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Football's dream season ends in playoff loss

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LOWELL — With the final whistle already blown, and St. John's Prep celebrating on the other end of the field, Andover lineman Andreas Christophulos mustered a

■ Photos and story from the Thanksgiving Day game in Sports, Page 7.

smile through his sadness as he looked back at the memorable season. "There are guys I have

been playing with since the AJFL (Andover Junior Football League)," said Christophulos. "It's been a long ride with these guys, with a lot of ups and downs. To make the playoffs is a great accomplishment, even if it didn't end the way we would

have liked." Andover football saw its dream season come to an end on Tuesday, when the Golden Warriors fell to St. John's Prep 21-0 in the Eastern Mass. Division 1 semifinals at Lowell's Cawley Stadium.

"We came up short a few times, we missed on a few passes," said quarterback C.J. Scarpa. "I know I could have done a lot better, and St. John's capitalized. But even though it wasn't the best way to end it, this was still a great season."

This season, the Golden Warrior finished 10-2 and earned their second Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title and playoff berth in three seasons, after not making

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Let the good times roll



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Children race down the track in the Kid's Fun Run with family members during the 25th annual Feaster Five Race in Andover. More photos, Page 17.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Santa Claus waves from the fire truck as he passes Town Hall during the Santa Parade in downtown. More photos, Page 13.

Woman who let trash pile up files for bankruptcy

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Town health officials are still working to take action against Susan Odle over the state of her two homes, but a recent bankruptcy filing is delaying the process.

Any efforts to force Odle to clean up either of her two Andover properties — a historic home at 116 Osgood Street and a condominium unit at 38 Michael Way — will now need to move through bankruptcy court, according to Andover Health Director Tom Carbone.

Last year, Odle filed for bankruptcy protection as a court case brought against her by her condominium association moved forward. "They had to get relief from the bankruptcy court

first, which they did," Carbone said.

After that, the Michael Way condo was cleaned out, with Odle's belongings being put in black trash bags and thrown into a dumpster.

Within a couple weeks, those bags started piling up in front of her Osgood Street property.

The town is moving forward with action on Osgood Street, though the bankruptcy protection will slow their progress, according to Carbone.

"My understanding is when you file for bankruptcy protection, all of your assets are essentially frozen," Carbone said. "That's put her on there so the person filing can't try to pay off just one person. It's supposed to give them an opportunity

to recognize or set up a payment plan."

In the meantime, the condominium association on Michael Way is reaching out to the Board of Health for ideas.

"They were notifying the town that there seems to be some activity there, and they were looking for us to take action," Carbone said. "They're making some

assumptions. They may be right assumptions, but we would never take action on assumptions."

Carbone also said the association will likely have better success dealing with Odle's Michael Way property in court. "Because they took the last action and were able to get the injunctions, they

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Sandy wreaks havoc on town projects

Costs expected to rise

As officials tally up a multi-million dollar budget deficit in the Bancroft Elementary School construction project, recovery from Hurricane Sandy is likely to put a huge budget strain on all town projects for the coming year.

How and why are not a mystery, especially for those in the insurance industry, like Town Moderator Sheila Doherty.

"The insurance industry, as they're sitting down right now, they're looking at the costs of the losses that were incurred because of Hurricane Sandy, the amount of physical property damage that was sustained," Doherty, president of Doherty Insurance, said. "They're projecting in their loss projections that the building material costs will be somewhere between 20 and 30 percent higher."

■ Ballardvale station, town yard projects still in discussion phases. Page 2.

The budget shortfall facing the School Building Committee could come out around \$5 million once the project is done. A year's delay timed with economic improvement and an improving construction contractor environment are credited for the increase. But the problem facing that project is just one possible shortfall among many, according to Maria Maggio, acting director of Plant and Facilities.

"Construction is really increasing privately and publicly," Maggio said. "In the last year or so, it just kind of exploded. The storm's going to make it even worse."

The cost explosion will See PROJECTS, Page 2

Accused Phillips burglar complains he was 'scared'

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — After being found inside the locked Shuman Admission Center at Phillips Academy, a man accused of breaking into the building said a school official who caught him in the building "scared the crap out of me."

Darrin Oneil, 47, of 37 Elmira Ave. in Newburyport, was arrested Friday and charged with larceny over \$250, malicious destruction of property over \$250 and breaking and entering into a building during the daytime with intent to commit

a felony.

He pleaded not guilty to all three charges at his arraignment Monday in Lawrence District Court. He's being held on \$2,500 cash bail.

On Friday at 2:13 p.m., police received a call from Phillips Academy Admissions Director William Leahy, who said he "heard crashing that sounded like it was coming from upstairs" in the Shuman Admissions Center, according to a police narrative written by Andover Police Officer Benjamin Ledwell.

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PROJECTS: Construction costs rise as Sandy recovery continues

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likely last 12 to 18 months, Doherty said. That may affect these

TOWN YARD: Efforts to rebuild or relocate the town's municipal facilities are still brewing at nearly every regular Board of Selectmen meeting. This past year, residents narrowly rejected an \$18.5 million plan to put the facility on Campanelli Drive.

BALLARDVALE FIRE STATION: The project is "a tenth of the size" of the \$44.5 million Bancroft Elementary School project, but it could still be affected by cost increases since it still relies on building materials that are going to be in short supply.

While the projects at the Bancroft Elementary School, Ballardvale Fire Station

and Town Yard essentially make up "the big three" in town planning efforts, other smaller projects could also be effected:

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL: A project that could cost around \$3.2 million, before increases are calculated, will replace all paved areas around the school, including sidewalks. The project is slated for 2013 Annual Town Meeting approval.

YOUTH CENTER: Work for the \$4.2 million Cormier Youth Center on Bartlet Street is expected to start in June. Fortunately, the building will be modular in nature, which is "where we could probably save some money," Maggio

said. The town also handles a number of much smaller capital projects every year, and they're all reliant on materials. To address rising costs, Maggio said, she's expecting to ask for around 15 to 20 percent more money in next year's budget.

That's for work being done by town employees. Larger projects, like those outlined above, will use contractors — and they're also in short supply as storm repairs are made. That's before the increased competitiveness of the market is considered.

"The exact same thing happened with Katrina. There were hundreds of

thousands of homes that had to be rebuilt," Doherty said. "There just aren't enough laborers, there just aren't enough materials to go at the old price."

The costs "are only going up," Selectman Marry Lyman said. Central to her concerns is the Town Yard, which has an added town employee safety aspect to it caused by the condition of the Lewis Street facilities.

"I'm concerned about the fiscal impact as well as the safety impact of prolonging (the project) another year," she said. "The taxpayers, I think they just want it done — and they want it done cost-efficiently."

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Planning for Town Yard, Ballardvale station continue

By DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

Construction crews are busy digging into the Bancroft Elementary School project, but two other large projects facing the town are still in the planning stages.

BALLARDVALE STATION EYES SOUTH MAIN

The committee developing the plan to replace the deteriorating Ballardvale Fire Station is setting its sights elsewhere as the search for a solution continues.

After nearly two years of planning a new fire

station near South Elementary School, the committee is putting a fresh set of eyes on its project.

Andover resident Travis Miller, of Criterion Associates, has been reviewing the 2007 Manitou study that informed the subcommittee's decision to locate the new station near South School.

With newly available data added to the study, a stretch of South Main Street is now being considered for the station, according to subcommittee Chairman Dan Casper.

"We're putting out a request for proposals this week, and we're trying to see what land owners or property owners in that vicinity would be interested in making their land available to the town," Casper said.

While the area doesn't fall within the subcommittee's original target radius, Miller said, he "felt it could still provide the basic services that are needed," Casper said.

If a land owner offers his or her land to the town, "hopefully we can take (the project) to Town Meeting this spring," Casper said.

MEETINGS CONTINUE FOR TOWN YARD

After voters narrowly rejected an \$18.5 million Town Yard plan targeting Campanelli Drive, acting department heads Chris Cronin from the Highway Department and Maria Maggio from Plant and Facilities have been meeting regularly with the Board of Selectmen.

Like the Ballardvale Fire Station project, the Town Yard will also go through a request for proposal process soon, Maggio said.

"The latest with the Town Yard is the selectmen were working with Chris and I all summer up until now, analyzing some private properties and some town-owned properties," Maggio said. "Right now, we're going to

go out with an RFP like we did before."

The amount of land the town needs for the project could change as planning continues and the full needs of the Town Yard are realized, according to Maggio.

The Board of Selectmen will meet with the Planning Board and a consultant on Dec. 10. They will review possibilities for the existing Town Yard space, should the facility move off of Lewis Street, according to Board of Selectmen Chairman Paul Salafia.

A public forum is also planned to discuss the project. While that forum hasn't been scheduled, Salafia said it will take place after the meeting with the Planning Board.

The forum is expected to take place sometime in December or early January, Salafia said.

The timeframe for Town Yard construction isn't yet known, according to Salafia.

BURGLAR: Says employee scared him

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After seeing a pane of glass knocked out of outside door to the building, Leahy was about to call security when he saw someone inside.

According to a police report, when the man saw Leahy, he said, "(Expletive removed), you scared the crap out of me!" The man then ran from the building and left in a vehicle

registered to Oneil, Ledwell wrote.

An employee's office was broken into in the building, and a laptop computer valued at over \$250 was missing from the employee's desk, according to court documents.

Police put a call out to surrounding towns and the Mass. State Police to keep an eye out for Oneil's vehicle. North Andover police later found the car by Route 114

and Interstate 495 in Lawrence, at which point the vehicle fled onto I-495 northbound, according to police.

The car was stopped in Newburyport by state, Amesbury and Newburyport police. Oneil was arrested and brought back to Andover, where he was booked on the charges.

A pretrial conference has been scheduled for Dec. 20 at Lawrence District Court.

BANKRUPTCY: Homeowner in battle with town files for protection

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would be the appropriate party to petition the court," he said.

Odle wasn't available for comment. A woman at Odle's Michael Way condominium

declined knowing who Odle was.

Paul Sauerbrunn, who lives nextdoor to Odle at 36 Michael Way, says he knows she has returned, though he hasn't seen any evidence of hoarding taking place at the property.

"I've just seen her in the driveway. It doesn't seem to be much of an issue, at least as much as it was earlier," he said. "It isn't like it was before. Her car is not filled up like it used to be."

Sauerbrunn also didn't know the association was seeking advice in how to deal with Odle now that she has returned, but "I'd be supportive of the board

trying to make sure they take proactive steps to make sure it doesn't happen again," he said.

Meanwhile, the town is "kind of in a holding pattern" in addressing the conditions on Osgood Street, Carbone said. The town has been working with the Attorney General's Office to resolve the issue.

Part of that wait is on the shoulders of a leinholder on the property, which Carbone said is reviewing its options.

"The only place we've got action on right now is Osgood Street," Carbone said. "Conditions out there have not changed."

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Most cases end by dismissal or a settlement. That is not the case here. This is a case, after discovery was done, where it became clear there was no basis for the lawsuit...The agreement by both sides is that the judgement will be entered for the defendants. You see that almost never.

— Sam Perkins, a Boston lawyer who represented the town and the teachers on a lawsuit brought against them by a former high school student who claimed her civil rights were violated when she was raped by another student during a school-sponsored trip to Germany in 2008. Story, in Education, page 4.

I want to make sure that no one is left with the impression that a major redesign of the school is an option... Simply and bluntly put, we cannot complete the project with current available funding.

— Tom Deso, School Building Committee chairman, about the need for more money to complete the new Bancroft Elementary School, a construction project delayed a year by a lawsuit. See letter on the Opinion page.



Post 8 to hold Pearl Harbor ceremony

Andover American Legion Post 8 along with Andover's Veterans Services will be conducting a ceremony on Friday Dec. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Legion Lot in the Spring Grove Cemetery to commemorate the 71st anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

The Legion cordially invites all World War II veterans, their families and friends. All veterans and the public are welcome to attend.

Andover Red Cross blood drive today, Nov. 29

The American Red Cross will hold another Andover community blood drive for November. The next blood drive today, Thursday, Nov. 29 from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed everyday to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need.

All presenting donors in November will be eligible to win a \$200 gift card that can be used toward the cost of heating their homes, courtesy of Suburban Propane and every day in November, one presenting donor will be awarded a \$50 gift card that can be used towards your Thanksgiving dinner.

The American Red Cross also will hold a community blood drive on Thursday, Dec. 20 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the Andover Town House, 20 Main St.

All eligible and new blood donors are encouraged to give blood. Blood donors are needed everyday to ensure an adequate blood supply for patients in need. All presenting donors R RGUA SEUCW

will receive a coupon for a free appetizer or dessert from Chili's Grill & Bar.

To make an appointment to donate blood at either drive, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

North Pole calling

The Andover Department of Community Services and Enterprise Bank has once again connected with a direct line to Santa at the North Pole, allowing parents to be able to tell their children that Santa is on the telephone for them.

This is the sixth year Andover has a hotline offering children ages 3 and older an opportunity to speak directly with Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus.

"Santa can give a special holiday greeting, recognize a positive behavior, or send a special message. Santa will be available to call children on Thursday, Dec. 6 to give a personal hello to the kids between 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. A brief conversation is planned, and older or younger children in the household can also say a quick hello," according to a release from DCS. "One hundred children spoke to Santa Claus last year. Many parents let us know their kids were thrilled to have had a chance to speak to Santa during his busiest time of year."

Coat drive at Atria Marland Place

There are still a few days left for residents to

contribute to the Atria Marland Place coat drive.

New and gently used donations can be dropped off with the facility's concierge from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Atria Marland Place encourages people to "help us make this winter a little warmer for everyone in our community."

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Mitten/Hat Collection Time

Andover residents can drop off mittens and hats to benefit children and adults in Andover and the rest of the Merrimack Valley.

People can look for a display on the town Department of Community Services' annual Snowman Mitten/Hat Collection program at the following participating locations in Andover: Andover Town Offices at 36 Bartlet St., the Andover Senior Center at 30 Whittier Court, and Memorial Hall Library at 2 North Main St. Some elementary and preschools are also participating, as are Girl Scout troops.

Look for the snowman and swap new or gently used hats, gloves and mittens of all sizes to the snowman in exchange for a candy-cane or treat. To make donations, go to one of the locations before noon on Tuesday, Dec. 17. The snowman on the display says, according to DCS,

"Please donate some hats, gloves, scarves or mittens to those in need. It is the cool thing to do."

Deer hunt at wildlife refuge

A controlled public deer hunt has been scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 5, at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge on Plum Island near Newburyport.

Hunters were selected by lottery last month at Refuge Headquarters with 35 applicants and 15 alternates drawn. Only those hunters that were selected by this lottery are permitted to deer hunt on the refuge.

To help ensure public safety, the island portion of the refuge will be closed to all other entry for the day of the hunt.

ABC Holiday Open House highlights longest-running program of its kind

Andover A Better Chance will mark its 45th anniversary this weekend at its annual Holiday Open House. The open house for the Andover community will take place from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 2.

The ABC program was established in 1967 by Andover community members responding to the inequalities in educational opportunity brought to the fore during the civil rights movement. Today, the Andover program is the longest continuously running community school affiliate of the national A Better Chance organization, a national non-profit that provides academically talented minority students with an education alternative.

"ABC will open the doors of its antique residence/dorm at 134 Main St. to thank current supporters and welcome those residents interested in learning more about the young women who live in the house and attend Andover High School. The current scholars will be on hand to give tours along with board members and friends of ABC," according to a release.

The new resident director team and long time Andover residents, Chris and Dianne Caraviello have made enhancing connections to the community a priority. In addition to a dinner with new Andover High principal Chris Lord, they helped the girls organize a Halloween

House Party. Caraviello estimates that more than 300 AHS students showed up, some waiting hours outside to enjoy the great music and social scene.

"We really are just trying to get everyone we can in to say hello and let them know ABC exists and what an amazing program it is," said Dianne Caraviello.

"We'd love to see many of the parents of those AHS students come to learn about the program," Mary Pritchard, board president, said in a release. "The holiday party will be a much mellower event but it will be very informative and warm."

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Students learn they can keep most 'trash' out of landfills

Wood Hill Middle School students recently dove into their school's trash and found something worthwhile -- the knowledge that more than 80 percent of it didn't need to be in the trash at all.

Students of WHMS Team 7W conducted an audit of one day's waste from the school cafeteria. In 30 minutes the students sorted 150 pounds of waste, proving over 80 percent could be removed from the trash stream, including liquids, recyclables and compostables. Learning of the success of the audit, Andover Superintendent of Schools Dr. Marinel McGrath said "These are great numbers, and a great example of project based learning. The audit involved students, faculty, and staff working with the community to conduct the research, help the Town, and help the environment," said Superintendent Marinel McGrath in an email about the program.

For those on the scene, it was an impressive transformation, according to Steve Fink of Sustainable Andover: six bags of trash made up the 150 pounds before the sort. Once sorted, 81 percent of the weight had been removed from the trash stream: liquids (21 percent), recyclables (17 percent) and compostables (43 percent) were neatly sorted and accounted for, leaving only trash (10 percent by



Students tabulate the results of a trash audit at Wood Hill Middle School.

COURTESY PHOTO

weight) and Styrofoam trays (9 percent) to be carted away as trash. The numbers only tell part of the story. Seventh-grade teacher Dene Kouletsis had organized the students into teams, assigned by interest and skills to sort, gather, weigh, photograph and film the trash. Adding to the mix

were WHMS community adults supporting the effort, from head custodian Danny Dowd to health teacher Stacey Consiglio to Prius-driving Principal Patrick Bucco. Adding to the mix were parents Lisa Scott and Kiruthiga Thirumalai, local green home owner and composting expert Frank Hopkins, Fink from

Sustainable Andover, and composting expert Carolyn Dann from the Mass Department of Environmental Protection. AP Biology teacher Melanie Cutler brought students from the AHS Environmental Club to show the WHMS students the ropes, as part of their own project based learning.

Teachers, town cleared in rape lawsuit

Former AHS student drops suit

By BILL KIRK
STAFF WRITER

The town, two teachers and a Cambridge travel company have won a lawsuit brought against them by a former high school student who claimed her civil rights were violated when she was raped by another student during a school-sponsored trip to Germany in 2008.

On Nov. 19, U.S. District Court Judge George O'Toole approved the judgment in favor of the town of Andover, teachers Josephine Goldman and Brian Shea, and EF Cultural Travel of Cambridge.

Sam Perkins, a Boston lawyer who represented the town and the teachers, said the disposition was highly unusual.

"Most cases end by dismissal or a settlement," he said. "That is not the case here. This is a case, after discovery was done, where it became clear there was no basis for the lawsuit."

He said the plaintiffs, identified in the lawsuit as Jane Doe, John Doe and Kathy Doe, after hearing testimony from three witnesses in the case, decided to withdraw the lawsuit. Their attorney, Daniel Malis, had no comment.

Perkins, however, said if the case was going to be withdrawn, he wanted to make sure it was clear his clients had won the case.

"We said, if the case was going to be withdrawn, it would only be withdrawn by clear entry of judgment in favor of the defendants and there would be no basis of any claim against them," he said. "The agreement by both sides is that the judgment will be entered for the defendants. You see that almost never."

Perkins said his clients, particularly the two teachers involved, "are glad they have been vindicated. They are glad to put this behind them and they hope the plaintiff does well."

The lawsuit, which was filed in federal court in August 2011, alleged that during an April 2008 trip to Germany, the girl, who was 16 at the time, was raped following an after-hours drinking party in a hotel room by another high school student from Vermont. The suit claimed that supervision of the students was

inadequate, that alcohol was readily available in the hotel and throughout the week-long trip, and that the girl was mistreated by the teachers serving as chaperones following the alleged sexual assault.

The suit named the town of Andover, teacher/chaperone Josephine Goldin and Brian Shea, and EF Cultural Travel, the company that set up the trip.

The attorney for EF Cultural Travel could not be reached for comment.

Perkins said the girl and her parents decided to drop the case after depositions from three key witnesses: "The young man who had the encounter, the chaperone from his school in Vermont, and a friend of the plaintiff who was with her throughout the trip." Those three witnesses countered nearly every major detail of the lawsuit brought by the girl and her parents, he said.

He stopped short of saying that the girl made up the story, noting that his clients didn't want him to get into details about what did or didn't happen that night or during the trip.

"They (the teachers) had a close relationship with her," Perkins said. "It was very poor judgment and very harmful to them to bring the lawsuit. But they don't want to discuss the details about what happened. People will have to draw their own conclusions."

Perkins said they are also glad that a cloud of suspicion has been lifted. "Their experience now for four years has been under a cloud because of these accusations," he said. "They feel this result is the result everyone should have realized from the start."

While the lawsuit was hanging over them and the town, Goldin and Shea, who have supervised a number of overseas trips in the past, decided to opt out of this year's April trip to London.

Dozens join National Honor Society ranks

A new class of Andover High School students has been inducted into the National Honor Society.

Juniors and seniors who have a GPA of 3.75 weighted, or 4.25 unweighted, complete 50 hours of community service, provide character references, demonstrate leadership potential, and participate in a variety of school and community activities are considered for membership.

"This is an exceptional group of students and I am always so impressed by their talents and accomplishments," Brian Shea, AHS English teacher and NHS adviser, said in a release. "In addition to being made up of a variety of students who excel in academics, athletics and the arts, NHS students are a group of generous, caring and respectful kids who

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are deeply involved in the community."

The ceremony took place at the Collins Center at Andover High with a reception for students, family and faculty members afterwards. Current members of NHS provided musical entertainment during the ceremony.

The NHS Executive Board, made up of current seniors,

chose faculty member Cheryl Todisco as the guest speaker. "In addition, more than 40 faculty members, chosen by the inductees, were in attendance to be recognized by the inductees for their ongoing contributions to students' academic, social and civic growth," according to the release.

The new inductees went

right to work participating in the annual NHS apple pie fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 17. Students more than 300 apple pies that were purchased by members of the community as well as donated to Lazarus House in Lawrence. Proceeds support the NHS scholarship fund and various charities.

Andover High has stated mission, student-designed logo

Andover High School student Tara MacKenzie has designed a logo that will be used on T-shirts and other items to highlight the school's mission statement.

Her new design for the AHS "mission logo" was selected from a group of more than 60 entries, according to principal Chris Lord.

An email from Lord reads, "many thanks to all the students who submitted an entry for our contest. This logo illustrates the three key elements of our mission statement: curiosity (linked to our academic expectations), character (linked to our social expectations) and community (linked to our civic expectations).



"Feel free to use our new mission logo on mouse pads, T-shirts, mugs, and stationary as you see fit. Thanks again, Tara! Great job! And just in time for our NEASC accreditation visit, too," wrote Lord. The "Andover High School mission for the future" is

included below. Andover High School is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and equitable learning environment where students and staff alike lead by example, demonstrating collaboration, intellectual curiosity,

effective communication, and real world application of skills. We believe that promoting physical fitness, co-curricular activities, and student-led initiatives cultivate active minds and foster school pride. We believe strongly in a challenging and diverse curriculum that encourages the creativity, innovation and risk-taking necessary to succeed in a global community.

ACADEMIC EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Students at AHS are expected to...

1. listen and read actively to comprehend, interpret, and

analyze meaning.

2. write and speak effectively with clarity and purpose.

3. think critically and creatively to evaluate and solve problems.

4. research, examine, and synthesize information.

5. demonstrate real world applications of knowledge and skill.

6. utilize technology and media to enhance the learning process.

SOCIAL EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Students at AHS are expected to...

7. act with respect, integrity, and compassion.

8. make informed decisions regarding the health and well-being of themselves and others.

9. demonstrate responsibility for their actions.

CIVIC EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENT LEARNING

Students at AHS are expected to...

10. cultivate their awareness of contributing to the common good.

11. advocate for positive change through active participation in the democratic process.

12. broaden their knowledge of and respect for world cultures.

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Decorating with a cause: Tree lot helps youth-center effort

For the seventh year, Andover residents have a place in town they can purchase Christmas trees and other holiday items, with the money helping to support youth programs.

The annual "A Lot of Trees" fundraiser by Andover Youth Services kicked off this past Saturday, Nov. 24 and will continue

until Dec. 22 at the Andover Community Skate Park located behind West Middle School off Shawsheen Road.

The lot features balsam, fraser and noble fir trees in a variety of sizes, from 4 to 20 feet. People can also purchase decorated and undecorated wreaths from 10 to 60 inches, decorated and undecorated kissing

balls, garland, mantelpieces, door sprays, and other holiday items. Proceeds from the volunteer-run lot benefit the proposed youth center, which is scheduled for a groundbreaking this June 2013, if enough money is raised.

Questions? Call Andover Youth Services at 978-623-8241.



From left to right, Grace Karl, 10, Maya Flatley, 7, and her brother Cale, 9, look over items for sale at Andover Youth Services Christmas Tree lot near Andover High School.

TIM JEAN/Staff photos



Matt Scully, of Andover and his children Declan, 7, and Finn, 5, look over a tree at Andover Youth Services Christmas Tree lot near Andover High School.

Homeowner taxes up \$181

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

Taxes are going up for all Andover taxpayers, with the average homeowner's bill increasing by \$181.

The Board of Selectmen voted last week to adopt a 147.5 tax classification shift, which measures how much more commercial and industrial taxpayers pay in taxes than residential taxpayers.

Under the shift, residents will pay \$14.51 for every \$1,000 in their property's value. Commercial and industrial taxpayers will pay \$24.26.

The average commercial tax bill is expected to rise by \$1,149, to \$48,291, according to town officials. The average industrial tax bill will increase \$1,836, to \$84,565.

With the average residential property value in town at \$549,056, the average residential bill will be \$7,967.

Joseph Bevilacqua, president of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce, asked the board to reduce the tax burden for businesses.

"Any additional costs in this era of unpredictability is going to have an impact on businesses," Bevilacqua said. "That has a multiplier effect, because they may not hire additional people. They may not expand their business. They may not bring in new equipment or renovations."

Cherrywood Circle resident Bob Pokress argued for lowering the residential tax obligation.

"Taxpayers are still under tremendous financial pressure as a result of the financial collapse from four years ago and the big recession that hit homeowners very hard," Pokress said.

Whittier Street resident John Pasquale, however, said that after listening to the discussion every year for nearly a decade, "nobody's going to win in this. I don't want to see my taxes going up, and neither do the businesses."

The vote for a 147.5 differential came after the board voted against adopting a tax classification shift of 147, which Chief Assessor David Ballard said would result in the most uniform tax increase across the board.

Under the shift, residents would have paid 2.5 percent more than last year, while commercial taxpayers would have paid 2.1 percent more and industrial taxpayers would have paid 1.9 percent.

After seconding a motion to adopt a shift of 147, Selectman Brian Major said he supported the 147 shift because it kept the increase level for all taxpayers.

"It ensures that we're listening, we do understand that taxpayers of all types, whether you be commercial, industrial or residential, are all hurting," he said. "We're able to share that pain with this motion."

During discussion, Selectman Dan Kowalski argued that a 148 shift should be adopted. That would have lowered the burden from last year to this year for residents while increasing it for

businesses.

But while that effect was from year to year, the numbers balanced tax increases for all taxpayers when viewed over a five-year period, Kowalski said.

"Andover is a very diverse community," Kowalski said. "We have properties in Andover that range from \$200,000 to \$6 million. We really have to think about the real impact over time to our residents, and I acknowledge that we have to think about it over time for commercial as

well."

But a middle ground between the two shifts, 147.5, was possible, Ballard said. Under that shift, residents paid 2.3 percent more from last year to this year, while commercial property owners paid 2.4 percent more and industrial taxpayers paid 2.2 percent more.

After hearing about the 147.5 option, the board voted against the 147 shift in a 4-0 vote. A second motion supporting 147.5 was approved 4-0.

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RELIGION

Christmas celebration Dec. 1

An Old Fashioned Holiday Fair will be held at Christ Church 25 Central St., Saturday, Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with 10 percent of the proceeds dedicated to a local charity.

Lunch will be served 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Santa will pay a visit from 10 a.m. to noon.

Offerings will also include fresh decorative greens and Christmas Items, artisan crafts, knits, jewelry, handmade crafts from Haiti and children's activities.

For more information go to christchurchandover.org.

Temple Emanuel upcoming events

Networking open house: On Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., the topic will be "Effective Interviewing: Tips and Techniques." The speaker, Steve McManus, will discuss interviewing strategies that have proven to be effective. These will include the best interview preparation, effective interview questions and protocol, and post-interview follow-up.

He will discuss how you can stand apart from other candidates during the interview process and how you can put yourself in the best position to get the job you

are interviewing for. McManus is a senior recruiter and account manager with the Footbridge Companies in Andover.

This event is free and open to the public.

Hanukkah party for seniors: This annual party for seniors, hosted by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, will be offered on Thursday, Dec. 6 from noon to 2 p.m.

There will be a festive lunch and entertainment featuring Rabbi Miriam Philips and Cantorial Soloist Jodi Blankstein. Please bring a grab gift (not more than \$10).

Annual children's Hanukkah party: On Sunday, Dec. 9 from 1 to 3 p.m., hosted by the Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel.

'Miracle of Light' festival

Congregation Beth Israel, 501 South Main St., Route 28, Andover, will present "Miracle of Light," starring storyteller Cindy Rivka Marshall on Sunday, Dec. 9, at 11 a.m.

The performance will be followed by crafts and games for youngsters of all ages and the serving of traditional Hanukkah foods. The suggested donation for this family Hanukkah Festival is \$5 per person, with a \$20 maximum per family.

For further information, contact Esther Kaufman at 978-535-5021 or e-mail Principal@BethIsraelMV.org.

Organ series continues Dec. 2 at Christ Church

Barbara Bruns, Christ Church minister of music, will offer the third event in the series "Music at Christ Church Andover" on Sunday evening, Dec. 2.

Residents are invited to a recital on the new C. B. Fisk organ at 4:30 p.m., followed by a service of Advent Lessons and Carols with the parish choir, Schola, and St. Cecilia Choristers at 5 p.m.

Reservations are not required. A free-will offering will be taken.

Guest organ recitalist will be Carolyn Day Skelton, faculty emerita of Phillips Academy, where she was school organist and instructor of music for over 30 years. She has studied organ at Union Theological Seminary in New York, holds a master of music degree from New England Conservatory,

Boston, and was a Fulbright Scholar at the Academy of Music in Vienna, Austria. She has studied with Warren Scharf, James Tallis, Anton Heiller, Alec Wyton and Donald Willing.

Featured on the organ recital will be mid- and late-Baroque works of Dietrich Buxtehude and Johann Sebastian Bach particularly suited to the Fisk organ, according to a release. The Buxtehude Magnificat is based on the principal chant for an evening service. The Bach work is based on the German hymn for the first Sunday of Advent, Nun Komm, der Heiden Heiland (Now Come, Savior of the Nations). Following the Bach work will be variations on the same hymn by Austrian organist and composer Anton Heiller.

Obituaries

Carl A. Savinelli, 91

November 16, 1921 — November 21, 2012

ANDOVER — Carl A. Savinelli, of Andover MA, died peacefully Wednesday morning November 21, 2012 surrounded by his loving family.



He was born in Lawrence on November 16, 1921 to the late Francesco Savinelli and Maria (Fiorevante) Savinelli. Carl grew up in Lawrence and eventually found work in Andover where he met his loving wife Catherine Roberta Cilley whom he lovingly referred to as "Bob". They first lived in Lawrence and eventually moved to Andover to be near Roberta's parents George and Margaret Cilley.

He spent over 30 years working in the clothing industry as a clothe cutter. The family had many fun Sundays at Hampton and Seabrook beach. In the 1960's they began to spend their summer vacations at Lake George, NY area. There his children spent lots of time boating and learning to water ski. He also spent a great deal of time watching his daughter learn to snow ski and accompanying her to several meets and races throughout NH and Vermont. Carl and Roberta loved to spend time in the lodge at the various ski areas watching. He enjoyed spending time working on their home in Andover. Carl was also an avid stamp collector and he loved travelling to all the stamp shows in the area.

Carl was an exceptionally good cook. Wednesday was always pasta night and he made the best sauce around. Even though they were a family of five there was quite often many more over for dinner on those Wednesday nights.

He was a member of St. Matthews Lodge, AF&AM for over 50 years reaching the level of 32nd degree Mason and he was a member of Fidelity Chapter No. 90 of the Order of Eastern Star in Haverhill, MA. He spent over 30 years cooking for the many functions at the Masonic Lodge in Andover. He also prepared a luncheon for all the veterans every Veterans Day which

he also served at the Masonic Lodge. He was a big supporter of his daughter Margaret during her time with the Rainbow Girls and eventually the East-ern Star.

Carl and Roberta were members of the Free Christian Church for over 50 years. He was always willing to volunteer his cooking services for all the various bean suppers and other fund raisers for the church.

Several years after Roberta's passing he met Priscilla Russell with whom he spent 25 happy years. They travelled to Vermont and NH on several occasions for vacations. They also travelled to California often to visit Carl's daughter. They loved spending time in San Francisco. They spent lots of time with Priscilla's children and many grand children.

Carl leaves behind his loving companion Priscilla Russell, his son Carl (Buddy) F. Savinelli and his daughters Margaret (Peggy) Dubois and Linda Savinelli. Carl had two grand children Tony Savinelli and Jessica Savinelli Verrill and her husband Joshua Verrill.

He was predeceased by his wife Catherin Roberta (Bob) Savinelli, his sisters Olga Titone, Dominica (Minnie) Dowaliby and brother Raymond Savinelli.

ARRANGEMENTS: Family and friends are invited to calling hours on Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at the Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence Street, Andover, Ma. A Masonic Service will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home. For online condolences please visit our website at www.contefuneralhomes.com

The family would like to ask that in lieu of flowers a donation can be made in his name to the MSPCA, 400 Broadway, Methuen, Ma, 01844 or the charity of your choice.



Meet the Expert seminar on elder breast cancer

"Breast Care in the Elderly," a Medical Meet the Expert seminar with General Surgeon Kathryn Hughes, MD, will be held on Dec. 4 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Merrimack Valley Hospital's first floor auditorium, 140 Lincoln Ave., Haverhill.

Attendees will learn about breast-cancer risk in elderly women; breast cancer screening strategies for elderly women; and updates

on the treatment and management of breast cancer in elderly women.

The event is free and open to the public. Registration is required. One free contact hour in nursing will be awarded at the end of the presentation. Light refreshments served.

For more information or to register, contact Jean at jean.macdougall-tattan@steward.org or 978-420-1168.

Town health clinics

The Andover health department offers senior center clinics on Wednesdays, from 2 to 3 p.m. No

appointment is necessary. For more information, call 978-623-8295.

Susan Simon

ANDOVER — Susan Simon passed away suddenly at home in North Andover on November 10, 2012.

Born in Hamborn, Germany near Duisburg to the late Arthur and Ricka (Jakobs) Heymann, she emigrated to Boston with her family in June 1941. The family had been in hiding in Germany for a few years when they obtained passage on the steamship Villa de Madrid which sailed from Barcelona to Gibraltar to the Canary Islands and finally Ellis Island. Before being allowed to board the Villa de Madrid, the family had their citizenship revoked by the German government and the obligatory middle name "Sarah" was added to Susan's passport. Germany had closed its borders to any further emigration six months after the family was able to leave.

Susan married Edward Harvey Simon on June 29, 1949. They resided in Lawrence, Methuen and Andover.

She was an adoring mother, grandmother and aunt, and participated with her husband, Edward in the ownership and management of Simon's Dis-



count Department Stores and ABCO Realty, served as chairperson of the United Jewish Appeal and long-time member of Hadassah, and was a golf enthusiast.

Susan is predeceased by her late husband, Edward who passed in 1998; she leaves her daughter, Margo Golden and husband, Neil of Boston and grandsons, Andrew and Craig; son, Gary of Townsend; and son, Donald and wife, Susana and granddaughters, Elena and Eva of Virginia.

Jeanne M. Belscher, 91

ANDOVER, MA — Jeanne M. (Hull) Belscher, formerly of Hamburg NY, passed away on Monday, November 19, 2012 at the Wingate at Belvidere in Lowell, MA. Jeanne was born in Buffalo NY, raised and educated in Hamburg, NY. She graduated from Hamburg High School and received both her Bachelor of Arts and Master's Degrees from the State University of New York, Buffalo. Jeanne raised her family in Hamburg, NY. Six years ago, Jeanne moved to MA to be closer to family in both Andover, MA and Sandwich, MA.

In her younger years she was active in PTA, Home Bureau and the League of Women Voters as well as the Trinity Episcopal Church of Hamburg in her younger years. She taught Social Studies in high schools in the Hamburg area. She was also an avid reader. Jeanne is predeceased by her husband, Martin J. Belscher. She leaves her sons, Martin J. Belscher Jr. and his wife Kathleen of Andover, MA, Douglas H. Belscher of Boulder, CO

and K. Gregory Belscher of Sandwich, MA, 6 Grandchildren, Amy (Belscher) Yanowitz, Stephen Belscher, Laura (Belscher) Crowley, William Belscher, Rob Belscher and Abigail Belscher, also 5 Great grandchildren, Sam, Alva, Jack Yanowitz; Henry and Max Belscher, William and Oliver Crowley and several nieces and nephews. She is also predeceased by brothers Robert, Donald and Kenneth.

ARRANGEMENTS: Arrangements are under the direction of the Dewhirst Funeral Home, Andover, MA, www.dewhirstfuneral.com. Donations in lieu of flowers may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, Western New York Chapter at http://www.alz.org/wny/.

A Memorial Services and reception honoring Jeanne will be held at Christ Episcopal Church, 33 Central Street, Andover, MA, on Saturday, December 15, 2012 at 10 AM.

An additional memorial service will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Hamburg NY. The date has not yet been determined.

Dolores "Lola" (Amor) Monks, 79 Years

August 17, 1933 — November 17, 2012

ANDOVER — Dolores "Lola" (Amor) Monks of Andover, beloved wife of George G. Monks, died at her home, surrounded by her family on Saturday evening, November 17, 2012. She was 79 years old.

Born in Concord, New Hampshire on August 11, 1933, daughter of the late Cipriano and Maria (Maza) Amor. Lola cherished her small town childhood in the Spanish immigrant community in Montpelier VT where her father was a blacksmith in the granite industry. Her enduring friendships with the "Gang" from Montpelier High School lasted a lifetime. Trained as a teacher at the University of Vermont, she went on to meet her husband-to-be while working as a governess in Spain, for the family of her sister-in-law-to-be, Ellen Higgins, of Cape Elizabeth, ME.

Happily married in Andover for more than fifty years, Lola was a past president of the Andover Garden Club, a member of the National Organization of Women, and served on the Board of the Lawrence YWCA. She volunteered at the Boston Symphony Orchestra and as a translator for Spanish-speak-

ing people at Lawrence General Hospital. She also spent many happy days arranging at the Andover Flower Shop alongside her great friend, Phyllis Muto of Andover.

Lola enjoyed traveling with her family and her greatest personal satisfaction came from mastering new crafts and art forms. Over the years, her greatest focus was on decoupage with her mentor and dear friend Joyce Cooper of North Andover.

Lola will be deeply missed by her husband, George, and her loving children; Gardner Monks and his wife Tasha Braga of Los Angeles, California, Maria Elena Monks of Andover, Charles C.A. Monks of Gainesville, Florida and Alicia MK Monks of Waltham; sister, Amparo "Ann" Bliss of Montpelier, Vermont; grandson, Eric Braga and many nieces and nephews. Lola was also the sister of the late Isabel Irwin and Luis Amor. Funeral services will be private. Donations in Lola's memory may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network (pancan.org) For additional information, please visit, www.burkema-gliozzi.com.

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Sports

TURKEY DAY TERRIFIC

Football takes league title in Thanksgiving thriller

By DAVID WILLIS
Staff Writer

ANDOVER — With the opportunity to make history, in front of a crowd some estimated over 7,000 screaming fans, the moment hit linebacker Jake Flaherty when he stepped onto Eugene V. Lovely Field more than an hour before kickoff.

“When I walked onto the field and saw the crowd already there it was crazy,” he said. “I had butterflies in my stomach, I’m not going to lie. But when we had to, we came through.”

With their season on the line, and a playoff berth hanging in the balance, Andover delivered a game for the ages.

Behind another dominant performance by their dynamic defense, and a stellar outing for their improving defense, the Golden Warriors made Thanksgiving 2012 one to remember, holding off archrival Central Catholic 22-19.

The victory earned Andover the Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 title, and clinched the Warriors’ second playoff berth in three seasons.

“That was the best Thanksgiving I could imagine,” said linebacker Adam Ladd. “Now, we have the chance to do something that has not been done in decades in Andover. We don’t want to let the opportunity get past us.”

The Turkey Day victory set up the matchup with Catholic Conference winner St. John’s Prep in the Division 1 semifinal on Tuesday for the chance to play in the Super Bowl at Gillette Stadium in Foxboro.

“I will remember this feeling forever,” said star receiver/defensive back Will Heikkinen. “This is amazing. All year, everything we have gone has led up to this, and now we are the champs. This is the greatest feeling of my life.”

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, players mobbed quarterback C.J. Scarpa, and more than a few tears were shed.

“Emotions overtook more than a few people,” said



TIM JEAN/Staff photos

Andover wide receiver Cole Organisciak, right, fights for more yards after a catch and scores a touchdown against Central Catholic during the first quarter of Thursday’s game. Andover defeated Central 22-19.

senior Andrew Deloury. “This could have been the end. But we pulled through and this is as good as it gets.”

The win gave Andover a 10-1 record and 3-1 in the MVC Division 1. Central Catholic also finished 3-1 in the league, but due to the head-to-head win the Golden Warriors took the crown.

“I was sitting up all (Wednesday) night,” said senior lineman Andreas Christopoulos. “I was thinking, ‘What if we win, but what if we lose?’ Let me tell you, this is so much better than I ever could have expected.”

After Central took the lead with a field goal, the Warriors utilized a secret weapon to take back the lead, when Scarpa twice found receiver Cole Organisciak -- who did not have a single catch for the season -- the second for a 9-yard touchdown.

“Guys step up on this team, and that’s why we are still playing,” said Andover



Andover wide receiver Andrew Deloury, left, makes a catch against Central Catholic during the second half of Thursday’s game.

coach E.J. Perry. “We were more running Cole to break the flow (of the defense) and C.J. saw that they were really sitting on Heikkinen and saw Cole break open. He secured a tough pass and made sure to get in the end zone.”



Andover defensive back Chas Heseltine, left, hits Central Catholic’s wide receiver Michael Barry (88) just as he tries to make a catch during the second half.

The Raiders retook the lead, but Andover’s dynamic offense struck right back, when Scarpa connected

with Cam Farnham on a 78-yard touchdown pass.

“The linebacker was trying to jam me at the line and there was no safety over the top,” said the speedy Farnham. “I made a quick move to get off of him and C.J. threw a perfect pass.”

Scarpa was quick to give the credit for the crucial score to his teammate.

“I made a decent throw,” said the QB. “But Cam made a GREAT catch. But he always does that.”

Leading 14-10 at halftime, Andover added to its lead late in the third. The Golden Warriors delivered a 15-play drive that Scarpa capped off with a 9-yard touchdown run.

They then employed a little trickery, going for a fake field goal on the ensuing extra point, and Scarpa found Flaherty in the end zone to make it a 22-13 game.

“I thought I was just a decoy and it was going to Will,” said Flaherty, who had never caught a pass in his high school career.

“Then I saw the ball coming my way and thought, ‘Oh God, please don’t drop this in front of 7,000 people.’ I used my body to secure it and it was great.”

While the offense was continuing to roll, the Andover defense was also clicking. Led by Flaherty (14 tackles) and Jack Sylvester (10 stops), the Warriors forced three punts, and Heikkinen ended another drive with an interception.

“All week we heard it would be Andover’s offense against Central’s defense,” said Ladd. “We wanted to show that we had a great defense too.”

Central Catholic managed one last sure, scoring a touchdown with a minute to play to make the score 22-19 and setting up an on-sides kick.

But after Raiders kicker Thomas Jenoski booted the ball into the air, Heikkinen was able to snag it and fall to the ground to clinch the victory.

“I knew I wanted to make that play,” said Heikkinen. “I saw it kicked in my direction, and just wanted to make sure I secured it.”

Once the final seconds ticked off the clock, the Golden Warriors had the opportunity to celebrate their second postseason appearance since 1975.

“This is the greatest day of my life,” said Farnham. “The day was perfect, the stands were filled. I was out there with these guys and we got it done. I can say, at this point in my life, I have never had a better feeling.”

Andover 22, Central Catholic 19

Central Catholic (9-2):	3	7	3	6	19
Andover (10-1):	7	7	8	0	22

First Quarter
CC — Thomas Jenoski 38 field goal, 4:15
A — Cole Organisciak 9 pass from C.J. Scarpa (Oliver Eberth kick), 2:03

Second Quarter
CC — Ryan Doherty 14 pass from Michael Milano (Jenoski kick), 7:50
A — Cam Farnham 78 pass from Scarpa (Eberth kick), 6:58

Third Quarter
CC — Jenoski 25 field goal, 8:41
A — Scarpa 9 run (Jake Flaherty pass from Scarpa), 2:48

Fourth Quarter
CC — Michael Barry 25 pass from Milano (kick failed), 1:00

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: A (21-122) — Jack Sylvester 14-81, C.J. Scarpa 7-41; CC (26-109) — Santino Brancato 13-59, D’andre Drummond-Mayire 11-48, Michael Balsamo 1-4, Michael Milano 1(-2)
PASSING: A — Scarpa 18-30-1, 229; CC — Milano 12-19-1, 109
RECEIVING: A — Cam Farnham 3-102, Andrew Deloury 6-68, Will Heikkinen 4-48, Cole Organisciak 2-11; CC — Cody Demers 3-41, Michael Barry 2-31, Ryan Doherty 1-14, Drummond-Mayire 2-15, Zach Coffey 1-10, Brancato 3(-2)

To the victor, the spoils



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Members of the State Champion Andover girls swimming and diving team march in the Santa Parade in downtown Andover.

Getting some exercise at Crane’s beach in off-season

With warmer weather officially behind us, The Trustees of Reservations, which own and manage Crane Beach, offers some reminders for its beach walkers, horse back riders, and bird watchers.

Beach hours of operation and staffing: The beach is open year-round, daily, 8 a.m. to sunset. Staff is on-site daily during the operating hours, including at the beach gate on weekends and during weekday peak visitation. The beach will be regularly patrolled and a dedicated phone number will be available for assistance.

Beach fees through May 26, 2013: Free for member beach-parking sticker holders; \$4 for members without a sticker; \$8 for nonmembers. Admission fees after 3 p.m. are half-price. All beach fees apply daily.

Dogs and horses: Dogs are welcome at Crane Beach from Oct. 1 through March 31 through the Green Dogs permit program. Horseback riding is permitted on the beach below the high

tide line Oct. 1 through March 31. A horse van sticker is required. Visit The Trustees website for permits or more information.

Trails and facilities: Over 5.5 miles of trails traverse dunes and track the beachfront on both the Ipswich Bay and Essex River Estuary sides of the Castle Neck peninsula. These trails are part of the Bay Circuit Trail and offer moderate hiking. Portable toilets (located outside bathhouses) are available in the off-season.

Conservation: The beach is managed for both recreation and conservation — people and ecology. Crane Beach is among the world’s most important stopovers for migratory birds, providing crucial foraging and resting spots. In winter months, it is known for abundant groupings of seabirds as well as an occasional sighting of a snowy owl.

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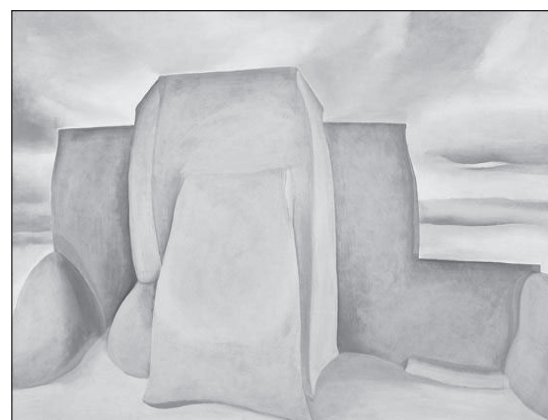


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Ranchos Church, New Mexico 1930-31

Happy Birthday to Georgia O'Keeffe

Nov. 15 was the 125th birthday of American artist Georgia O'Keeffe. O'Keeffe was a pioneer of American Modernism.

She was born in 1887 on a farm in Wisconsin. She studied at the Chicago Art Institute and the Art Students League in New York.

She learned the style of realism and won prizes. She did not think that was the best style for her so she quit making art.

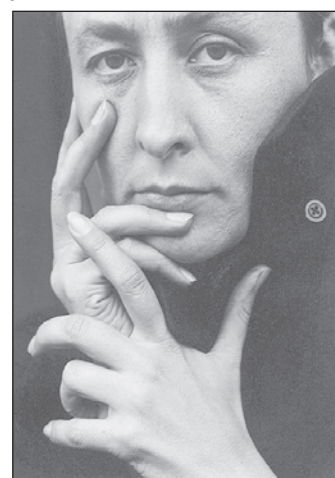
Four years later, she met an art educator. He taught that the goal of art was expressing the artist's ideas and feelings.

She used those insights to develop her own style. She painted images of flowers and buildings with simple shapes and colors.

In 1916 her work was exhibited at Alfred Stieglitz's gallery in New York. She worked with Stieglitz, who was a photographer and a champion of modern art. They were married in 1924.

She began spending summers in New Mexico in 1929. She moved there permanently in 1949, three years after her husband died.

O'Keeffe created art until she was 96 years old. She died on March 6, 1986 at the age of 98.

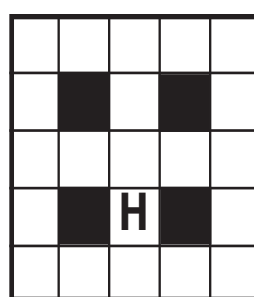


Georgia O'Keeffe, Hands 1918, photo by Alfred Stieglitz

O'Keeffe talks about her art

"I found I could say things with color and shapes that I couldn't say any other way - things I had no words for."

"When you take a flower in your hand and really look at it, it's your world for the moment. I want to give that world to someone else. Most people in the city rush around so, they have no time to look at a flower. I want them to see it whether they want to or not."



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Dealer Matt McQuaid lays down the cards at the "Havana Nights" Spirit of Giving fundraiser for Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm. From left are Andover residents Paul and Kimberly Sapienza, Jim Barenboim and Lisa Shaheen.

Spirit of Giving rides high with Cuban theme

Close but no cigar? Ironstone Farm got exactly what it needed while offering cigar-rolling instruction at its Cuban-themed fundraiser on Nov. 17.

Ironstone's 10th annual Spirit of Giving event at the Andover Country Club resulted in a "banner night" for the non-profit organization, said organizers. The event is the group's largest fundraiser of the year.

Challenge Unlimited uses horses, riding and the environment of the working farm as fun but educational and therapeutic tools to help people with disabilities. Licensed instructors design programs that encourage self-confidence and contribute to improved physical condition, according to the organization's website.



Tom and Patti Mullen of Andover, event co-chairmen, congratulate honoree Rev. Cal Mutti, formerly pastor at South Church, who is now living on the Cape, at the 10th Annual Spirit of Giving Gala. The "Havana Nights" theme for the benefit paid dividends for Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm in Andover, as the nonprofit organization reported a "banner night."



Ready for some dice shooting are, from left Deedee O'Brien, executive director at Ironstone Farm, board President Dave Sollars of North Andover, and Ironstone's honoree Al Lenzi of Lowell.



From left, Steve Durso poses with Mary and Peter Tyrrell, all of Andover, at the 10th Annual Spirit of Giving Gala to benefit the Challenge Unlimited horse-riding therapy program at Ironstone Farm on Route 133.

Andover youth in orchestra performance

The Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestra will present "An Afternoon of Concerts" on Sunday, Dec. 9, at the Ipswich Performing Arts Center in Ipswich. The afternoon will be split into two concerts, one at 2:30 and the other at 5. The earlier concert will feature the NMYO Prelude and Overture String Ensembles, Intermezzo Orchestra, Junior Flute Choir, and Flute Choir. The later concert will feature the Symphony Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and Select Flute Choir.

This event will be the first full-length concert of NMYO's 2012-2013 season.

Music Director Gerald Dolan reports that music by Holst, Kalinnikov, Mozart, and many other fine composers will be performed at this event. Funding for this event is provided in part by Institution for Savings.

"An Afternoon of Concerts" is free and open to the public. All NMYO concerts are family-friendly, and are a great way to expose children to orchestral music in

a comfortable setting while supporting the musical training of the area's finest young musicians. A reception provided by NMYO families will be held between the two concerts.

The mission of the Northeast Massachusetts Youth Orchestras (NMYO) is to provide young musicians with exceptional ensemble training and opportunities for growth through musical performance and community service.

Andover musicians participating include:

Violin: Gavin Batsimm, Alice Fan, Olinah Hassan, Arman Koul, Vivien Qin, Yazhini Ramesh, Sydney Raza, Stefanie Sartschev, Sarah Vrontas, Timothy Wang, Yanchen Zhan, Samuel Zhang.

Viola: James Booth.

Flute: Julie Clark, Julia Cuzzo, Amanda Hornick, Samuel Krapels, Casey Zhang.

Cello: Max Fan, David Irza.

Oboe: Hannah Garth.



Winners of the Al Blanchard Awards for New England short crime fiction, announced at the 2012 New England Crime Bake mystery conference included, from far left, Honorable Mention Christine Bagley of Andover, Al Blanchard Award Winner VR Barkowski, committee chairwoman Leslie Wheeler, Honorable Mention Christine Eskilson, and Ben and Beth Oak, writing as B.B. Oak. Not pictured: Frank Cook.

Local author wins mystery writing honors

Christine Bagley of Andover received honorable mention in the 2012 Al Blanchard Award contest for short crime fiction by a New England author or featuring a New England setting.

Bagley was honored for "The Madness of Ida Mae," a dark comedy about a woman in her late 70s who reinvents herself, donning push-up bras, tight pants and movie star wigs, when her husband leaves her for another woman. But don't underestimate a woman scorned.

The award was announced Nov. 10 at the 11th annual New England Crime Bake conference for mystery writers and readers in Dedham.

Bagley is a freelance writer who has completed two novels and numerous short stories and is working on an anthology featuring resilient, often unpredictable, female protagonists. She holds an MFA in creative writing from Lesley University and teaches writing to English as a Second Language (ESL) scientists and clinicians.

Bagley is the editor of "Eye Contact" for the Schepens Eye Research Institute, and the former

editor of the "Medical Services Review" for Massachusetts General Hospital, both affiliates of Harvard Medical School.

First place in the Al Blanchard Award contest was presented to VR Barkowski of Atlanta, Ga., for "Out to Sea," set on Monhegan Island off the coast of Maine. After her twin sister's suicide, Vivienne Jamison returns to the island home where they were raised, only to find that someone will stop at nothing to make sure she doesn't stay.

The authors of three other stories also received honorable mention in the Al Blanchard Awards contest.

The Al Blanchard Award honors the late author of two mystery novel series and numerous short crime stories. Blanchard was president of the New England chapter of Mystery Writers of America and co-founder of the New England Crime Bake.

The award is presented annually at the conference cosponsored by the New England chapters of Sisters in Crime and Mystery Writers of America.

EVENTS CALENDAR

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

HOLIDAY PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT, through Dec. 6, featuring Merrimack Valley and Southern New Hampshire photographers, Winnekenni Castle, Kenoza Ave., Haverhill.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

LIVE CHAMBER MUSIC, the Phillips Academy Music Department will present the Phillips Academy Chamber Music Society comprised of faculty and students, 6:30 p.m., free and open to the public, Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St., Andover. Graves Hall is handicapped accessible; 978-749-4260, music@andover.edu.

TREE FESTIVAL, "Christmas at the Buttonwoods: A Festival of Trees," through Dec. 9; haverhillhistory.org for hours and the Schedule of Events. The Buttonwoods Museum/Haverhill Historical Society, 240 Water St., Haverhill.

PREVIEW, Tree Time at the Society, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., 30 unique trees decorated with help of over

150 volunteers, 5 to 7 p.m., \$8, opens to the public on Saturday, Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. Tree Time is through Dec. 29, Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; order tickets online at andoverhistorical.org/christmas.

FREE MOVIE, "HEIST: Who Stole the American Dream?," 7 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, 6 Locke St.; 978-475-4454, uuandover.org.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

COCOA WITH SANTA, 9 a.m. to noon, \$7 child / \$5 adults, includes treats & sweets, Kiddie Games and Holiday Activities by Little Sprouts Haverhill, Photo Opportunity with St. Nick is included, Winnekenni Castle, Haverhill; winnekenni.com, 978-521-1686.

FREE LIVE HOLIDAY JAZZ, the Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble, made up of 16 performers, both students and faculty, is presenting "A Jazzy Christmas," 7:30 p.m., The Rogers Center for the Arts, on the campus of Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC, Holiday music spanning 600 years will be the

centerpiece of the Northern Essex Community College chorus holiday showcase, 2 p.m., in the David Hartleb Technology Center on the Haverhill campus, 100 Elliott St., \$5; Alisa Bucchiere, abucchiere@nec.mass.edu.

FREE LIVE HOLIDAY MUSIC, The First Congregational Church in Stoneham Presents its Christmas Cantata "And On Earth Peace," 7 p.m., at the Church on Church Street next to the Common in Stoneham. Guest Instrumentalists include Marcella Doheny (oboe) and Steve Knepper (bass), both of Andover; 781-438-0097.

OLD FASHIONED CHRISTMAS FAIR, Christ Church, Andover, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 25 Central St., Andover; christchurchandover.org.

CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR HORSES, the MSPCA at Nevins Farm hosts, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., free, 400 Broadway, Methuen; mspca.org/2012nevinstree, 78-687-7453 Ext. 6101.

BOOK SALE, and silhouette artist Jean Comerford, Memorial Hall Library, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Prices are \$30 per silhouette, \$15 per copy, and \$29-\$39 framed, to schedule an appointment, contact Emily Classon at 978-623-8401, ext. 49 or eclasson@mhl.org.

SUNDAY, DEC. 2

TREE LIGHTING, BallardVale Tree Lighting and Carol Sing. Join in the lighting of the "smallest tree" and the carol sing, refreshments provided, 5 p.m., on the BallardVale Green. Dogs on leashes are welcome; 978-475-0125.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, Andover A Better Chance hosts, 1 to 3 p.m., 134 Main St.

LIVE PIANO, Memorial Hall Library, 2 p.m., performed by piano students of the Merrimack Valley Music Teachers Association. Register at www.mhl.org/eventcalendar or call 978-623-8401, x31 or 32.

LIVE MUSIC, Barbara Bruns, Minister of Music, announces the third event in the series Music at Christ Church Andover, there will be a recital on the new C. B. Fisk organ at 4:30 p.m. followed by a service of Advent Lessons and Carols with the Parish Choir, Schola, and St. Cecilia Choristers at 5 p.m. The event is open to the public. No reservations are required. A free-will offering will be taken.

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Have yourself a jazzy little Christmas Dec. 2

The Merrimack College Jazz Ensemble, made up of 16 student and faculty performers, is presenting "A Jazzy Christmas," a concert "to kick off the Christmas season with happy sounds and warm feelings of nostalgia." All Andover residents are welcome. The concert is free but donations to Lazarus House are appreciated, according to organizers. The concert is this Sunday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, on the campus of Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover.

UU congregation to show movie on causes of economic collapse

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation on Locke Street is hosting a free, public screening of a 2011 documentary film that looks to show government deregulation led to the Great Recession of the last few years. "Heist: Who Stole the American Dream?" will be shown for free tomorrow, Friday, Nov. 30, at 7 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 6 Locke St., Andover. "Please come and bring friends. The screening will be followed by a discussion. We will provide popcorn. Please feel free to bring a portable chair (e.g., a lawnchair) with you for more comfortable seating," states a release from the congregation. For more information call the congregation at 978-475-4454 or visit uuandover.org. The website for the movie, as quoted by the congregation says the movie "traces the worldwide economic collapse to a 1971 secret memo entitled 'Attack on American Free Enterprise System.' Written over 40 years ago by the future Supreme Court Justice Lewis Powell, at the behest of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the six-page memo, a free-market utopian treatise, called for a money-fueled, big business makeover of government through corporate control of the media, academia, the pulpit, arts and sciences and destruction of organized labor and consumer-protection groups. "But Powell's real 'end game' was business control of law and politics. Heist's step by step detail exposes the systemic implementation of Powell's memo by both U.S. political parties culminating in the deregulation of industry, outsourcing of jobs and regressive taxation. All of which led us to the global financial crisis of 2008 and the continued dismantling of the American middle class."



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Andover artist's work part of School of MFA scholarship sale

The School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston is hosting its annual art sale to raise money for student scholarships. Art work by Andover-based artist John Schulz, a SMFA faculty member, is included among the thousands of pieces in all media available and displayed on a changing rotation, priced by the artists. The annual destination for art lovers shows work by SMFA's students, faculty and alumni, and it runs from today, Thursday, Nov. 29, through Sunday, Dec. 2. Admission to the sale and all related events is free. The sale is open Thursday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. "Not only is the Museum School Art Sale a highly anticipated annual destination for art collectors and enthusiasts, it is also a window into the outstanding work that our artists produce," Christopher Bratton, president of the school and deputy director of the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, said in a release. "SMFA graduates are influential artists, both here and abroad, and the sale—whose proceeds directly benefit students—is a unique opportunity to support the education of these artists before they make their mark in the world at large." The school's first-floor space houses the works up for sale; photographs, paintings, prints and other 2-D works fill the walls alongside displays of sculpture, ceramics, new media, a jewelry counter and much more, according to the school. The 2011 sale marked the first time a student sold a performance piece, "which emphasizes the School's commitment to showcasing our most contemporary and cutting-edge artists," according to a release. SMFA reports that it provides more than \$6 million towards financial aid annually. The Museum School Art Sale is its largest fundraiser towards this effort. Sales are split 50/50 between the artists and the school.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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TUESDAY, DEC. 4
FLORAL DESIGN DEMO, with Marisa McCoy, hosted by Andover Garden Club. This floral-design demonstration will focus on updating traditional floral decorating at home, including colors for tables, mantels, doorways, stairs, and gift packages. Currently first vice president of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc., McCoy is also a floral-design instructor, garden-club speaker, active member of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston Senior Associates, and a custom wedding and special-occasion floral designer; 10 a.m., South Church, 41 Central St., no charge for members; \$10 donation requested for guests (includes refreshments); Yvonne Glendon (978-247-8960, yglendon@comcast.net), Dana MacKay (978-475-4451, dmm51@yahoo.com).

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 5
"MUSING ABOUT MUSIC," 6:30 p.m., evening of classical and jazz music, focusing on the history and sound of hand bells, and a variety of string and brass instruments, Memorial Hall Library; mhl.org.

FRIDAY, DEC. 7
SENIOR CENTER HOLIDAY FAIR, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., breakfast with holiday music at 8:30 a.m., \$4 men, \$2 for women by advance purchase only. All profits from the fair go directly to the Senior Center to support extra activities. If you cannot go, items will be available in the lobby during the first part of December, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., 30 Whittier Court, Andover; (978)623-8321.

SATURDAY, DEC. 8
LIVE MUSIC, Andover Chamber Music, holiday Baroque extravaganza, 5 p.m., South Church, Andover. The program includes Bach's beloved Violin Concerto in A minor; his rarely-performed Triple Concerto, which boasts a dazzling harpsichord part; a virtuosic flute concerto by Bach's son, Carl Phillippe Emmanuel Bach; and two poignant arias for mezzo soprano and strings from Saint Matthew's Passion and the Mass in B minor; AndoverChamberMusic.org.

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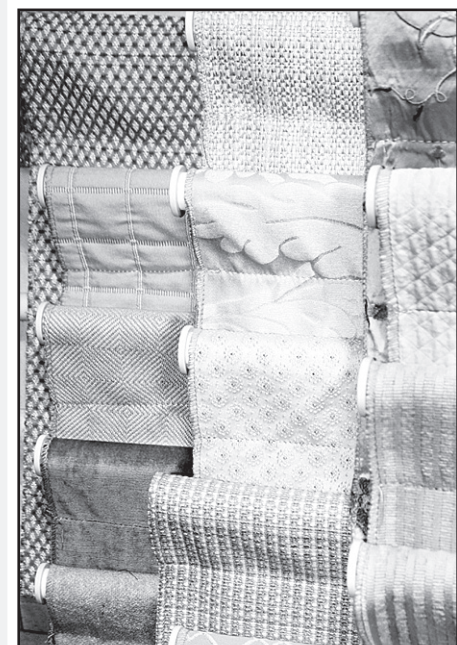
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Opinion

Holiday Happenings in keeping with spirit

Andover is 32 square miles and has more than 30,000 residents. One of those annual events that keeps this community feeling like a small town is approaching.

Holiday Happenings, an event that closed Main Street for a tree lighting, music and horse-drawn hayrides, is coming to town next Friday night, Dec. 7. The event is organized by the Andover Business Center Association, and is meant to draw people to the downtown with special deals at the local mom-and-pop shops.

We have a feeling that among all the cocoa and costumed characters and horse-drawn hayrides we won't here of anyone being knocked down to get the last of the Wii U gaming systems.

Our sister paper, the Eagle-Tribune recently listed some of the headlines of the "Black Friday" shopping rush that were posted on The Drudge Report website: "Gang fight at Black Friday sale."

"Man punched in face pulls gun on line-cutting shopper."

"Shoppers smash through door."

"Customers run over in parking lot."

"Men steal boy's shopping bag."

There are many more. Taken together, they raise a question: Have we, as a nation, gone insane?

All this violence and mayhem — for what? To save a few bucks on a toy or the latest electronic gadget? What is the cost to the human spirit of this frenzy of consumerism?

It's wonderful to be able to give a gift or two to a child or other family member at Christmas or Hanukkah. But somehow, that desire to give has become corrupted into "must have or the holiday will be ruined."

We've seen this kind of collective insanity before. Usually, it is associated with a hot new toy or product that everyone wants. Recall the mania for Cabbage Patch Kids and Tickle Me Elmo dolls or the rush to get the latest video-gaming system. People fear that the supply will run out so an atmosphere of panic buying develops.

This year, however, it seems there is no "Big New Thing." Yet people are engaging in the same kind of desperate, driven shopping behavior for ordinary products they can buy any day.

Charles Mackay would understand it. In his 1841 classic "Extraordinary Popular Delusions and the Madness of Crowds", Mackay looked at, among other topics, obsessive economic behavior. One example he explored was the famous "Dutch tulip bubble" of the early 1600s, during which a mania for tulips drove prices for tulip bulbs sky-high.

While there is some dispute among economists today about the scope of the tulip bubble, the principle illustrated by Mackay remains: that a fear of being "left behind" will drive people to assign great worth to things of little intrinsic value.

"Men, it has been well said, think in herds; it will be seen that they go mad in herds, while they only recover their senses slowly, and one by one," Mackay wrote.

Retailers, of course, understand this behavior very well. Much has been written that some of the deals offered on Black Friday are no great deals at all. But no one wants to be the dupe who missed out on the "big sale."

There's nothing wrong with retailers putting items on sale to draw shoppers into their stores. The practice is as old as selling itself. Likewise, there's nothing wrong with being a bargain-hunting shopper. Seeking out the best deals can be an adventure.

But there is no call for angry, violent or even criminal behavior. Hordes of people rampaging through stores seeking the best for themselves is a mark of barbarism, not a civilized society. Further, it is a corruption of the spirit of the holiday season. Holiday Happenings, organized by the local business community, is a bit of a return to the type of shopping experience one might expect in "The Christmas Story" or other nostalgic yarn. It is fun for all, even those who buy nothing at all.

It is our hope that everyone will find the gifts of their dreams this year — without sacrificing the spirit of peace and brotherhood that is the true meaning of the season. It is our hope that they will find a community of people they enjoy being with, too.

Neal will be sorely missed

Editor, Townsman:

It is with enormous regret that we acknowledge the passing of Barbara Neal, a woman dedicated to education and to students throughout her admirable life. We knew her best in her capacity as treasurer and long-standing board member of the Andover Fund for Education, one of numerous roles in which she served her passion and our community.

As so often happens, we thank Barbara too late for her dedication, wisdom, kindness, and good humor both as a proponent of good education for our kids and as a much missed colleague.

Our deepest sympathy goes to Dick Neal and to the many family members, friends, and students whose lives Barbara touched so deeply.

JOAN COHEN, CO-CHAIRWOMAN
Andover Fund for Education

ON THE MOVE



AMY SWEENEY/Staff photo

Some of the record nearly 10,500 runners vie for position at the start of the 25th annual Feaster Five Race in Andover Thanksgiving Day morning.

Keep fit by keeping proper form

On Fitness

Question: What are the most common biomechanical "form" problems that cause injury in weight lifting and resistance training? Any suggestions on how to avoid them?

Expert: Scott Topjian, fitness director, Latitude Sports Clubs, 10 Main St.

Answer: Hyperextension of the lumbar region of the spine or lower posterior core. These bones and discs are subject to incredible pressures and shearing forces from the muscles activated as well as the additional weights selected for the exercise.

The ultimate problem is that people do not realize they are injuring themselves. Overuse, micro-trauma and failure

to properly recover will eventually "open the can of worms," guaranteed. However, with some experience and knowledge, one can learn how to avoid this common error and exercise both safely and efficiently.

Experts: Robyn Lebowitz, Y personal training coordinator

Dawn Lovejoy, Y chronic disease prevention program coordinator

Answer: The best way to avoid injuring yourself and to have the correct form is to hire a professional who can teach you correct form and make sure you are starting with a safe amount of weight and working to your capacity cardio-wise. Start small, you can always add more.

If you already have injuries or problems with form, when you have a fitness

assessment a trainer can include posture and movement assessments, such as static postural assessment, which checks for neural alignment, symmetry, balanced muscle tone and specific postural deformities and a dynamic posture assessment such as overhead squat assessments.

Faulty body alignments that are not revealed during the static postural assessments may be revealed during a dynamic (movement) assessment, which the overhead squat assessment is. This dynamic assessment is designed to access dynamic flexibility, core strength, balance and overall neuromuscular control.

With this information you or your trainer will be armed with knowledge on what needs to be corrected

to improve and perfect your form to prevent injury.

Question: How do I stay motivated when I am constantly having to modify workouts to work around physical limitations such as with my knees, hips, shoulders, necks, wrists...?

Expert: Scott Topjian of Latitude

Answer: Records. Keep track of the specifics of what you are doing: machine/exercise selection, the range of motion, the weight, seat settings, et cetera. Though your workout must be modified, if you can repeat it and record any progress, then you can track improvements in your condition. Ask your fitness professional for some new variations on those old favorites and you just might be surprised.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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SBC chairman: Money needed to complete new Bancroft

Editor, Townsman:

I appreciate the Nov. 22 article on the Bancroft School Construction Project bidding overruns. The School Building Committee is committed to keeping the community fully informed about the status of the project and the problems we are currently facing.

To that end, I would like to clarify a few items in the article. First, while the headlines and body of the article indicate an expected \$5 million overrun, I would like to make it clear that we do not yet know the full extent of the anticipated overage. The \$5 million is a convenient round number, but we are still receiving and analyzing bids and looking at other items within the budget to determine an exact shortfall. The number could be higher or lower, as we have explained at several meetings in the past month.

The current construction budget overruns can be traced to the appeals and litigation filed by abutters

when we were first ready to bid the project in the summer of 2011. We have a contract with the MSBA called the Project Funding Agreement (PFA). It not only spells out the scope of the project (size of the building, number of students to be served, educational specifications, etc.), but it clearly defines the project budget, as well as the total reimbursement amount from MSBA.

Our PFA was "set in stone" in the fall of 2010, before the Special Town Meeting that approved the funding and before the year-long delay we experienced due to the litigation; its prices were based on an anticipated bid of summer 2011. Despite the fact that this delay has pushed the project into an entirely different bidding and construction market, the

MSBA does not allow us to revisit or alter our PFA. We have, however, undergone an extensive value-management process of our own that removed almost \$3 million in items from the project, and we continue to constantly assess ways to bring down costs wherever possible.

In the article, Selectman Paul Salafia is quoted as saying, "We would have to stop construction and assess all of the possibilities after that, including probably a redesign to downsize the school in some way." I want to make sure that no one is left with the impression that a major redesign of the school is an option. Such a redesign would void our Project Funding Agreement with the MSBA, and it would result in the loss of all of our reimbursement from

the MSBA (approximately \$17 million). In addition, the foundation is already complete, and steel erection will begin in just a week. Even if redesign were an option, the design costs of such work, as well as the increased construction costs associated with a delay in the project, would invariably result in an increase in costs larger than those now anticipated.

Finally, while not directly quoting Salafia, the article leaves the impression that the school will be open in the fall of 2014, with or without the closing of the construction budget gap. Simply and bluntly put, we cannot complete the project with current available funding.

We welcome any questions from the community. Our meetings are held every other Wednesday morning at 7:30 a.m. All are posted on the town website (andoverma.gov). There is also a link on that site to our project website under the project information heading, and the members of the SBC can be reached by email at sbc@aps1.net.

TOM DESO
Chairman, School Building Committee
81 High St.

WEB QUESTION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Andover officials just set the tax rate with even increases across the board. Where should the tax burden lie?

■ On the residents, because businesses create jobs.
■ On the residents, because there's more of them than businesses.

■ On the businesses, but for another reason.

■ On the businesses, because residents shop at businesses.

■ On the businesses, because residents are under a tight squeeze

financially.

■ On the businesses, but for another reason.

■ Balanced, because we're all taxpayers in the end.

■ Balanced, but for another reason.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion.

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked you what the town should do to address the \$5 million shortfall facing the Bancroft Elementary School project. With 94 responses, the answers were:

■ Trim the project until it is within budget: 42 votes, 45 percent.

■ Hold those who appealed the project in court accountable for the \$5 million: 29 votes, 31 percent.

■ Raise the money at a Special Town Meeting: 12 votes, 13 percent.

■ I don't know, or I have no opinion: five votes, 5 percent.

■ Raise the money at Annual Town Meeting next year: four votes, 4 percent.

■ Raise the money by any means necessary: two votes, 2 percent.

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Andover's captain and quarterback C. J. Scarpa finds the opening to pick up yardage in the game against St. John's Prep Tuesday night.

FOOTBALL: Andover falls to St. John

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the playoffs since the 1975 season.

"We knew everyone was picking Central Catholic to win the MVC," said receiver Cam Farnham. "No one expected us to take it. But we played our hearts out every time. We aren't

happy with what happened (against the Prep), but we are so proud of this season."

Those 10 wins tied the most for an Andover team since The Andover Townsman began keeping records in 1982, matching the 10-1 mark by the 2004 squad. According to the team's program, the only team in program history with more wins was the 1974 team (11-0). And this squad was a Lowell touchdown with 1:04 left in the game from matching that mark and finishing the regular season undefeated.

"These guys and this football team is really what drives me," said Scarpa. "My Andover career may be over, but I have made memories I'll never forget and friends I will never forget. I will have those for the rest of my life."

The Warriors had their chances last night. They drove into the St. John's Prep red zone four times, but twice turned it over on downs and two other occasions resulted in missed field goals. The Prep then took control with three scores.

"We held them in the first half," said Christopoulos. "It was 0-0 at the half. It was an amazing game. My hat's off to our guys and St. John's Prep. It was great, but we couldn't convert when we needed to at that killed us."

Junior Jack Sylvester was a bright spot for the Golden Warriors, rushing 15 times for 146 yards, including a huge 64-yard scamper. Will Heikkinen added seven catches for 88 yards.

Despite the final outcome, there was plenty to look back at with pride for the 2012 season.

Scarpa shattered the school record for touchdown passes (32), the

Golden Warriors had a 1,000-yard receiver (Will Heikkinen, 1,126) and rusher (Sylvester, 1,154) along with Cam Farnham catching 11 touchdown passes and running two more kicks back for scores.

The dynamic Warrior offense twice scored 50 or more points, scored over 40 points four more times and was held under 22 points just once before last night, a win over St. John's arch-rival Xaverian.

"It's tough to look back right now because we fought tooth and nail," said head coach E.J. Perry. "But this was a great year. You think about what these 21 seniors did. They have been with me for all three of my years (as Andover head coach) and they have been just great."

The senior class shows its solidarity to the end, whether it was celebrating their victory over Central Catholic on Thanksgiving or consoling one another following Tuesday's loss — or shaving each other's heads into a mohawk before the holiday.

"I am going to miss everyone," said the emotional Farnham, whose family's famed No. 46 is going to be retired. "I love these guys so much, the players and the coaches. This isn't how we wanted it to end, but we played our hearts out. These people are like family to me, and it really was a great run."

St. John's Prep 21, Andover 0

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Fourth Quarter
Thomas 19 run (Camarro kick) 7:12
Thomas 48 run (Camarro kick) 4:48

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS
RUSHING: A — Jack Sylvester 15-146, C.J. Scarpa 7-10, SJP — Jon Thomas 28-209, Alex Moore 7-16, Jack Sharro 1-6, Jan Kessel 4-23
PASSING: A — Scarpa 16-27-2, 165; SJP — Sharro 4-8-1, 48, Mike Geaslen 0-1-0, 0
RECEIVING: A — Sylvester 5-37, Will Heikkinen 7-88, Cam Farnham 2-10, Zach Walker 2-30; SJP — Moore 1-13, Thomas 2-24, Zach Burt 1-11



Andover's Chas Heseltine intercepts this pass in between two St. John's Prep. players.

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Holiday Gift Guide



Santa Claus waves from the fire truck as he passes Town Hall during the Santa Parade in downtown Andover.

Holidays Happenings next Friday

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER

When Jeanne Smith moved her shop to Main Street, Andover, last August, she quickly heard about Holiday Happenings.

Nearby business neighbors were already talking about the event that attracts people to shop downtown, even though the Holiday Happenings still was months away.

"I have been told it's crazy, so I'll be ready as best I can," said Smith of Sense of Wonder at 27 Main St., where Daher Shoes used to be. "It's a big deal for small businesses and I love that holiday excitement."

She relocated her business from Eaglewood Shops on Route 114 in North Andover

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HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS IN ANDOVER FRIDAY, DEC. 7, 5 TO 9 P.M.

Tree lighting at TD Bank alcove on Main Street at 6:30 p.m.
Hayrides and musical entertainment
Stroll & shop along Main Street
30 decorated trees to see on exhibit at Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St. (\$8 admission)

SATURDAY, DEC. 8

Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m. to noon, at Free Christian Church, 31 Elm St.; photographs with Santa are \$7
Crafts, light refreshments, raffles

Embracing the Christmas Spirit

Andover residents had a pleasant late November afternoon to watch the annual Santa parade and its bands, floats, marchers and unicycle riders.

The grand marshal was Andover High School girls swim-and-dive team coach Marilyn Fitzgerald, who was joined by her athletes. Her Golden Warrior swim team was again tops in Massachusetts this year, winning its fourth straight state title last Sunday, and its 13th state title in the last 14 years.

The parade, hosted by Andover firefighters, was Sunday, Nov. 25. It concluded, as it has for 58 years, with Santa waving to children from the back of an Andover fire truck.



Kids bundled up for a brisk, chilly day cheer at the start of the Santa Parade in downtown Andover.

Photos by
Mary Schwalm

Gospel choir joins orchestra for holiday concert



Renese King will join the Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra for a holiday concert at the Rogers Center.

The Merrimack Valley Philharmonic Orchestra and the Gospel Choir under the direction of Renese King will combine in concert for the orchestra's upcoming holiday performance at Merrimack College.

King, who has been featured with the Boston Pops Orchestra and Tanglewood Festival Chorus, will join the orchestra to sing "Go Tell it on the Mountain" and "O Holy Night." The performance is Dec. 2 at 2:30 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Performing Arts, Merrimack College, off Route 114.

The concert will also feature student violinist and orchestra member Paul Cronin. He will be performing Pablo Sarasate's Zigeunerweisen Opus 20, No. 1. Cronin has studied with violinist Matthew Green, and trained with renowned soloist Aaron Rosand, David Upham of University of New Hampshire, and

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Bundled up and holding onto her inflatable candy cane, Kyleigh Belanger, 4, awaits the start of the Santa Parade in downtown Andover.



The Cycling Murrays perform in the Santa Parade in downtown Andover.



Members of the Andover School of Ballet leap down Main Street during the Santa Parade in downtown Andover.

Classic Christmas celebration Sunday at Cochran Chapel

Andover residents can attend a traditional Christmas event, the "Service of Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 4:30 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel of the Phillips Academy campus. The chapel is located on Chapel Avenue, off South Main Street.

The Service of Lessons and Carols is derived from ancient sources and is celebrated according to its usage

at King's College, Cambridge, England. Traditional Christmas readings will be heard and familiar Christmas carols from various traditions and cultures will be sung and played, according to a release from the school.

The service will feature the Fidelio Society and the Academy Chorus under the direction of Christopher Walter, the Handbell Choir under the direction of Abbey Hallberg

Siegfried, the Academy Harp Ensemble under the direction of Emily Lewis, and members of the Protestant and Catholic communities.

This concert is free and open to the public, and is presented by the Phillips Academy chaplaincy and music department.

For more information, contact the music department at music@andover.edu or 978-749-4260.

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Seniors' talents on display at Holiday Fair starting Dec. 7

Even residents without a crafty bone in their body can still give some homemade items thanks to the Andover Senior Center's craftspeople.

The Andover Senior Center's annual Holiday Fair kicks off Dec. 7, running from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. that day.

"Andover's very own senior elves have been busy all year making unique gifts for the annual holiday fair," program director Karen Payne-Taylor said in a release. "Take some of the stress out of gift giving while you support the Andover Senior

Center. Come choose gifts for those special people on your list, including yourself."

Items include hand-knit and quilted clothes and blankets, baked goods, antique and costume jewelry, as well as live plants and local garden club arrangements.

"To start the day in a fun and relaxing way, join your friends that morning for breakfast with holiday music at 8:30," said Payne-Taylor.

The cost for the breakfast is \$4 for men and \$2 for women, by advance purchase only.

All profits from the fair go directly to the Andover Senior Center to support activities that take place throughout the year, including the monthly continual breakfast, "High Tea and History" in conjunction with the Andover Historical Society. Payment can be made with cash or checks only.

For people who cannot attend the first day of the fair, items will be available in the lobby during the first part of December, from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day. The center is located at 30 Whittier Court in Andover. Call 978-623-8321 for information.



Courtesy photo
A crowd looks at the items for sale during a previous holiday fair at the Andover Senior Center.

HAPPENINGS: Join Santa for breakfast and photos

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and has been enjoying the downtown. "I just love it here," she said. "I love that I'm surrounded by other small businesses, not big corporations."

The popular Holiday Happenings event is hosted each year by the Andover Business Center Association. ABCA is a membership organization consisting of companies located in downtown Andover.

For the event, Main Street is shut down from Elm Square to Punchard Avenue, and horse-drawn wagons give free hayrides. There's a tree lighting with Santa Claus and musical entertainment.

Stores will stay open late on Friday, Dec. 7 and have lots of inventory on sale. For instance, consistent with a silver holiday theme, Sense of Wonder's sale includes silver jewelry by "Artist J"

selling for 20 percent off. Downtown stores usually offer customers refreshments along with sales prices during the event.

Even Santa gets involved as he arrives Friday night at 5 at Enterprise Bank on High Street and enjoys a breakfast and photographs at Faith Lutheran Church on Saturday morning, Dec. 8.

The town's holiday tree, located in the alcove at TD Bank on Main Street, will be lit at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7.

The annual decorated tree exhibit at the Andover Historical Society will be open for viewing during holiday happenings.

"It's our fifth year for the tree exhibit and we're thrilled to open our doors for this. Over 200 volunteers have made it happen," said Carrie Midura, of the Historical Society. "We've certainly got the holiday spirit."



Children posed with Santa Claus following the downtown tree lighting at the 2011 Holiday Happenings.

2011 FILE PHOTO

Coldwell Banker collecting gifts for at-risk youth

The Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover is again teaming with Bernie & Phyl's Furniture to collect toys as part of the Home for Little Wanderers' Big Wishes Gift Drive.

Big Wishes is one of the Boston area's oldest and

largest toy drives, supporting children and families who are living in at-risk circumstances and are served by the Home's programs across Eastern Massachusetts.

The companies encourage Andover residents and others throughout the community

to drop off new, unwrapped toys at the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office at 305 North Main St., Suite 102 in town, or at any Bernie & Phyl's store in Massachusetts. The Coldwell Banker offices are accepting donations now through Monday, Dec. 10.

"We invite our neighbors to join us in bringing holiday cheer to the children

and families supported by The Home. The holidays can be very challenging for families in need, and donating a toy or other gift to the Big Wishes drive is one way the community can make a difference during this special time of year," Michelle Oates, sales manager of the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in Andover, said in a release.

The Home needs gifts for children ranging in age from birth to 22 years, with an urgent need for gifts for the 14- to 18-year-old teenagers in its care. To help meet the challenge of providing suitable holiday gifts for these teens, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and Bernie & Phyl's are providing up to \$5,000 in matching funds for all gift cards that

are donated during the gift drive.

To learn more about ways to help the Home or Little Wanderers this holiday season, including how you can pledge a gift from a child's personal wish list or shop from a general list and have the gift delivered free of charge directly to the Home's Toy Room, visit thehome.org/bigwishes.

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CONCERT: Acts to be performed December 2, beginning at 2:30 p.m.

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Peter Sulski of the London Symphony.

Cronin has earned many honors, which include special recognition in the New Hampshire All State Music Festival and various regional music festivals.

The orchestra will round out the concert by playing many family holiday favorites, a sing-a-long and the Hallelujah Chorus, according to the orchestra.

Preceding the concert, the doors will open at 1 p.m. for the orchestra's 11th annual silent auction.

The auction will be held through intermission and winners will be announced during the concert. Auction items may be paid for by cash or check only on the day of the concert.

Tickets available at the door or online by contacting the web site mvpomusic.org.

Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students, and \$5 for children ages 4 to 12.

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15 from Andover School of Ballet in local 'Nutcrackers'

Fifteen local students of the Andover School of Ballet at 14 Park St. are gearing up to perform in several area productions of the popular holiday ballet The Nutcracker.

"Every week these talented and dedicated students rehearse their Nutcracker roles, as well as continuing their usual schedule of dance classes at the Andover School of Ballet. To be cast in these productions, each dancer went through an audition and then anxiously waited to hear if they were chosen for a role. Now, these gifted dancers will have the opportunity to perform on stage in one of the world's most popular ballets and learn first hand about the life of a professional dancer," according to a release from Kristina Liversidge, director.

Katelyn Tsai, 11, will perform as a Party Child, and Jillian Slotnick, 6, will be a Bon-Bon in the Phillips

Academy production at the Tang Theatre on the Phillips Academy campus in Andover. Performances are Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 12.

Eight-year-olds Katie Beaver, Sophie Colby, and Louise Steenbergen, will perform as a Polichinelle in the Albany Berkshire Ballet production at the Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School, 80 Shawsheen Road on Dec. 1.

Julia Jennings, 14, will perform as a Soldier in the New England Civic Ballet production at the Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, North Andover. Shows are Dec. 7, 8 and 9.

The following students will be performing in the Dance Prism production at the Collins Center for the Arts at Andover High School, on Dec. 15 and 16. In this production, the students perform in a touring cast at several venues in Andover, Concord, Littleton and

Worcester OR in a local cast that performs their parts only in the Andover performances. The students are:

- Sarah Bace, 9, performing as a Caroler;
- Madeleine Botti, 10, performing as a Caroler;
- Daniela Friedman, 9, performing as a Caroler and a Peppermint;
- Emily Jackson, 11, performing as a Peppermint and a Cupid;
- Grace Ventre, 7, performing as a Caroler;
- Olivia Ventre, 8, performing as a Caroler and a Peppermint; and
- Kate Zdunczyk, 9, performing as a Caroler and a Peppermint.
- Anna Clark, 10, will perform as a Baby Mouse and a Gingerbread Cookie, and Lily Clark, 6, will perform as a Baby Doll in the Ballet Misha production at the Dana Center at St. Anselm's College, Manchester, N.H. on Dec. 16 and 17.



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Students at the Andover School of Ballet who are participating in local Nutcracker performances are, from left, front row: Grace Ventre, Louise Steenbergen, Jillian Slotnick, Sophie Colby, Katie Beaver; middle row: Madeleine Botti, Daniela Friedman, Kate Zdunczyk, Olivia Ventre, Sarah Bace; and back row: Katelyn Tsai, Julia Jennings and Emily Jackson. Missing from the photo are Anna Clark and Lily Clark.



MARY SCHWALM/Staff photo

Dancers with Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studio perform during the Santa Parade in downtown Andover.

New England Civic Ballet brings 'Nutcracker' to Rogers Center

Samuel Nieves, choreographer and artistic director of Platinum Dance Andover, will dance the role of the Nutcracker prince in this year's New England Civic Ballet's production of Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker.

Nieves will be sharing the spotlight with Jane Hannon of Salem, N.H., as she dances the lead of Clara.

The performances of The Nutcracker will be held at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College on Friday, Dec. 7 at 7:30 p.m.,

Saturday, Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. The cost for adults is \$25, \$22 for children and senior citizens. Call 978-975-0289 for tickets or visit newenglandcivicalballet.org.

According to a release, New England Civic Ballet "provides aspiring dancers from the Greater Merrimack Valley the opportunity to perform in professional quality ballet productions and provides high caliber dance education in a wide array of disciplines."



COURTESY PHOTO

Andover native Sam Nieves (Prince) and Jane Hannon (Clara) are the lead performers in the New England Civic Ballet's production of the Nutcracker.

'Chanukah - New Orleans Style' offers night of lights, music, charity

Temple Emanuel of Andover will add a bit of musical spice to its annual night of celebration and music.

On Friday, Dec. 14 at 6 p.m., Temple Emanuel will offer its event "Chanukah - New Orleans Style."

All temple vocal groups will perform, including Pre-School Singers, Adult Choir, Junior Choir, Religious

School Chorus and the Temple Emanuel Band "The Abbas," under the direction of Cantor Idan Irelander and cantorial soloist Jodi Blankstein. Special musical guests The Jazzlanders will also perform Music of New Orleans: Jazz and Swing, according to a release.

The finale will be a menorah lighting, with light sticks available for everyone as

audience members sing America the Beautiful.

People are asked to bring canned and dry foodstuffs in a bag -- no glass items, please -- to donate for Bread & Roses.

Temple Emanuel is located at 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. For more information, visit the website temple Emanuel.net or call the temple office at 978-470-1356.

'First Light': a Hanukkah event for all ages

An afternoon of a cappella artists will highlight the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation's annual First Light celebration. The community-wide Hanukkah event and family concert will be held Sunday, Dec. 2 at Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road in Andover beginning at 2:30 p.m.

A cappella groups Honorable Menschen, Alef Beats and ShenaniGanns will perform a wide range of music from Israeli and English pop, soul, rock, to traditional Jewish songs.

Honorable Menschen is described by event organizers as "Boston's premiere post-collegiate Jewish a cappella group, widely acclaimed for its unique blend of Jewish, Israeli, and World musical repertoire."

Alef Beats is Brown/RISD's premier Jewish-themed a cappella group. Members perform a number of arrangements by Jewish singers and songwriters.

ShenaniGanns is an award-winning student a cappella group from Gann Academy. Founded in 2007, ShenaniGanns has received national recognition through both its live and recorded work, including the Contemporary A Cappella Recording Awards and the International Competition of High School A Cappella, according to a release.

The festive afternoon will include a complimentary Latke bar and Hanukkah treats.

The cost is \$18 for adults but \$9 for people over 70; \$9 for child older than 5,

while children 5 and younger are free. Family plan maximum is \$40 (children 12 and under only). Tickets can be purchased online at mvjf.org. Call 978-688-0466 for more information about the event and purchasing tickets by mail. First Light is sponsored by the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation, with support from local businesses.

Give your homes old traditions a new look

People hoping for a new look to brighten their homes during the holidays may want to consider stopping into the December meeting of the Andover Garden Club.

A floral-design program called "Home for the Holidays: New Look for Old Traditions" by Marisa McCoy will be offered at the club's meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 10 a.m., at South Church, 41 Central St. in Andover.

There is no charge for club members and a \$10 donation is requested from guests. There will be refreshments.

Marisa McCoy is an award-winning floral and landscape designer and nationally accredited flower show judge, according to the organization.

"This floral-design demonstration will focus on updating traditional floral decorating at home, including colors for tables, mantels, doorways, stairs, and gift packages. Currently first vice president of the Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts Inc., McCoy is also a floral-design instructor, garden-club speaker, active member of the Museum of Fine Arts Boston Senior Associates, and a custom wedding and special-occasion floral designer," according to a release from club member Frances Wheeler.

Founded in 1927, the Andover Garden Club is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that says it "encourages the study and practice of horticulture, landscape design, and floral design; aids in the beautification of the town of Andover; and helps protect and conserve natural resources. The club provides both financial and hands-on support to a variety of municipal, educational, and environmental organizations throughout the region."

Information about joining the Andover Garden Club is available from AGC membership chairwomen Yvonne Glendon (978-247-8960, yglendon@comcast.net) and Dana MacKay (978-475-4451, dmm51@yahoo.com).



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Designs of Distinction Floral designer Marisa McCoy will offer holiday-design advice at the Andover Garden Club's Dec. 4 meeting.

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Townspeople

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Two Andover girls and their golden retriever Bella meet with Santa at the first Pet Photo Night at The Mall at Rockingham Park. Kaelyn, 9, and Lyndsey, age 11, are daughters of Nancy Grava. The next Pet Photo Night at the Salem, N.H. mall is Dec. 2 from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

COURTESY PHOTO

Town loses a strong proponent of education

Barbara Neal was longtime teacher at West Middle

JUDY WAKEFIELD
STAFF WRITER



Barbara Neal

Traffic was so heavy at last week's wake for Barbara Neal, a retired, longtime math teacher at West Middle School, that police had to close the street where the funeral home was located.

Barbara Neal died unexpectedly on Friday, Nov. 16. She was 70.

Inside the Conte Funeral Home on Florence Street last Tuesday, Nov. 20, her heavy-hearted family was certainly touched by the warm wishes and shared memories of so many.

"We were inspired. There were so many who came," said her husband, Richard "Dick" Neal, a former superintendent of schools in Andover.

The Neals' son, Steve Neal, is a police officer with the Andover Police Department. He is also an assistant hockey coach at Andover High School. The Neals also have two daughters who live out of town.

A 38-year town resident, Barbara Neal had many friends and former colleagues around Andover who say they will never forget her devotion to keeping Andover's education system superlative.

"Barbara was an excellent math teacher. Her talents extended far beyond the subject matter. She understood the world of the teenager and adjusted her approaches as the societal changes took place while maintaining her values and standards," said Ken Seifert, former Andover Superintendent of Schools. "She was regularly one of the

last to leave the building at the end of the day."

Seifert said she was "a great cheerleader for faculty and students alike."

After retiring in 2005, she volunteered with education-focused community service groups. She was a longtime board member of the Andover Fund for Education and was the group's treasurer at the time of her death.

"She was so dedicated to education and to students throughout her admirable life," said Joan Cohen, AFE vice chairwoman. "It was one of numerous roles in which she served her passion and our community."

Barbara Neal made a significant contribution to the students of Andover and Cohen said she mixed good humor while being a strong proponent of good education.

"She touched many lives and will be much missed," Cohen said.

The Neals lived on Twin Brook Circle for years, and moved to smaller quarters at Stone Castle Estates in Methuen last March.

In addition to her husband and son, family members include her daughters, Jennifer Oswitt of Northbridge and Jessica Janeczak of Tyngsborough; two sons-in-law; five grandchildren and several other family members.

Barbara Neal's full obituary was in last week's Townsman.

Squire of Andover there for founding of several town institutions

Bill Dalton



He was simply called "Squire." It was an expression of respect and endearment from his fellow townspeople.

Squire's given name was Samuel Farrar, and he lived a long life from 1773, when he was born in Lincoln, to 1864 when he died in Andover.

Squire was a man of habits, healthy and religious habits, and in reputation and deeds he was second to none in Andover; according to Andover historian Sarah Loring Bailey. Andover's other eminent historian, Clause M. Fuess, said that Squire was the most "picturesque and useful citizen in the first half of the 19th

Century."

The informal title "Squire" was bestowed upon him shortly after he moved to Andover; even as a young man, Fuess added, "People knew he was prudent and sane, unlikely to indulge in wild speculation."

Squire was so habitual that he'd be considered peculiar today, but that reflects poorly on our present culture. He mentioned once that he'd allowed his family clock to run down three times in 40 years. Whether he was amused by that fact or surprised is a matter of speculation, but his demeanor, described as pleasant, would indicate he was amused.

Each morning after awaking he sawed wood for precisely one half hour and then led family prayers at 6:07 A.M., never a minute earlier or later. Every fair day he took three walks, with each walk having its own route, which he had

measured with a measuring rod. The walks would begin and end at exactly the same time, and during them townspeople would confirm their timepieces, for he would pass the same spots at exactly the same times. He carried a gold headed cane, but he never let it touch the ground.

After graduating from Harvard in 1797, Farrar moved to Andover and first taught at Phillips Academy and soon became a lawyer. He gained the respect of all and never disappointed any. Before the age of 30 he was elected a trustee of the academy and became its treasurer the next year. He was one of the founding sponsors of the Andover Theological Seminary in 1808, an institution so closely linked physically to the academy that the academy took over the seminary's buildings when the latter institution left Andover in 1908. Squire

Farrar served as treasurer to the seminary as well as the academy, and Claude Fuess wrote, "The extraordinary material development of both the Academy and Seminary was attributed to his prudent management." Purportedly, Farrar personally oversaw the planting of all the stately elms on campus.

When Mrs. Sarah Abbot, a well-to-do widow, came to Farrar in 1827 to ask what she should do with her extra money, he immediately responded that she should put it toward building a female seminary. In 1829, the Abbot Female Seminary opened (known casually as the "Fem-Sem") and Squire Farrar was a founding trustee and treasurer. It later was called Abbot Academy and merged with Phillips in the 1970s.

When the Andover National Bank opened in

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Event honoring Gould raises cash for hospice

The 20th Annual VNA of Middlesex-East Auction raised \$88,000 for the Sawtelle Family Hospice House & Visiting Nurse Hospice. The event honored Andover resident Diana Gould upon her retirement from the agency as its development manager.

Over the past 13 years Gould has raised many thousands of dollars for the hospice mission, according to a release from the organization.

At the auction, more than 125 donated items made for lively bidding in both the silent and live auctions among the 325 guests, according to the VNA. Andover residents Karen and John Marshall



COURTESY PHOTO

Auction honoree Diana Gould and her family: son Christopher, brother Peter Argeropoulos, and son Timothy.

were "gold sponsors" of the event.

VNA of Middlesex-East owns and operates the Sawtelle Family Hospice House

in Reading and provides home health and hospice care throughout the Greater Boston area, including Andover.

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**100 Years Ago
Nov. 29, 1962**

J. Hughes, overseer of the Spinning department of the Smith & Dove Company, has moved his family from South Lawrence to Red Spring Road.

The meeting of former Good Templars held in the Village Hall on Tuesday, Nov. 26, was a great success. It was agreed to form a temperance society to be known as the Abbott Village Temperance Society. The society will meet in the Village Hall every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

The Wonderland management presented a special show for Thanksgiving Day which was attended by full houses.

The Helping Hand Society will hold its regular monthly meeting at the Free Church

next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

Work has begun on the cellar for the new house to be erected by D. Costello of North Andover on his recently purchased lot of land on Wolcott Avenue.

George Dannels is occupying the Lawson house at the corner of Elm and Pine streets.

**75 Years Ago
Nov. 26, 1937**

John Joseph Dole of River Street, Ballardvale, was almost instantly killed last Friday evening when the huge trailer truck that he was driving was struck by a Boston-Andover express at an unprotected crossing at Lowell Junction. The accident caused the local Board of Selectmen to take immediate action against the railroad, which had promised on

Sept. 23 to place a warning gong at the crossing.

There are 920 unemployed, partly employed, and W.P.A. or C.C.C workers in Andover, the recently-conducted census here shows. In Andover, exclusive of Ballardvale where a separate census was taken because it is a separate postal district, there were 805 cards returned. Of these, 466 were unemployed, 293 partly employed, seven C.C.C. workers and 39 W.P.A. workers.

After the ball was over, the fire department had a busy night. At 12:20 they were called out by box four to take a horse out of the cellar at a barn belonging to R.N.C. Barnes on Sunset Rock Road. The horse had fallen through a scuttle. For six hours the department worked, finding it necessary to knock off a

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by Nicholas T. Papapetros, DMD, FAGD

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Children race down the track in the Kid's Fun Run during the 25th annual Feaster Five Race in Andover.



Alec Paradis, left, from Pelham, his brother Sean Paradis and cousin Tom Gardner, from Salem, N.H., run the Feaster Five Road Race in Santa costumes. They have run the race before but this is the first time dressed up.

RACING INTO THE HOLIDAYS
AMY SWEENEY PHOTOS



Kaitlin McCarthy, from Cambridge, in black, cheers on her nieces Anna and Vivienne Foley, from Andover, during the Kid's Fun Run at the Feaster Five Road Race held Thanksgiving morning.



10,500 walkers and runners line up for the start of the 25th annual Feaster Five Road Race held Thanksgiving morning in Andover.



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The Mill Jazz Band plays for runners during the 25th annual Feaster Five Race in Andover. Pierre LeMeux, from left, on the tuba, Dan Gabel on trombone, Tom Ruggles on the banjo and Mel Deveau on the trumpet.

BOOMERVENTURE

Registration for winter BoomerVenture Campus programs is now underway and most programs are about to start.

BoomerVenture is a series of activities created by and for Andover's baby-boomers sponsored by the Town of Andover and the Andover Senior Center. Community members are welcome to all events.

The BoomerVenture Screening Room will show movies on Thursdays at 7 p.m., unless otherwise noted. Call 24 hours prior to order a light dinner. Check the website boomerventure.com for current selections. Upcoming movies are "Pieces of April" on Nov. 29, with "Certified Copy" coming Dec. 6.

"Energize with Exercise" will be on Mondays, Nov. 26 to Feb. 11 at 3:30 p.m. and on Thursdays, Nov. 29 to Feb. 14 at 6 p.m.

Monday classes cost \$50 for all nine classes. Thursday classes cost \$65 for all 12 classes.

Boomer Zumba will be on Thursdays, Nov. 29 through Feb. 14 at 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$65.

Tai chi and qigong will be on Thursdays, Nov. 29 through Feb. 14 at 7:30 p.m. This ancient practice promotes relaxation, concentration and improves balance. The cost is \$65.

BoomerBridge: Beginner review sessions will be on Mondays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, 10 and 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$99. Conventions review sessions will be held on Mondays, Nov. 26 and Dec. 3, 10, and 17 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. The cost for this program is also \$99.

All classes are held at 30 Whittier Court in the School Administration Building on the ground floor.

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cement head before the horse could be taken out.

50 Years Ago: Nov. 29, 1962
Will Urban Renewal go down to defeat in March? There's every reason to think so at this date four months from Town Meeting. And if it does, the biggest single reason will be its own complexity. Certainly there are

other factors — many opponents have personal reasons for fighting it, others are philosophically against federal entanglement, some just don't want to spend the money. But all-in-all, the most important factor will be a lack of understanding.

Town Manager Thomas E. Duff has the direct responsibility, the Land Acquisition Committee, for acquiring West Andover land and a fire station. The selectmen designated the

manager to carry on negotiations for land at the intersection of High Plain and Greenwood roads.

The Sherwin Williams paint store on Main Street has its permission for a 5 by 7 sign.

Members of the Andover Junior Garden Club and their invited guests will attend a special Christmas program, a play entitled "Joy and Jimmy's Christmas Tree," at the regular monthly meeting, Saturday Dec. 1.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

DALTON

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1826, Squire Farrar became its first president and held that job for 30 years. Perhaps because of his philanthropy - for example, he donated his treasurer's salaries back to the institutions he served - he never became truly rich, although he gave

to deserving causes and left \$12,000 to Phillips Academy at his death.

He was steadfast, intelligent, hard-working, and dedicated his life to Andover and its institutions. He was the only founding member of the seminary to survive to its 50th anniversary in 1858, and all those in attendance spontaneously, heartily and at length cheered and stood when he was introduced.

Following Squire's death at age 91, Oliver Wendell Holmes wrote a poem dedicated to him. It asked:

Where is the patriarch time could hardly tire
The good old wrinkled immemorial 'squire?

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

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Wedding



Damphousse - Plant
~ 05/11/2012 ~

Rebecca Damphousse and Tom Plant were married on May 11, 2012 at Harris' Pelham Inn. Rebecca was given in marriage by her father, Michael, and her mother Karen. Sister of the bride, Carolyn Damphousse, served as maid of honor. Brother of the groom, Nick Plant, served as best man. The couple vacationed in Maui for their honeymoon, and reside in Medford.

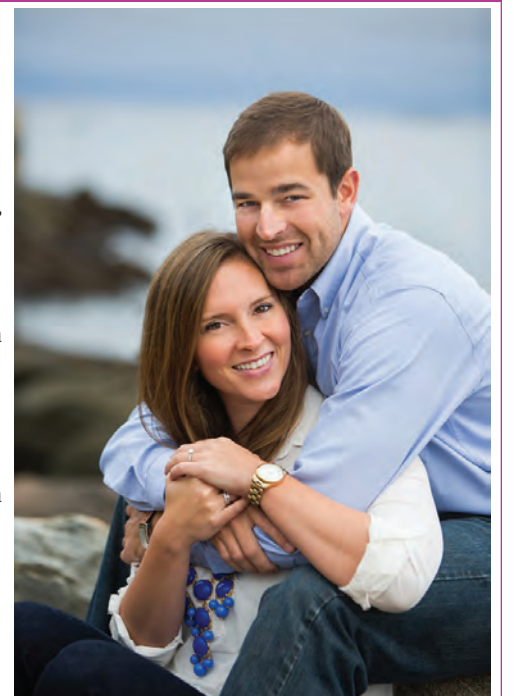
Engagement

Normand - Tilley

Ed and Sandi Normand of Danvers, MA, along with Brad and Sue Tilley of Hamilton, MA proudly announce the engagement of their children, Sherri Normand and Kyle Tilley.

Sherri graduated in 2008 from Northeastern University with a B.S. in Business Administration and Boston University in 2012 with a M.S. in Finance. She's currently employed as a Financial Analyst at BNY Mellon. Kyle received a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 2008 from Union College and a M.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 2011 from Northeastern University. He's currently employed as an Engineer at General Electric.

An August 2013 wedding in York Harbor, Maine is planned.



Man charged with child pornography to be released

BY DUSTIN LUCA
STAFF WRITER

ANDOVER — Indictments are coming soon for two men arrested as part of a child-porn DVD crackdown

in September, but one has been released from prison prior to trial. William Thomas, who lived on Colonial Drive prior to his arrest, was released into the custody of a friend last week

under a number of conditions, including electronic monitoring, according to Christina Dilorio-Sterling, spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boston.

Thomas and Richard Keller, a Cyr Circle resident, were both arrested in September on charges of receipt of child pornography, according to Dilorio-Sterling.

They stand accused of purchasing DVDs containing child pornography from a movie production company located outside the United States that operates a website selling DVDs and streaming videos, most of which "feature young minor boys," according to a complaint affidavit.

Federal agents raided Keller's home in September and removed from a bedroom more than 500 high-gloss photos and at least 60 to 100 DVDs of child pornography, as well as computers, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

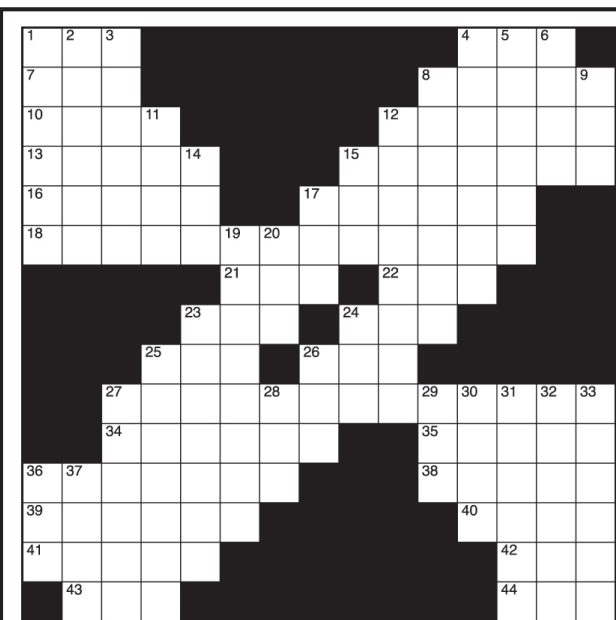
Around a week later, U.S. Postal Inspectors seized over 200 DVDs and CDs from Thomas' bedroom containing child pornography, according to an affidavit filed by Scott Kelley, a U.S. Postal Inspector.

Keller was a pediatric endocrinologist at Boston Children's Hospital and medical director of Phillips Academy for 19 years. The two cases are unrelated.

Thomas is being released into the custody of Carol Fournier, a friend to Thomas, according to Dilorio-Sterling. Thomas can't return to his home in Andover.

The court order releasing Thomas from prison indicates that Fournier lives in Ipswich, but no further information was available. Pamela Carakatsane, town clerk in Ipswich, said the town doesn't have a Carol Fournier listed in its street listing.

As part of his release, Thomas can't "frequent or loiter in any place where children under the age of 18 congregate, including schools, parks, playgrounds, video arcades, libraries, fast-food restaurants, beaches, etc."



Solution in Classified Section

CLUES ACROSS

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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1. German rapper | 26. Basics |
| 4. Aries sign | 27. Manson murder book |
| 7. Atmosphere | 34. Actress May |
| 8. Send payment for | 35. Dry white Italian wine from Verona |
| 10. Digs | 36. Easily conversed |
| 12. Pathetically weak | 38. Java pepper vine |
| 13. Give a thrashing to | 39. Eagle nests |
| 15. How a witch laughed | 40. Irish mother of gods |
| 16. Being of use or service | 41. Belongs to St. Paul's architect |
| 17. Lassie's breed | 42. Soak flax |
| 18. XXX Olympic site | 43. CGS work unit |
| 21. Tax collector | 44. Tooth caregiver |
| 22. Above average in size | |
| 23. It carries genetic information | |
| 24. E. central English river | |
| 25. Baked pastry-lined dish | |

CLUES DOWN

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|---|---|
| 1. Common detergent measure | 20. A major division of geological time |
| 2. Island in Venice | 23. Causes to expand |
| 3. Establish by law or with authority | 24. Ed Murrow's network |
| 4. Exuding a strong odor | 25. Happening in quick succession |
| 5. Walked leisurely | 26. They ___ |
| 6. A unit of length equal to 1760 yards | 27. Perceiver of sound |
| 8. Return to a useful condition | 28. The last part of anything |
| 9. CNN's Turner | 29. Top left corner key |
| 11. Young herring in Norway | 30. Opposite of quiet |
| 12. Disengagement | 31. Knights' outer tunic |
| 14. The lion zodiac sign | 32. Made level |
| 15. Mt. Washington railroad | 33. Refutes in a legal case |
| 17. The brain and spinal cord (abbr.) | 36. Sound of a crow |
| 19. Last decade of the 20th cent. | 37. In this place |

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Missing boy triggers ground search

By DUSTIN LUCA
Staff Writer

A missing 10-year-old boy sent Andover and state police on a heavy ground search Tuesday afternoon after he was locked out of his school and went missing.

Police first received calls about the missing boy from West Elementary School at 12:53 p.m. Once they realized the boy was missing, school officials "put their policies in motion to secure the school and notify us," Andover Police Chief Brian Pattullo said.

Scanner reports indicated that the boy was last seen outside of the school and was unable to get in because the doors were locked.

At that point, the boy wandered off. After Andover police arrived at the scene, they called the State Police to help with the search. Four state police dogs were sent to the school, but plans to launch a state police helicopter were cancelled due to the weather, Pattullo said.

Police learned the boy's location after receiving calls from Spencer Court residents who saw the boy walking along property tree lines, according to Pattullo. The boy was found on a small portion of a golf course next to the school around 1:45 p.m., just under an hour after he went missing.

Pattullo said the school buildings are all locked so people "can't just walk in" during school hours.

"It all happened the way it was supposed to," Pattullo said.

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The recently named Sidney G. Kotzen Institute of Continuing Professional Education for Accountants at Northern Essex Community College will offer a number of late fall 2012 and early winter 2013 continuing professional education courses for tax professionals.

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