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MODERATOR'S PROPOSAL

Pitch to shut other events to beef up Town Meeting

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Town Moderator Sheila Doherty wants to shut down town facilities during Town Meeting nights so that other activities will not detract from the event.

"In the last 10 years or so, we have consistently created a conflict for our residents on the night of Town Meeting," Doherty told other Andover officials recently. "Many people would rather go watch their son or daughter pitch a baseball game than come and sit, and listen to budget discussions. But if they didn't have the option of watching their son and daughter, maybe they would come."

The idea was spawned at Special Town Meeting this past December. While the high school's Collins Center for the Performing Arts was filled beyond its capacity so residents could vote on supporting a new youth center, basketball tryouts were fighting for attention — and much-needed parking — at the field house on the opposite side of the high school.

Doherty told members of the selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee at a Jan. 4 tri-board meeting that the conflict can easily be avoided if access to town facilities is barred.

"If the Town Meeting is important, we should really be making it very clear that nothing else is going on in town that day," said Doherty. "Nothing else. Little League can't use the fields. Soccer can't use the fields. Arts and



IF TOWN MEETING IS GOING ON...



...THEN GAMES, EVENTS WOULD BE BENCHED

drama can't use the facilities. We're shutting down the facilities."

When asked how long the facilities would be locked out from use, Doherty said she felt preventing events from going on starting at 6 p.m. was appropriate. Generally, Town Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

The restrictions, as proposed by Doherty, would only

impact town-owned, public facilities.

Carl Grygiel, co-vice president of the Andover Soccer Association, said he supported the effort as long as it only restricted facility access during times near Town Meeting.

"During the hours of Town Meeting, it would make perfect sense to restrict conflicting activities," said Grygiel.

"Town Meeting is critical for all citizens within the town of Andover. Regardless of what the articles are or what people's positions are, people should try to make time for Town Meeting."

Peter Reilly, president of Andover Little League, declined to comment on the matter, saying the

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Simplify lessons, says union memo

Advises telling students how classes may change

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A teachers union vice president has written a memo to Andover High teachers advising them to simplify lessons, build in "down time" and let students know that lessons may change under work-to-rule.

Andover Education Association Vice President Jennifer Meagher wrote to her fellow high school teachers that students should be assured by their teachers that they "will cover the

required material of the class with them. Tell them lessons may be different under work to rule." The letter was mailed anonymously to the Townsman.

Since Jan. 3, teachers have been working strictly within the rules established in their last contract, which expired in August 2010. This is known as work-to-rule, and following it is meant to show how upset Andover teachers are with the contract negotiations, which have been in mediation for

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► TOWN ELECTION

College student plans bid for school board

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A 21-year-old college student plans to run for School Committee, and the town moderator may face a challenger for the first time since she took office.

Several people have already pulled nomination papers — and some have returned them — to appear

on the town ballot March 27. Interested candidates have until Feb. 7 to file nomination papers with 50 or more certified signatures of registered voters.

School Committee incumbents Annie Gilbert and David Birnbach can expect to be challenged this year by 21-year-old Alex Macheras, a

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SHED/Kid's Club to offer preschool program

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Kid's Club on Phillips Street comes alive during after school hours, offering extended day coverage until 6 p.m. for working parents with young children attending Andover Public Schools.

But the nonprofit and its parent, Shawsheen Extended Day (SHED), with the great location in the shadow of Phillips Academy, has always been quiet during school hours. No longer.

Call it a preschool invasion. The 3- to 5-year-old crowd has arrived, as a program just for them has started. Next fall, SHED will launch a

full preschool program.

"We have this great big building and we want to be more community-oriented — not just known for our after school programs," said Dina Hurley, Kid's Club director.

The new program that launched this month is called Little Explorers At Play, or LEAP. Two five-week courses are offered as well as many one-day special workshops, like a 45-minute painting class. Parents stay and are welcome to enjoy coffee and treats.

"They can socialize, so this is good for parents, too," Hurley said.

LEAP is the first step in making the Kid's Club



Merris Stoddard, 4, takes part in the "Future Picassos" class at Kid's Club in Andover.

ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

building more useful. "We are hoping to expand so that we can service the

community more fully than just our after school programming. We

would love to be more of a community center for families," Hurley said.

The preschool program will launch in the fall. Hurley said she just received word that the new morning preschool has been approved. The preschool will be called Monarch PreSchool at SHED. Teachers have not yet been hired but Kid's Club expects to announce its plans in the spring, Hurley said.

"Younger kids bring so much light and sparkle," Hurley said. "We are very excited about our new programs."

According to the organization's website, "Monarch's

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Hayden Gomula, 4, takes part in the "Future Picassos" class at Kid's Club on the Phillips Academy campus. It is a new program for preschool-aged kids.

KID'S CLUB: Preschool added

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philosophy is influenced and inspired by the Multiple Intelligences theory of Howard Gardner, the project approach to learning and by the educators of the world-renowned, Italian Reggio Emilia preschool program."

The Shawsheen Extended Day (SHED) started in 1984 with 18 kindergarten-aged students at Shawsheen School. Kid's Club, a program for first through sixth graders, opened in 1991. Needing more space in the

late 1990s, SHED renovated a Phillips Academy building for its kindergarten program and built a new facility for Kid's Club, which opened at 65 Phillips St. in 1998.

For several years, spaces in SHED were so tough to get that Andover parents camped out overnight on the lawn of the Shawsheen School to secure a spot for their child in the popular kindergarten program. Designated dads usually handled middle-of-the-night coffee runs.

TEACHERS: Union VP offers advice on work-to-rule

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almost a year.

In addition to informing students about what parts of lessons will change, Meagher wrote, "if you receive any warnings from administrators, written or verbal, please let a building rep know."

The letter also instructs teachers to "simply lessons, build in 'down time'" during Work-to-Rule. Down time, in this case, is the time used in class to do quiet reading, drafting written responses to questions or responding to questions in the book, all things that wouldn't require a teacher to be "on deck," according to Kerry Costello, AEA president.

"There are times when you need some quiet work in the classroom, and then talk about what you did or read about," said Costello. "You have less time for planning [under Work-to-Rule]. You have to prioritize what you need to do for the lesson that day, what you need to impart on the kids and you have to change your approach."

Meagher said Work-to-Rule is "truly antithetical to everything that Andover teachers do. It isn't who we are." Simplifying lessons and building in extra downtime to allow teachers to do what they would normally do outside of the contractual work day is detrimental to the quality of Andover education, she said, but it is the only way for teachers to complete their work under Work-to-Rule.

Addressing contract issue during class

Costello, AEA president, said it is appropriate for a teacher to make a brief announcement on anything changing in the classroom because of this work action.

"A one-time announcement, for instance, 'Because of Work-to-Rule, I won't be keeping my website up to date,' I think would be fine," said Costello. "I think that's fair to kids to say, 'This isn't happening. I don't have time to do it. This is on my own time, and this is a heads-up.' I don't have a problem with that — saying it once, letting kids know and moving on."

School Committee members have said parents have told them, at least at the high school, that class time



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff Photo

Andover Education Association Vice President Jennifer Meagher speaks to teachers gathered in the foyer of Andover High School on Jan. 3, the first day of Work-to-Rule action.

is being used to discuss work action and how it affects the students. The School Committee says parents should direct concerns to a school's principal, which at Andover High is Tom Sharkey.

"There has been parents who have contacted the principal, and he has addressed those concerns," said Annie Gilbert, School Committee chairwoman. "I'm only aware of some complaints at the high school."

Sharkey couldn't be reached for comment.

Meagher, union vice president, has said there are times when teachers talk about Work-to-Rule in the classroom — when the students ask about it during class time.

"Do kids pepper you with questions? Yes," said Meagher, during a previous interview. "As educators who have relationships with those kids, you feel pulled to give them some information, so I would not be surprised if there are sort of limited conversations here and there based on student inquiries."

But there should not be out-of-the-blue announcements on Work-to-Rule, including anything not provoked by a student's inquiry, said Costello.

"If someone brought it extemporaneously in a classroom, that is inappropriate,"

said Costello, "and the union has made that clear to people."

Gilbert agreed. "I think a brief, age-appropriate response to a student concern is certainly appropriate," said Gilbert. "Expounding at length about contract negotiations during class time is not appropriate."

The memo to high school teachers, dated Dec. 23, was drafted to "get people to gear up for January 3," the day that Work-to-Rule was voted to begin, said Meagher. It wasn't distributed to middle or elementary school teachers, she said, but it was given to members of the union's action team with the possibility of being shared with teachers in the district's lower two levels.

Additional memo topics

The memo outlines a number of other things teachers should be doing.

Every morning, teachers should begin picketing at 7:10 a.m. They shouldn't enter the building prior to 7:10, and they should "make every effort to be on time." During the school day, "do not leave classes unsupervised for any reason. Ask colleagues for help." If a student requests extra help, "decide the day and time you wish to do it, but be clear that the session will only last until

2:30 (give yourself 5 min. to get organized)."

At the end of every day, "please prepare your desk and head to the foyer as quickly as you can." Action teams and building representatives for the AEA "will walk through the building and prod people out the door. This is meant to keep the team together." Once everyone is together, "we will walk out the front doors together, carrying our signs."

The prodding of teachers is necessary, Meagher said, because many teachers are still working when the contractual work day ends.

The letter also advises teachers to "Use the time you are giving yourself in the afternoons to do something that brings you joy." And, "When you feel angry, think of administrators and politicians, not your fellow teachers."

Teachers are advised to reach out to building representatives if they receive any warnings from administrators, or if administrators "question the morality or ethics of work to rule in conversation with you."

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PROPOSAL: Plan aims to eliminate time conflicts

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The sports are looking to do the same."

organization's board of directors hasn't had a chance to go over it.

According to Grygiel, however, leaders from several Andover sports organizations do plan to meet to go over similar plans.

"The presidents of the other sports associations in town are hoping to get together to talk not only about this issue, but also to avoid other sports conflicts as well," said Grygiel. "Clearly, there is an effort. The town is looking to coordinate and make sure there are no sports conflicts.

The sports are looking to do the same."

Election conflicts targeted as well

Larry Murphy, the town's clerk, said he supported the idea. At the meeting, he also offered suggestions for a similar ban on events on election days.

"I'd also like to pitch for doing the same thing on election day — not townwide. I don't think that's necessary," said Murphy. "Parking at the high school and West Middle

School is always a problem on election day, and parking is a problem when we do split the precincts and we have people voting here in the senior center."

Murphy's ideal plan would block extra events beyond regular operations — such as extra-curriculars running outside of the school day — from using facilities near where an election is being held. The ideal time events would be barred from taking place at those locations would be during normal polling hours, which usually run

from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. "We have 13 polling hours, so people can go to their basketball games or practices and still get to the polling places," said Murphy.

There are four elections in Andover this year: Tuesday, March 6, for the presidential primary; Tuesday, March 27, for the town's election; Thursday, Sept. 6, for state primary; and Tuesday, Nov. 6, for the state and presidential election.

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In Brief

PAST & PRESENT



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NOW: The corner of Main Street and Punchard Avenue is still home to shops.

NEW IN BRIEF

Finegold office hours on Jan. 20

State Sen. Barry Finegold and he staff will hold open office hours in the district on Friday, Jan. 20, for residents to stop by with any questions or concerns.

They will be at Andover's Memorial Hall Library, 2 North Main St., from 10 to 11 a.m.

Merrimack River Trail report

The Merrimack Valley Planning Commission and the Essex National Heritage Commission have released the Merrimack River Trail Reconnaissance Planning Report.

The reconnaissance level planning report focuses on re-imaging the existing Merrimack River Trail as one of the region's outstanding recreational assets: a 50-mile long bicycle and pedestrian trail connecting 17 communities along the Merrimack River in Massachusetts. The report was funded by a Recreational Trails Grant from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation. Developed with input from local trail advocates and planners, the report's findings and recommendations support the overarching goal of re-establishing the 20 year-old Merrimack River Trail in the public's consciousness.

Tracing the river's route, the trail will ultimately connect six cities and eleven towns from Tyngsborough to Newbury, effectively creating the backbone of a continuous, non-motorized, on- and off-road trail system.

Merrimack River Trail communities include Andover, Tewksbury, Methuen, Lawrence, North Andover, Haverhill, Groveland, Merrimac, West Newbury, Amesbury, Tyngsborough, Dracut, Chelmsford, Lowell, Newburyport, Salisbury, and Newbury.

To view and download the Merrimack River Trail Reconnaissance Planning Report, visit essexheritage.org/merrimackrivertrail.

Free six-week diabetes workshop

"Diabetes Self-Management," a free six-week workshop, will be held Jan. 24 through Feb. 28 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the Methuen Council on Aging, 77 Lowell St., Methuen.

The workshop is a spin-off of the My Life My Health program, specifically for people with diabetes.

Participants are introduced to tools that improve their ability to manage their diabetes.

For more information or to register, visit healthyliving4me.org or call the Methuen Activity Center at 978-983-8825.

Preschool screening

The Andover Public Schools will conduct 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 about a child's functioning in speech and language ability, fine and gross motor skills and overall cognitive growth.

Screening results help to indicate whether more specific information or evaluation in a particular area of development is needed.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Mary Kay at 978-623-8850.

You should have received town census

The Annual Town Census was mailed to residents on Dec. 29.

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

The town census provides information that supports services in your community according to Kathy McKenna, assistant town clerk.

Meet the Expert seminar Jan. 24

Medical Meet the Expert seminar "Abnormal Uterine Bleeding," with gynecologist Melinda Birdsall, MD, will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 24 from 6 to 7 p.m. at Merrimack Valley Hospital, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill, in the first floor auditorium.

Attendees will learn the definition of abnormal uterine bleeding, how it is diagnosed and treatment options. Light refreshments will be served. One free contact hour for nursing. Registration required. For more information or to register, contact Jean at jean.macdougall-tattan@steward.org or 978-420-1168.

QUOTE, UNQUOTE ...



Over the past five years, food services director Gail Koutroubas has led a revolution in her cafeterias, swapping candy bars for smoothie bars and trading greasy, processed meals for fresh vegetables and whole grains. Gone are powdered potatoes and salty, packaged spices, replaced with real red potatoes and fresh herbs from the school's garden. Even the school vending machines have had a healthy makeover... Andover's successes can be a model for the whole country.

— U.S. Sen. John Kerry, in a letter about the food served in the Andover public school cafeterias, and how it can be an example across the nation. See our special section *Healthy Living*.

Family gifts made to Paul, before he became a candidate, by his parents and his brother consistent with IRS regulations were his money to do with what he chose ... That was our position. [The state] had a different view based solely on the circumstantial evidence of the timing."

— Frank McNamara, attorney for state Rep. Paul Adams, who agreed to pay \$1,000 following a nearly year-long investigation into alleged campaign finance violations. Story, page 5.



Real-estate tax bill can be paid online

The town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2012, which started July 1, 2011 and ends June 30, 2012. Third quarter payment is due Wednesday, Feb. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

Questions about property

valuations and appeal procedures should be directed to the assessor's office at 978-623-8265. Applications for abatements must be received in the Assessors' Office no later than 4:30 p.m., Wednesday Feb. 1.

The Town Offices at 36 Barlett St. are open Monday to

Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Payments can be mailed in the envelope provided or dropped in the white mailbox with a blue Town of Andover seal in front of the offices.

If you have not received a bill, call the tax collectors' office at 978-623-8246 or email to treasurer@andoverma.gov.

It is now possible to pay real estate bills electronically or with a credit card with UniPay Online. Go to the Andover, Mass. website andoverma.gov and click on the e-Services box along the top of the website for instructions.

LGH's Dianne Anderson appointed to state's Quality Committee

The state is changing how health care is paid for in Massachusetts, with the governor pushing to establish ground rules that reward hospitals and doctors that lower cost and improve care for patients.

The administration recently named seven people who will take on this job. Included is Dianne Anderson, president and chief executive officer of Lawrence General Hospital.

The committee was created by the state legislature in 2010 and is expected to meet for the first time

on Jan. 25. Public Health Commissioner John Auerbach and Aron Boros, commissioner of the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy will be co-chairmen.

"This is an important step in the next phase of health care reform in Massachusetts," Health and Human Services Secretary Judy Ann Bigby said in a press release. "By examining the standards by which health care quality will be uniformly measured, we can do a much better job of understanding the value of care we are purchasing."

Town health clinics on Jan. 23, 25

The Andover health department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Jan. 23 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

It will offer senior center clinics

on Wednesday, Jan. 25 from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary.

For more information, call 978-623-8295.

Advice on how kids can become independent thinkers

Ann Helmus, Ph.D will give a Parent to Parent presentation, "Supporting Children and Adolescents With Weak Executive Functioning Skills," at Wood Hill Middle School tonight, Jan. 19 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. (The event has been moved from the originally scheduled Jan. 18.)

According to Parent to Parent people can "learn how to identify and support our children's executive

functioning skills. Executive functioning is a crucial component in our ability to plan, think abstractly, resist temptation, make decisions, and troubleshoot in novel or dangerous situations. Research has shown that by increasing the level of structure and support at home and at school, children with underdeveloped executive functioning can become much more independent and effective at self-regulation.

Dr. Helmus will teach parents how to identify their child's personal and academic strengths."

Helmus is the founder of Neuropsychological & Educational Services for Children and Adolescents, a private pediatric neuropsychology group practice in Newton, Mass. Described as a seasoned presenter and clinician, she works with school professionals and families with children

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Tax deadline extended to April 17

Taxpayers will have until Tuesday, April 17, to file their 2011 tax returns and pay any tax due because April 15 falls on a Sunday, and Emancipation Day, a holiday observed in the District of Columbia, falls this year on Monday, April 16. According to federal law, District of Columbia holidays impact tax deadlines in the same way that federal holidays do.

Taxpayers requesting an extension will have until Oct. 15 to file their 2011 tax returns.

The IRS will begin accepting e-file and Free File returns on Jan. 17, 2012. Additional details about e-file and Free File will be announced later this month.

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By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Back in 1972, Ronnie Abraham could lift the hood of a car and diagnose almost any problem.

Not today. Forty years later, Abraham, the owner of Elm Street Automotive on Lupine Road, can see what looks like a “Christmas light display” when opens the hood of a car, he said.

“My computer talks to the customer’s (car) computer,” Abraham said. “And it could go on and on and on.”

That’s the biggest change he’s seen in his 40 years of business. With computers operating cars these days, he’s kept up with the necessary diagnostic equipment to diagnose problems. But, boy, it’s an expensive challenge.

“These days, you open the hood and you don’t see anything. You see covers and panels,” he said. “My computer talks to your computer and it’s more of a challenge to figure things out...and, components and parts are so expensive.”

Even towing has changed in 40 years. Elm Street is frequently called by the Andover police to tow vehicles. It used to take a truck with a chain and hook to tow.

“Now, with All Wheel Drive, you need a flat bed (truck) to tow,” he said.

This Lawrence High School graduate brings an engineering degree to solving car problems. He graduated from Lowell Technical (now the University of Massachusetts Lowell), working his way through college with jobs at service stations.



Ronnie Abraham, owner of Elm Street Automotive Center, holds balloons and a picture of the original station on Elm Street. He is celebrating his 40th year owning the business.

He’s always loved cars, so when the chance came to leave an engineering career and buy Elm Street Automotive in Andover, he took the plunge.

The business was formerly located on Elm Street, next to Andover Spa. Settles Glass would later move to that location, and Century Bank is now planning to move there.

Elm Street Automotive moved to a larger space on Lupine Road in 1986 and loyal customers followed.

“I have lots of older customers and that’s great. Now, I’m seeing the next generation,” said Abraham, who has lived in Andover for years, is a father of two children and enjoys time on his boat when not working on a car.

Many customers dropped by last weekend with good

wishes for a happy anniversary. Of course, Abraham’s two dogs were there to also say hello.

His Rottweiler, Bentley, and Daschound, Spike, have been fixtures for years at this full repair auto business.

His wife, Cyndi, helped with the refreshments while her husband reflected on how speedy the 40 years have gone by.

“There have been a lot of good memories,” said this car buff, who has so many restored classic and antique cars, he’s not sure of his grand total.

A ‘65 Mustang, ‘57 Chevy and a Jeep that could have been on the TV show MASH are among his favorites, but it’s tough for him to pick just one.

“They are all restored and

I’ve bought so many,” he said. “Like I said, I really like cars.”

In fact, classic car lovers in town know that Elm Street Automotive is the best place to hang out and talk cars.

“A lot of police, fire and town hall workers have classic cars,” Abraham said. “They come here to talk about restoring or upcoming car shows. I like that.”

With no plans to retire, Abraham will keep talking about and fixing vehicles.

“I’ve had some parking and zoning issues with the town over the years. But, everything always works out,” he said. “In general, I just really enjoy my customers...retiring has got to be in your brain and in your heart. And, for me, it’s not there.”

For this duo, business is where the family is

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Some people dread their in-laws. But for Anne and Johanna Webster, there is nobody they’d rather work with.

The mother and daughter-in-law combination have worked together in home sales for the last 13 years. They bought a house to move their real-estate business into, and re-branded it to make it feel just like home.

Located at 75 Essex St., the ERA Home & Family Real Estate office — previously ERA The Webster Group, on Stevens Street — has weathered the turbulent real estate market of the last few years.

“I don’t know if I could work with my mother,” said Anne Webster, broker manager at the firm and wife of David Webster, Johanna’s son. “I think there’s a level of respect you can have for in-laws, and there are problems that you can have. That’s par for the course.”

The two started working together in March 1999. David and Anne were active duty officers in the U.S. Army, and they felt it was time for a change.

“We came to his hometown and he said, ‘I have a great job for you. Go work with my mother in the real estate office,’” said Anne Webster.



Anne Webster and her mother-in-law Johanna Webster at their home-like real estate office on Essex Street. The two have worked together at ERA Home and Family Real Estate, previously located elsewhere in town under the name ERA The Webster Group, for 13 years.

“We really didn’t know each other. David and I never lived in the area. We had probably met...”

Anne paused, looking back at Johanna.

“You could count on two hands,” the daughter-in-law finished.

During his time in the Army, “my son was writing letters home to me,” said Johanna Webster, broker owner of ERA Home & Family. “And what he wrote about was Ann.”

With Johanna’s husband Richard already doing the business’s bookkeeping, she hired Ann in what Anne called “a leap of faith.” The two hit it off from the beginning, both coming from family-oriented homes, and started forming a strong relationship.

The last half-decade has been a hard time for the housing market. Home sales are low, property values have tanked and foreclosures are on the rise. Through all the adversity, the in-law duo has “held our own,” said Johanna.

Part of their success stems from treating their clients, and even their competition, like family, they say. The pair is known by other Andover realtors as hosts of cookouts and gatherings with a family-friendly atmosphere. The events help bring the competing firms together.

“It’s a tough world out there,

and you have to deal with it every day,” said Johanna Webster. “People need to help one another. We’re in a situation, right now, where we need one another.”

To make working with family so successful, future business relationships should identify whether the working relationship will work early on, according to Anne Webster.

“If you can respect each other, that makes it easier down the road,” she said. “You have to really dig down deep and say, ‘What are we doing here?’ If your roads are not converging, it will not work.”

Another part of the secret, she said, is having fun.

“People need to have fun. They really do,” said Johanna Webster. “They need to have fun, have to feel comfortable. Now that doesn’t mean playing games all day. You have to enjoy what you do.”

■ POLICE LOG

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

The following items were taken from Andover police logs for Tuesday, Jan. 10 through Monday, Jan. 16:

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11 — At 11:46 a.m., Paul Madeiros, 37, of 45 Lightguard Drive, Medford, was arrested on Elm Street and charged on a warrant for larceny over \$250. The arrest was coordinated by the Middlesex County Sheriff’s Office Warrant Apprehension Unit, and handled by Andover police as a courtesy booking.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — At 2:30 a.m., Anwar Jacobs, 34, of 14101 South Raymond Ave., Gardena, Calif., was arrested on Brundrett Avenue and charged with unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle.

At 10:15 a.m., Vasile Bucuman-Coman, 53, of 217 Salem St., Andover, was arrested at his home and charged on a warrant for assault and battery on a household member.

Friday, Jan. 13 — At 10:33 p.m., Robert Winfield, 61, of 17 Red Spring Road, Andover, was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on a household member.

BREAKS

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — At 2:19 a.m., police were called out to Sparta Way on reports of a house break after one of the home’s owners “heard noises downstairs in her house and a door slam.” A wallet, as well as two gold rings, were reported stolen from the home, and a car belonging to the home owners was also searched through.

Monday, Jan. 16 — At 4:28 p.m., a house break was reported on Haggetts Pond Road. The break was believed to have happened between noon and 1 p.m.

THEFTS

Thursday, Jan. 12 — At 2:10 p.m., a case of theft involving stolen checks was reported on Topping Road.

Monday, Jan. 16 — At 6:59 a.m., a case of theft was reported at a construction company on North Main Street.

CAR CRIME

Wednesday, Jan. 11 — At 6:08 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Memorial Circle.

Friday, Jan. 13 — At 7:47 a.m., a motor vehicle theft was reported on Bullfinch Drive.

Saturday, Jan. 14 — At 7:05 p.m. and 8:55 p.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on River Road.

Monday, Jan. 16 — At 1:43 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Germano Way.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 11 — At 12:43 p.m., a case of credit card fraud was reported on Chestnut Court.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — At 8:38 a.m., a traffic control officer was struck by a car in Elm Square. No injuries were reported.

At 11:26 a.m., vandalism by egging was reported at a home on Enmore Street.

At 1:33 p.m., a case of fraud was reported at a restaurant on Park Street, involving an employee “fraudulently filling out credit receipts for tips.”

At 1:41 p.m., a case of vandalism, involving “someone spray-painting rocks in her

yard and damaging her mail box” was reported on Rattlesnake Hill Road.

Friday, Jan. 13 — At 9:46 a.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Topping Road.

At 11:02 a.m., a past assault was reported in the area of Interstate 93 and Route 133.

At 2:06 p.m., a driver on River Road was issued a criminal complaint for possessing an altered inspection sticker.

At 4:47 p.m., a case of identity fraud was reported on Tewksbury Street.

Saturday, Jan. 14 — Starting at 7:31 and continuing until 9:23 a.m., 15 cases of vandalism to a mailbox were reported on High Plain and Greenwood roads. Many of the cases were reported by a single officer answering a vandalism call on Greenwood who observed vandalism at mailboxes on a number of mailboxes.

Sunday, Jan. 15 — At 6:06 p.m., police were called to a gas station on River Road, where an employee reported that a man driving a car with tinted windows “asked if he could stay in the parking lot and play around with the girl that was in the car with him.” The vehicle left the area, and police weren’t able to locate it after a thorough search of the area.

Monday, Jan. 16 — At 9:04 a.m., a case of vandalism involving a rock thrown through a window was reported at a residence on West Parish Drive.

At 2:07 p.m., a case of vandalism by egging to a motor vehicle was reported on Enmore Street.

At 6:59 p.m., a caller on Osgood Street reported “his wife hit an animal” and that she “is not sure what it is.” Police reported that the animal in question is a opossum.

ACCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 10 — At 4:11 p.m., a hit-and-run accident involving no injuries was reported on Central Street. Close to three hours later, at 7:13 p.m., a similar incident was reported on Salem Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 11 — At 10:31 a.m., a hit-and-run accident involving property damage and no injuries was reported on Brookside Drive.

At 2:47 p.m., a hit-and-run accident with no injuries was reported on Main Street.

Thursday, Jan. 12 — At 6:54 a.m., a crash with no injuries was reported on North Main Street. Two cars involved in the incident had to be towed.

At 3:10 p.m., a one-car crash involving a vehicle into a telephone pole was reported on Harold Parker Road. The vehicle was towed.

Saturday, Jan. 14 — At 5:10 p.m., a hit-and-run accident with no injuries was reported on North Main Street.

Sunday, Jan. 15 — At 6:48 a.m., a hit-and-run accident involving a car hitting a pole was reported on South Main Street by an officer who found the damage, which included a pole leaning into the roadway and “debris by the pole that is from a gray Volkswagen.”

Monday, Jan. 16 — At 7:51 a.m., police were called to Dascomb Road on reports of a truck that took down utility lines, causing a traffic backup.

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previous student liaison who attended committee meetings as an Andover High senior when Gilbert and Birnbach were elected in 2009.

Additionally, Chandler Road resident Larry Bruce is considering a campaign against incumbent Moderator Sheila Doherty. This would mark the first time Doherty has faced a challenger in her seat since 2007, when she was elected moderator on the heels of her father, 29-year moderator and the late James Doherty.

Cherrywood Circle resident Bob Pokress has pulled papers for both the School Committee and Board of Selectmen; and Bruce has pulled papers for both moderator and selectman. Neither resident had submitted signed papers for certification, as of Tuesday afternoon.

This year's election will determine who sits in the following spots on town boards:

SELECTMEN: Two three-year seats, currently held by Brian Major and Ted Teichert;

SCHOOL COMMITTEE: Two three-year seats, currently held by Annie Gilbert and David Birnbach;

MODERATOR: One one-year seat, currently held by Sheila Doherty;

GREATER LAWRENCE TECH SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE: One seat, currently held by Marilyn Fitzgerald; and

TRUSTEES OF PUNCHARD FREE SCHOOL: One one-year seat, two two-year seats and two three-year seats, all held by current members who were simultaneously elected three years ago.

School Committee

In addition to Pokress, incumbents Gilbert and Birnbach have both pulled nomination papers to be on the School Committee, but neither have returned them for certification as of Tuesday afternoon.

A junior at Boston College, where he is studying political science, Macheras said he brings a fresh, college-focused perspective to the race.

"I can bring a lot of my college experience back to Andover to say, 'Hey, this is what it's like in college. Are we preparing students for it effectively?'" said Macheras, who turns 22 later on Jan. 26. "For most of my life, the differences I wanted to make were very small, because I was too young or didn't have enough authority. Now I have enough experience, and I feel I can make a difference in something that matters to me."

Macheras said the ongoing conflict between the School Committee and Andover Education Association over contract issues has partially spurred him into action.

"I think it has pushed me to run," said Macheras. "I feel as though now is a perfect time for someone with a different perspective to step in, someone who's younger, with new ideas."

Gilbert said she's looking forward to the challenge.

"It's always a good thing when there's a contest," said Gilbert. "It forces everybody to articulate why they're running and to really think through the issues and be pushed on the issues."

Bob Pokress couldn't be reached for comment.

Board of Selectmen

Three men are competing for two open selectmen's seats, including incumbent Brian Major, current chairman. Major has pulled and returned papers, which have been certified, according to Town Clerk Larry Murphy.

Ted Teichert, a selectman since 2000, announced recently that he will not be



Larry Bruce, left, and Bob Pokress each have taken out papers to run for two town offices.

running for re-election.

Larry Bruce and resident Bob Pokress of Cherrywood Circle have also pulled nomination papers. Both men have also pulled nomination papers for two other positions on the ballot, according to Murphy.

"I'm still deciding which position I wish to run for (selectman or moderator)," said Bruce. "It's a tough decision. We need change in both areas."

Moderator

After 29 years with her father running Town Meeting, Sheila Doherty took office in March 2007, after defeating four other challengers for the position. She received 1,984 votes, nearly 1,000 more than second-place finisher Eric Nadworny, who earned 987.

This year, for the first time since then, she may run opposed again.

"I would welcome any and all challenges," said Doherty. "It's an open election. It's an open position. Anyone who wants to run for it, it's their prerogative."

Part of Bruce's reason for running would be to ensure that the position has a challenger.

"Every position in this town should be challenged. It's healthy for our town government to have candidates for all positions," said Bruce.

Doherty has drawn some negative criticism for her decision to allow last December's Special Town Meeting to go forward, after an unexpected number of residents filled the venue and spilled over into the high school's cafeteria, causing the meeting to start an hour late. When asked how he felt about the decision to hold the meeting and not reschedule, Bruce defended Doherty's decision.

"I don't think she had much of a choice," said Bruce. "The meeting was properly petitioned for in accordance with our bylaws. Folks came to vote and they voted. I don't think she should have called it off or tried to reschedule it."

Trustees of Punchard Free School

While the town previously elected five members to the board every three years, all in one election, the Trustees of Punchard Free School will be staggered over a three-year period beginning this year.

Three of the committee's five incumbents intend to run for office, while second-hand knowledge indicates that incumbents Donna Ellsworth and Deborah Moskal will not be running this year, according to Murphy.

Incumbents Earl Efinger and Eric Stubenhaus have pulled papers to run for the two three-year positions on the board. Incumbent John Atchinson has pulled nomination paper's for the board's one-year seat.

Residents Donald Schroeder and Jim Sutton, who was previously director of the Memorial Hall Library, have pulled nomination papers for the two-year seats.

The Trustees of Punchard Free School works with pastors at South Church, Christ Church and West Parish Church to distribute money from an 1850 donation of \$50,000 to fund special projects and prizes at the high school, according to the town website.

Adams, family pay campaign fines

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

State Rep. Paul Adams has agreed to pay \$1,000 and family members will pay a total of \$3,000 more, following a year-long investigation into alleged campaign finance violations by his campaign.

In a Jan. 13 disposition between Adams and the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), Adams has also agreed to forgive a \$45,000 debt owed to Adams by his campaign after he made four loans to his campaign between March 23 and Oct. 15, 2010 all totaling \$45,000.

As required by the disposition, Adams has paid a \$1,000 fine, as have his parents. His brother, Ammon Adams, paid a \$2,000 fine.

In a statement to his constituents, Adams wrote he was pleased the situation was resolved through a disposition agreement, calling it "the most benign level of resolution. This agreement enabled us to make a nominal civil payment, allowing both sides, in the interests of practicality and economy, to move on."

Frank McNamara, an attorney who represented Adams and was asked to speak on his behalf, said the situation is "a complicated technical statute" that focused on how gifts from family members can be used by the person receiving them.

"Family gifts made to Paul, before he became a candidate, by his parents and his brother consistent with IRS regulations were his money to do with what he chose," said McNamara. "That was our position. OCPF had a different view based solely on the circumstantial evidence of the timing."

Following the money

Campaign finance law requires that financial contributions to a campaign be



File photo

State Rep. Paul Adams of the 17th Essex District, left, shown on election night in 2010 with his father Steven, mother Lynette, and a brother, Anson.

capped at \$500.

According to IRS tax code, any person can give any other individual a tax-free gift of up to \$13,000 per year, according to the disposition.

Leading up to March 9, 2010, Adams was gifted a combined total of \$20,000 from both of his parents and \$13,000 from his brother. After his election committee was formed on March 22, Adams received an additional \$6,000 from both of his parents, bringing the total received from each parent to be \$13,000.

Beginning March 23, Adams made four loans to his campaign totaling \$45,000, which included \$10,000 of the money he received from his family, he told the OCPF. The remaining \$40,000 that Adams contributed to his campaign — which included a \$5,000 contribution on August 27, 2010 — was all money that he had in his personal funds, according to the disposition.

The heart of the issue lies in whether the \$10,000 he used from his family's gifts violated campaign finance law. Because of the timing of the checks from Adams' family and the beginning of his campaign, as well as the fact that Adams identified the money

only as loans from himself in finance reports, the OCPF determined that he violated two state laws: one requiring accurate disclosure on campaign finance reports, and another prohibiting the making of a contribution in a manner that disguises the true source of the contribution.

"This is a case of where does the cat end, and where does the fur begin. What if the gifts were made a month earlier? Would they be contributions?" said McNamara. "We could litigate this for eight months and test the constitutionality. ... It reached a point of diminishing returns."

John Walsh, chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, said he was satisfied with the outcome, particularly considering that Adams will not be able to recover the \$45,000 he loaned to his campaign.

"It's \$46,000, plus the \$2,000 that his brother had to pay and the \$1,000 that his parents had to pay. It's \$49,000 in economic impact," said Walsh. "It's a very serious violation and some very serious punishments, which is appropriate."

McNamara doesn't see it that way, however.

"These personal loans to campaigns rarely get paid off," said McNamara. "You and I know that people don't like to contribute to campaigns to pay off debt to a candidate. This is a very benign resolution."

\$45k in loans — a game changer?

Adams won the 2010 election against Democratic candidate Pat Commane with 54 percent of the vote — 7,916 votes to 6,656, a difference of 1,260. Walsh questioned whether that may have been the case if Adams hadn't loaned his campaign so much money.

It's a question that Commane said is impossible to answer.

"We'll never know that," said Commane. "I ran what I thought was a good, fair campaign, and the voters chose. It's impossible to say if the outcome would have been any different."

When asked how she felt about the outcome, Commane said all candidates "do appreciate playing on a level playing field." "It is what it is," said Commane. "I don't have any regrets."

Town clerk releases Magee death certificates

Death certificates that document the murders of John and Geraldine Magee, who were killed in their Orchard Crossing home in December, have been opened to the public.

Responding to a Freedom of Information Act request from the Townsman, District Attorney Spokesman Steve O'Connell said the documents are being released by District Attorney Jonathan Blodgett because he believes releasing the details will not interfere with the ongoing investigation into the Magees' murders.

Copies currently on file at the town clerk's office can't be copied because of two technical errors — one omitting the house number the murders took place at, and the other omitting the time the report was made, according to the town clerk. The state's medical examiner is issuing new certificates to correct the errors, according to Town Clerk Larry Murphy.

The documents show Geraldine Magee was killed by a single gunshot to the

head, while John Magee was killed by shots to the neck and chest from one or

possibly more assailants over a period of seconds.

- Dustin Luca



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WARRANT CLOSES NEXT FRIDAY
Time is running out for residents to submit an issue or project they want debated at Annual Town Meeting. So far, only one article has been submitted for the meeting, which will be held starting April 30 at the Andover High School field house. The warrant closes on Friday, Jan. 27.
Articles that are expected include two projects to build a new Town Yard and Ballardvale Fire Station.
Residents hoping to get on the warrant with a private article must gather at least 10 signatures of Andover residents who are registered to vote.
For more information, visit the town clerk's office at the Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St., or call 978-623-8255.

Education

Teen students: Find summer and gap-year opportunities at PA fair

High school and middle school students can get a jump on their summer plans by attending Phillips Academy's 22nd annual Summer Opportunities Fair on Sunday, Jan. 22. The event, to be held in the Smith Center on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover, is open to the general public from noon until 3 p.m.

This year's fair also will provide an increased emphasis on opportunities for a "gap year," which is a year high school graduates can use to pursue other experiences before going off to college. A gap-

year information session, featuring speaker Jane Sarouhan, will be offered from noon to 12:30 p.m.

Admission to both the fair and the information session is free.

The fair gives students and their families a chance to meet with representatives from more than 90 local, national and international summer programs, as well as gap-year programs. Among the programs that will be represented at the fair are those that focus on academic enrichment, outdoor adventure, international homestay, travel, internships, community service,

campus, arts and sports for middle and high school students.

One PA student who took advantage of a summer opportunity last year was Rashana Shabazz '13, who spent a month working in Shanghai through an internship program sponsored by Zoma Worldwide.

"The program is very different from (others) because you live in an apartment with other students instead of with a host family, and you go to work every day from 9-4 instead of just attending classes," said Shabazz in a release. "You feel as if you are living independently

abroad because you eat your own lunch with colleagues, buy your own groceries, do your own laundry, and get to experience what it truly feels like to live and work in China."

Participants in her program could also attend seminars by executives from major corporations, take field trips to various cultural sites in China, and meet with students from Fudan University. "Working in Shanghai, China is an amazing opportunity to have while still in high school and I fully enjoyed it," said Shabazz. "I'm really happy

that I spent my time abroad working and recommend it for anyone interested in business culture and/or Chinese culture."

The Smith Center is located off Route 28 near the intersection of Salem Street on the Phillips Academy campus. The event is sponsored by the Phillips Academy Summer Opportunities Office and the Parents of Students of Phillips Academy.

For more information, call the Summer Opportunities Office at 978-749-4480 or visit andover.edu/summerops/fair.

Time for political 'peace talks'

Ken Seifert



There are those who claim we have never had a major battle fought on our soil. This is not quite accurate. Our history has been filled with a series of confrontations from our European beginning to this very day. Here are just a few.

The white man from Europe fought with the Indians. The colonists fought with the Brits. The Brits fought with the French. In 1812 we finished our serious differences with the Brits. In 1846 it was time to fight the Mexicans. From 1861-1865 it was not a very civil time in our country. We fought brother against brother.

Then there was family against family: the Hatfields against the McCoys, 1878-1891, Kentucky and West Virginia. It was a classic example of bitter feuding rival parties.

My Dad used to say, I find it interesting that the majority of battles eventually wind up at the peace table. After both sides tear each other apart, lose life and drain resources, they get tired and see the futility of their efforts. They make peace whether they like to or not. He was always an advocate for moving to the peace table as quickly as possible. It is the innocent people who suffer during the conflict. Warriors have a tendency to fight. Politicians usually have little to lose. Dad was an astute observer of history.

For the last 15 years or so the Hatfield and McCoy families have been waging a significant battle in our nation's capital. They are called Democrats and Republicans. It seems their motives, like the families before them, are honor, justice and vengeance for and against each party. They are locked in mortal combat. They are like two moose whose racks are intertwined and they will fight to the death or starve, whichever comes first.

At least 85 percent of the American citizens have concerns over the seemingly senseless struggle in the name of what is good for all of us. The McCoy family candidates speak openly of their primary objective: get rid of the guy who is in the White House. What a high and lofty goal! They say their motive is to then lead us to the Promised Land. The lead son says, "We need to recapture the soul of the American people." Who does he think he is, God? The Hatfield family is

no better. They have their well crafted plan for self perpetuation.

While this family feud has been progressing, the rest of the world shakes its head and wonders what has happened to America.

To add insult to industry, the TV networks have their own agenda: keep the pot boiling! The day after the 2008 election they began to focus on the election of 2012, a very smart business move.

The longer they keep the parties fighting with each other, the more money the combatants will spend on ads. Literally millions of dollars have been consumed.

Why we could pay off a considerable portion of our national debt with such funds. Four years of the easiest cash cow known to the business world. I bet the networks' financial projections for 2012-2016 is an estimated 10-percent increase over the present political show. All of this money is spent just to tell why the bums on the other side are not deserving of the biggest "Political Plum" known to man. Unfortunately there is little else to see that is real news unless you watch C-Span or the BBC.

This has one advantage, I am reading more books.

I guess I am suffering from PCF, Political Campaign Fatigue. It may be my age. For the life of me I can't believe the average American truly enjoys the constant bombardment of character assassination, sweeping trite slogans that mean absolutely nothing and few suggestions for a path to survival of our country.

After the election of 2012 the first order of business should be a meeting at the peace table. Time is running out on the greatest social experiment the world has ever seen. I truly hope on that day the leaders have the vision, courage and the good sense to realize we are helpless and they are our only hope. It would be tragic if we said, we will now have to wait until 2016 for new hope for the future. Yes, even the most hostile families in 1891 broke bread in a display of brotherhood.

As a postscript: At the beginning of every session of Congress, our representatives in both houses should recite a national policy that goes something like this:

Do unto others as we would have them do unto us

If there be Peace on Earth let it begin with us

If there be war on Earth let it not begin with us

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

Praise for Connected Classrooms



COURTESY PHOTOS

Showing their creative side in Julie Selvitella's art class, Izzy Darfoor and Alison Richmond work together as part of the new Excel program at West Middle School.



Ian Angles and Emily Doherty



Ally Hoerl and Adam Wright

Excel program flourishing at West Middle School

Members of the West Middle School community are praising a new program they believe is a sign the staff "have been thinking outside the box and creating new ways to meet the needs of the diverse learners who attend the school," according to parent Kristen Hunt.

One such example, she reports, is the Connected Classrooms model, which is in its second year. West Middle School host the Excel Program, a specialized program for Andover students who receive instruction in academics, social skills, and life skills.

There are currently seven students enrolled in the program, with more than 90 additional students from West Middle School working cooperatively with the Excel students as peer mentors and models. Peer mentors must apply for

this leadership position and receive training on how to best support the Excel students' independent learning goals. All students involved in the Connected Classes program learn about cooperation, conflict resolution, communication and specific curriculum.

Connected Classes are co-taught by an Excel teacher and a content area teacher. These Connected Classes include art, music, engineering, health, science, social studies, math and physical education.

"Students, parents, teachers and administrators have all commented on the growth of all students involved," according to a release from Hunt. "West Middle School is truly a wonderful place for students to make connections that extend beyond the school day and throughout the community."

Phillips Academy seniors perform concertos Saturday

The Phillips Academy Music Department will present senior students performing in four concertos with piano accompaniment this Saturday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel.

The program will feature seniors playing movements from various concerti: David Ding performing Grieg's Piano Concerto; Jina Lee performing Lalo's Cello Concerto; Hannah Lee performing Vaughan-

Williams Suite for Viola and Orchestra, and Marga Kempner performing Saint-Saëns Violin Concerto No. 3. Cochran Chapel is handicapped accessible and on Chapel Avenue, off South

Main Street. This concert is free and open to the public.

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

ON CAMPUS

Alice Grant, daughter of Martha and Christopher Grant Jr., was named to the Hamilton College dean's list for the 2011 fall semester. A student must achieve a grade point average of 90 or above during the term to be placed on the Dean's List. Grant, a sophomore, is a graduate of

Brooks School. **David Hathaway**, son of Janet and Stephen Hathaway, was named to the Furman University dean's list for the fall semester. The dean's list is composed of full-time undergraduate students who earn a grade point average of 3.4 or

higher on a four-point system.

The following students were named to the Bucknell University dean's list for the fall 2011-12 semester: **Abigail Cook**, daughter of Douglas and Amy Cook, 2009 graduate of Andover High School; **Devin Geary**, daughter

of Joseph and Ann Geary, 2008 graduate of Andover High School; and **Julie Ingram**, daughter of Jeffrey and Jane Ingram, 2009 graduate of Phillips Academy. A student must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a scale of 4.0 to receive dean's list recognition.

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New age-group division for Girls Softball League

Senior Division will play against No. Andover, Lawrence

The Andover Girls Softball League has made what it is describing as exciting improvements to its spring program, including the addition of another age-group division.

Registration for spring softball is open now through the end of February.

Based on expected registration volume as well as thoughtful feedback from players, parents and coaches over the last couple of seasons, the spring softball league for 2012 will have three age group divisions - as opposed to only two divisions during the past few years.

“This allows for less age group disparity as well as better player development opportunities.”

Jay Lyons, Andover Girls Softball League board member

The Sophomore Division will include girls in grades 3 and 4, the Junior Division will include girls in grades 5 and 6 and the Senior Division will include girls in grades 7 and 8.

“We feel strongly that this change in structure is extremely positive and allows for less age group disparity as well as better player development opportunities. Our ultimate goal for all players is to help them develop and improve skills while having a fun and enjoyable athletic experience... we think this hits the mark,” said Jay Lyons, AGSL board member.

Seventh and eighth grade girls in the new Senior Division will be able to play within a newly formed league

against in-town teams from North Andover and Lawrence. It is expected that this new league could have anywhere from nine to 12 teams (three or four from each town), with each team having the opportunity to not only continue to play teams from their town but also expanding to play teams from neighboring towns with similar philosophies. Most games will still be played on the fields at Andover High School while about once every other week a game will be played in North Andover or Lawrence.

All three divisions will start practice in mid to late April, start games in early May and finish with a family-oriented tournament/round robin just before the schools let out for the summer.

To find out more about Andover Girls Softball League visit sportsmanager.us/AndoverGirlsSoftball.htm. Organizers ask people to register as soon as possible, at least by the end of February, so Andover Girls Softball League can finalize details for the upcoming spring season.

“AGSL always welcomes new players, regardless of their experience level, and will continue to offer clinics and training programs to help players develop and improve their skills,” according to a release.



TIM JEAN/Staff photo

Matt McIver looks to slide the pick past North Andover goalie Joey Daccord on Monday. After battling injuries and struggles for two years, McIver is having a breakout season this year, including two goals against North Andover.

Sudden star

Just 5-foot-4, McIver goes from grinder to red-hot scorer

BY DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

In his own words, Matt McIver's only career goal in his first three high school seasons was pure luck.

“It was a fluke,” he said with a laugh. “I was going in on a 2-on-1. Luke Walker sent me a pass, I got taken down into the goalie and the puck just kind of slid into the goal. I was lucky.”

But this season, McIver's stellar stats have been far from a fluke.

Entering the season with just one career goal, the senior forward has burst onto the scene with a team-high nine goals through nine games.

That at just 5-foot-4 and 155 pounds.

“Matt is tough mentally and physically,” said linemate and friend Liam Centrella. “Playing with him in the fall I definitely had a feeling he could do something special. But this is kind of a shock.”

McIver's early high school

career was plagued by far more bad luck than goals.

He made the varsity team as a sophomore, but his season soon came to an end when he suffered a severely sprained ankle. He then spent the offseason rehabbing his ankle, only to suffer another severe sprain as a junior.

McIver, who had no previous ankle injuries, was forced him to sit out six weeks each time.

“It was awful,” he said. “It was just really bad luck. My ankle just twisted in my (skate) boot, which is really uncommon because the boot is supposed to support your ankle.”

After two disappointing seasons, McIver began to doubt if his career would improve.

“I thought I was just going to be a mucker for my whole high school career,” he said. “I went without a goal the first four games of this season, and I thought it was just going to be more of the same.”

But, prior to Andover's New Years Eve matchup with Austin Prep, McIver received words of wisdom from his father.

“My dad looked at me before the game and said, ‘You're a finesse player. Start putting the puck in the net!’” he remembered.

McIver took his father's motivational words and ran with them.

That day, McIver tallied a hat trick against Austin Prep, and has been on fire ever since.

Through Monday, he had scored at least one goal in five consecutive games including a two-goal performance in a tie with North Andover. He also had two assists in a tie with Westford Academy.

“He is really stepping up and finishing the plays,” said Centrella, who McIver credits with setting up many of his goals. “We needed him. We joke about it a lot, how I set him up and he sets me up. He has put up some great numbers.

After what he's done in lacrosse we knew he had a feel for the net.”

Last season, McIver earned All-MVC honors in lacrosse after scoring a team-high 37 goals.

With his impressive scoring touch, first-year Andover hockey coach Mike Ciarletta was surprised to hear how few goals he had scored prior to this year.

“Matt doesn't quit,” said Ciarletta. “He logs a lot of minutes and he really battle. We need him to keep going if we can continue to improve.”

And if there was any question if McIver ever backed away from a confrontation due to his lack of size, that was answered when he stood chest to chest with a North Andover opponent, who stood over six feet tall, that shoved him at the end of Monday's contest.

“I don't care how big a player is,” he said. “There's no way I'm backing down.”

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL

Jan. 24..... at Billerica 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 21..... Bishop Ford Central..... TBA
Jan. 24..... Lawrence 7 p.m.
Jan. 26..... Billerica 7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Jan. 21..... Central Catholic 7:10 p.m.
Jan. 25..... at Billerica 8 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Jan. 23..... at Boston Latin 5:15 p.m.
Jan. 25..... at Waltham 7 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Jan. 21..... at MSTCA Relays 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 25..... Lowell 4 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Jan. 21..... at MSTCA Relays 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 25..... Lowell 4 p.m.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 24..... at Salem (N.H.) 7 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 23..... Tewksbury..... 7:30 p.m.

BOYS SKIING

Jan. 19..... Haverhill 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 24..... Manchester Essex 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 26..... Masconomet..... 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SKIING

Jan. 23..... Haverhill 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 25..... Masconomet..... 3:30 p.m.

What's Up

AYS lacrosse session under way for grades 1-9

The Andover Youth Services Winter Lacrosse Session started on Jan. 8 but it's not too late to sign up.

If you want to play in the spring or would like to learn the skills of lacrosse, this session at the Andover High School field house is for you, according to AYS.

The session is open to all boys and girls in first through ninth grades. Register at the field house. Girls session runs from noon to 2 p.m. and the boys session runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

Focus will be on skill development, passing, catching, cradling, dodging, and stick

work. Game management and specific defensive and offensive schemes will be covered. Each participant will bring their lax game to the next level with innovative drills, game situations, stations and fun.

The remaining dates for the session are Jan. 22, Jan. 29, Feb. 6 and Feb. 12.

Please bring the proper equipment. For boys, that means a stick, mouthpiece, helmet, gloves, shoulder and elbow pads. For girls it is a stick, mouthpiece and goggles.

For more info visit andoveryouthservices.com.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Freshman Courtney Carver scored an eye-popping 9.7 in the floor exercise, helping Andover beat Lowell 139-132 on Monday. Jessie Livingston posted victories in the vault, bars, beam and all-around for the winners.

Jessie Livingston won the vault (9.15), bars (9.05), beam (9.2) and all-around (36.4) as Andover topped Newton South 136.6-132.1 last Tuesday. Courtney Carver added second-place finishes in the floor and all-around and was third in the beam and vault.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Brian Manning continued to dominate, winning the vault (9.4), parallel bars (8.0), high bar (8.10), floor (8.8), rings (8.0) and all-around (48.3) as Andover defeated Attleboro 153.1-128.0 last Thursday. Cody Flaherty added a victory in the pommel horse.

Brian Manning swept every event to lead Andover to a 156.2-128.6 victory over Salem (N.H.) last Tuesday. Cody Flaherty added second-place finishes in all but the floor exercise, also finishing second in the all-around.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Biles back with a bang

After a shoulder injury cost her the soccer season and the first eight games of basketball, Olivia Biles returned to score 14 points including a pair of 3-pointers to lead Andover to a 59-38 victory over Notre Dame last Wednesday. Nicole Boudreau added a game-high 19 points for the winners.

Ally Fazio scored a team-high 15 points, helping Andover blast Lowell 61-36 on Friday. Jackie Alois added 12 points for the Golden Warriors, who had fallen to the Red Raiders three times in the state tourney in four years (2006-07, 09).

BOYS HOCKEY

Wakefield scores late

Kyle Wakefield grabbed a loose puck and scored with 1:52 left in the game to give Andover a 4-4 tie with North Andover on Monday. Wakefield and Matt McIver each scored twice for the Golden Warriors, with Liam Centrella adding two assists.



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

Jenny Coneeny, here performing a vault, and both the girls and boys gymnastics teams are off to fast starts.

Matt McIver and Scott Campbell each scored a goal but Andover fell to Westford Academy 3-2 last Wednesday. Nate Spellacy added an assist for the Golden Warriors.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Panneton leads the way

Mikayla Panneton scored two goals to help Andover best Concord-Carlisle 4-2 on Monday. Meagan Keefe added a goal and an assist and Meaghan Leary chipped in with a goal for the winners.

Meghan Johnson needed to make just nine saves for her first career victory as Andover rolled over Newton South 7-0 last Wednesday. Melissa Newton, Mikayla Panneton, Weezie Gross, Caroline Hughes, Laura Morissette, Joanna Olson and Emily Appleton each scored one goal for the winners.

Emily Appleton scored a goal, but Andover lost to Arlington Catholic 6-1 on Saturday.

BOYS TRACK

Warriors win big

Nick Gentile won the 50 hurdles (6.7) and Ryan Cooney won the mile (4:52.2) as Andover defeated Chelmsford 50-36 on Monday.

Pat O'Sullivan won the 600 (1:20.9) and ran on the winning 4x400 relay as

Andover topped North Andover 51-35 last Wednesday. Nick Gentile took the 50 hurdles, Charlie Schleifer took the 1,000 and Cam Farnham won the dash for the Warriors.

GIRLS TRACK

Mullins, Andover surge to wins

Maggie Mullins won the mile in 5:20.3 to help Andover remain unbeaten, topping North Andover 46.75-39.25 last Wednesday. Michela Soucey took the dash, Courtney Comeau won the 50 hurdles and Meaghan McPhee took the 2-mile for the winners.

Alex Puccia won the 3300 (45.6) and Courtney Comeau took the 50 hurdles (7.5) as Andover rolled over Chelmsford 62-26 on Monday.

GIRLS SKIING

Queens of the hill

Andover took four of the top five places, rolling to a 98.5-36.5 victory over Manchester Essex last Wednesday. Jess Kearns led the way in second overall (22.33), while Kerry Christopher, Sara Faigel and Nicole Erickson took places 3-5.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Bench paces winners

In need of a spark, Chris Dunn scored nine points and Max Silveira had seven points in a key 27-point second quarter that gave Andover a 12-point halftime lead on the way to a 58-51 win over Chelmsford last Tuesday. James Costello scored a team-high 19 points.

Sam Dowden scored 24 points, but Andover dropped a 50-49 heart-breaker to Lowell on Friday. James Costello chipped in with 11 points for the Golden Warriors.

BOYS SKIING

Suglia, Andover split

Tom Suglia placed third overall (20.51) and Adam Risman was fifth (20.73) to help Andover beat Austin Prep (119-16) but fall to Masconomet (82-53) last Tuesday.

WRESTLING

Three pins not enough

Tyler Ferris, Joey Solimini and Nick Marcotte scored victories by pin, but Andover fell to Billerica 47-27 last Thursday. Jack Reilly chipped in with a 9-8 decision win.

Obituaries

John Jack Magee, Jr., 69

ANDOVER — John “Jack” Magee, Jr., age 69, of Andover, MA, died unexpectedly on December 13, 2011.

He was born on November 7, 1942 in Cambridge, MA, the son of John and Christena (MacDougall) Magee. The beloved husband of Geraldine “Jeri” Magee, the couple was married on February 19, 1972 in Arlington, MA and subsequently moved to Andover, MA where they raised two children. Jack graduated from Arlington High School in 1959, held a Bachelor of Science in Business from Boston University and a Juris Doctor from the New England School of Law.

He was a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association. He was the President and Owner of Magee Construction Company (of Arlington), which

was originally founded by his father in 1951. During his lifetime, Jack built hundreds of homes and developed several large parcels of land in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Jack and his wife Jeri were part-time residents of Jupiter, Florida.

Jack is survived by his two loving children, two adoring grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, numerous cousins, and wonderful friends across the country. The family would like to express their need for privacy in order to grieve during this difficult time.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral and burial services were private, at the request of the family. Donations in memorial can be sent to The Alzheimer's Association, 311 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA 01840 on his behalf.

Geraldine M. Magee, 67

ANDOVER — Geraldine “Jeri” Marie (Greene) Magee, age 67, of Andover, MA, died unexpectedly on December 13, 2011.

She was born on February 22, 1944 in Cambridge, MA, the daughter of Alton and Margaret (Wynne) Greene. The beloved wife of John “Jack” Magee, the couple was married on February 19, 1972 in Arlington, MA and subsequently moved to Andover, MA where they raised two children. Jeri graduated from Arlington High School in 1961, held a Bachelor of Arts from (the former) Boston State College and a Master of Arts in Education from Suffolk University. She taught elementary school for several years in Billerica, MA, and became a homemaker after her children were born.

During her lifetime, she was a volunteer at Lawrence General Hospital and Bread and

Roses Community Pantry in Lawrence, and was a former member of the Andover Andona Society. Jeri and her husband Jack were part-time residents of Jupiter, Florida. Besides her devotion and love for her family, one of Jeri's greatest passions was of traveling, and she had visited six continents and nearly 40 countries.

She is survived by two loving children, two adoring grandchildren, two brothers, several nieces and nephews, numerous cousins, and wonderful friends across the country. The family would like to express their need for privacy in order to grieve during this difficult time.

ARRANGEMENTS: Funeral and burial services were private, at the request of the family. Donations in memorial can be sent to Bread & Roses Community Pantry, 58 Newbury Street, Lawrence, MA 02472 on her behalf.

Ruth E. Batchelder, 88

ANDOVER — Ruth E. Batchelder, a lifelong resident of Andover, MA, passed away peacefully of natural causes, Friday, January 13th, 2012, at the age of 88, surrounded by her two daughters and other family members, at the Wingate Nursing Home in Andover.



Born December 26, 1923 in Ballardvale, MA, Ruth was a daughter of the late Ernest and Dorice Anderson. Ruth grew up with three other sisters and one brother at their family run farm in Andover. Upon finishing Pynchard High School, she married her high school sweetheart, William C. “Billy” Batchelder, prior to his deployment to WWII. They were married 55 years before William preceded her in death on July 26, 1998.

Ruth was a member of the Ballardvale United Church in Andover, since early childhood. She especially loved being a member of the church choir, and would often serve on the Women's Guild as well as other various committees. She enjoyed being in the home that she and Billy built together for over 60 years. Ruth took great pride in her yard and will especially be remembered for her baking, as well as her love of animals. Her greatest joy was time spent with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Ruth is survived by her two children, Gale A. Catanzaro;

Gwen L. (Kearn) Kimball and her husband Walter M. Kimball II, both of Andover; sister Edith Anderson-Batchelder of Andover; brother Charles Anderson, husband of Diane of Bartlet, NH; four grandchildren, Leigh Ann and husband Jeffrey Marks of Dracut; Andrea L. and husband David Bailey of Andover;

Christopher S. Kearn of Portsmouth, NH; two great-grandchildren, Jake J. Catanzaro and his brother Caden P. Bailey of Andover; as well as several nieces, nephews, friends and extended family members. She is preceded in death by her sisters Helen Webb of Andover; Evelyn Bailey of Bakersfield, CA; two son-in-laws, Joseph L. Catanzaro and Stephen W. Kearn, of Andover; and her beloved granddaughter Erin E. Kearn, formerly of Boston.

ARRANGEMENTS: In honoring the family's wishes, there will be a private family memorial service held at the Ballardvale United Church. Interment will be at the convenience of the family at the West Parish Garden Cemetery. A memorial fund has been established in her name at the Ballardvale United Church, 23 Clark Rd, Andover, MA 01810. The family would like to extend their gratitude and sincere thanks for the exceptional care and compassion extended to Ruth, as well as her family, by the entire staff while at Wingate at Andover.

Margaret Lapierre, 73

Margaret Lapierre, age 73, of Hampstead, N.H., died Wednesday afternoon, January 11, 2012, after a long illness at Merrimack Valley Hospice in Haverhill, MA.



Margaret was born in Castletownbere, County Cork, Ireland. She immigrated to America in 1959 with her brother Noel.

Margaret worked for Raytheon Company in Andover, MA for 22 years. After retiring, Margaret worked part-time at the Hampstead Health and Fitness Club.

Margaret is survived by her husband Paul; sons and daughters-in-law Kevin P. and Maureen Lapierre of Salem, NH, David M. and Kelly Lapierre of North Berwick, ME; her daughter Pauline M.

Lapierre of Haverhill, MA; her beloved grandchildren Laura, Fiona, and Sophia, her sister and brothers Mary, John and Vincent of Australia, her sister Anna of Chester, England, her brother Noel of Waterbury, CT, her brother Kevin and his wife Una of Pelham, NH, her sister Veronica and her husband Frank of Greenville, NY, and

many nieces and nephews.

ARRANGEMENTS: Calling hours were Monday, Jan. 16 p.m. at Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, Salem, NH. The funeral Mass was Jan. 17 at St. Anne's Church, Hampstead, NH. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery, Hampstead. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105, or to the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 450 Brookline Av, Boston, MA 02215.

Infant Thomas P. Kay

Thomas Patrick Kay, infant son of Todd and Christie (Fox) Kay of Methuen, passed away Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Lawrence General Hospital.

Besides his parents, Thomas is survived by a sister, Caroline A. Kay of Methuen; his paternal grandparents, George and Diane Kay of Salem, N.H.; his maternal grandparents, Charles and Judith Fox of Methuen; his paternal great-grandparents, Robert and Charlotte Blouin of

Lawrence, and his maternal great-grandmother, Mary Fox of Andover.

ARRANGEMENTS: By the request of the family, there will be no visiting hours and funeral services will be private. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen. Memorial donations may be made in Thomas' memory to the March of Dimes, 112 Turnpike Road, Suite 102, Westborough, MA, 01581. Arrangements are by the Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. For online condolences, please visit www.cataudellaflh.com.

John M. Moskal, 98

John M. Moskal, 98, of Andover, died Thursday, January 12, 2012, at his home. He was born in Haverhill



on May 18, 1913. He was a graduate of Haverhill High School. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army. He was employed as a sole layout operator in the Haverhill shoe industry for 57 years.

He resided in Andover for over 50 years.

The husband of the late Helen A. (Pitera) Moskal, with whom he shared 65 years of marriage until her death in 2010, he is the beloved uncle of Gary Moskal and his wife Debbie of Andover, Janet Mercier of North Andover, both of whom were his caregivers, Patricia Lozowski of Florida,

Deanna Larochelle of New York, Dan Moskal and his wife Dorothy of Merrimack, MA, Bruce Clough and

his wife Bette of Florida, Robert Clough, Kelley Ann Mountain and her husband Edward of Westford, MA, and Dennis Clough and his wife Sherri of Florida, and many grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was the brother of the late Frank Moskal, the late Anthony Moskal, the late Ann Clough, and the late Blanche Moskal.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Funeral Mass was held Monday, January 16, in St. Lucy Church, Methuen. Burial was in Bellevue Cemetery in Lawrence. Relatives and friends called at the Boles Memorial-Baron-McAuliffe-Yameen Funeral Home, 184 Jackson Street, Lawrence.

Arthur C. Red Towne

Arthur C. “Red” Towne passed away Sat., January 7th after 87 years of fun and adventure.

He was born in North Reading, MA. Red lived in Andover, MA most of his adult life before retiring to “The Lake.”

A friend to all, he will be sadly missed by his wife of 62 years, Dorothy (Souter) Towne, daughter, Debbie Towne Hubbell, granddaughter, Danielle



Hubbell, numerous nieces and nephews and many friends.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Life's Celebration was held at the Plaistow Fish & Game Club, 18 May Ray Ave., Plaistow, N.H. on Sunday, Jan. 15 from 4 to 7 p.m. Arrangements are by the Douglas & Johnson Funeral Home, 214 Main St., Salem, N.H. To send a message of condolence to the family, please view the obituary at douglasandjohnson.com.

Everett G. Wagner, 89

Everett G. Wagner, 89, of Methuen, passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at the Academy Manor Nursing Home in Andover.

Everett was born in Lawrence and has been a resident of Methuen since 1946. He was educated in Lawrence and was a 1939 graduate of Lawrence High School. He served with the Army during WWII. Everett worked as an Assistant Circulation Director for the Lawrence Eagle Tribune for 45 years prior to retiring in 1984. He was also employed as Warehouse Manager for Neighbors in Need until his retirement in 2010.

Everett leaves his loving wife of 65 years, Hilda E. (Kocher) Wagner of Methuen, his children,



James G. Wagner and his wife Marie of Methuen and Janet M. Jaber and her husband Paul of Methuen, a sister, Rita Libby of Salem, NH,

6 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and Cousins. He is predeceased by a sister, Irene Dietzel.

ARRANGEMENTS: Friends were invited to call on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the Charles F. Dewhirst Funeral Home, Methuen. A Funeral Service was scheduled for today, Thursday, Jan. 19, at Grace Episcopal Church in Lawrence at 11 a.m. Burial is to follow at Bellevue Cemetery, Lawrence. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to Neighbors in Need, P.O. Box 447, Lawrence, MA 01842 or to the John Hancock Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 273, Methuen, MA 01844.

Sylvia Colmer, 78

Sylvia T. (Silva) Colmer died on Thursday, January 12, at Holy Family Hospital. Sylvia was born on May 11, 1933 and was a longtime resident of Lawrence and recently Salem, N.H.

Sylvia was predeceased by her husband James R. Colmer and her grandchildren Joseph “Joey” Altobelli and Albert Francis Viti, III. She was the mother and mother-in-law of Cheryl and her husband Albert Viti of Salisbury Mass., Karen Altobelli and fiance Gerald Davis of Bethlehem, NH, Richard and his wife Anna Colmer of Plaistow NH and Pamela and her husband Patrick Driscoll of Lawrence. She also leaves grandchildren Jamie and Jonathan Viti, Heather and her husband Daniel Kelley,



Katie Altobelli, Patrick and Connor Driscoll, and great grandchildren Kyle, Alexandria and Nathan Viti and Savannah Kelley; brothers

Robert Silva and his partner Cecile LaRoche, Gerald Silva and her sister Ilene and husband Robert Ryan.

Sylvia worked at AEG Schneider Automation Inc. in Andover for 30 years as a group leader.

ARRANGEMENTS: A Mass of Christian burial will take place Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Monica's Church in Methuen. Friends will be received on Thursday, January 19th from 4 to 8 p.m. at Kenneth H. Pollard Funeral Home, 233 Lawrence Street, Methuen. Contributions may be made to the Joseph Altobelli Scholarship Fund, c/o Lawrence Firefighters, P.O. Box 533, Lawrence, MA 01842.



Courtesy photo

The November Club ladies.

Town had first clubhouse 'For Ladies Wholly'



Andover Stories

Karen Wakeling, Andover Historical Society

called Love Lane), the first structure in New England to be built to function as a club for women only. The hall was filled with many gifts from its members – lights, chairs, curtains and 225 pieces of china, “varied and dainty in shape” (to be the despair of future refreshment committees when they try to match the cups and saucers).

“For Ladies Wholly” is how one Boston newspaper of 1889 described the first woman's club being formed in Andover. Clubs for women were being formed in nearly every village, town and city during this time. Like their male counterparts, women also wanted a social outlet for their literary, musical and cultural exchanges.

Miss Elizabeth Handy, on Nov. 7, 1888 called a meeting of 15 “well educated, enterprising and socially elite women” to discuss her idea of starting Andover's first woman's club. It was met with great enthusiasm, and meetings were begun immediately to discuss drafting a constitution, electing officers, establishing membership rules and dues, and forming departments. The first meeting was held at 126 Main St., but after the second and third meetings attracted another 20 members, the club quickly needed a bigger place. Abbot Hall was offered by Headmistress McKeen until a more suitable place could be found.

Now called the “November Club,” the members divided themselves up into “departments.” The six departments drew upon the members' talents to do research and organize the club's weekly entertainment.

The ladies also reached out to their community, holding events to raise money for local charities, the war efforts and to help in their goal to build and maintain their own clubhouse. One very successful event was a bazaar held at the Town Hall, netting the club \$889 of which \$200 went towards an Andover free bed for one year at the Lawrence General Hospital. The Clubhouse Association netted the balance and by 1891 (with shares sold for \$25 to members) the ladies were able to incorporate and buy the land they needed to build on.

Feb. 22, 1892 saw the dedication of their new clubhouse on Locke Street (then

“Dickens Party” and was pronounced a delightful entertainment in what was termed “this age of rush and hurry.” A german (a party for dancing) was also given for the young people. Many townspeople will remember the club for the dance lessons it gave to the young, “providing a piece of civility for the children who were in their uncivilized adolescence.”

Membership by 1900 was enlarged to 115 enabling the treasurer to give each department \$5 with which to provide entertainment. The 25-year anniversary was celebrated by the living pictures arranged by Mr. Pierce. Bessie Goldsmith was the guest speaker at the 50th anniversary luncheon in 1939. She had many memories to share, as her mother had been a member during the club's first year, her father had been the owner of the land chosen for the site of their clubhouse and she was member and often a part of the entertainment.

Departments in the club changed over the years, one department becoming so big it broke off into its own club – the Andover Garden Club.

The November Club membership eventually dropped (from a mid-century high of 500) and in 1985 the clubhouse was sold to the Unitarian Universalist Church with proceeds going to decorate and furnish a November Club Reading Room at the Memorial Hall Library. The club stopped holding meetings in 1989 and voted itself out of existence in 1994. But Andover townspeople, for almost 100 years, had access to many plays, lectures, dances, art shows, banquets and teas thanks to a dedicated and talented group of “Ladies Wholly.”

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RELIGION

Temple Emanuel upcoming events

■ South Church Pulpit Exchange and Sabbath Eve Service, led by Rabbi Robert Goldstein and Cantorial Soloist Jodi Blankstein, on Friday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. This service is open to all, regardless of age, affiliation or faith.

■ “Green Eggs and Lox Sisterhood Bookswap” on Sunday, Jan. 22, from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Bring your gently used, current adult titles (within the last five years) and go home with some new ones. Enjoy the morning by sharing one of your favorite books and consider signing up for a book group.

■ Networking open house on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Free and open to public.

■ Temple Emanuel of Andover Brotherhood breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 8:30 a.m. for Brotherhood members. If you are not a Brotherhood member, you may join that morning.

■ Senior program on Thursday, Feb. 2 from noon to 2 p.m. Join Zumba Gold, a fun fitness craze for seniors, with a certified Zumba Gold instructor: Dana Larch will be served.

■ Deli Dinner and Movie

Discussion Night on Sunday, Feb. 12, at 5 p.m. “A Matter of Size” is an Israeli comedy about a coming out of a different kind: four overweight guys who learn to love themselves through sumo wrestling. Cost is \$15 per person. Your reservation is your check to be received by Thursday, Feb. 9.

‘Welcoming Faiths’ group formed

A new coalition of Merrimack Valley faith communities whose purpose is to support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or questioning (LGBTQ) worshippers has been formed.

LGBTQ Welcoming Communities of Faith, also known as Welcoming Faiths, aims to promote equality and inclusivity of LGBTQ individuals and families of faith locally encouraging active rather than passive openness within participating faith communities.

Spearheaded by the Committee for Open Dialogue of Andover's South Church, the coalition includes eight other member congregations.

For more information, contact: welcomingfaiths@gmail.com.

Opinion

FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP



JAN SEEGER/Staff photo

Mario Tomic, 5, of North Andover takes the hand of Deacon John Morgan at the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Unity Brunch at Andover Baptist Church on Monday.

Praise and critiques

A few quick hits on recent Andover news items...
 Praise for Wood Hill Middle School student Jack Lu (Jan. 12 Townsman), the 14-year-old who took it upon himself to try to change some unwanted culture at the school. As is regrettable the case in most schools, some students use words such as "gay" in conversation as if they are synonymous with "lame" or "foolish." Tired of the casual use of such insults, Jack helped bring members of the group Parent, Families and Friends of Gays and Lesbians to the school to give a presentation. As Principal Patrick Bucco noted, because the event was inspired by a student likely made it more compelling and effective for all the seventh- and eighth-graders attending.

Jeers for the new management company and owners of Olde Andover Village (Jan. 12 Townsman). We're not surprised by the desire to renovate and get higher rents. That's par for the course with new owners. But current tenants — particularly those such as the Trauma Intervention Program that do so much good in the community and deal with community members in sensitive situations — deserve more than one month's notice to find a new location.

Praise for the overriding message of John H. Jackson, who moved the crowd attending the Andover Baptist Church's Martin Luther King Day Unity Brunch. King would have been 83 this week, and his murder robbed the world of rare leadership and courage. But Jackson noted that King and his dream have been turned into a monument, a piece of history people look back on, when Americans should be looking ahead to the battles they still need to wage. The election of the nation's first African-American president does not mean that people of faith no longer need to work against socioeconomic inequality. "We can't elect officials," said Jackson, "and go to sleep."

We need to further think about Moderator Sheila Doherty's suggestion to close town facilities during Town Meeting nights. We understand the logistical need to avoid activities at Andover High and abutting West Middle School, where parking spaces are needed for voters. But to close all town facilities to stop competing events? What makes Andover's Open Town Meeting great is that it is true democracy. Democracy is about people having a choice. If the only way to keep Town Meeting strong is to ban competing events, then there is probably a need to look deeper at the problem of why people find other activities more worthy of their time.

Pats help winter breeze by

Once again we find ourselves in debt to the New England Patriots, who've extended the pro football season in these parts right into the latter part of January.

The Patriots broke an uncharacteristic postseason losing streak by beating Tim Tebow and the Denver Broncos last Saturday, and face the Baltimore Ravens for the AFC championship Sunday afternoon. Andover's own Bill O'Brien, offensive coordinator, seemed to push all the right buttons, helping quarterback Tom Brady to tie a record with five first-half touchdowns to put the game out of reach early.

Again, the Patriots have extended what is traditionally a fall sport well into winter. Dealing with the snow that covered the region Tuesday morning was made a little easier knowing they would be playing football in Foxborough this weekend.

Win there and it's on to Super Bowl XLVI in Indianapolis on Feb. 5 and, depending on the results of Sunday's NFC title game, a possible rematch with the New York Giants. Or Brady would take on his childhood team, the San Francisco 49ers, and records held by one of its all-time greats, Brady's idol, Joe Montana.

If they are able to take that next step, the Patriots will also have significantly closed the gap between fall and spring.

Give Mother Nature some credit for the lack of snow or extended freeze through most of the early winter. But give the Pats credit for keeping football fans warm well into January — and, we hope, into February.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Officials are considering an idea to ban other events from town facilities during nights of Town Meeting. Do you agree or disagree with doing that?

- Agree: Town Meeting should take priority over all other events.
- Agree: Events running near Town Meeting compete for parking, which is a problem.
- Agree, but for another reason.
- Disagree: Town Meeting and events elsewhere in town can coexist. Not everyone votes.
- Disagree: Let people choose what's important to them.
- Disagree, for another reason.
- I don't know, or I have no opinion.
- Other.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

Last week's question was "An Andover native is biking this winter to benefit a charity. Barring work obligations, what would it take for you to bike 1,000 miles in the dead of winter?" With 47 people responding, the answers were:

- Nothing could make me do it: 21.28 percent.
- A charity. A really, really good charity: 17.02 percent.
- The end of the world, if biking guaranteed my survival. Maybe: 17.02 percent.
- Not much. I love riding my bike: 14.89 percent.
- Incredibly poor judgement on my part: 12.77 percent.
- Clinically-diagnosed insanity: 6.38 percent.
- Encouragement from friends and family: 6.38 percent.
- A bet that I should have reconsidered: 4.26 percent.

How a brush with the flu changed Andover



Andover Stories

Andover Historical Society

The following is a story about a "brush" with the flu and what that led to, reprinted from The Andover Townsman of Feb. 26, 1937.

Have you ever had the flu? Of course you felt pretty terrible, but did you know that great things can come from the flu? For example, down in Shawsheen Village at present there's a large concrete building owned by the Hardy Brush Company, and if it hadn't been for the flu, that factory might not be there today — there might never have been a Hardy Brush Company.

Frank Hardy was just a young man of 19 when he first had the flu. He'd been working in Boston, going in and out every day, and thanks to pre-air-conditioned trains, etc., he was in quite a receptive condition when that little flu germ came along and decided that he would be a good camping-ground. Frank went home and went to bed — it's about the only thing you can do. But he was tired of going in to Boston

every day, and the flu proved the last straw. He told his father that he was through with Boston, and that he was going to start a brush factory of his own in Andover. When the flu finally departed, he started a little shop in a barn in West Parish. Gradually he added new equipment, some of it of his own invention, and the other out-buildings were added to the plant.

Finally in 1910 he moved to the old Smith & Dove mill in Frye Village, and when Shawsheen Village was built, the present large factory replaced the picturesque old brick structure. Today it is the largest brush factory in the world specializing in textile brushes.

Frank was born in Buckfield, Maine in 1871. After a short time spent in Worcester and Fall River he moved to St. John's, New Brunswick, where he became superintendent of a small brush factory while only in his teens. He came to Andover in 1890.

And if it hadn't been for the flu, someone else would have had to build Shawsheen Village. Frank had charge of building all the mills, the administration and the power house — quite a sizeable job.

His public life is well-known. For twelve years he was chairman of the assessors and selectmen, and he has also been prominent in county and state assessors' affairs, being at one time president of the state association. He was also chairman of the junior high building committee until illness

forced him to resign.

He has also been prominent in many other ways. Of particular interest, now that The Adventurers have awakened memories of the old Barnstormers, is his work in that very successful dramatic group.

At present Mr. Hardy is still keenly interested in town affairs, although his activities are necessarily limited by doctor's orders. But doctors or no doctor, the flu did play a very important part in his life.

Yesterday Frank was able to be up again after another week's siege of the grippie — that's what we call the flu nowadays. So watch out, Andover, there's no telling what will happen next.

(Note: Frank Hardy was a selectman from 1923-1935. The original factory was located behind the house at 183 Lowell St. The Shawsheen factory was built for Hardy by William Wood, after razing the old Smith & Dove building, and located at the site of the current commercial building, 16 Haverhill St. Hardy headed the building committee for the Memorial Auditorium and East Junior High. He attended West Parish Church and was instrumental in the development of West Parish Cemetery.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Town Meeting start was a fiasco

Editor, Townsman:

The Andover Special Town Meeting, on Dec. 5, 2011, was scheduled to start at 7 p.m. It should have been called to order at that time. It was delayed by the moderator to allow those in line to be checked in and allowed into the Collins Center.

The elderly, most in opposition to Article 3 — Andover Youth Center appropriation, started to arrive at 6:15. By 7, the Collins Center was filled to capacity (1,230) as stipulated by the certificate of occupancy. The Town Meeting was delayed to allow the late comers to arrive, and arrive they did. The moderator instructed them that they could not stand in the aisle. Extra chairs were setup in the side area and on the stage area with approximately 250 chairs, bringing the total of seating in the Collins Center to over 1,400.

The meeting was finally called to order just after 8 p.m.

This delay caused a hardship on some of the elderly since many would have had to leave their residences by 6 to get seated by 7. Then they were forced to wait for over an hour since the meeting was delayed.

The moderator should have been notified as soon as the attendance in the Collins Center reached the number on the certificate of occupancy. The moderator should have instructed the town clerk to stop allowing people to enter. At that time, the moderator should have made a decision on the proper way to proceed,

rather than just continuing to allow people to enter the Collins Center.

The meeting was called to start at 7 p.m. and should have started at that time. When the capacity was reached, the meeting should have been adjourned to another date at a larger facility so that all interested voters could appropriately be accommodated.

Town officials in attendance who knew or should have known of the unlawful overcrowding included: the town clerk, moderator, Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee, public safety officials, town counsel and the town manager.

At a subsequent tri-board meeting of the selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee, the selectmen commended the moderator on how well she handled the meeting. I think not.

WILLIAM T. DOWNS
 147 Elm St.
 Retired fire chief
 and former selectman

Grad fears schools' contract turmoil hurting students

Editor, Townsman:

Thirty-thousand feet above the ground soaring through the air at a speed of over 500 miles per hour is a sensation that occurs every day across the country.

Once people are seated, the plane taxis out of the gate, across the tarmac and prepares for takeoff. The dual engines roar as the plane gathers speed. Its ascent into the stratosphere is smooth and quick. Within 10 minutes or so the pilot has announced that cruising altitude has been reached, 30,000 feet. The visual perspective of the world is changed, and grass, trees and houses are replaced with only sparse clouds and sunshine.

This is but a mere romanticized representation of the once sleek, streamlined, and substantive education curriculum found in Andover. I could only conjure this metaphor once I had reached the proverbial 30,000 feet. Looking down upon the town from my distant college in Syracuse, N.Y. made me realize how fluid it was for me to reach the cruising altitude. The two blaring engines that propel the airplane into the sky are akin to the Andover Public Schools' strong academic curriculum and its caring teachers. These two valuable characteristics catalyze successful students, some of whom eventually attend some of the country's most prestigious universities.

A result of this education preparedness is the fact that upon entrance into my courses I found that my intellect aligns with some of the most capable students in a class. It amazed me to notice the amount of students who have barely aced at all after taking off from their respective school prior to graduation. The progress that is made at Andover High School ensures students reach their 30,000 feet even before the mortarboard is tossed at graduation. A student's success is not a quantifiable variable, academic proficiency cannot be attained via proscribed hours.

As the older brother of a student at Andover High, I fear that her propensity to ascend to the cruising altitude is inhibited in the current situation of union and School Committee turmoil. It is ridiculous if the bar is lowered and the quality of the education is degraded. The future of the education system in Andover are the students, not the union or the committee.

30,000 feet embodies more than upholding the status quo, rather it is a symbol of how students need a course that will send them toward post graduation success whether that means the U.S. Army, vocational school or the attendance of a university. The mission that remains true to the Andover Public School system needs to be rooted in the preservation of student intellectual takeoff.

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TOWN TALK

Patrice would be proud



The Andover Mite 2's played in the 2011 Boston Bruin's Holiday Tournament and won the Bergeron division. They defeated Cape Ann 6-4 in the finals. Pictured are, from left, back row: Mark Ehr Gott, the mascot Blade, Mike Littlewood, Sean Croston; middle row: Eric Zheng, Quinn Curtin, Owen Christopher, Jack Sullivan, Griffin Littlewood, Adam Conforti; front row: Finn Croston, Charlie Winship, Jacob Fabiani, Nik Previte, Jack Ehr Gott and Lizzie Gilmartin.



The setting sun emerges from a darkly blanketed sky only during the last few moments of daylight on a recent Sunday, brightening the stained glass windows of St. Augustine Church on Essex Street.

Snow would give 43rd annual AVIS event a boost

Some fans of outdoor activities have been itching for the blanket of snow that arrived Monday night, as snow affects events this month. Depending on whether the snow lasts, there will be either a hike or a snowshoe and skiing outing on Sunday, Jan. 29.

AVIS' 43rd annual snowshoe and cross-country ski trek is planned for Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Rafton Reservation.

There had a 3-mile hike or snowshoe outing planned for this past Sunday, Jan. 15 at West Parish Meadow, Indian Ridge, Baker's Meadow Trails

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History sails into Age of Discovery

Two ships from history sailed into the port of Muskogee, Oklahoma recently. Replicas of the Niña and Pinta tied up to the pier so people could step back in time.

The Niña and Pinta were two of ships Christopher Columbus used for his voyage to the New World.

In 1986, a group of people decided to build replicas of Columbus' three historic ships for the 500th anniversary of Columbus' trip. They formed the Columbus Foundation, located in the British Virgin Islands.

They spent two years on research. They found there were no plans or drawings of the authentic ships. They decided to start by building the Niña.

The Niña and the Pinta were a type of sailing ship called a caravel. A caravel was the common trading vessel used during the Age of Discovery.

Caravels were also used as warships, patrol boats, cargo carriers and even pirate ships. They were known for their speed, shallow draught and maneuverability.

The Niña was rigged with square sails on the main and foremast for sailing downwind, and triangular sails on the mizzen masts.

The Niña was Columbus' favorite ship. He selected her as his flagship for his sec-



ond voyage to Cuba. He later bought a half share in her. Columbus logged at least 25,000 miles on the Niña.

The Columbus Foundation selected John Patrick Sarsfield, an American engineer and maritime historian, to build the first historically-correct replica of a 15th Century caravel.

Sarsfield had lived in Brazil and learned of an archaic ship building process called Mediterranean Whole Moulding. It was a technique ship builders used in the 15th Century. It may have been used to build the original ships.

This technique was used in shipyards on the coast of Bahia in Brazil.

Sarsfield found a little sleepy fishing village called Valença. The shipwrights used the old techniques and traditional tools, such as adzes, hand saws, chisels, and axes. They used timber from the tropical forests of Bahia.

It was the perfect location for building the Niña.

Next week the Kid will continue the adventure of the Niña and the rebuilding of the famous ship.

Word Search

Find Caravel, Columbus, Cuba, Mast, New World, Nina, Pinta, Replica, Sail and Ship.

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Sailors kept a ship's log during voyages. Search your newspaper for words that might have appeared in a ship's log. Use those words to write a log entry for your activities today. Don't forget to include the weather.

in Andover. Participants walked through woods, over meadow and a glacial esker and around a pond.

1,000-mile pedalers keep pushing

The Green Bay Packers may be out of the NFL playoffs, but our local pedal pusher bikes on.

Andover native Kurt Seifert (Townsmen, Jan. 12), who's biking over 1,000 miles to Green Bay to raise money for three charities, has made it to Milwaukee, Wisc. He was overwhelmed by the number of bars on Route 32 in south Milwaukee, he wrote on his website at Townsman presstime.

"It really gives you that Laverne and Shirley feel," Seifert wrote.

Temperatures may be dropping, but Seifert kidded he will have a "true Lambeau feel" when he gets to Green Bay.

"For all the doubters that thought this ended with Sunday's game, you're wrong, the pack goes on," he wrote.

— Judy Wakefield

Out in the cold again (aid wise)?

There will be federal aid coming to Massachusetts towns to assist in recovery from the Halloween 2011 Nor'easter. But it remains to be seen if Andover and other

parts of Essex County will get a piece of the pie.

In response to Gov. Deval Patrick's request of Dec. 16, to President Barack Obama, federal disaster aid will be made available to many Massachusetts communities, according to the governor's office. FEMA reports "the president is still considering the governor's requests for Norfolk and Essex Counties," according to the release.

Hologram art beaming into Essex Art Center

An Andover artist who says he has been drawn to lasers like a moth to flame is having his work projected into the Elizabeth A. Beland Gallery at Essex Art Center.

Transitions in Light, featuring holograms by Andover based artist, Ron Zeheb will run through Feb. 24.

"I was enchanted by the magic of holography way back in the 1960s when, as a teenager, I had the opportunity to see some of the very first holograms ever made for artistic display," said Ron Zeheb in a statement.

The Essex Art Center is at 56 Island St., Lawrence. The gallery is open Monday through Friday from 10 to 6, and people can call for additional evening hours at 978-685-2343.

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Townspeople



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Evelyn Lund of Andover chats with Isaiah Hawkins, 6, of Lowell, during the Unity Brunch following a program of music, speeches and dance at the Andover Baptist Church.



Guest speaker Dr. John H. Jackson addresses community members at the 7 Center Street church as Isabella Tomic, 5, turns to say hello.

CHURCH CROWD FOR KING DAY

Scores of residents enjoyed an impassioned program and a bountiful brunch Monday as the Andover Baptist Church served up its fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration and Unity Brunch.

Dr. John Jackson, president and CEO of The Schott Foundation for Public Education, delivered the keynote speech, on "Reclaiming the Dream."

He said the nation has raised a generation that is asking, "Where is the King?"

"We have only given them a monument of a dream," said Jackson. "We must move beyond the shadow and the shade of the monument."

Saying African-American males make up only 4 percent of the population but 40 percent of those incarcerated, he encouraged people to push for spending more on the front end, education, rather than on prisons. He suggested the government should pay for mentors for children most in need.

People of all positions must be involved, he said. "We don't need Ph.Ds. We need people who are 'foolish enough' to believe that all children can learn," he said.

Jackson was the Clinton administration's senior policy advisor in the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education and has served as the NAACP chief policy officer and its national director of education.

Acknowledging that people may be afraid to lose what they have, and therefore look to make the best of their situation, he said, "We didn't come from a generation of people who just made the back of the bus more comfortable."

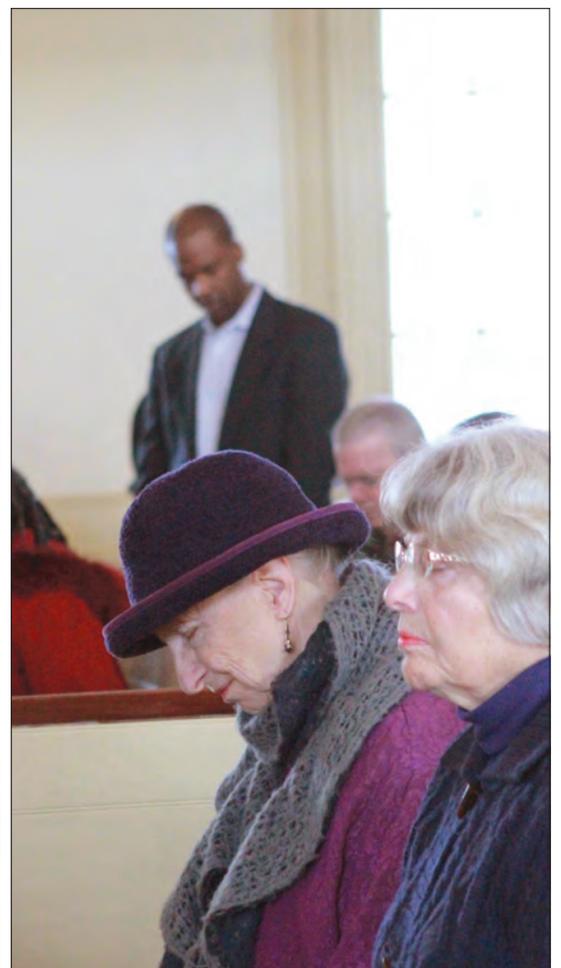
— Neil Fater



Dancers Deatrice Wade, left, and Michele Phillips perform to gospel music with the Andover Baptist Church Liturgical Dance Ensemble during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration this Monday, Jan. 16.



Andover resident Lance Bryant, center, directs the musical prelude at the start of the fifth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration in the Andover Baptist Church.



Susan Lenoe, center, and Joanne Dahlgren, both of Andover, worship during the fifth annual event at Andover Baptist Church Monday.



Guest speaker Dr. John H. Jackson addresses community members at Andover Baptist Church.



Christine Michelinie of Andover worships during a performance of the Unity Choir.

Andover High's second undefeated basketball team

Bill Dalton



Early in the 1978-79 season, Andover High's basketball team showed promise, although Coach Wil Hixon, future National High School Basketball Hall of Fame member, thought they were playing below their potential, although they were 6-0. In the seventh game, against Chelmsford, Hixon was finally pleased, as they beat a very

good Chelmsford team, 76-56.

The team had balance and size, as scoring was spread out and none of the players was listed on the Merrimack Valley Conference top 10 scoring list; however, the front line players were 6' 2", 6' 3", and 6' 8". The team was paced by Todd Orlando (6' 8"), and they had an excellent outside shooter in Mark Maher and a fine all-around forward in Jim Arnold. When the team's record was 14-0, Coach Hixon said that when you're unbeaten it gets tougher with each passing

game, because everybody is looking to knock you off.

A Boston newspaper dated Feb. 13, 1979, ranked Andover No. 5 in Division 1, and it was one of three undefeated teams. They remained undefeated going into the last game of the season against Central Catholic. Earlier, they'd beaten Central easily and did so again, 74-48, to become the second regular-season undefeated high school basketball team in Andover's history. However, like the undefeated 1950-51 team, they lost in the playoffs.

Jim Arnold contacted

me about this team and filled in some details. One of those details is that he didn't feel that the season was a great accomplishment because they lost in the playoffs. However, having never played on any undefeated sports team, I beg to differ with Jim. Being undefeated in a regular season is a huge accomplishment. Coach Hixon wrapped up the undefeated season by saying, "I didn't really think we'd have as easy a time in the league as we did." [The team was 18-0 in the

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ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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Strike at next Sunday evening's service.

100 Years Ago
Jan. 19, 1912

About twenty young people enjoyed a sleighride party to Lowell last Tuesday evening. At Lowell the party had a supper at Page's.

The deposits of the school children in the school savings bank during the past week have amounted to \$105.29.

A.N. Comeau has purchased the remaining two lots on the Pasho estate on the south side of Chestnut street.

Mr. Shipman will make an address on The Lawrence

75 Years Ago
Jan. 15, 1937

The Andover Taxpayer's association launched its 1937 work on Monday evening when the annual meeting was held in the town hall. President Bernard L. McDonald presided, and in a short report stated that there were at present 680 members.

The house at the corner of Locke and Main streets which has just been sold through the Frederick E.

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DALTON: '78-79 season was one to remember

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Division 1 Merrimack Valley Conference] Hixon continued, "It's really a great feeling to go undefeated because the kids worked awfully hard for it." The closest game was against Billerica, which lost by six points.

The starters were Todd Orlando, Mark Maher, Tom Curtin, Rip Williams, and Jim Arnold. Three other outstanding athletes on Andover's undefeated team were Dave Nardone, who later played football on scholarship at Florida, Melvin Berger, who received a scholarship to play football at Boston University, and Kip Jones - the son of NBA Hall of Famer, K.C. Jones - who was a sophomore. Two years later, Jones would be one of the leaders of a team that played in the Division 1 North Finals, but the other team was Cambridge Rindge and Latin, led by Patrick Ewing, who became one of the NBA's greatest players. Ewing's team won their third straight state title, but Andover gave them a close game.

Mr. Arnold, who was named to the all-conference team, believes that Melvin Berger, a three-sport player, was one of the very best athletes in the town's history, and Arnold makes a compelling argument. Mr. Berger broke the high school's 100 yard dash record in 1979, running a 9.8. Berger's record will stand forever, as the hundred yard dash was changed to meters not long after he set the record. Berger captained the track team and was named to the state's All-Scholastic team. In his senior year, he made the All-Merrimack Valley Conference team as a tailback, and in basketball Berger was a star point guard on a team with an 18-2 record. He teaches at Lawrence High School and runs the Hoops for Hope summer basketball league, which includes 40 to 70 high school teams each summer.

Mark Maher was a sharp-shooting star guard for Andover High from 1976-79. He continued to play basketball at Colby College, and received a law degree from B.C. Maher was one of the founders

of Hoops for Hope in 1993 and was a guiding light for the charity until his death in 2009. The most valuable player in the league receives the "Mark Maher Award," which will be presented as long as the charity exists. Mr. Arnold asked that I mention his great admiration for Mark Maher and his profound sense of loss at his passing.

Todd Orlando accepted a four-year scholarship to play basketball at Bentley and grew two more inches, landing at 6' 10". In his last year at Bentley, Basketball Weekly named him a second team All-American. In 1984, the defending NBA champion Boston Celtics selected Orlando in the fifth round, the 116th pick overall. In a 2007 Townsman story, Orlando said, "I was very fortunate to have Coach Hixon. He was a key part of my success. He was a great coach who had a major impact." Orlando accepted a two-year contract to play basketball in Germany, and when he returned to the United States, he eventually moved to Jacksonville, Fla. and was hired to teach and be the girl's basketball coach at Bishop Kenny High School. His girl's basketball team won three consecutive state titles from 1990-92. In 2000, Orlando became the principal of the school.

Jim Arnold is a Townie who founded Hoops for Hope and started his business, Sport Court of New England, in 1995. He builds custom residential, multi-purpose courts. He and his wife, Beth (Moynihan), live in the house she grew up in on the shore of Haggitts Pond. They have two sons: Rory, who graduated from NYU and works for Warner Brothers, and Conner, who was sole captain of Andover High's 2009 -10 basketball team and is now at Brandeis, where he plays basketball, in spite of three knee surgeries.

I would like to hear about other undefeated or champion boys or girl's basketball teams.

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

WEDDING



Andrew Hempstead and Megan Cuoco

David and Beth Hempstead of Andover are pleased to announce the marriage of their son, Andrew Hempstead, to Megan Cuoco, daughter of Michael and Carol Cuoco of Clinton, Conn. They were married on Oct. 22, 2011 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Old Saybrook, Conn. Pastor Marsha Heydenreich of Faith Lutheran Church in Andover officiated the ceremony.

The bridal party included Bestman Joe Conley of Andover, Dave Baletsa of Connecticut, Adam Reese of Washington, D.C., and Dan Cuoco of

Connecticut. Bridesmaids were Cara Martin of New York, Lauren Vanderbilt of Boston and Sarah Hempstead of Andover. The couple met at the University of Maryland, where they received undergraduate degrees and both played on the Ultimate Frisbee team. Megan received her masters in public health from Tufts University and is a program manager at Boston University Medical School. Andrew is pursuing his doctorate in microbiology from Tufts University. They currently live in Boston.

ENGAGEMENT



Jessica Fine and Adam Sowalsky

Cynthia and Sheldon Fine of Andover and Brewster, Mass. and West Palm Beach, Fla. and are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jessica Lynne Fine, to Adam Glassman Sowalsky, son of Jan Glassman and Joel Sowalsky of Brookline and Orlando, Fla. Jessica is a 2003 graduate of Andover High School. In 2007, Jessica received her bachelor's degree in communication, graduating magna cum laude from the University of Hartford. In 2008, she received her master's degree in interactive communications from Quinnipiac University. Jessica previously worked at Andover Community Access Television and the Lowell Spinners, as a

camera operator, crew coordinator and producer. She is currently the senior media technician for the College of Communication Computer Support Services department at Boston University. Adam is a 2000 graduate of Newton North High School and earned his bachelor's degree in biology, graduating in 2003 from the University of Texas at Austin. In 2009, he received his doctorate in biochemistry from Tufts University. Adam is a postdoctoral fellow at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center as a prostate-cancer researcher. The couple is planning an August 2012 wedding in Cambridge, Mass. and a honeymoon cruise of the Mediterranean. Adam and Jessica will reside in Natick, Mass.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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Cheever agency to Dr. Philip W. Blake is well-known as the residence of Dr. John Leitch, one of Andover's leading physicians in the early part of the century.

The Andover League of Women Voters meeting to be held at the November club Tuesday, Jan. 19, at three o'clock will have Juvenile Court Legislation for the subject instead of the Teacher's Oath Law as previously planned.

50 Years Ago - Jan. 18, 1962

The town will be urged to adopt a sanitary land fill dumping method at an enlarged West Andover site. The special committee studying this problem, trash and garbage collections has

reported to the selectmen.

Roger W. Collins, 50 Maple Ave., is a candidate for the Board of Selectmen. The son of former Selectman J. Everett Collins, he is a native of Andover and was educated in public schools here.

Edmund R. Taylor and Phillips B. Marsden Jr. were elected wardens of the Parish of Christ Church at the 126th annual parish meeting Monday evening.

25 Years Ago - Jan. 22, 1987

Mary Lyman, director of personnel, expressed concern over the lack of available substitute teachers in the school system at the School Committee meeting.

Andover's town management has recommended a budget of \$42,415,388

for fiscal year 1988, an increase of more than \$3 million over this year's budgeted figure of \$39,182,539.

One of the more pleasing building renovations on Main Street has been the restoration of the Barnard Building owned by William Scanlon. New businesses and offices have joined with the Scanlon Hardware firm in the business block.

For nearly three years, Movies & More has operated its consumer-oriented video entertainment service in Shawshen Plaza. Today they stock over 3,000 movies with a turnover rate of two weeks. In addition to renting and selling films, Movies & More rents and sells video cassette recorders, TVs and video cameras.

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Arts & Entertainment

Catch top 2011 movies – at free library series

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

FREE MOVIES

Offering a few free movies this fall at Memorial Hall Library proved to be a hit this fall. Now, like a movie sequel, the program is back.

Memorial Hall Library will host a once-a-month movie night series on the last Monday of each month. The series kicks off its winter film series on Monday, Jan. 30 with "The Help." The movie will start at 6:30 p.m.

"It went over well when we did this in the fall," said Emily

Where: Memorial Hall Library, Second floor

Schedule: "The Help," Monday Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m.

"The Tempest," Monday, Feb. 27, 7 p.m.

"One Day at a Time," Monday, March 26, 7 p.m.

Features: Big screen, good sound system

Extra: Snacks provided

Classon, community services librarian. "It seems people

just don't get to the movies like they want. People asked that we do it again."

Movie selections for the series are varied. The megahit, "The Help" opens the winter series while Helen Mirren's "The Tempest" follows. Anne Hathaway's "One Day at a Time" will be shown in March. (See box for dates and times.)

A little nugget for this series is a post-film raffle each month. The movie DVD will be raffled so someone goes home with a copy of the movie.

"Everyone puts their name

in and we pick one," Classon said.

This past fall, the library showed the films "Jane Eyre," "The Music Never Ends" and "The Conspirator."

Classon said viewers complain that movies don't last in the big theaters like they used to. It's easier for residents to miss a movie they had hoped to catch in the theaters.

"So, we thought offering free movies is a good way to maybe see something you may have missed and it will get you out of the house," she said.



In this undated film publicity image released by Disney, from left, Emma Stone, Octavia Spencer and Viola Davis are shown in a scene from "The Help." Memorial Hall Library will show the film this month as part of its new film series.



A dragon dance opened a previous Chinese New Year celebration held at the Collins Center in Andover.

File photo

YEAR OF DRAGON TAKES FLIGHT

ACCE celebrating with event Jan. 29

Andover residents have the chance to celebrate the Chinese New Year with Chinese music, martial arts and food.

The Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange will celebrate the Chinese New Year - "Year of the Dragon" - on Sunday, Jan. 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the China Blossom, 946 Osgood St., North Andover.

"Chinese New Year is the most important of the traditional Chinese holidays and is a time to bring family together for feasting and celebration," according to the organization.

"Guests will indulge in a dim sum buffet, enjoy gong fu (kung fu) and lion dance demonstrations by Yang Martial Arts, traditional Chinese dances, and live

cultural music."

World-renowned player Zhan-tao Lin will impress the crowd with the Er-hu, which is similar to a violin with an exception of two strings.

In addition, Shin-Yi Yang will perform on the Gu-zheng, or zither, an ancient Chinese instrument that has strings that are plucked like a guitar's.

Tickets are \$25 per adult, \$20 for seniors and children under age 11, and \$9 children under age 5. Proceeds will benefit ACCE.

Seating is limited.

For more information or to register, visit-yearofdragon.eventbrite.com or contact Richard SooHoo at richsoohoo@aol.com or call 978-470-2293.



A kung fu demonstration will be part of the celebration. Above, Meg Holmes, of Yang's Martial Arts and Yoga Center in Andover, demonstrates the double edge straight sword during an Andover Chinese Cultural Exchange outing at Recreation Park this summer.

File photo

Brahms masterwork for Andover Choral's 82nd season

The Andover Choral Society celebrates the start its 82nd season by featuring Brahms' "Ein Deutsches Requiem, Op. 45," his first major work for choir and orchestra.

The concert will be presented on Sunday, Jan. 29 at 4 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

"The glorious style was influenced by earlier composers such as Schutz, Bach, Handel, and Schumann, and knowledge of the Renaissance and Baroque periods," according to the organization.

"While the traditional Latin Requiem is a plea for the peace of the souls of the dead, Brahms

seeks to provide comfort for the bereaved as his Requiem moves through images of death, despair, and consolation to triumph and hope. With this he established himself as a composer of genius."

Director Allen Combs, celebrating his 22nd season with the ensemble, joins with well known Boston soloists, soprano Sudie Marcuse and baritone Thann Scoggin, and professional orchestra for this enduring masterwork.

Tickets are \$20. For information and tickets, call 978-688-6353 or visit andoverchoral.org.

Handicapped accessible, this concert is sponsored in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

EVENTS CALENDAR

COMPILED BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
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Sorey, drums, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4000, andover.edu.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

TALK FOR PARENTS, Andover Parent to Parent Speaker Series, featuring Ann Helmus, Ph.D., founder of NESCA (Neuropsychological & Educational Services for Children and Adolescents) in Newton. Dr. Helmus works with school professionals and families with children and teens struggling with developmental, learning, or emotional challenges, 7 to 9 p.m., Wood Hill Middle School, speaking on "Supporting Children and Adolescents With Weak Executive Functioning Skills."

SESAME STREET LIVE OPENS, Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 East Merrimack St., Lowell, tickets start at \$14, through Jan. 22; (978) 454-2299, lowellauditorium.com.

EXHIBIT OPENS, "Through Our Eyes," by Merrimack Valley Camera Club, through Feb. 24, at the Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; <http://www.essexartcenter.com/gallery/sidell>.

LIVE COMEDY, The Edwards Twins (2 brothers impersonating 100 stars including Neil Diamond, Billy Joel, Ray Charles and Cher), through Jan. 22, \$32-\$35, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 (hours Tues.-Sat., 1-6 p.m.), stonehamtheatre.org.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

FREE LIVE MUSIC, Pete Robbins Quartet, Andover native Pete Robbins, alto saxophone, compositions and Carlos Homs, piano, Aryeh Kobrinsky, bass, Tyshawn

SATURDAY, JAN. 21

ECO TRACKING, join the Department of Community Services and search for tracks and signs of deer, coyote, fox, fisher cats and other animals, 9 to 11 a.m., \$18/person, Harold Rafton Reservation, with naturalist and animal tracker David Brown. Come dressed for the weather - wear warm, waterproof boots or snowshoes and bring extra clothes. School-aged children must be registered and accompanied by a registered adult; andoverma.gov/dcs, 978-623-8274.

FREE THROW COMPETITION, for Boy & Girls ages 10-14, free, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Andover Knights of Columbus, 10 Brook St., Andover; info@kofc1078.com.

AHS ALUMNI HOCKEY GAMES, 5:10 & 6:20 p.m., \$60 per skater, Breakaway Ice Center, Tewksbury; ahsattrickclub@yahoo.com if you would like to skate.

LIVE BLUES MUSIC, award-winning duo Paul Rishell and Annie Raines, 8 p.m., New Moon Coffeehouse, Universalist Unitarian Church, 16 Ashland St. (rtes 110 and 125), Haverhill, \$20; Margot Loomis, newmoon.haverhill@gmail.com, 978-459-5134.

ARTIST RECEPTION, and Poetry Reading for new exhibit, "Sustenance," by UMass Lowell Professor Michael E. Jones and poetry by his wife Christine M. Jones, 2 to 4 p.m. The exhibit features many forms and means of sustaining us physically, emotionally and spiritually as

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"Rows Wharf," a photo by Ripesh Gosalia of Andover, is featured in the exhibit.

'Through Our Eyes' shows off local photographers' work

Andover photographers are highlighted in the Merrimack Valley Camera Club's newest photo exhibit, "Through Our Eyes."

Through Our Eyes will be on display now through Feb. 24 in the Chester F. Sidell Gallery at the Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence.

Peggy Erb's photograph's Five Little Boats and Vermont Maple,

Ripesh Gosalia's photograph Rows Wharf, and John Lowe's photos Fallen Icon and Sunset - Seabrook are among the prints hanging. Les Wood, an Andover resident for 30 years, also has two images featured, titled Lichen Covered Trees and Lane in the Rain.

The Merrimack Valley Camera Club, based in North Andover,

has nearly 200 members hailing from the Merrimack Valley and beyond, ranging from beginners to professionals.

It holds hands-on workshops, field trips, photo-related activities, presentations and competitions, most of which are open to the public.

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Tambakos Film, International Series to roll at Merrimack College

The Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College presents Tambakos Film Festival & International Film Series beginning Wednesday, Feb. 1.

The schedule is below.
■ Tambakos Film Series: "The Shop Around the Corner" on Wednesday Feb. 1 at 7 p.m.

This 1940 comic romance finds James Stewart working in a small shop in Budapest and longing for a girl to call his own. His coworker, Margaret Sullivan, feels the same, and soon they are both corresponding and falling in love with their respective pen pals.

What they don't realize is that they are writing to and falling in love with each other, but the problem is that they can't stand each other in person.

■ International Film Series: "J.S.A.: Joint Security Area" on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

In the DMZ separating North and South Korea, two North Korean Soldiers have been killed, supposedly by one South Korean soldier. But the 11 bullets found in the bodies, together with five

remaining bullets in the assassin's magazine clip, amount to 16 bullets for a gun that should normally hold 15 bullets.

The investing Swiss/Swedish team from the neutral countries overseeing the DMZ suspects that another, unknown party was involved- all of which points to some sort of cover up. The truth is much simpler and much more tragic.

■ Tambakos Film Series: "The Man Who Knew Too Much" on Wednesday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

James Stewart and Doris Day play American tourists who discover more than they wanted to about an assassination plot. When their son is kidnapped to keep them quiet, they are caught between concern for him and the terrible secret they hold. Directed by "The Master of Suspense," Alfred Hitchcock.

■ International Film Series: "Ten" on Wednesday, April 18 at 7 p.m.

Seen through the eyes of a beautiful, chador-clad divorcee, the film catches her impromptu conversations with

various female passengers (and her imperious young son) as she navigates Tehran's congested and vibrant streets over the course of several days.

As Abbas Kiarostami's "dashboard cam" eavesdrops on these extraordinary and moving stories of sex, divorce, love and religion, an entirely original and fascinating portrait of modern Iran emerges.

■ Tambakos Film Series: "Night and Day" on Wednesday, May 16 at 7 p.m.

Cole Porter was the most sophisticated name in the 20th-century songwriting. This fictionalized biography follows the legendary composer from his days at Yale in the 1910's through the height of his success to the 1940's.

"Night and Day" is directed by Michael Curtiz and Stars Cary Grant, John Alvin and Alexis Smith.

The Rogers Center for the Arts is located at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

For more information, email tavnak@merrimack.edu or call 978-837-5367.

Students encouraged to submit poems on peace

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Students in grades kindergarten through 12, from both public and private area schools, are invited to participate in Northern Essex Community College's fourth annual Peace Poetry Contest and Reading.

Participants may submit original poems and art work on the subject of peace. The deadline is March 15.

Some 80 poems and accompanying artwork will be selected for publication in a small book of poetry to be published this spring, according to the school.

Selected entrants will be invited to take part in a poetry reading on Friday, May 4. Those poets will receive prizes and awards to celebrate their contributions.

Entries can be submitted to peacepoetry@necc.mass.edu or NECC Peace Poetry Contest, 100 Elliot St., Spurrk 317H, Haverhill, MA 01830-2399.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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gathered from observations throughout the Merrimack Valley. Farms, farmers, nature and their interpretations are the main themes, through Feb. 24, Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen St., Lowell; whistlerhouse.org, 978-452-7641.

FREESTYLE JAM SERIES, skiing at Ski Bradford, a seven week series runs every Saturday through Feb. 25, with registration each week from 9 to 10:30 a.m., event kickoff at 11 a.m. Awards given to each finalist, South Cross Road, Haverhill; 978-373-0071.

SUNDAY, JAN. 22

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR, noon to 3 p.m., Phillips Academy Smith Center, 90 exhibitors offer numerous summer programs, wilderness adventures, academic enrichment, music camps and more, for middle and high school students, free admission; andover.edu/summerops/flair.htm.

FREE WINTER CONCERT, The Lindsays, a popular husband-and-wife Celtic team, with world percussionist Salil Sachdev. The ensemble creates an eclectic fusion of Irish ballads, traditional jigs and reels, and contemporary rock and folk, 2 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; mhl.org.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 25

BOOK SALE PREVIEW NIGHT, for Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale,

6:30 to 8:30 p.m., \$20 admission per person (free for MHL Friends members); mhl.org.

LIVE MUSIC, gallery concert of experimental music for voice, harpsichord, and handmade electronics by Lesley Flanigan and Tristan Perich 6:30 p.m., Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy; addisongallery.org, 978-749-4015.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

OPENING RECEPTION, 6 to 8 p.m., for "Open Windows: Keltie Ferris, Jackie Saccoccio, Billy Sullivan, and Alexi Worth," Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy, free and open to the public; addisongallery.org, 978-749-4015.

AN IMPROVISED MARATHON, "26.2 Scenes," a fundraiser to support Stoneham Theatre's Marathon Team 2012, 7:30 p.m., six runners dedicated to Stoneham Theatre are training through pain to prepare for the 2012 Boston Marathon, laugh 'till it hurts with Boston's own all-star improvisers who have performed with The Tribe, ImprovBoston, Musical Improv Co., and ImprovAsylum, minimum \$25 donation per person, Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200 (hours Tues-Sat, 1-6 p.m.); stonehamtheatre.org.

BOOK SALE, Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale opens, through Jan. 29, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; mhl.org.

SATURDAY, JAN. 28

GALLERY TALK, for "Open Windows: Keltie Ferris, Jackie Saccoccio, Billy Sullivan, and Alexi Worth," with guest curator Carroll Dunham and the exhibiting artists, 2 p.m., Addison Gallery, Phillips Academy; addisongallery.org, 978-749-4015.

CARNIVAL FUN, Kidgits Club invites area families to step right up to Center Court at The Mall at Rockingham Park for fun games including Soda Can Topple Toss, A-Maze-ing Plinko Disk Drop Game, Silly Nilly Dice Roll and more, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., free for members, non members can sign up for a \$5 annual fee at the Guest Services desk, Center Court, 99 Rockingham Park Boulevard, Salem, NH; simon.com.

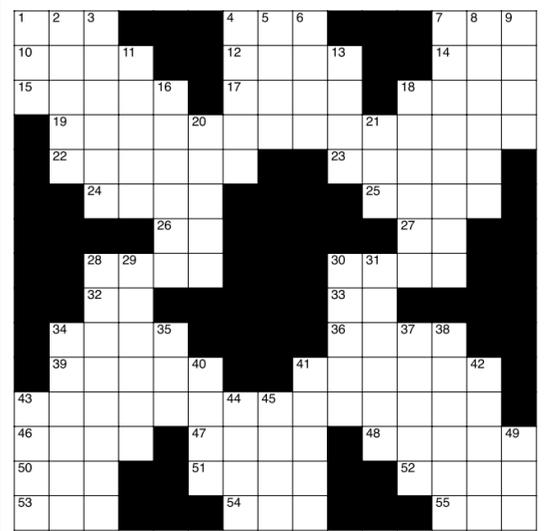
BOOK SALE, Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale, see Jan. 27 listing.

SUNDAY, JAN. 29

LIVE MUSIC, The Andover Choral Society will perform "A German Requiem" by Johannes Brahms, 4 p.m., \$20, the Rogers Center for the Arts Merrimack College, North Andover; (978) 688-6353, andoverchoral.org.

BOOK SALE, Memorial Hall Library Winter Book Sale, 1 to 4:30 p.m., see Jan. 27 listing.

Crossword puzzle



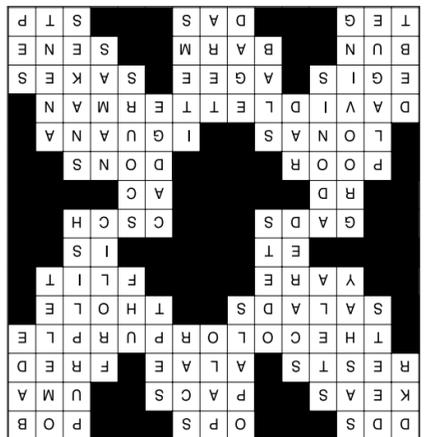
CLUES ACROSS

- Tooth caregiver
- Greek counterpart of Rhea
- A numbered mail compartment (abbr.)
- New Zealand parrots
- Political action committees
- Fringe-toed lizard
- Reposes
- Winglike structures
- MacMurray of "My Three Sons"
- Oprah's Broadway show
- Ceaser, egg and tossed
- Oarlock
- Agile, lively (nautical)
- Skim or dart
- And (Latin)
- Embodies
- Gallivants
- Hyperbolic cosecant
- Rural delivery
- Atomic #89
- Opposite of wealthy
- Imus and Knotts
- Yellow ageratum species
- Large tropical Am. lizard
- Late Show star
- Armor breast-plate
- "Death in the Family" author

CLUES DOWN

- Danish krone (abbr.)
- Insect repellents
- Move sideways
- October's birthstones
- Alto, California city
- Mark of healed tissue
- Somewhat purple
- Egg mixture cooked until just set
- Past tense of bid
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