TOP LANGUAGE

The survey says 54 percent of respondents believe Spanish is the language of choice that should be offered at all schools, according to information provided by the superintendent’s office.

Seventy-five percent of responders supported teaching Spanish at the middle schools, while around 30 percent equally supported teaching Latin, French and Mandarin.

At the high school level, the number of suggested languages increased significantly and modeled current offerings. Ninety percent of those taking the survey supported teaching Spanish at Andover High, while 76 percent supported teaching Mandarin Chinese, and 75 percent supported French programming. Three other languages offered at the school during recent years — Latin with 68 percent, and American Sign

Language and German, each with 40 percent — were also popular.

Below those, a number of other languages were popular as well, but not popular enough to merit a recommendation from the task force: Italian, with 30 percent; Arabic, with 25 percent; Japanese, with 23 percent; and Russian, with 20 percent.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: START SPANISH EARLY

School districts that teach foreign language in elementary schools, typically offer Spanish, according to Banta.

“There’s a lot of people looking at this, and in fact the Mass. foreign language curriculum framework advocates starting at the elementary school,” said Banta. “What we found in almost all the (research cases reviewed) is that participation in a well-designed language program actually positively impacts not just the literacy skills of the students, but the mathematical skills, and this is probably due to starting at a younger age.”

“Right now, the data out there is very positive, but we have to move forward with what we think is best,” said Banta.

Starting with the 2013-2014 school year, 2.5 full-time equivalent teachers would be added throughout the elementary schools for language instruction in the first grade only. For the next four academic years after that, as those first graders move up in grade and new students start first grade, 2.5 more teachers would be added to the next grade. By the 2017-2018 school year, a total of 12.5 full-time equivalent positions would have been added to support teaching grades 1-5 for all five schools.

The strategic plan identifies the development of a Spanish Foreign Language in the Elementary School program during the 2012-2013 school year. The program

could be implemented during the 2013-2014 school year, beginning in the first grade with incremental additions through grade five. The goal would be to deliver 25 to 30 minutes of instruction at least three times per week.

“We don’t have an elementary program now, so adding an elementary program for us would be new and exciting, and it’s kind of the direction we’ve been pushing for quite a long time,” said Hall.

Annie Gilbert, School Committee chairwoman, agreed.

“One of the most frequent questions I get is, ‘Can we ever have foreign language in the elementary school?’” said Gilbert. “That’s really something that’s very top of mind, so I think people have been waiting excitedly to see this plan come forward.”

MIDDLE SCHOOL: FRENCH SHOULD BE SECOND LANGUAGE

For years, Andover’s world language instruction has started in the middle schools with an exploratory language program that allows sixth-graders to try three languages before making a decision on what to study in seventh grade. But that practice isn’t current, according to Banta.

“Only one other school district besides Andover had even offered an exploratory option at the sixth-grade level,” said Banta. “Pretty much all of the other middle schools are going straight into direct foreign language instruction.”

The task force was asked to take three existing foreign language options and arrive at two recommendations. The survey indicated four preferences: Spanish, French, Latin and Mandarin. Seventy-five percent of responders believe Spanish instruction is necessary. The task force also supported teaching French, according to Hall.

“Latin, we feel, is a very

Fine art and health also targeted

SCHOOLS LOOK TO DELIVER SIMILAR ARTISTIC OPPORTUNITIES

On the same night as the foreign language task force’s presentation, a task force looking into fine arts gave a similar presentation on how to improve the delivery of fine arts throughout the school district.

“We want to have high academic achievement for all our students,” said Meghan Michaud, lead Andover High art teacher. “That means, from pre-K to 12, we want to make sure that we have equitable, sustainable curriculum.”

Like the foreign language task force, part of that requires hiring a centralized leader to oversee the entire K-12 program.

“Without having a leader - we have all these people that have so much to contribute, but we need to be able to communicate through a leader who will give us direction,” said Martha Giguere, High Plain Elementary School music teacher.

The task force also aims to rectify “a lot of inconsistency” that exists throughout the district, according to Michaud.

“There’s different budgets awarded to different schools, people have access to different supplies,” she said. “There’s several buildings that have teachers in multiple buildings, so what does this mean for their curriculum, that they don’t have the same access to supplies or equipment in each building?”

“We need to provide access to equal opportunities for all kids, no matter what building they’re in,” said Michaud.

BEEFING UP ELEMENTARY HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

The schools also are studying the elementary school health and physical education curriculums, and Brian McNally, program coordinator, took time at last week’s School Committee meeting to go over his department’s plans. Andover has seen a sharp decline of health education in elementary schools during the past decade, according to McNally.

In grades 1-5 across all schools, lessons will focus on nutrition and some facet of human anatomy, with each grade focusing on individual topics.

For example, second grade classes will study the five senses and learn about how memory works, while fifth grade will cover the central nervous system, circulatory systems and the “human growth and development piece that has been a standard for years.”

“What it really comes down to is learning about different parts of your body, how it functions and what you need to do to make sure you’re taking care of your body, learning about yourself, taking care of yourself,” said McNally.

- Dustin Luca

HIGH SCHOOL: SUPPORT SIX, INCLUDING GERMAN

With so many languages recommended for Andover High, the task force is concerned there will not be enough resources to cover all the course options. The top six preferred languages included German, which was recently dropped from future curriculum due to enrollment issues, Hall said.

German, as well as the other five options (Spanish, Mandarin Chinese, French, Latin and American Sign Language), should still remain, according to Hall.

“If you look at the European economy, Germany is a major player, so it’s important that we rebuild the program and align it with 21st century standards, so it can be another option,” said Hall.

OTHER DISTRICT-WIDE RECOMMENDATIONS

Other recommendations also affect the entire district. A full-range, kindergarten through 12th-grade program advisor would be needed to speak for the entire program and oversee its curriculum, instruction and supervision.

“Like the fine arts department, the world language department has not had a program advisor since, I think, 2000,” said Hall. “The first recommendation that kept coming up over and over is to hire a program advisor at the beginning of next fall.”

A financial commitment would be needed to continue support of the program with new technology, media and program articulation, according to the strategic plan.

World language would need to be recognized as a core subject, like math or science.

“By doing so, it would give the department the status necessary to advance the study of languages,” said Hall.

BASKETBALL: Fans well-behaved; home crowd cheers team to victory

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while away at a voluntary summer camp. Losing players are forced to eat a cookie covered in a bodily fluid. The alleged hazing took place outside of Andover and its schools and went unreported for months. An investigation has wrapped up in the school system that has reportedly led to expulsions and suspensions for players involved. Criminal investigations outside of the town are ongoing.

On Tuesday, a packed audience filled the bleachers at the high school’s Dunn Gymnasium for the varsity season opener, which Andover won 63-49 against the Methuen Rangers. Throughout the game, the audience — about 80 percent of which was rooting for the home team — cheered as it might at any game — sometimes triumphantly. Many rose to their feet when guard James Costello slammed a picture-perfect slam dunk to put Andover up 41-27 with three minutes left in the third quarter.

David Fazio, the varsity boys basketball coach, was back on the bench, yelling to his athletes as he has for many years. Fazio had been briefly removed from coaching responsibilities while the schools looking into the allegations, and many in Andover had offered their support to him.

David Prawdzik of Avery Lane, who said both of his children looked up to Fazio while they were going to Andover High, was one of these people, writing a letter that he sent to the Townsman.

“There is no one in this



PAUL BILODEAU/Staff photo

The Golden Warriors pause during the National Anthem before the Andover-Methuen basketball game held Tuesday night at Andover High School.

town, who has done more for the kids in this town, than Faz. He is clearly one of the real leaders at Andover High, and he has an impact on all the kids in the school, not just the basketball players,” said Prawdzik. “Fazio can lead by example and help all the kids through this regrettable incident.”

Behind the scenes, there were some measures to keep the cloud over the team outside of the building. Early in the game, television media crews were turned away by

police and Bergeron, the athletic director. Police kept a watch over those coming and going, and administrators from Methuen High School watched over those in attendance who wore white and blue.

When asked about TV crews being turned away from filming the game, Bergeron said the measure is “the same protocol” enforced at all games. “There’s nothing special with regards to that,” said Bergeron.

It was as close to business

as usual as the school could get as questions into what happened in July continue for town officials. Though the school hasn’t put all questions behind it, “I want to get to that point,” said Bergeron.

When approached at the game, interim high school Principal Tom Sharkey declined to comment on the game or background incidents.

Several people who were asked to comment during and after the game, were not willing to speak for the

record. One person, who did not identify himself, said, “Nothing going on, which is good.”

NEXT STEP: BECOMING STRONGER, SAYS ADMINISTRATORS

Sharkey and Bergeron joined Superintendent Marinell McGrath last week in

updating the School Committee on what was going on and what was being taken care of in advance of Andover’s home opener. In that presentation, officials gave a sense of how the allegations have hit the schools from the inside.

“We need to be very attentive to all 1,800 students (at the high school), as they’re impacted by news stories that sometimes are truthful and sometimes are not so truthful in terms of what’s being reported,” said Sharkey. “Certainly, surprises come up and hit us in the face. We’ve had, therefore, some difficult days as each day, we come into things being said about us.”

“It’s been a difficult time,” said Sharkey.

McGrath offered similar comments, but also gave a suggestion as to what she hopes will come next.

“Our goal as educators is that, while this was certainly a very terrible ordeal for us to live through, a very sad experience for us to live through, that we’re going to be like the phoenix,” said McGrath. “We’re going to rise through this. We’re going to become stronger. We’re going to become a much stronger culture of caring.”

For feedback on this story, please email dlucca@andovertownsmen.com.

Tsongas will attend NDAA Conference Committee

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Congresswoman Niki Tsongas was appointed by the Speaker of the House John Boehner to serve as a conferee to the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act Conference Committee.

The NDAA authorizes funding and sets policy for the Department of Defense.

Typically, when the House and Senate draft differing pieces of legislation regarding the same topic, a Conference Committee is formed to iron out the differences between

the two bills.

Tsongas has served on the House Armed Services Committee since she was elected in 2007 and has quickly gained seniority on the Committee.

In particular, Tsongas and her Republican colleague Rep. Michael Turner (R-OH) have jointly led the bipartisan effort to address the alarming incidence of sexual assault in the military.

Together, they authored a portion of the House-passed NDAA that would put in place new measures to better prevent and respond to

incidents of sexual assault in the military.

Tsongas introduced a motion on the Floor of the House of Representatives instructing all NDAA conferees to adopt these House-passed provisions. These include providing victims of sexual assault with the right to legal counsel, the right to a base transfer, the ability to maintain confidentiality when speaking with Victim Advocates, as well as mandating greater training for sexual assault prevention and response at every level of our Armed Services.

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Andover, circa 1644



Andover Stories

Tom Adams,
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In 1614, Englishman John Smith explored the Merrimack Valley. He wrote home that here should be no landlords with high rents...here every man may own land in a short time." Message received.

Thirty years later the first settlers arrived. They found fertile land, abundant game, fruit-bearing trees, and the Shawsheen River teeming with fish. They also found they were not alone. Indigenous tribes camped in small villages across lands their ancestors had roamed for hundreds of years. The arrival of Puritan "immigrants" and their need for land and shelter now shadowed the landscape.

Coexistence began a time of watchful waiting. Passaconaway, the local Sachem (Chief) of the Pennacook tribe, was neither aggressive nor warlike. A pragmatic, he understood mathematics. The influx of settlers would continue while recent epidemics had decimated his tribe. Fighting would be futile at best. Reasoned thinking, however, did little to erase the animosity over past dealings with shady fur traders. Nor did it foster hope that dealing with these newly-arrived settlers would be any different. Benevolence also did nothing to soften the tyrannical Puritan view that these "savages... act like wolves and are to be dealt with as wolves."

As the settlements grew and encroachment on Indian rights, hunting grounds, maize fields and fishing streams increased, a long, drawn out, and often violent conflict was unavoidable. Holding captured Indians as slaves, some here in Massachusetts with others



Model of native village believed to have been at site of Shattuck Farm on the Merrimack River.



Andover's Town Seal depicts Native American ties.

shipped off to Virginia and West Indies, tore deeper still. Watchful waiting and reasoned thinking gradually gave way to bitterness and hatred. The die was cast.

For the next 100 years, the deteriorating relationship between the "white and red man" played out in violence perpetrated by both sides. Andover, formally signed over by tribal chief Cutshamache in 1649, suffered its share. Wars fought outside Andover, notably the Pequot, French-Indian, and King Phillip conflicts, spawned Indian raids against townspeople - and saw townspeople attacking Indians. Major Dennison, the head of the Andover militia, wrote in October, 1675, "It is hardly imaginable the panic view that these "savages... God pity & helpe us."

Help did not come fast enough. In April 1676, Indians attacked and killed Joseph Abbott and kidnapped his brother, Timothy. Retreating, the raiding party burned the house of Edward Falkner and slaughtered his cattle. The situation in Andover was so fearsome that Lieutenant John Osgood wrote "(we) are so distressed

to think that our men are liable to be shot whenever we stir from our houses & our children taken by the cruel enemy, itt doe so distress us that wee know not what to doe..."

The most severe Indian attack in Andover centered around Captain Pascoe Chubb, Commander of Fort Penaquid (in southern Maine). In 1676, under the guise of exchanging prisoners, Chubb plied a delegation of 12 Indians with food and drink - and then had his men slaughter several of his "guests" including two Chiefs. Attacked soon after by French and Indian forces, Chubb surrendered the Fort citing his "personal safety."

Considered an act of treason, he was discharged and jailed in Boston. Through the influence of friends, Chubb was later released and restricted to living in Andover. The arrangement was short-lived. On February 22, 1698 "between thirty and forty Indians surprised the town, killed five persons, burnt two houses and two barns with cattle in them." Considered a direct retaliation for his actions two years earlier, Chubb perished along with his wife, Hannah.

The arrival of settlers in 1644 began the gestation of the Andover we know today. For its original natives, 1644 signaled the beginning of their slow and steady demise.

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

2011
HANUKKAH
USA

A Festival of Lights

The United States Post Office honors those who celebrate Hanukkah, the Jewish Festival of Lights, by offering a special forever stamp.

Hanukkah begins on Dec. 20 and will last for eight days and nights.

The stamp was developed by graphic designer Suzanne Kleinwaks of Falls Church, Virginia. She created the stamp using bright colors that express the joyful spirit of the holiday.

There are eight shapes behind the letters spelling out "Hanukkah". The eight shapes symbolize the eight days and nights of the celebration.

The shape of the second "K" is on a silhouette of a dreidel. The letters on the stamp are subtly tilted to mimic the movement of the dreidel as it turns. The dreidel is a four-sided spinning top used for games. A different Hebrew letter is in-

scribed on each of its four sides. The letters form an acronym meaning "a great miracle happened here."

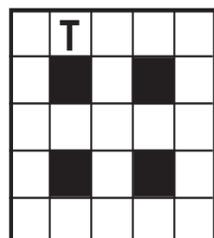
Hanukkah marks the Jewish people's victory in the rebellion against the Greeks in the Maccabean War in 162 BCE. After the war ended the people cleaned and rededicated the Temple.

According to the story handed down through time, there was only enough special oil to keep the lamp burning in the Temple for one day. But the small bottle of oil miraculously lasted for eight days. Therefore it is called the Feast of Lights or Festival of Lights.

Jewish communities in the United States celebrate the first day of Hanukkah on the 25th day of Kislev to the second day of Tevet in the Hebrew calendar.

The first night of Hanukkah begins with a special blessing at sunset. The first of eight candles is lit. The other seven candles are lit on the following nights.

The first day of Hanukkah is not a federal holiday in the United States.



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Essex Probate and Family Court
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(978) 744-1020
Docket No. ES11P2933EA
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL
In the Estate of:
Mildred Caliri aka Mildred A. Caliri
Late of:
Andover, MA 01810
Date of Death:
01/23/2011

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented requesting that a document purporting to be the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed and that Carole Bergeron of Andover, MA be appointed executor/trix, named in the will to serve Without Surety
IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT at: **Salem ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: 01/17/2012**
In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.
WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sahagian, First Justice of this Court.
Date: December 6, 2011.
Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
AT - 12/15/11

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS PROBATE COURT
Essex SS
Docket No. ES10P0033EA
To all persons interested in the estate of CAROL M. HORAN late of Andover in said Country, deceased.
A petition has been presented to said Court praying that WARREN F. PELUSO be removed from his office as EXECUTOR and that some other suitable person, be appointed his successor.
If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court in Salem before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twentieth day of December 2011, the return date of this citation.
Witness, MARY ANNE SAHAGIAN, First Judge of said Court this twelfth day of December 2011.
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