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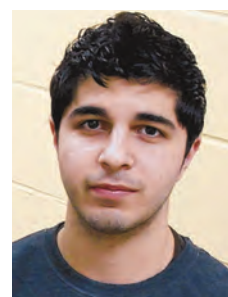
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► Town Meeting issue

Resident: Pay workers in silver coins

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

For some, American Silver Eagle dollar coins are a wise investment, as every \$1 face-value silver coin is worth \$35. Now Andover resident Bob Shapiro believes the town should use

the coins to help pay interested employees and contractors.

He'll ask voters at April Town Meeting to allow the town to do so — saying it will help both workers and taxpayers.

“The federal tax code offers definite benefits to using silver dollars for transactions, rather

than paper dollars, both for the town and for employees and contractors.

This benefit might amount to a 4- to 5-percent increase in purchasing power value to employees and contractors who choose to receive a portion of payments in silver dollars,” Shapiro wrote in an

explanation. “The benefit to the town, given a 25 percent participation rate, might be approximately \$1 million.”

Shapiro, a Haggetts Pond Road resident and author of the article, said he became interested in



DUSTIN LUCA/Staff photo

Bob Shapiro has written a Town Meeting warrant article asking voters to give selectmen the authority to pay employees and contractors in American Silver Eagle dollar coins.

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Dramatic rebirth



PHOTO BY MARK SPENCER

Chris Christoforo, Kathy Abisso and Nancy Vogler, who were involved with Merrimack Junior Theatre, will take their experience - and the costumes and sets from MJT - and work with Andover Youth Services on a new youth theater group.

MJT members to raise curtain on new group

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

After 23 successful years in Andover, the final curtain closed for Merrimack Junior Theatre last year. Founder and West Elementary School music teacher Josie Walker made that call as she was about to start a new life chapter as a grandmother.

Well, MJT is back - sort of. Three former MJT board members are teaming with Andover Youth Services using MJT supplies to form “Theatre Works!”

With a first production booked for mid-November and auditions happening in September, the local community theater stage promises to be busy next fall.

“There’s plenty of room,” said Chris Christoforo, a former MJT board member, who has formed the group with Kathy Abisso and

ATTENTION ANDOVER ARTISTS

Want a chance to win \$100? Enter the Andover Youth Services Theatre Works! Create-a-Logo Contest. The logo should have the name of the theater - AYS Andover Theatre Works! It must be legible, crisp, appropriate for all ages and unique.

Entries and contact information should be sent to Andover Youth Services, 37 Pearson St., Andover, MA 01810, Attn.: Theatre Works! or send an email in PDF format to aystheatreworks@gmail.com.

Deadline is Friday, Feb 10. The winner will be announced Friday, Feb. 17.

Nancy Vogler. “The interest is there. And, we know what a great experience MJT was for kids.”

MJT costumes and sets were given to AYS. As they say on Broadway, the show must go on - and it will.

“What Josie Walker did was give lots of kids opportunities to get involved in theater,” both on stage and behind the stage, said Bill Fahey, AYS director. “Any time you see something like

that, if there’s a way to keep something good like that going in a community, you want to do it.

“We have the model,” he said. “Obviously, it’s not going to be [exactly] the same because she was the legend that did it.”

AYS theater buffs will mentor younger actors. The initial program will be for actors in grades four to eight, just as MJT was. Internships will be available for students

in grades nine to 12 interested in working in other aspects of theater arts or in support of the program.

“We are thrilled. AYS has a great energy,” said Christoforo, whose two daughters were in MJT and who has been involved in South Church productions for years. “Andover values community theater so we are very excited about this.”

Theatre Works! will look to spread the word about its troupe in the next few months. The drama group is kicking off its program with a create-a-logo contest. The winner will earn \$100 (see box). Then, it will be time for auditions and a premier production, the name of which is even being kept from Fahey at this point, until details are nailed down, he said.

“It’s going to be a great experience for kids,” Christoforo said.

Private lot offered for fire station

South School site still best choice, officials say

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Andover could buy privately owned land on Andover Street for a new Ballardvale Fire Station, but a town building committee continues to recommend

that the new station be built on South Elementary School property.

Only one property owner responded to the town’s request asking for land on which the fire station could be built — the Minahan family.

The Minahans own a 1.21-acre lot at 270 Andover St., across the street from the currently

recommended location at South Elementary School. Buying the land would cost taxpayers as much as \$750,000 on top of the price to build the new station, according to building committee Chairman Dan Casper.

Building the station will cost around 10 to 15 percent of what the \$44 million Bancroft Elementary School project would cost — which is around \$4.4 million to \$6.6 million — building committee member Mike Igo said.

The owners of the property could not be reached for comment.

When assessed for fiscal year 2012, the value of the property was listed as

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► Teacher contract talks

Task force to study AHS schedule

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Andover’s teachers union and the School Committee have agreed to create a task force to study possible changes to the Andover High School schedule, a key sticking point in contract negotiations.

The goal of the task force is to create a schedule model the high school could use this coming fall, according to Annie Gilbert, School Committee chairwoman.

“At this point, the next step would be for them to coordinate with [Assistant Superintendent Nancy Duclos] and move forward. We hope that

together, they’ll begin work and it will be productive and timely,” said Gilbert.

The task force will contain six teachers and six administrators. It is instructed to identify the best schedule format for Andover High School — which could be a block schedule with a specific number of courses taught per semester or a completely different format. The task force must reach a consensus, according to union President Kerry Costello.

The School Committee will play no role in the task force, said Gilbert.

“We like to leave the pronouncement up to the educators,”

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In Brief

February health clinics

The Andover health department will offer mini clinics on Monday, Feb. 13 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons and Monday, Feb. 27 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle. It will offer senior center clinics on Wednesdays, Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 2 to 3 p.m. No appointment is necessary. For more information, call 978-623-8295.

PAST & PRESENT



THEN: Thirty citizens of Andover petitioned the Massachusetts legislature seeking to establish a "mutual" savings institution and in 1835 the Andover Institution for Savings opened for business in a second floor office of the Valpey Block. The bank moved into the Nation Bank building at 23 Main St. in 1853.



NOW: The building on Main Street, which for many years was the site of Andover Bank, is now home to TD Bank.

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Town offering pneumonia vaccine

The Andover Health Department, as part of its adult immunization program, is offering vaccinations "to protect residents against the very serious disease of bacterial or pneumococcal pneumonia."

The Centers for Disease Control and Massachusetts Department of Public Health recommends vaccination for all adults 65 and older and for other adults 19 to 64 years old with chronic health problems, including asthma, and also for those who smoke.

The Andover Health Department will schedule appointments with the Public Health Nurse for pneumonia vaccines. The clinics will be held at the Health Department Office, 36 Bartlet St., on Friday, Jan. 27, and Monday,

Jan. 30. Call the Health Department at 978-623-8295 to make an appointment. Medical questions regarding the vaccine should be directed to your private physician. This immunization is different from the flu shot and is not needed annually.

After-school enrichment program

Winter and spring registration for the town's Department of Community Services' After-School Enrichment Program offering courses for children in kindergarten through grade 6 is in progress online at andoverma.gov or by contacting the DCS office at 978-623-8274.

2-4), Young Artists Painting Studio (grades 1-3), Russian for Youngsters (grades 3-5), Actors Showcase and Behind the Scenes (grades 4-6).

MVCC Government Affairs Committee presentation

The Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee presents "A Special Report from Washington: The Challenges Facing The United States in 2012. How Is Your Business Impacted?" on Monday, Feb. 6 from 8 to 9:15 a.m. at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover.

A to Z connection

Faith Lutheran Church on South Main Street continues its strong connection to Zimbabwe, (Townsman, June 9, 2011). Church member Ramson Gambiza of Methuen is from the African nation. Kids in a YMCA after-school program based at the church, start an A to Z penpal exchange this week.

The staff and children are very excited for this international learning experience," Erin Parolisi, director of youth services, wrote in an email.

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New 'Something' on

The Andover Chroniclers, which directs, produces and edits the monthly cable TV show "There's Something About Andover," has a couple of shows running this month on the local community TV, channel 8. One segment chronicles the life and times of African Americans in the 19th century at the location of the Shawsheen River Grove at Pole Hill reservation. The other half is devoted to Hands Only CPR that anyone can provide in an emergency.

The show airs on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 9 a.m. It is one of Andover Community Access & Media's longest running shows.

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■ POLICE LOG

The following items were taken from Andover police log for Tuesday, Jan. 17 through Monday, Jan. 24:

ARRESTS

Thursday, Jan. 19 — At 7:40 a.m., Bernice Aguirre, 30, of 64 Summer St., Andover, was arrested elsewhere on Summer Street and charged with driving a motor vehicle with a revoked registration, driving a motor vehicle while having a revoked license and driving an uninsured motor vehicle or trailer.

Friday, Jan. 20 — At 11:39 a.m., Nicole Noltemy, 34, of 39 Monterey Drive, Methuen, was arrested on River Road and charged on a single warrant for an equipment violation and driving a motor vehicle while unlicensed.

Saturday, Jan. 21 — At 4 a.m., Joshua Boggett, 23, of 19 Bow St., Danvers, was arrested on North Main Street and charged on a warrant for owed fines.

Sunday, Jan. 22 — At 2:49 and 3:21 a.m., two individuals were arrested on Haverhill Street. Kelly Guthrie, 31, of 172 Haverhill St., was charged on a warrant for failure to pay fines and costs for operating under the influence of liquor. Radys Rodriguez,

48, of 17 Seventh Ave., Haverhill, was charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

At 9:59 p.m., Candence Cain, 38, of 12 Nutter Road, North Reading, was arrested on Andover Street and charged with speeding and operating under the influence of liquor.

Monday, Jan. 23 — At 3:42 p.m., Faith Hagler, 24, of 1844 Middlesex St., Lowell, was arrested on Dascomb Road and charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

CAR CRIME

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — At 8:21 a.m., a theft from a motor vehicle was reported on Tilton Lane.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 — At 1:27 a.m., a vehicle reported stolen out of Andover was recovered in Methuen.

BREAKS

Monday, Jan. 23 — At 4:33 p.m., a house break was reported on Boston Road. No links to another reported house break on Andover Street (see story, this page) earlier that day have been established.

THEFTS

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — At 12:39 p.m., a theft was reported at a retailer on

State helicopter spots body; ruled suicide

A middle-aged man committed suicide in the area of Greenbriar Circle and Knollcrest Drive last Thursday, Jan. 19. David Procopio, spokesman for the Massachusetts State Police, said a State Police Air Wing helicopter unit spotted the man's body around 250 yards from a nearby home. They "spotted him from the air and directed ground personnel, including a State Police canine unit, to his location," said Procopio. A spokesman for the Andover Police Department did not return phone calls. State police were called to assist in the search for the man at around 8 a.m., and he was found at around 9:20 a.m. The man had hung himself from a tree, Procopio said. For feedback on this story, email dluca@andovertownsmen.com.

North Main Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 — At 1:37 p.m., the theft of \$25 to \$30 from a pocket book was reported on Richard Circle.

Monday, Jan. 23 — At 1:33 p.m., a theft of money from a wallet was reported on Lowell Street.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Jan. 17 — At 11:43 a.m., identity fraud was reported on Burnham Road.

Wednesday, Jan. 18 — At 9:41 a.m., police were called to Gray Road for a hawk stuck in a screened-in porch. It was released.

At 11:32 a.m., "some type of scam" was reported on Ivanhoe Lane.

Thursday, Jan. 19 — At 10:31 a.m., an attempted use of counterfeit money was reported on Lowell Junction Road.

▶ Arrests on highway

Son tails alleged burglars, calls police

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Two men were arrested on Interstate 93 northbound on Monday morning after a man followed them from an alleged house break into his mom's home and called police from his car.

Keith Wilson, 31, of 158 Beach St., Salisbury, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering during the daytime with intent to commit a felony. David Meehan, 30, of 8 Highland Ave., Hampstead, was arrested and charged with breaking and entering during the daytime with intent to commit a felony, possessing a burglarious instrument and failing to stop for police.


The incident started after a man called 911, stating that

he was tailing a vehicle with people he said "just broke into his mother's house" on Andover Street, according to police reports. After the vehicle turned and "came at him head on," it moved onto Interstate 93 via Dascomb Road, where the caller lost sight of the vehicle.

A police officer found the vehicle on I-93 and attempted to pull it over, according to police reports. The vehicle didn't stop, and as it traveled towards a I-93/Route 495 on-ramp, state police attempted to block in the vehicle.

After the vehicle was stopped and Meehan and Wilson were arrested, police detectives returned to the Andover Street home and confirmed a house break had taken place, according to police reports.

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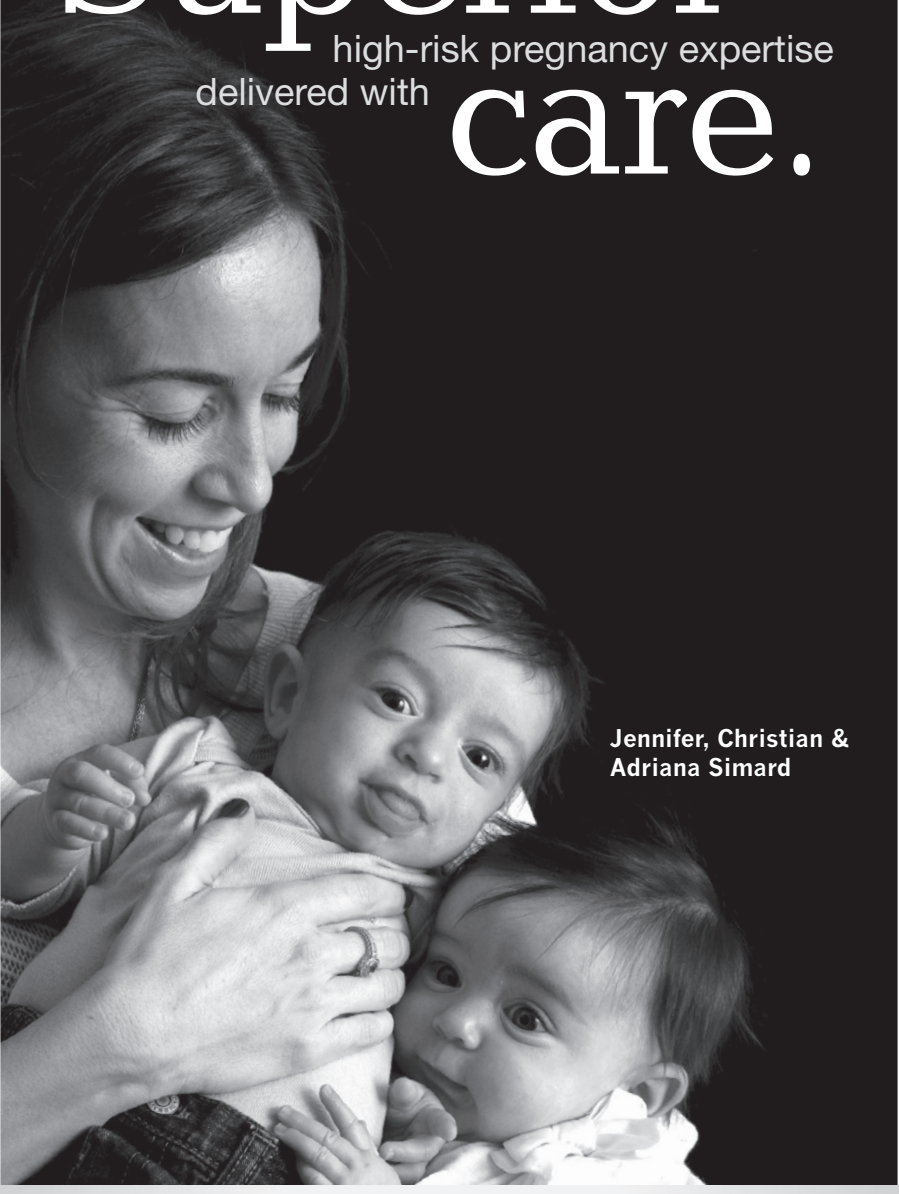
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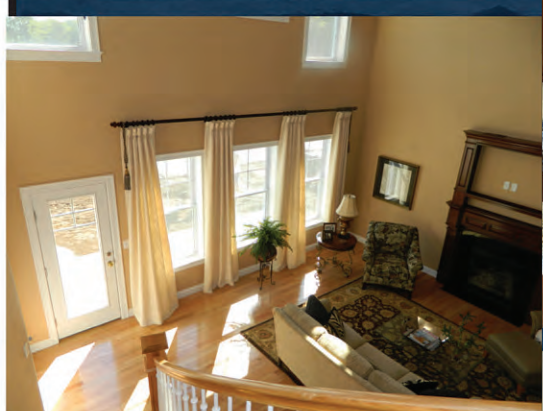
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CONTRACT: Task force aims to implement new AHS schedule this fall

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said Gilbert. "In the interest of time, the high school scheduling task force needs to get

going, and we'll await next steps."

In recent months, contract talks — which have been in mediation for nearly a

year after the last teachers' contract expired in August 2010 — have stalled over the implementation of a new high school schedule. In previous

interviews, members of the School Committee have indicated they want a new schedule to be implemented, one that increases the amount of

time Andover High teachers spend teaching classes. They want AHS teachers to teach three classes each semester rather than teaching three classes one semester and two classes the other.

Union members have argued in previous interviews that the proposed increase in teaching time would eventually result in a staffing reduction of 20 percent.

Creating a task force has been "a part of the bargaining proposal since we began 74 weeks ago," said Costello. "The proposal for the task force has gone back and forth throughout the bargaining, but certainly the teachers are in favor of it moving ahead at this juncture."

The School Committee hopes a new schedule can be implemented, and members are open to what that new schedule will contain, according to Gilbert.

"We're not looking at the same schedule we already have," said Gilbert. "What we want is a new schedule that's not reflective of the status quo."

"I do think it's achievable" for a new schedule to be

TASK FORCE MEMBERS

The following individuals have been appointed to the task force, with one vacancy still open per side, according to Andover Education Association President Kerry Costello:

ADMINISTRATORS: Nancy Duclos, assistant superintendent; Tom Sharkey, high school interim principal; Rebecca Ledig, social studies program advisor; Patricia Whalen, English program advisor; and Aixa de Kelley, counseling program advisor.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS: Fred Hopkins, social studies; Sarah Fisher, science; Renee Druke, special education; Ed Parker, art; and Rebecca D'Alise, English.

recommended and implemented this fall, she said.

"The work of the task force will hopefully bring the parties to a point where we will be able to have a tentative agreement," said Costello. "I believe that my professional colleagues in the education field will put forward a sincere effort to research the schedules used in other high schools, to see if we can glean from those a possible new schedule for Andover High."

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A water main break at Park and Bartlet streets shut down several businesses along Park and Main streets Tuesday afternoon and evening.

Pipe break closes downtown eateries

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

A water main burst at the corner of Park and Bartlet streets Tuesday afternoon, shutting down several businesses along Park and Main streets.

The break in the water main — involving a six-inch-wide pipe believed to be about 68 years old — was patched by about 7 p.m. Tuesday, according to Andover Water and Sewer Superintendent Morris Gray. Many downtown restaurants — including Park Street Pub, Dominos, Starbucks, Casa Blanca and Orange Leaf — were closed because they are required to have running water to be open, under Board of Health laws.

The break was first reported around noon Tuesday. Town crews watched it, hoping that "we could get these businesses through the night,"

said Gray. But as the water flow increased over time, water service was shut down at around 4 p.m.

"We didn't want the sides of the pipe blowing out," said Gray.

Water service was interrupted along all of Park Street from Main to Florence streets, and along nearby parts of Main Street.

David Pierre, owner of Orange Leaf on Park Street, stood outside of his closed frozen yogurt shop as crews dug through the road, searching for the leak.

"You can't run a business without water," said Pierre, who opened last year. "It is unfortunate on a 60-degree weather day. Kills us. We would have been cranking."

"Nothing you can do about it," said Pierre. "It is one of the unfortunate parts of business. You get a night off, and nobody wants that."

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Dear Jill,
What do you think about comparison shopping sale items at different stores, and then asking them to match a low price? Is price-matching worth the time? — Devoted Couponer

Dear Devoted,
Price-matching usually refers to retailers matching the price of a big item — like an appliance or electronic device — to that of a competitor. Stores that offer to match another store's advertised price are willing to give up a chunk of their profit margin in order to keep the buyer from doing business with the competition. Lucky for us, some supermarket chains offer price matching on groceries.

Many everyday-low-price stores offer to price-match. Prices at these stores do not follow the typical 12-week, high-low pricing cycle of a traditional supermarket. A box of cereal may sell for \$2.97 all year at the everyday-low-price store; at the supermarket, the box of cereal can fluctuate from a high of \$3.99 to a low of \$1.49.

Coupon shoppers tend to find the best deals at traditional supermarkets. We swoop in when the price of an item is low and use coupons to cut the cost further. But price matching at an everyday-low-price store is an even better opportunity for savings, since we can persuade these stores into even lower prices to match their local competitors. Shoppers can even price-match several items on the same trip.

While it's always advisable to check your store's price-matching policies, most will allow shoppers to use coupons on the price-matched items, too. As with any good deal, there are possible pitfalls. It's worth finding out if the store limits the number of stores it will price-match. Your regular store may not consider a supermarket 30 miles away to be a competitor, so it will refuse to match prices. But if it does, watch the ad and get the match. What a great way to save on gas!

Keep in mind that some stores are not likely to match promotions, such as "buy four and receive a \$5 coupon good on your next shopping trip" offers. These often appear as a Catalina coupon, the type that prints at the register. While some Catalina offers are national, others are chain-specific. If there isn't a payback offer at the price-matching store, there's no way a store can generate this coupon for you.

Beware of unique packaging or size of a product when price-matching. You may find special sizes at a super center ("12 granola bars plus two bonus bars!") that aren't available at the supermarket. Some price-matching policies specify that the store will only match the price of an identical item. If the item in the ad that you're matching isn't identical to the one on the shelf at the competing store, the store will not match the price.

My best tip for price-matching? Save it for a hot sale, when the product you want is going fast at the original store. Rain checks might be an option at the sold-out store, but if you want the product right away, consider matching that ad at a store where the product isn't on sale. They'll likely have plenty in stock.

Recently, a big supermarket in my area had a sale on boxes of single-serve juice pouches. The 10-count box was selling for 77 cents! After reading shopper complaints on a local blog that the supermarket was sold out of the beverage for days, I took the store's ad to another store. They happily matched the price.

And the bonus? At the price-matching store, many of the boxes had \$1 peel-off coupons good for the purchase of three. I used those and paid \$1.31 for three boxes — about 44 cents each!

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Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about couponing at her website, www.jillcataldo.com. Email your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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Townspeople

Small riot, attack on officer and Abbot Village

Bill Dalton



Just before midnight on Saturday, Jan. 27, 1912, Andover Police Officer Napier was attacked

by 25 to 30 men. The following Friday, the Andover Townsman's publisher and editor, John N. Cole, a former speaker of the House in Massachusetts, wrote about the attack in an editorial titled "Apprehend and Punish."

Cole said that a small-sized riot followed the arrival of the last trolley from Lawrence in Elm Square the previous Saturday night, and that a group of Andover men accustomed to come from Lawrence on that last car, "much the worse for liquor and in moods not at all helpful to peace and quiet," have harassed passengers and then people on the streets. Further, Cole said, the police "have warned them, admonished them, have been patient and courteous to them, but the limit of patience seems to have been reached on Saturday night, with the result a conflict, rather serious in its results, took place."

Later in the editorial, Cole said mentioned that at the beginning of his career there were some citizens who felt, "Officer Napier was rather officious, but we are of the opinion that later events have proven that he is settled down into a very efficient, courageous, watchful police officer."

On the page following the editorial a story was headlined, "Officer Napier Assaulted," and subtitled, "Made Object of Brutal Attack by Crowd of Loafers Last Saturday Night." The story said the rowdies were "mostly young Scotchmen, presumably belonging in Abbot Village... [and] the trouble was the outcome of the usual weekly carousals in Lawrence." It described how the police had made repeated efforts to stop the trouble and made numerous arrests and said, "these weekly disturbers of the peace have been fined in the local court, but when allowed to go simply repeated the performance. The only result of the arrests has appeared to be the gradual growth of hatred for the police officers and a desire for vengeance of some kind." The story indicated that most of the enmity was aimed at Officer Napier, who never dealt with the offenders "in any kid-glove fashion."

Along with Officer Napier, Officer Morse was on duty, and both reported there was noise and shouting when the trolley stopped, and when Napier directed the men to move along, one stepped forward and spit in his face, and when Napier arrested him the entire crowd set upon Napier, "striking terrible blows with their fists."

The officers defended themselves "lustily" with their clubs, but Napier was hit in the eye by one assailant and had his nose broken by another, and the attack continued for several minutes, until Napier's club was taken from him. He then used his fists to defend himself, leaving his gun holstered. In the end, Napier had two broken ribs and numerous bruises [William Dalton] to accompany his broken nose. He went home and didn't return to duty for several days. (Officer Napier's first name is never mentioned, but a street directory lists a James Napier at 91 Elm St.)

The story is not followed-up in the Townsman, even though minor police

matters appear as well as Abbot Village news, which includes a meeting of the Abbot Village Checkers Club. The Townsman was giving significant coverage to the Bread and Roses strike in Lawrence, a seminal event in union history. It seems odd that, in spite of the National Guard presence in Lawrence, a city on the edge of anarchy, young men from Andover, perhaps mill workers themselves, were allowed to come and go, carousing at will.

Although hardly known as a location in Andover today, Abbot Village, in its time, was as familiar a name as Ballard Vale.

Abbot Village was named after a family that, in 1814, started a factory near the intersection of Essex Street and Red Spring Road. In 1837, the factory was purchased by two Smith brothers and John Dove, who moved their existing mill from Frye Village (now called Shawsheen) to the Abbot factory and soon expanded.

Abbot Village was structured around the growing Smith and Dove mills, the remains of which are still there, including the oldest building in Dundee Park. The Indian Ridge School on Cuba Street was called the "Abbot Village School" by some, and Brechin Terrace was built as employee housing by Smith and Dove in 1905.

Although not officially defined, Abbot Village included lower Essex Street, Cuba Street, part of Red Spring Road, Brechin Terrace, part of Shawsheen Road and Stevens Street to the point where it bumped into Marlard Village.

Smith and Dove grew to almost 400 employees, many of whom were enticed to leave their native Scotland to work in the mill.

Abbot Village Hall, which no longer exists, served as a community center and home for many organizations, including the aforementioned Checkers Club, the Indian Ridge Mother's Club, and the Andover Cricket Club. Smith and Dove built and maintained the old Cricket Field, which no longer exists but was next to the railroad tracks near St. Augustine Cemetery, and the company sponsored several athletic teams.

Three months before the "small riot," my mother was born in Abbot Village at the home of her grandfather, Farquhar MacKenzie. He'd emigrated from Brechin, Scotland, in 1888, where the owners and many of the employees of the Smith and Dove had lived.

MacKenzie owned a butcher shop in the structure that was also his home, a large, white house, which still exists and sits close to Red Spring Road across the street from the old Smith and Dove factory. He was 59 at the time of the incident and was known to be a good, hard-working person, as were most people who lived in Abbot Village, for the village was a substantive place.

The story of the attack on Officer Napier by people described as "Scotchmen presumably belonging in Abbot Village" and further described as carousing "loafers" must have been swallowed hard in Abbot Village.

I have no knowledge as to how the problem of Jan. 27, 1912, was solved, but I suspect the people of Abbot Village, including the owners of Smith and Dove, addressed the matter, whatever the facts were.

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Roozbeh Badie, 16, is a star debater in the Y's Youth in Government program, directed by Jim Holmes, left. ANGIE BEAULIEU/Staff photo

From shy to the Statehouse

Debating, democracy program helps Andover teen express self

BY JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

It's a tough adjustment for any high-schooler when a parent's new job means they must move.

For Andover High School junior Roozbeh (pronounced Rooz-bay) Badie, it was a cross-country adjustment. Last year, his family moved from California to Andover.

The quiet 16-year-old with the Persian name was not sure where to turn to find new friends or where to go for some fun. At the Andover/North Andover YMCA on Haverhill Street he found a part-time job and a "Youth in Government" program that has changed things for the better.

"I've blossomed," he said proudly. "I used to be so shy and now I'm on a debate team where I get to share my opinions."

The program meets weekly for about an hour and teaches teens in grades 8-12 about the democratic process. Teens participate in multiple aspects of state government. Teens research and write bills,

debate issues, vote on proposals, run for office and hear judicial cases.

The debating piece of the program interested Roozbeh the most. Current events, including cyber bullying, the Penn State scandal, hazing at an AHS boys basketball summer camp and Andover teachers' work-to-rule position adopted because they do not have a new contract, are a sampling of issues debated. Debaters prepare by reading newspapers and researching online.

"The program has helped me gain the confidence to express my opinions without fear of feeling judged," Roozbeh said. "I never knew I could be this passionate about a debate."

Jim Holmes runs the program and said it's a great way for teens to learn how government works. Roozbeh is one of six teens from the program getting ready for a statewide debating event at the Statehouse in March. Holmes said it's the only youth program allowed on the senate floor and other Statehouse offices.

"It lets students see first-hand how government works," Holmes said.

The Y group, including Roozbeh, will debate a bill with a crowd of at least 100 looking on.

Roozbeh is ready, thanks to Holmes.

"Jim is like the devil's advocate... always getting us going," Roozbeh said.

Holmes, who was a history major in college and calls himself a news junkie, knows the trauma of public speaking.

"There's a saying that people fear public speaking more than death," Holmes said.

His way to handle that trauma for these teens was to give each one a children's book at their first meeting.

"They had to read it in front of everyone and make eye contact. If you made a mistake, you started again," Holmes said.

Roozbeh eventually got through the assignment and three months later he is getting ready to debate on the Statehouse floor.

"Pretty cool," he said.

Fleeting flakes



Cross-country skiers and other snow lovers have had a disappointing winter so far. Resident Bob Dennis took this scenic shot on School Street this past weekend. By Tuesday, rain had washed away almost all the snow.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

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100 Years Ago
Jan. 26, 1912

Residents of West Andover are filling their icehouses with ice from Haggett's Pond. The harvest this year is unusually good, the ice being in some places fifteen inches thick.

Charles Emerson, the local expressman, has purchased the property on Chestnut street now occupied by Mrs. Albert W. Pike.

A large number of the employees of the Tyer Rubber Company were temporarily laid off last week owing to the present quietness in

business. The winner of the pig given by Mrs. Barton at Wonderland last night was Selectman H. M. Eames.

75 Years Ago
Jan. 22, 1937

Andover's political situation changed but slightly this week with only two new candidates entering

the field. Edward Downs of North Main street added his name to the growing list which has taken out nomination papers for tree warden, and William McCoubrie of

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Arts & Entertainment

Honoring the 'Singing Strike' of 1912

Friday concert, numerous events celebrate 100th anniversary

A concert entitled "Singing for Our Lives" will honor the 100th anniversary of the Bread and Roses strike in Lawrence, an event of immense significance in American labor history.

The People's Music Network for Songs of Freedom and Struggle will gather Jan. 27 through 29 to honor the great textile strike of 1912. It will perform a concert as part of the "Bread and Roses Centennial" celebration at the Lawrence High School Performing Arts Center, 71-72 North Parish Road, tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Musicians from Seattle to San Francisco, Brooklyn to Boston and beyond will perform, as well as the Lawrence High School Girls' Ensemble and LHS student and hip hop artist Supnater. Included in the bill are Anne Feeney, Jon Fromer, Bev Grant, Evan Greer and spiritchild (Back to the Roots), Tom Juravich, Rebel Voices and a choir made up of the People's Music Network and local participants.

Tickets are available in advance for \$5 for youth and low income residents and \$10 to \$25 on a sliding scale, general admission, through PayPal. Tickets are also available at the Andover Bookstore, Lawrence Heritage State Park and other locations.

On Saturday and Sunday, the rest of the Winter Gathering will take place at the

Lawrence Senior Center, 155 Haverhill St. Music workshops focused on labor and other topics, a round robin Saturday night and Songs of the Spirit on Sunday morning are some of the scheduled events. A special feature Saturday afternoon will be an historical multi-media presentation in word and song by Karen Brandow and Charlie King entitled, "1912: Occupy Lawrence"

The Lawrence Public Library has offered space for some of the gathering's 19 workshops Saturday at various times between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Detailed information will be available at the Lawrence Senior Center on Saturday morning.

The general public is encouraged to attend all events. Small donations will be accepted for individual events, but those wishing to eat at the gathering must register in advance (\$120 covers everything including five meals and the Friday night concert). Scholarship money is available.

When the People's Music Network came to Lawrence in 2004, folk singer Pete Seeger, a member of the group, said that by 2012 everyone in this country should know Lawrence, Mass. Tomorrow's concert will be the first night in the year-long series of events. For more information, go to peoplesmusic.org, or call 978-474-0606.



Cast members from Andover are Emma Accardi, Lauren Wanthal, Mignon Hale, Joe Benjamin, Summer Erievision, Abby Goldman, Cassidy Poole, Catherine Cox, Darya Lee, Emma Kelley, Emma Koral, Karin Ulanovsky, Kate Ulnatam, Keito Mahaniah, Kyle M. Rys, Maggie Norris, Rachel Drew, Shannon E. Booth, Shea Krekorian and Therese Pelletier.

New residents to help 'Hairspray!' hold audience

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

Happily cast in an important role, an Andover High School sophomore is one of 20 Andover actors who will help teach 1962 Baltimore a thing or two about integration in the musical "Hairspray!"

Fifteen-year-old Joe Benjamin admires the musical's civil rights history lesson, but certainly doesn't dwell on it. After all, he wasn't even alive in 1962.

"It's a part of history," Benjamin said of Hairspray's storyline, where African-American kids can only dance on the Corny Collins Show once a month. "But, ours is a funny show with lots of singing and dancing...I like that."

Benjamin plays Duane, one of the students in detention. He shows some moves to lead character Tracy Turnblad, who hates the once-a-month rule.

Hale would not reveal this local show's unique spin, only saying that it has one.

"We add lots of sugar and spice," he laughed, breaking into his huge braces-decorated smile, "and there's a whole lot of hugging going on."

Hairspray! is a popular musical for teens as there can be a large ensemble and the story hooks people of all ages. For the ActingOut production, there is a cast of 86 and 20 actors are from Andover.



Joe Benjamin and his mom, Mignon Hale, will be in the Acting Out! production of "Hairspray!"

HAIRSPRAY!

When: Friday, Feb. 10, 7 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 11, 1:30 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 12, 3 p.m.

Where: Merrimack College Roger's Center for the Arts

Cost: Reserved seats \$20, General admission \$15, \$18 at the door

More info: 978-208-9132, actingouttheater.com

In the production, Tracy is obsessed with the Corny Collins Show on TV. Every day after school,

she and her best friend, Penny, run home to watch the show and drool over the attractive host. But Tracy's mother, Edna, just shakes her head wondering what the big deal is. (Hollywood actor John Travolta played Edna in the movie version of Hairspray.)

Replace the TV show with a YouTube video, and it's a story that even today's teens can appreciate.

Acting Out! always includes adults and their children in their shows and Joe's mother, Mignon Hale, is in the ensemble.

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Rabbi, Muslim comedian share Laugh in Peace stage

Jewish and Muslim students are coming together for a night of comedy.

The Jewish Student Union and the Muslim Student Union of Phillips Academy are bringing a special performance of the "Laugh in Peace" Tour to campus. Rabbi Bob Alper, creator of the tour, will team up with Mohammed "Mo" Amer.

Rabbi Alper's self-described as "The world's only practicing clergyman doing stand-up comedy... intentionally."

Alper performs across North America, London, and at The Hollywood Improv. He is heard daily on Sirius/XM Radio, and seen on Showtime, The Today Show, Good Morning America, CNN and Extra. Recently the tour was profiled in a CBS News feature.

Amer was born in Kuwait to Palestinian parents, and fled his birth country at the age of 9 during the Gulf War. His family settled in Houston



Bob Alper and Mo Amer

where, according to a release, "as a teen, he developed his comedy craft after observing that Muslim moms, dads, and uncles are funny too." Mo has performed in 16 countries, including USO shows for our troops in Iraq.

The performance is free and open to the public. It will be held in the Tang Theatre at George Washington Hall, Chapel Avenue, at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 27.

For further information contact Gail Ralston at g ralston@andover.edu or 978-749-4130.



From left, Jamian Figueroa of Haverhill, Cayla Resca of Swampscott, Kyle Rys of Andover, Peter Anton of Andover, Kat Marinelli of Lawrence.



Andover's Peter Anton is flanked by April Foley and Jackie Foley, both of North Andover.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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THURSDAY, JAN. 26

A CAPPELLA OPEN HOUSE, Merrimack Valley Chorus, an a cappella women's show chorus based in Wilmington, is having an open house, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Wilmington Arts Council Building, 219 Middlesex St. (Route 62), Wilmington.

FRIDAY, JAN. 27

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

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, 7:30 p.m., laugh 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.

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 Topples, 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.

CHILI CONTEST, Brush Gallery & Artists'

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New England Tenors, National Marionette Theater at Rogers Center for the Arts

The Rogers Center for Arts at Merrimack College is preparing for a weekend of performances to kick off February.

■ The New England Tenors will perform on Friday, Feb. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

These songsters, featuring John Middleton-Cox, Damien Corcoran and Ray Bauwens, will perform interpretations of timeless classics such as "Danny Boy," "Somewhere," "O Solo Mio," "You'll Never Walk Along" and more.

Advance tickets are \$20, all tickets at the door \$25, student rush \$5.

■ National Marionette Theater presents "Pinocchio" on Saturday, Feb. 4 at 2 p.m.

Carlo Collodi's epic about a puppet who wants to become a real boy is a classic

example of storytelling, and this adaptation is a faithful re-telling of this childhood favorite. Follow Pinocchio as he goes on a series of adventures and discovers that only by being truthful, selfless and kind to others will he realize his dream of becoming a real live boy.

Recommended for family audiences, and for children ages 4 and up. Running time for this production is approximately one hour.

Tickets are \$12, or grab a family four-pack for \$40.

Both performances take place at the Rogers Center for Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover. For more information or reservations for either event, call 978-837-5355.



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Education

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Kindergarten registration in one place, Feb. 6

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

The annual kindergarten registration event for the 2012-13 academic school year will be conducted only in one place this year.

A registration event covering all schools in town will be held at the World War I Memorial Auditorium, the auditorium for Doherty Middle School that faces the Park on Bartlet Street. The event will be Monday, Feb. 6 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Previously, registration was done at Andover's five elementary schools and Shawsheen School, a choice prekindergarten through grade 2 school, according to Dee Delorenzo, administrative assistant to the assistant superintendent of schools.

Events for all of the schools will be held at one location this year to guarantee consistency in the information being made available, said Delorenzo.

Parents wishing to register their children before or after the Feb. 6

event may do so by downloading the registration packet at the Andover Public Schools website, aps1.net, or visiting any of the town's elementary schools.

Packets and deposits for all-day kindergarten are due by March 2.

Right questions, planning will solve schedule snafu

Ken Seifert



From time to time we hear about "the 800-pound gorilla in the room."

The metaphor is used as an example of something that is obvious to most people, but they don't want to talk about it.

For a few years now that gorilla at Andover High School has been the block schedule. It has become so big that it has contributed to a work to rule for all the schools, the School Committee is now against the teaching labor force and the issue could result in a lower rating when the Accreditation Committee presents its final report. Our standing in the valley is not what it could and should be.

There are people in our town who say, "I wish I could sell my house and move out of town." There are others who say, "If I had the money I would send my children to private or parochial schools." This situation is most unfortunate. The present School Committee members have said they want Andover to become an innovative school system with national recognition. I believe what they say. However, it is how you propose to do something that makes all the difference in the world.

The teachers are in the midst of a serious internal political battle that has significant consequences. There are those who are adamant about the work-to-rule strategy. There are those who have mixed feelings. There is a third group that is utterly embarrassed that the group would withhold services to children because the contract is not signed.

The question that is most important is, what is the percentage of truly professional teachers who put their classrooms first and their wallets second. They are the most critical part in a good school system.

It is going to take some time to sort out who wants to do what, a strategic plan that makes sense, and both sides who work toward the same goal: the best education of our children within our ability to pay. In my opinion, it is very possible. I know the major players on both sides and have always believed reasonable people can come to reasonable solutions.

Back to King Kong in the high school. From the very beginning the block schedule, a good idea, was handled in a fashion that could not possibly succeed. To avoid such serious mistakes in the future, the Andover education team (School Committee, administrators and teachers) should work together when presenting major

initiatives to the community. This is true of a strategic plan, annual initiatives, and innovations that have a major impact on our schoolchildren.

There are key questions that if answered thoroughly and implemented as planned, will produce very good results. They should be asked before the initiative is launched and approved. In the case of the block schedule here are a few:

- If we implement the block schedule what educational results should we expect? (cost-benefit analysis)

- What is it? How does it work? (plan)

- What is wrong with the present method?

- What kind of staff development is needed?

- How will we measure whether it is effective or not?

- How will we modify if it is not going according to the plan?

- What data will we compile to see if it is working?

- How much will it cost in time, people, equipment and money?

These questions can be applied to any major initiative. Such questions should be answered by the staff before it presents them to the School Committee. Once the School Committee has accepted or rejected the proposal, the Finance Committee, and those community members who have an interest in such information, will feel the school organization has done its job.

Over the last decade we have spent millions on technology. Apply the above questions and draw your own conclusions. How about the new initiatives?

One final thought on the Andover High block schedule, I would estimate the difference between the typical schedule and the Andover block schedule is \$750,000 at the very minimum. Is it worth the difference? The Andover education team should provide some factual data. If not, time to go back to the drawing board.

This is not to say we should go back to what we received when we went to school. It may have worked then but it doesn't work today. A truly good school system can answer and presents such answers, before the critical questions are asked by the Finance Committee and the community.

Once again, I believe Andover can have the finest schools in the country. The potential is there. The basic issue is not money! It is time to be dissatisfied with typical thinking and implementation. Ask the right questions and you have a better chance of having the right kind of school system.

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



Courtesy photos

Fifth-grade students dressed in uniforms from George Washington's Army, the British Army of King George III and the French Army as part of a special program at Bancroft Elementary School.



Students Georgia Ezell and Ben Eckman



Liam Sutherland, forefront, Nora Dalton, Luke Pratti – and, in the background, John Comosa and Emma Berube – take aim at learning about the nation's founding.

REVOLUTIONARY LEARNING

Bancroft youth learn about nation's beginnings

Bancroft Elementary School fifth-graders recently stepped into the shoes – and other clothing – of the nation's first soldiers.

The youth were immersed in the lives of the Continental Soldier at a Revolutionary War presentation by Hands on History's Denis Cormier. Students dressed in uniforms from George Washington's Army, the British Army of King George III and the French Army; handled artifacts from the 1700s, and walked through drills and procedures, gaining an understanding of what it took to win the freedom of a new nation, according to parent Mary Hall.

The Friday, Jan. 13 event was sponsored by the school's PTO.

Pike School names students to term 1 honor roll

Pike School has announced its honor roll for the first term of the 2011-12 school year.

HIGH HONORS

Grade 9

Alexandra Barr, Aaron Fang, Sharan Gill

Grade 8

Drew Bassilakis, Darian Bhatena, Robert DeLaus, Rohan Dixit, Mia Edelson, Sarah Eikenberry, Chiraag Gohel, Brooke Keene, Cameron Kerry, Natalie Lopez, J. P. Mayer, Robbie Morris, Erica Nork, Malcolm Ogden, Harry Page, Cassidy Poole, Sitara Rao, Jessie Schmitt, Habiba Shaheed, Caroline Shipley, Mihika Sridhar, Jordan Towler, Meghan Tucker, Emma Wood

Grade 7

Grace Anthony, Jordan Aucoin, Andrew Cheng, Camilla Guo, Leah Hamann, Simona Innocenti, Liddy Kasraian, Ritika Kommareddi, Morgan Kuin, Hannah Latham, Rebecca Marrow, Barbara McDuffee, Caroline Reynolds, Clara Rotger, Joe Santoro, Alex Scott, Kelly Sheng, Niko Skrivanos, Natalia Suarez, Sreya Sudireddy, Katherine Sweetser, Sophie Zhang

Grade 6

Colby Beré, Allison Bolton, Frank Cai, Emma Chatson, Rohan Chaturvedi, Noelle Danna, Christian DiVincenzo, Emelie Eldracher, Zachary Fitzgerald, Zoe Hsieh, Michaela Jones, Phoebe Kim, Lauren Kramer, Amanda Li, Leslie Mateo, Hannah Maver, Ian McCabe, Michael McCullom, Bobby Meehan, Akshay Mundra, Jeffrey Ng, Kate Packard, Danielle Page, Connor Peters, Alana Raffee, Tarun Rastogi, Helen Salvatore, Jake Zanazzi, Maddie Zerbey, Mae Zhao

HONORS

Grade 9

Charlie Bramhall, Blaise Harmange, Joe Holden, Aoife Hughes, Carl Liu, C. J. Rogers, George Siodis

Grade 8

Trevor Abraham, Myles Bagley, Lilli Baumgardner, Tatiana Bouchard, Elyanna Coutracos, Lexi Davidson, Alex Dziadosz, Gabbie Foderaro, Jacqueline Gangi, Katrina Gangi, Ian Gelerman, Sarah Gilbert, Drew Ginsberg, David Gordon, Arnaud Harmange, Will Jaekle, Larisa Kreismanis, John Lynch, Evan MacHenry, Jeffrey Mellen, Lauren Menzie, Luke Nawrocki, Peter O'Connell,

Olivia Papapetros, Chris Puglisi, Joey Romano, John Romano, John Rullo, Katherine San Cartier, Lukas Stachtariis, Chase Steer, Chandler Washburn

Grade 7

Audrey Adam, Alexia Ames, Allie Attarian, Kate Burba, Alex Chaban, Kevin Chen, Bonnie Cheng, Leah Cormier, Izzy Davidson, Dakoury Godo-Solo, Hadley Goodman, Katarina Hodge, Kiarah Hortance, Joshua Hurst, Allie Iamonaco, Victoria Imbriano, Grace Kirby, Ryan Lattanzio, AJ Lorden, Connor McKernan, Paul Miller, Nick Moheban, Ben Munick, Sydney Nagahiro, Cady Netland, Sarah Netland, Theo Nikolopoulos, Alexa Peters, Dylan Ross, Joey Sarno, Gianna Shin, Nicholas Uva

Grade 6

Eva Altvater, Nicki Aponas, Tate Blazonis, Andrew Brown, Cooper Bulens, Riley Cardono, Noah Colby, Ryan Conway, Caleigh Cormier, Izzy DiAdamo, Blake Edwards, Nell Fitts, Domingo Gonzalez, Oniel Gonzalez, Kyle Lattanzio, Alexa Matses, Nalia Medina, Chris Mellen, Sophie O'Brien, Jack O'Connell, Christopher Ogden, Caroline Payne, Isaac Poritzky, Tyler Ricchiuto, Matthew Schelzi, Matthew Sciascia, Claudia Solano, Grant Willis

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Business

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Freeze said to help small businesses

The Massachusetts House of Representatives has voted to freeze the anticipated unemployment insurance tax rate increase.

Filed by state Rep. Bradley H. Jones Jr. (R-North Reading) and Sen. Bruce E. Tarr (R-Gloucester), An Act Relative to Mitigating the Increasing Costs for Small Businesses by Freezing the Unemployment Insurance Rate, seeks to prevent a tax increase of \$220 per employee, or 31 percent, on the Commonwealth's businesses. Garnering bi-partisan support, the passage of this legislation marks the fourth straight year that a similar bill has been passed by the Legislature protecting Massachusetts employers from what local Republicans called "this damaging and unnecessary tax hike."

"This rate freeze is essential," said Rep. Jim Lyons of Andover, "to protect struggling small businesses. Otherwise, a huge government rate hike will place an unacceptable burden on family-operated shops and stores."

"We must improve the climate for local employers to thrive and create new jobs. This legislation is one step in the right direction, one that helps small businesses and will lead to greater job creation and economic growth," said Lyons.

"Freezing this tax now and reducing taxes across the board will build confidence within the private sector, helping keep people employed and end our state's part-time jobs crisis," said Rep. Paul Adams, also of Andover. "Most importantly, overhauling the Commonwealth's unemployment insurance system will help private-sector job creators stay here and expand here for the long term."



Bob Frishman will host an illustrated talk for the Topsfield Historical Society.

Is your old clock valuable? Resident to give lecture, free appraisals

Clock expert Bob Frishman, owner of Bell-time Clocks in Andover, will present "Telling Time in Early New England" next month as part of the Topsfield Historical Society's monthly lecture series.

The Andover resident's illustrated talk, which features over 70 pictures of timekeepers from his own and museum collections, offers a history of clocks and watches in New England, from the arrival of the Mayflower through the adoption of standard time by the railroads in the late 1800s. The



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presentation will be followed by an informal "road show" appraisal for everyone who

brings clocks to be identified and evaluated.

The lecture will be on Sunday, Feb. 19 at 3 p.m. in the Gould Barn, 1 Howlett St., adjacent to Topsfield Common. The public is invited and admission is free. Refreshments will be served.

Frishman, who founded Bell-time Clocks in 1992, has repaired, restored and sold antique clocks for more than 30 years. While the great majority of his repair customers are private owners and collectors, he also does trade and institutional work. He has restored clocks for Brown University, the Andover Historical Society, the Museum of Our National Heritage, Phillips Academy in Andover, and the Gibson House Museum. He is a past-president of New England Chapter 8 of the National Association of Watch & Clock Collectors. As a scholar and student of horology, he has published many articles and he lectures on clock-related topics.

► Olde Andover Village

Business as usual for some; TIP finds new home

By JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

rear of CVS.

While the renovations by the new landlord at Olde Andover Village forced some tenants to move, it's business as usual for many other tenants, including Lantern Brunch and CoCo Collection.

"People think we are closed and we are not. We are open," said George Dukas, owner of Lantern Brunch.

Nancy Dube of CoCo Collection, said the post-holiday scene at the downtown retail area, is typical of years past. Sales are happening and it's business as usual, she said.

Some second floor tenants at the Main Street shopping plaza were asked to vacate during renovations and were offered alternative spaces in the complex at higher rents (Townsmann, Jan. 12).

At least three tenants moved to other locations in town. Beaven Tutoring moved to Dundee Park after 32 years in Olde Andover Village. Betsey Beaven's holistic food consulting business also moved to Dundee Park.

Today, Thursday, Jan. 26, the Trauma Intervention Program is moving into its new office space at 68 Main St., second floor, above the

"It's a turn-key space and just beautiful," said Jayan Landry, TIP executive director.

She's turned a "crisis into an opportunity," she said, as she was given 30 days to vacate her second-floor office at Olde Andover Village. Stunned to receive the landlord's notice just after the new year, Landry said she was offered a temporary basement location at Olde Andover Village during renovations.

Tenants affected were all sub-leasing from Peter Beaven of Beaven Associates. Landry said two tenants took up the landlord's offer of alternative office space within the plaza.

Meanwhile, new landlord Lincoln Essex OAV, LLC, is committed to a renovation at Olde Andover Village, which was created in the 1960s. The current plans are to make substantial changes at the site.

Olde Andover Village's new owners, Avison Young, a partnership, bought the site for \$7.4 million last September. The business partnership of an undisclosed number of investors includes state Sen. Barry Finegold, Scott Jameson and John Fenton, all of Andover.

Andover company provides surface for Australian Open

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Sailing into history on the Niña

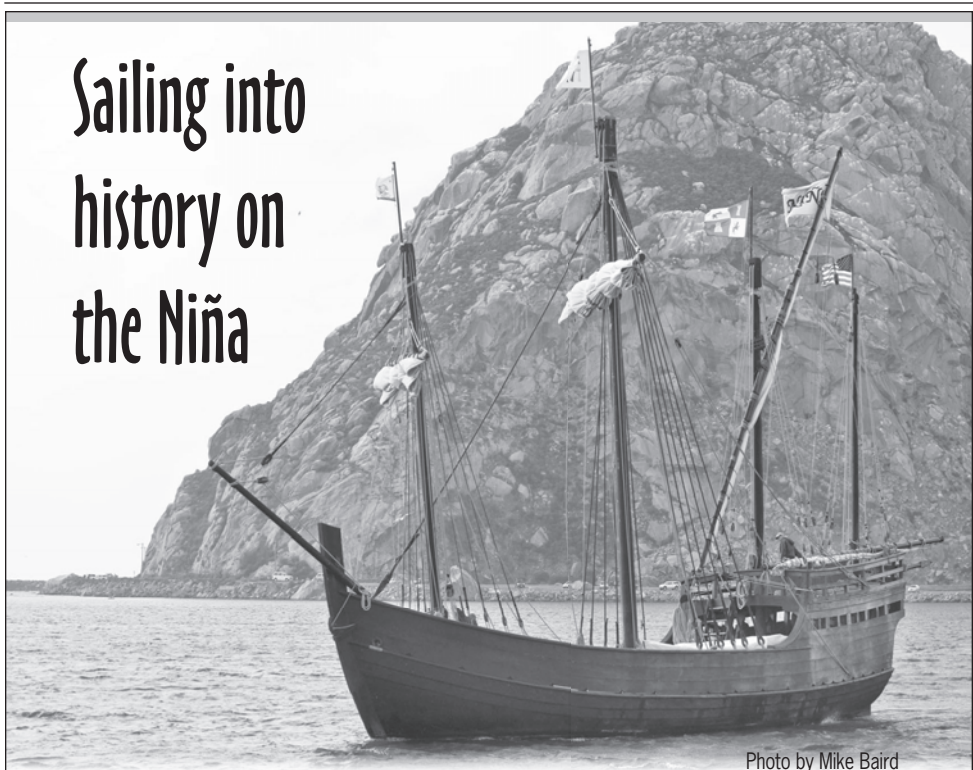


Photo by Mike Baird

Sailing on the Niña in 1492 was not a pleasure trip.

When Christopher Columbus sailed the Niña out of port on her three trips to the New World, her cargo hold was full. The supplies included water, armaments, provisions, and livestock.

Horses, cows, and pigs were suspended in slings. That kept them from falling and breaking their legs when the sea was rough. Chickens were kept in cages.

With all those animals, the cargo hold didn't smell good. Most of the 27 crew members slept on the deck. The lucky ones found a way to be about a foot off the deck. Otherwise they would get wet when the waves washed over the deck.

After the Niña reached the New World and the ship was unloaded, life was better for the crew. On the return trip they carried new fruits and vegetables. Some of the fruit and veggies were found to eliminate scurvy. Scurvy is a disease caused by the lack of vitamin C.

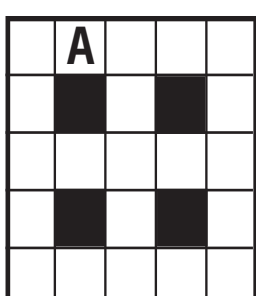
The crew also learned to make hammocks from the Indians. They used their new-found knowledge to make beds for the return trip and later voyages.

The Niña was the smallest of Columbus' three ships. The ship was about 50 feet long and 15 feet wide. Imagine 27 men and boys plus animals living in that space!

The average speed would have been about 4 knots with a top speed of about 8 knots. The ship traveled about 90 to 100 miles per day. The Niña and the Pinta traveled about the same speed. The Santa Maria was slower. The voyage from the Canary Islands off the coast of Africa to the Bahamas in the Caribbean took about 36 days.

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

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Jan. 27, at Lawrence, 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 29, at North Andover, 4 p.m.
Jan. 31, Dracut, 7:30 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jan. 26, Billerica, 7 p.m.
Jan. 29, at North Andover, 2:30 p.m.
Feb. 2, Methuen, 7 p.m.

BOYS HOCKEY

Jan. 28, at Waltham, 8 p.m.
Jan. 31, at Boston Latin, 5:15 p.m.

GIRLS HOCKEY

Jan. 28, Wayland, 5:50 p.m.
Feb. 2, at Billerica, 5 p.m.

GIRLS TRACK

Jan. 28, MSTCA Invit. 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 29, MSTCA Coaches elite meet, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 31, at Braintree 7 p.m.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

Jan. 30, Cen. Catholic 7:30 p.m.
Feb. 1, Billerica and Chelmsford, 4 p.m.

BOYS TRACK

Jan. 28, MSTCA Invitational, 9:30 a.m.
Jan. 29, MSTCA Coaches elite meet, 9:30 a.m.

BOYS SKIING

Jan. 26, at Masconomet, 3:30 p.m.
Jan. 31, North Andover and St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 2, North Andover and St. John's Prep, 3:30 p.m.

GIRLS SKIING

Jan. 20, North Andover and Austin Prep, 3:30 p.m.
Feb. 1, Haverhill and Manchester Essex, 3:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Jan. 27, at Chelmsford, 3:30 p.m.

'AMAZING ATHLETE AND PERSON'

Livingston overcomes serious back injury, starring for Golden Warriors

By DAVID WILLIS
STAFF WRITER

For Jessie Livingston, every landed back flip or vault — something she once took for granted — is now a moment to savor.

"It feels so nice," she said. "When I can land a beam routine it just feels so inspiring. I'm not all the way back, but I feel like I've regained some of my skills."

It was approximately 16 months ago that Livingston, going through a routine she had done countless times, suffered the fractured back that very nearly ended her gymnastics career.

But now, thanks to more than a year of physical therapy, hard work and quite a bit of ice, the 4-foot-11 Livingston has returned to the sport she loves, and is starring for Andover High.

"Jessie is an amazing athlete and an amazing person," said Golden Warriors coach Kristen Vadala. "Of all the injuries I have ever seen, hers is probably the most serious and I have never heard her complain. She is extremely dedicated."

A competitive gymnast since her childhood, Livingston was working out with her club team in Sept., 2010 when the then-high school freshman's world was rocked.

"I was doing a move on the bars when I hyperextended my back," she said. "But I thought I could just work through it so I kept practicing for the next couple days, which probably made it worse."

Finally, as the pain in her back grew worse, Livingston realized she needed to see a doctor.

"At first they couldn't find anything on the x-ray," she said. "So I had to have an MRI and bone scans and CAT scans."

"They found a hairline fracture in my of a vertebrae and that I had done damage to my growth plates."

Even after a career filled with injuries, the news was jarring for the entire Livingston family.

"She was 14 when it happened," said mother Grace Livingston. "You think she's going to walk perfectly her whole life and she's never going to have a broken back. That's never going to happen, then it does."



Courtesy photo

Despite a back injury that nearly ended her gymnastics career more than a year ago, Jessie Livingston remains a fearless competitor for Andover, and continues to dominate the competition.

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After having also suffered injuries such as a pair of broken ankles and a fractured knee during her career, Livingston considered walking away from gymnastics entirely.

"It definitely crossed my mind a few times," said Livingston. "I had to think about what would happen to me if I went back."

But, after five months away from the sport, Livingston began her return slowly late in Andover High's season. Despite being very limited, she was still able to place fourth in the bars at Division 1 North sectionals.

"I was still in a back brace at first," she said. "But once I started in gymnastics again I started to think to myself, 'I can do this.'"

After spending much of the off-season rehabbing, along with Acupuncture and massages, Livingston has begun to regain her form this season for the Golden Warriors.

The sophomore has won the all-around in all but one Andover meet this season, placing second in the season-opener, and has added five victories in both the bars and beam.

"Jessie's injury was very serious," said Andover assistant Tracy Vadala. "For her to come back from an injury like that and win is so impressive, and she never complains. But she has had to take everything that puts pressure on her back and do it differently now."

Livingston admits she still faces struggles working to regain her abilities.

"It still hurts every day," she said. "I'm still limited. I still can't bend backwards. But I have a high pain threshold. I might take time off after high school."

Her mother, for one, wishes she would complain a little more.

"One thing that is good and bad about Jessie is her pain tolerance is so high," said Grace. "It makes me nervous that I think she lies. I ask her, on a scale of 1-10 how the pain is. She will say it's a 4 when it's really an 8. But we keep an eye on her, the (Vadalas) are great and she loves gymnastics. We took her out of the sport for a while and she jumped back in."

Pelham Tournament winners



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The Andover fifth grade boys travel basketball team recently won the championship during the Pelham Tournament. Team members are, from left, on bottom: Josh Gordon, Jack Curtin, Alex Pisacreta, Kyle Graber; middle row: Jack Danisch, Anthony DiCesare, Steven Shaw, Emmett Kim, Nick Resendiz; and coaches Kevin Graber, Michael Kirkpatrick and Gus Resendiz.

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