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### A bit of Andover 'Hustle'



Becki Dennis and her husband, Justin Buchman, pose at the New York Film Critics Series special screening of "American Hustle" on Dec. 9. David O. Russell, the award-winning director of the film, was in attendance for the screening.

### Local actress scores screen time in Hollywood blockbuster

By Judy Wakefield

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Becki Dennis herself will say it's a very small role.

But that small role just happens to have her sharing screen time with Academy Award nominee Amy Adams, not to mention credits with Hollywood heavyweights Bradley Cooper, Christian Bale and Jennifer Lawrence.

The Andover native plays a nanny named Rebecca in the just-released "American Hustle."

Viewers will spot Dennis about a half-hour into the movie pushing a child in a stroller while walking with Adams' character. Listen carefully and you'll hear Dennis talking



at the top of the scene. While she said her Becki Dennis, left, with Academy Award nominee Amy Adams, second from right, in a trailer for "American Hustle." While the scene did not make it into the film, Dennis See ACTRESS, Page 2  $\,$  appears on-screen with Adams in another scene in the movie.

### Post-holiday purge

### Clear out the old at giveaway event

STAFF REPORTS

from post-Christmas overload, such condition that one would the Andover Recycling Com- feel OK passing them on to a mittee is here to help.

The committee is hosting a Community Giving Tree

kitchen and bath linens, shops, puzzles, books and toys, car seats and more will Barbie dolls. All donations will be accepted for donation to be passed directly on to fami-Goodwill and the Community lies in need and should include Giving Tree, a Boxford-based all pieces intact so they're safe organization that assists young families in need.

Only specific items will be accepted at the event and If your house is suffering donated items should be in friend.

drive-through giveaway event is specifically seeking high to help people de-clutter and chairs, car seats, baby swings, recycle on Saturday, Jan. 11, safety gates, cribs, toddler from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Brickbeds, various toys like Legos stone Square on York Street. beds, various toys like Legos and K'NEX, Little Tykes ride-Clothing, kitchenware, ons, toy kitchens and work-

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### Police Chief Keefe working to install a drug drop box

By BILL KIRK bkirk@andovertownsman.com

cations

at the Pub-

**■** Students push for substance abuse initiatives, page 2.

Center within the next month so resi- soon as possible. dents can throw away pills that might otherwise get into

the wrong hands.

More than 200 residents attending a forum last month In response to an outcry at on teen substance abuse and a recent forum on teen drug the recent scourge of drugs, abuse, Police Chief Pat Keefe including prescription mediis working to install a prescrip- cations and heroin, sweeping tion medi- through affluent suburbs like Andover, urged the town to put drop box a drop box in place.

Keefe, who was on hand for lic Safety the forum in Old Town Hall, vowed to get one installed as

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### Toxic sludge case settled

Berberian wins \$500K award in contamination suit

> By Dustin Luca dluca@andovertownsman.com

The town has officially settled a lawsuit with Bancroft Road resident James Berberian, bringing an end to a toxic sludge case dating back to 2010.

Berberian stands to be paid \$500,000 in the settlement, finalized by a unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen at an open meeting last Thursday, Dec. 19, according to Town Counsel Tom Urbelis.

As of last Friday, the agreement was signed by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski and on its way to Joseph Wadland, the attorney representing Berberian in the case, according to selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli.

Of the settlement amount, \$450,000 will be paid by the town, with \$50,000 coming from the engineering firm Pennoni Associates, which had done work on Berberian's 2-4 Bancroft Road property, according to Urbelis.

The settlement follows a similar agreement that ultimately fell apart in October. That agreement included a \$440,000 payment from the town and a contingency for a separate

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### Raagini hiring clause under review

Selectmen to revisit ban on underage female staffers

> By Dustin Luca dluca@andovertownsman.com

The Board of Selectmen is reconsidering a provision in an agreement that would have restricted an Indian restaurant in town from hiring women under the age of 21.

Selectmen earlier this month reached a deal with the owner of Raagini Indian Bistro, reducing what was originally a 30-day suspension of its liquor license to 10 days after the manager admitted to serving an underage girl alcohol after hours.

Among the provisions of the agreement, reached after Raagini appealed the 30-day suspension to the state Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission, is no woman under age 21 would work at Raagini while it had a liquor

But last week, selectmen Chairman Alex Vispoli said that he felt upon further consideration that the restriction is illegal, bringing the

### Santa visits Andover



A group of children pose with Santa at Saturday's weekly coffee hour at Old Town Hall. See more, page

RYAN HUTTON/ Staff photo

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BLACKITA

### Youths call for action on prescription drugs

students at Doherty Middle essary to a growing society, School are speaking out but disposing of them in about teen drug use and the wrong way can be just abuse in town.

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Following The Towns- pills down their toilets or man's coverage of last pour liquid medicine down month's forum on substance the sink, it can contaminate use among youths, students groundwater and affect the in Cheryl Todisco's health ecosystem. Prescription class discussed the issue and drug drop boxes are the what could be done to com- only feasible alternative to bat the growing problem. these harmful methods of

Todisco says seven of her disposal. eighth-graders elected to 
It is imperative to respond take the discussion one step to the dramatic increase further, writing an opinion in the misuse and abuse of piece for The Townsman prescription medications. that offers their thoughts Having these drugs lying on the battle against medi- around the house was not cation misuse and abuse previously a public health in Andover. Their piece, problem. However, as the which has won the sup- Centers for Disease Control port of Doherty Principal reports, "The death toll Robin Wilson, was penned from overdoses of prescripbefore this week's news that tion painkillers has more Police Chief Patrick Keefe is than tripled in the past actively pursuing the instal- decade. Overdoses involvlation of a prescription drug ing prescription painkillers drop box in town.

We were compelled to write after reading the report of the recent drug forum in Andover. First, we would like to thank Andover Youth Services for beginning the difficult, but necessary discussion on prescription drug misuse and abuse in our town.

The forum led us to guestion, "What actions can be taken to combat the growing issue of prescription drug misuse and abuse in our community?" As we researched solutions to this problem, we found that many neighboring communities have implemented kiosks for safe and legal disposal of prescription drugs as well as narcotics, over-the-counter drugs, painkillers and vitamins. The disposal of these

Editor's Note: A group of chemical compounds is nec-spoke with Jennifer Welch, we must join forces, citizens as bad. When people flush

> are at epidemic levels and now kill more Americans than heroin and cocaine combined." The Partnership at Drug Free.Org states that "every day, 2,000 teens use a prescription drug to get

Drug addiction doesn't discriminate; it crosses social, economic, and cultural boundaries. Even here in Andover, a peaceful suburb, three teens have died from overdoses that may have involved prescription painkiller abuse. Prescription painkillers are like a stepping stone to harsher, more damaging drugs. The time for action is now before more lives are lost, before more families are

high for the first time.

But how do we know that prescription drug drop boxes will help solve our problem? To find out, we

Tewksbury safety officer, who was instrumental in bringing a drop box to her community. In the course of a year, Tewksbury collects more than 160 pounds of over-the-counter drugs and prescription medications. Ms. Welch walked us through the step-by-step process of acquiring a lock box:

First, the Andover Police Department needs to develop a specific plan detailing the logistics of a drop box operation.

Next, the Police Department needs to write a memorandum to the Drug **Enforcement Agency that** includes that plan and apply a timely manner, perhaps for permission to install a drop-off box.

Then, the Police Department needs to acquire a waiver for the disposal of hazardous wastes from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Finally, the cost of the actual box and its installation (approximately \$1,000) would need to be paid by the community. Once in place, the drop box would have to be constantly monitored by the Andover Police Department via audio and video recordings. In addition, a designated evidence office must document and photograph all medication in the box. We understand that the

investments to acquire and maintain a drop box are very significant, and that the Police Department already has a lot to deal with each day. We are also very grateful for the department's unwavering commitment to keep our community safe. Therefore, and safety professionals alike, to address the rising misuse of medication.

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Andover is a smart, concerned community that has the resources and vision to understand the positive impacts of a medication drop box. In the big picture, adding a drop box to our town will be worth infinitely more than the time and money we will spend to get one, for the value of a human life has no price tag.

But remember, this isn't all up to the Police Department. The citizens of Andover must do their part and dispose of their own prescription drugs in in neighboring drop box kiosks. It takes one trip to the box to ensure the safety and health of the people around you. Even now, before we receive our box, even if we don't get a box, we implore you to do your share and help keep our town safe. Please be certain that your medications are always locked away in a place where children, grandchildren, friends, other loved ones and visitors can't get them.

The time to act is now. We must respond to the concerns voiced at the town drug forum. Together, as a community, we can do our part to keep Andover safe and tackle the growing problem of prescription

> **GRADE 8 HEALTH STUDENTS** DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL **RYAN GIGGEY** NATHAN GOLDTHWAITE WILLIAM HAMILTON **PHILIP LEBLANC JOHN MAROTTA JILLIAN POWERS JACLYN ROMANO**

### **CHIEF:** Seeks to install a drug dropoff box

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community the best we working well. can," he said. "There's a what we can do."

Experts have found that to get rid of medications." are among the leading and needles. Communities booze and graduated to pre-researching. scription drugs and heroin.

it is a pattern he has seen Enforcement Agency) dropmany times. He and others off or, depending on how to remove expired prescrip- state and get it destroyed,' them safely and securely.

But flushing the pills change what we do.' down the toilet is considtrash. So the federal Drug department. Enforcement Agency and is offered twice a year.

Some communities, boxes in their police station what to look for." lobbies to make it easier for residents to dispose Andover Youth Services, of drugs at any time. The which co-sponsored last boxes resemble postal ser- month's event, and other vice mailboxes found on groups in offering a weeksidewalks and are often long drug awareness educaavailable 24 hours a day, tion program next year. seven days a week.

North Andover Police been," he said. "We need to Department said his town jump in as quick as we can."

purchased a drop box a couple years ago for a relatively "We want to service the low price and the service is

"It's full now," he said need for it, so we will see recently. "We have to empty it again. It's a good resource

along with marijuana and The boxes accept all types alcohol, prescription drugs of drugs, with the only found in medicine cabinets restrictions being liquids causes of long-term addic- then must comply with tion problems. Several state Department of Public speakers at last month's Health rules on disposal of forum said their children the medications, something started with marijuana and Keefe said he has been

"We can hold onto them Police Sgt. Greg Scott said until the next DEA (Drug at the forum urged parents much we get, take it to the tion drugs from their medi- he said. "It depends on cine cabinets and dispose of the volume we get. If we get increased volume, we'll

Once purchased, Andoered harmful to the environ-ver's drop box would be ment and there is concern available at the police stawith tossing them in the tion and maintained by the

Calling it a positive forum, other law enforcement Keefe said last month's drug agencies in recent years program was a good way for have held drug take-back people to learn about subprograms. The federal one stance abuse problems in town.

"I'm sure it was eve-openincluding North Andover ing for a lot of people," he and Tewksbury, have gone a said. "People are getting step further, installing drop educated on trends and

Keefe hopes to work with

"It (the drug problem) has Lt. Charles Gray of the been a little worse than it's

### ACTRESS: Shares screen with Hollywood stars in film 'American Hustle' She did five scenes in all in the Boston area as an actor `Rent," wrote Choquette, who Globe nominations and is gen-

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more substantive lines didn't opportunity for screen time was shot around Boston last quette wrote in an email. make the final cut, her face cer- with "American Hustle" year, with her parts filming

School graduate also scores offers marketing tools and trailers for the film. Although resumes, websites, taped auditor who is chairwoman of University in Pittsburgh. the scene did not make it into tions and more, to actors has the Drama Department at the previews.

be part of (the movie)," she eventually landed the part.

devastated.

The 2003 Andover High Tools. The business, which Melrose. connected with the film indus- Dennis' success. "It was just so much fun to try in Boston. From there, she

through her company, Talent on location in Malden and

Dennis learned about the with Adams when the movie and a talent professional," Cho-said she was excited to see her erating lots of Oscar buzz.

Thenardier in a production of is incredibly motivated." "Les Miserables" in Andover

the final footage, it lives on in allowed her to become well- Andover High, is thrilled with choreographer and has choa great career for herself here including 'A Chorus Line' and already scored seven Golden good and well worth seeing."

former student in "American Dennis and her hus-

"She is a fabulous dancer and Health Connector. But it's movie reviews that

Dennis played Madame Hustle." "She is very gifted and band, Justin Buchman, went to the New York Film Critics Dennis also does television Series special screening of Susan Choquette, her for- with Choquette. She went on to commercial work. She was "American Hustle" on Dec. 9. an appearance in one of the services, such as demo reels, mer acting teacher and direc- major in theater at Point Park recently featured in a com- They walked the red carpet mercial for the Massachusetts ahead of the film's award-winning director, David O. Russell. "That was very exciting,"

reographed a number of shows have her talking the most these she said. "People should see "She has really carved out for me here at the high school days. "American Hustle" has 'American Hustle.' It's really

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### RAAGINI: Selectmen to revisit hiring clause

**66** Removing that one provision from

the agreement, I have absolutely

no problems or concerns with the

approval of the liquor license. >>

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enforceability of the entire agreement into question.

Selectmen will meet next Tuesday, Dec. 31, at 8:30 a.m. to discuss amending the settlement and striking that clause from it.

The issue of the enforcetion on women under 21 first ity approval. Selectmen Brian the board considered renew- fia was opposed. ing Raagini's annual liquor license

Selectman Dan Kowalski ability of the hiring restric- measure failed to win major- he said.

renewal fell dead after Visp- his vote to one in favor so the be notified. oli and Selectman Dan license could be renewed, but question about "the enforceability of the agreement" on the license suspension.

the restriction was included equal rights amendment." in the agreement by the thing that the board put in," ing a position on the license

entucket layers, inc.

Vispoli then asked the The first vote on the mation. Vispoli later changed 31 to allow the restaurant to for our youth, our citizens."

Kowalski said that he

renewal at the Dec. 16 meeting with that provision included in the agreement.

"Removing that one provision from the agreement, I have absolutely no problems or concerns with the approval of the liquor license," Kowalski said.

Selectman Brian Major said the board's major concern "was the protection of the surfaced at the Monday, Dec. Major and Mary Lyman were board to consider removing youth. With the other parts 16 selectmen's meeting as in favor; Selectman Paul Sala- it "because of the unenforce- of the agreement, there are ability and illegality of it from a number of different actions In abstaining, Kowalski a discriminatory standpoint." that are still there, that do cited a missing piece of infor- A vote was delayed until Dec. continue to add protections

The initial suspension Town Counsel Tom Urbelis agreement was unani-Kowalski abstained and the not before saying he had a agreed with the unenforce-mously approved by the able nature of the provision. Board of Selectmen on Dec. "If a female, who has stand- 9. Kowalski made the only ing under the age of 21, were comment about the hir-At the board's next meeting to file a lawsuit challenging ing provision prior to that last Thursday, Dec. 19, Vispoli that provision against the vote, pledging support for said he felt after reviewing town and against Raagini, in it. He told a restaurant the agreement that the pro- my opinion, that clause would employee that he "liked your vision prohibiting the hiring be found to be unenforce- recommendation that you not of women under 21 is "dis- able," Urbelis said. "It would employ females under the criminatory." He added that be a violation, among other age of 21, and I agree with the the language surrounding things, of the Massachusetts board's agreement to your recommendation."

In hindsight, Kowalski restaurant. "It wasn't some- didn't feel comfortable tak- admitted that his comments "came out the wrong way."

> "I thought about it after, and thought I said the wrong thing. The wrong words came out," Kowalski said. "I was trying to get on public record that it was the applicant's proposal, and that he made the suggestion.'

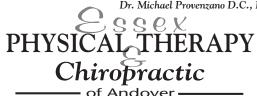
In the days following, Kowalski raised the issue with Vispoli and Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. He told them he felt uncomfortable with the restriction on hiring women under 21, he said.

Other provisions in the 10-day license suspension settlement include that Jaspreet Pabla resign as manager and work under limited hours until July 1, that all employees complete alcohol over-serving training yearly, and that the restaurant be on probation until Jan. 2, 2015. The 10-day license suspension will be served starting Jan. 2.

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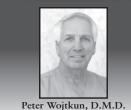
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### Spreading holiday cheer



**Bunny Downs** poses with Santa and his elf, Brenda Afshin, during last Saturday's weekly coffee hour at Old Town Hall in Andover.

RYAN HUTTON/ Staff

### **BERBERIAN:** Resident wins \$500K award in toxic sludge lawsuit

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agreement from Pennoni. Other changes to the agreement from the previous one amount to rephrasing of some wording, Urbelis said.

The agreement is not yet available to the public. Wadland couldn't be reached for comment after multiple attempts. Berberian also couldn't be reached for comment.

The case began in November 2010, when Water Department employees were cleaning out the 6 milliongallon water storage tank at Bancroft School as part of routine maintenance on the water system.

However, town workers were videotaped by Berberian but he claimed that some sedidumping dark-colored water ment remained. In February into leaking trucks and into 2012, he sued the town in feda nearby storm drain. That eral court over what he said drain flowed down Bancroft was a violation of the federal Road and onto Berberian's Clean Water Act for dischargproperty at the corner of ing contaminated water into a South Main Street.

The brownish water conamong others.

clean up Berberian's property, at the time.

The town attempted to clean up Berberian's property, but he claimed that some sediment remained. In February 2012, he sued the town in federal court over what he said was a violation of the federal Clean Water Act for discharging contaminated water into a wetland.

wetland.

Following months of closedtained dark sediment, which door meetings, the Board of ended up settling in a wet- Selectmen voted in August to land on Berberian's property. accept the earlier settlement When that sediment was agreement. But by the end of tested, it showed high levels the month, with a counterof toxic metals, including proposal filed by Berberian, it arsenic, cadmium and nickel, appeared the agreement was in jeopardy "through no fault The town attempted to of either party," Wadland said

### **RECYCLING:** Giveaway event will be held Jan. 11

### **HOLIDAY RECYCLING GUIDE**

Unsure of what you can and can't recycle this holiday season? Refer to this handy guide, provided by the Andover Recycling Committee.

### RECYCLABLE CURBSIDE

Gift wrap, tissue paper, greeting cards, envelopes, gift boxes and paper gift bags. Items with anything metallic or fuzzy are not recyclable.

### NOT RECYCLABLE CURBSIDE

These materials cannot be recycled curbside because they either jam the equipment at the single-stream recycling plants, are impossible to segregate or have other restrictions. However, they can be recycled elsewhere:

Bubble wrap, air pillows, plastic wrap and plastic bags: They can be brought to any plastic bag recycling bin at local grocery stores. Once segregated in these bins, the

material can be fully recovered and

recycled.

Zero Waste Day.

No. 6 white block foam, expanded Polystyrene or Styro**foam:** The foam is often collected at special recycling events, like the Jan. 11 Post-Holiday Drive-Through or

Holiday light strings: Lights can be recycled at electronics and/or scrap metal collection events such as the annual Zero Waste Day event on May 3.

Ribbons, bows and tinsel: Save and reuse if possible, but otherwise. these items simply go in the trash.

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to share.

social enterprise, "Twice event. Loved Toy Sales.'

Merrimack Valley, with Levenson at Community proceeds going to sup- Giving Tree at leslie@ port the organization's communitygivingtree.

will include clothing and norstorch@verizon.net. shoes of all sizes, bed and bath linens, small kitchen appliances and other kitchen items like utensils, plates, cups and cookware; books, CDs, records

and other media; and home decor and pictures.

Batteries and Styrofoam The event marks the bearing a recycling trianfirst endeavor for Com- gle with the number 6 can munity Giving Tree's new also be dropped off at the

For a complete list of The venture aims to items being accepted, conresell the items during tact Bill Labelle at "pop-up sales" around Goodwill at blabelle@ the North Shore and goodwillmass.org, Leslie org or Eleanor Storch at Items sought by Good- Andover Recycling at elea-

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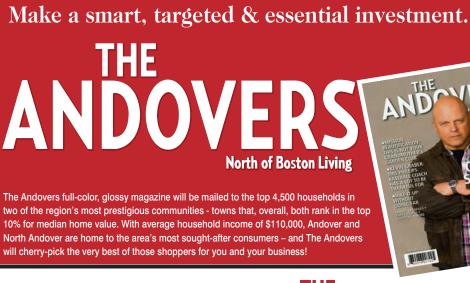
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### Norwell man sent to state prison after child rape, enticement plea

By Jill Harmacinski Staff writer

enticement of an Andover Blodgett. child this fall.

wood Road, in October.

enticing a child under age 16 said.

in Salem Superior Court.

A Norwell man will spend followed by five years pro- Street, en route to meet the bail in Middleton Jail followthe next two to three years bation, said Carrie Kimball- victim, according to Andover ing his arrest. He started his in state prison after pleading Monahan, spokeswoman for police. guilty Monday to the rape and District Attorney Jonathan

The victim, a 14-year-old bation, Whittaker must stay they were alerted to a prevition on the case was released boy, worked with Andover away and have no contact ous encounter between them, publicly. Court documents police to apprehend Andrew with the victim, have no Whittaker and the victim had were also impounded when Whittaker, 50, of 62 Brant- unsupervised contact with met in September in a hotel Whittaker was arraigned in In a plea agreement nego- monitored by a GPS bracelet, Andover, police said. tiated by prosecutor Kristen complete sex offender treat-Buxton, Whittaker pleaded ment and register as a sex they were able to get Whit- Whittaker had a clean guilty to rape of a child and offender, Kimball-Monahan taker to return to Andover criminal record, police said

Whittaker was arrested was going to be another He was sentenced to two around 1 p.m. on Saturday encounter.' to three years in state prison Oct. 5, as he drove on High

During his five years pro- Whittaker to Andover after to his arrest, little informachildren under age 16, be in the River Road area of October.

with the "belief there previously.

Whittaker was held without state prison sentence yester-Police used the victim to day, Kimball-Monahan said.

arrange a meeting and bring Aside from details related

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Apart from minor, motor

Police Lt. Edward Guy said vehicle-related offenses,

### OBITUARIES

### Kathleen Turnbull, 80

November 8, 1933 — December 18, 2013

ANDOVER - Kathleen (Keane) Turnbull, 80, of Andover passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at Wingate of Andover with her family by her side. She was a beloved mother, grandmother, and friend.

Kathleen was born in Boston and was the daughter of the late Jack and Ruth O'Connell.

She was raised and educated in Arlington, Mass., and was a graduate of Arlington High School. She later married and raised her family in Reading,

Kathleen worked for many years in administration at An-

and her husband, Jerry of Mil- Helen DeLuca ford, N.H., Sandra Kelly and her husband, Daniel of An- hours were held Friday, Dec. 20, dover, David Turnbull and his at Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 D.C.; her five grandchildren, Mass of Christian Burial was cel-Michael LeVeille of Milford, ebrated Saturday, Dec. 21, at St. N.H., Emily, John, and Sarah Augustine's Church, 43 Essex St., Kelly of Andover, and Patrick Andover. Burial followed at St. Au-Turnbull of Washington, D.C.; qustine's Cemetery. her sister, Margaret Wynne For online condolences, visit of Middleborough, Mass.; and www.cataudellafh.com.



alog Devices in Wilmington, several nieces and nephews. Kathleen was predeceased Kathleen is survived by her by her son, Robert Turnbull, children, Donna Jorgerson and sisters, Mary Duggan and

ARRANGEMENTS: Visiting wife, Catharine of Washington, Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Her

### Charter school comment deadline nears

charter school proposal in bach, will be accepted by proposal.

Those who want to weigh led in part by School Com- as part of this process will be c/o Charter School Office, 75 town have only a few days the state Department of Comments may be mailed doe.mass.edu.

Elementary and Secondary to the Massachusetts The state will announce its proposed STEAM Studio, Jan. 3. Comments submitted and Secondary Education, end of February.

in on the STEAM Studio mittee member David Birn- considered testimony on the Pleasant St., Malden 02148 or emailed to charterschools@

Written comments on the Education until next Friday, Department of Elementary charter school awards by the

### Selectmen approve capital plan 'in principle'

By Dustin Luca

ager Buzz Stapczynski's five- ing in May for approval. year capital improvement

lion in projects ranging from the horizon.

school improvements to vehi-

The plan has raised conplan a green light, "funding cerns with school and finance selectmen's vote to adopt the Stapczynski's latest plan for restraint as large, projects the process. recommends just over \$9 mil-requiring tax hikes loom on

'as funding allows."

officials, with several calling plan "in principle" one step in to me that we'd want to try to

Selectmen approved the he'd like to see town adminiscle purchases as well as engiplan unanimously with the tration considering improve-The Board of Selectmen neering for future projects. It understanding that various ments to all town and school last week gave Town Man- will now go before Town Meet- projects would move forward buildings in the same category instead of two distinct Stapczynski called the areas.

"It just seems more logical look at all our facilities and During the discussion, prioritize improvements at the Selectman Dan Kowalski said building level," Kowalski said.

### **■ POLICE LOG**

COMPILED BY DUSTIN LUCA

### Driver injured, cited after accident with plow truck

A 22-year-old Boxboro truck in an accident Monday, and charged on a warrant. Dec. 16 at 1:53 p.m. at 10 Bal-

Heseltine said the woman's charged on a warrant. vehicle "was struck by a Wednesday, Dec. 18 - At 10:28 and charged with assault crash was reported on Main

police determined the "plow placed into police custody truck had the right of way, at his home on a warrant of a.m., Timothy Brady, 25, of 5 reported on Lowell Street. she cut in front of him, he apprehension. was unable to stop and ended up hitting her."

was bleeding from the head, was arrested at his home and was sent to Lawrence Gen- charged on a warrant. eral Hospital, Heseltine said. After the crash, police Connearney, 20, of 26 Tyler on North Main Street and unoccupied vehicle on Shawissued a court summons St., Methuen, was arrested charged with operating a sheen Road. The unoccupied against her for failing to on Punchard Avenue and yield at an intersection, he charged on a warrant.

dent, according to Heseltine. member.

Sunday, Dec. 22:

woman was injured and p.m., Daniela Lopez, 23, of

Tuesday, Dec. 17 - At 10:19 a warrant. lardvale Road by the inter- a.m., James Mezzetti, 28, of section of Sunset Rock Road. 67 Lowell St., Methuen, was bert, 29, of 700 Bullfinch involving a tow truck was Police Commander Charles arrested on High Street and

truck that had a plow on it." a.m., Ryan Asoian, 23, of 107 and battery on a household Street. He said investigating Chestnut St., Andover, was member. At 5:

The female driver, who of 8 Old South Lane, Andover session of a class A drug.

The identity of both the Tedeschi, 38, of 23 Green- equipment violation and on a.m., a Park Street resident Boxboro woman and the wood Road, Andover, was a warrant. driver of the plow truck arrested at his home and weren't available due to the charged with assault and medical nature of the acci- battery on a household

**ARRESTS** Monday, Dec. 16 - At 1:11 ence of liquor. issued a court summons 119 Dracut St., Lawrence, ate, 32, of 1 Ames Hill Drive, River Road. after failing to yield to a plow was arrested on River Road Tewksbury, was arrested on

p.m., Damon Beckerman, 19, Street and charged with pos- ing one tow was reported on

### The following items were Friday, Dec. 20 – At 3:17 a.m., taken from Andover police Jose Colon, 40, of 311 Lowell reported on Bartlet Street. logs from Monday, Dec. 16 to St., Andover, was arrested on At 6:53 p.m., vandalism River Road and charged with to a motor vehicle involv-

Lowell Street and charged on

Drive, Apt. 214, Andover, reported on Andover Street. was arrested at his home At 3:29 p.m., a hit-and-run

Saturday, Dec. 21 - At 11:48 crash requiring one tow was Christine Drive, Wilmington, Tuesday, Dec. 17 - At 1:55 Thursday, Dec. 19 - At 12:51 was arrested on North Main p.m., a two-car crash requir-

At 9:46 p.m., Alfonso pended license, a miscel- scene. At 10:08 p.m., Charles laneous motor vehicle

p.m., a jewelry box was Andover Street. reported stolen on Harding Street.

lian Terrace.

Sunday, Dec. 22 - At 8:27

### **INCIDENTS**

Monday, Dec. 16 - At 2:57 reported on River Road.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 - At 11:48 reported on Hidden Way.

p.m., a bus driver reported from AAA. that "kids were throwing ice and snow at vehicles" on Lowell Street.

**Dundee Park** 

At 4:23 p.m., an assault was

a marked lanes violation and ing a smashed window was operating under the influ-reported on Lovejoy Road.

Friday, Dec. 20 - At 3:46 p.m., At 4:03 p.m., Stephen Cho-trespassing was reported on

### **ACCIDENTS**

Monday, Dec. 16 - At 10:16 At 8:31 p.m., Adrian Gil- a.m., a hit-and-run crash

At 5:58 p.m., a three-car

North Main Street. At 6:41 p.m., police were Medina, 20, of 44 Ames St., called to a crash involving At 4:56 p.m.,, Robert Lawrence, was arrested a vehicle that slid into an motor vehicle with a sus-vehicle was towed from the

> Wednesday, Dec. 18 - At 8:08 reported that his car was hit by a plow overnight.

At 4:03 p.m., a hit-and-Wednesday, Dec. 18 - At 8:08 run crash was reported on

At 5:51 p.m., an accident involving personal injury At 8:46 p.m., a package and requiring one tow was was reported stolen on Lil- reported on North Main

Thursday, Dec. 19 - At 7:39 a.m., a phone was reported p.m., a two-car crash requirstolen on Brookside Drive. ing both cars to be towed was reported on Shattuck Road.

Friday, Dec. 20 - At 7:17 a.m., p.m., an assault was a hit-and-run crash was reported on Stowe Court.

At 3:22 p.m., a two-car a.m., illegal dumping was crash was reported on North Street. One of the cars Thursday, Dec. 19 - At 3:34 involved required a response **Saturday, Dec. 21 -** At 2:58

> a.m., a hit-and-run crash was reported on Burnham Road.

### WESTFORD, MA — Ja-

March 19, 1957 — December 8, 2013

Janet Yedinak, 56

net Yedinak, 56, of Westford, passed away on the morning of December 8 surrounded by her friends and family. She dedicated her life to those around her, from her husband, Stephen and her children, Kate and Michael, to the countless children and families whose lives she changed as a social worker in the Andover public school system. She leaves behind a lifetime of joy and meaning, which will continue to be celebrated by her mother, five siblings and immediate family. In lieu of flowers, please consider what she taught so many, to live life mation and online guestbook dover Public Schools in the 978-692-6502. new year. For service infor-



with empathy and compassion please visit online Memorial and an ever-present smile. A at www.HealyFuneralHome. memorial service will be ar- com. JA Healy Sons, 57 N. ranged by her family and An-Main St., Westford, MA 01886.

### **Cathleen Elmer**

FLORESVILLE, TX — Cathleen (Burns) Elmer passed away on December 11, 2013. She was born in Andover, Mass., and educated at Abbot Academy, from which she graduated cum laude. An honor graduate of Smith College (A.B. in English) and Boston University (A.M. in English), she taught English, dramatics and Spanish for eight years in Massachusetts and Connecticut secondary schools. After World War II, she entered a national writing-editing contest sponsored by Mademoiselle magazine. Informed by the magazine in 1947 that Secretary of the Norfolk Dis- and ability." trict of the Massachusetts

Medical Society. Over the years, she contrib- Thomas D. Burns of Boston. uted articles and short fiction to Mademoiselle, Seventeen, be private with cremation to fol-Ingenue and American Mer- low in New Hampshire. The family

Mrs. Elmer was perfectionist, repository of Mrs. Elmer's papers.

she was one of the contest's who wrote and rewrote, of-"top and best" finalists, she ten against stringent editorial left teaching for New York and and journalistic deadlines and a job as staff writer-editor at uncompromising space limita-Scholastic Magazines. She tions. When editors or agents returned to Boston in 1952 to she worked with had occasion assume a dual editorial and to characterize her work, they management role as Assistant spoke of her "total professionto the Editor of Massachusetts alism" or called her "a born Physician, and as Executive writer" with "very real talent Mrs. Elmer was a zestful,

year-round lap-swimmer well In 1953, she married Wil- into her 70's. She was precedliam Elmer, an internationally ed in death by her husband, noted engineer and inventor. William. She leaves a son, Dr. Their son, Edward, was born Edward B. Elmer, an orthopaein 1958, and Mrs. Elmer turned dic surgeon practicing in Texto free-lancing at home, first, as and his wife, Dr. Laura M. as a writer-editor for Ginn and Elmer; six grandchildren, Mi-Company and Houghton Mif-chael, Katherine, Mark, Sarah. flin; later, as a book reviewer Matthew and Marshall Elmer; for the New York Times, the two sisters and one brother, Boston Herald and Herald Anne M. Laskey of Meredith, American, the Baltimore Sun, N.H., Constance Silverman of and The Washington Times. Sharon, Conn., and Attorney

**ARRANGEMENTS: Services will** asks that expressions of sympathy A younger sister of the late or remembrance be in the form of World War II novelist John contributions to Boston Univer-Home Burns (The Gallery), sity's Mugar Memorial Library, the

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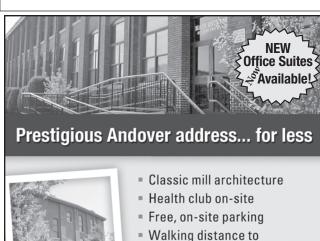
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### Education



From left, Lt. William Loehr and firefighters Scott Weightman and John Senee of Engine 2, Ballardvale Station read "Stormy's Hat" by Eric Kimmel at South Elementary School.

### Sharing the gift of reading

### Community readers offer up their favorite books

All across town last experiences or hobbies and month, firefighters, police talk about the importance of officers, business leaders, books and reading in their community volunteers, town lives. officials and others stepped out of their daily roles to began organizing the Community Read-Along.

about their jobs, volunteer children.

Volunteers at each school

become storytellers for a munity Read-Along in Sepday as part of the League of tember, scheduling readers Women Voters' 19th Com- and often preparing a brief reception at which the vol-The community readers unteers exchanged stovisited classrooms in several ries about the books they schools to share information selected to share with the

Christen Hazel, associate director for the office of advancement at Pike School in Andover, reads to Kelly Stojanowski's third-grade class at South Elementary School.







Students at St. Augustine School welcome Katherine Urguhart, director of the Center at Punchard, to the Community Read-Along.

### Fifth-graders lift 'spirits' for typhoon victims

High Plain Elementary School fifth-graders Kendall Hyslip and Katie Allen recently stepped forward to help others in a big way by raising funds for the victims of this fall's typhoon in the Philippines.

The girls decided to get their entire school involved in their mission. With the backing of Principal Pamela Lathop and their teacher, Nicole Brezinski, they organized a Spirit Day in which students would wear mismatched clothes to school and donate what they could to the effort.

The girls worked hard to promote the event, making announcements over the Spirit Day to aid the victims loud speaker, hanging post- of last month's typhoon in ers around the school and the Philippines. creating fliers to go home to parents. Their efforts paid off when a majority of students \$2,000, which was sent to the and staff proudly donned mis-Red Cross Relief Fund to matched clothes on the big benefit those in need in the day and offered donations.



**High Plain Elementary School** classmates Kendall Hyslip, left, and Katie Allen raised \$2,000 through a school

In the end, the girls raised Philippines.

### **NECC** president to discuss higher education trends

Northern Essex Community College President Lane Glenn will discuss "Top Ten Trends in Higher Education: How Do We Prepare Students for Careers & Life" in a presentation to Quota International of Andover on Tuesday, Jan. 7, at 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Lane Glenn Library, 2 North Main St., Andover.

Glenn says that by the year higher education. 2018, 68 percent of Massachuleast a two-year degree.

rising student debt, how higher ing in the Merrimack Valley. education can partner with For more information on the graduate with marketable mhflynn.net@gmail.com.



the different types of colleges from public to private nonprofits and for-profits as well as other trends in

skills and

highlight

This is the third year that setts' jobs will require postsec- Quota of Andover is hosting a ondary education. Today, only free guest speaker open to the 50 percent of the state's 3.5 mil-public. Quota International of lion working-age adults hold at Andover is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing He will share his ideas on financial support, time and how more local residents can resources to help meet the receive a college education. He needs of disadvantaged women will discuss ways to control the and children and to individuals spiraling cost of college and who are deaf or hard of hear-

employers to be sure students event, contact Marie Flynn at

Nicholas Martin, a sixth-

### LOCAL SCHOLARS

George Apostle, son of Marizela Klebe of Andover and John senior at the school.

son of David and Susie Novick, Marie Zavrl, freshmen. and Will Scott, son of Karen Darby Scott and David Kloss; junior Harrison Markell, son of Edelson and Benzi Edelson were Cliff and Ronna Markell; and named to the fall honor roll at sophomore Matt Daly, son of Bob the Loomis Chaffee School in and Nancy Daly,

Several Andover students Apostle of North Billerica, have been named to the honor achieved honors for the first roll at Lawrence Academy in marking period at Belmont Groton for the fall 2013 tri-Hill School in Belmont. He is a mester. Receiving high honors were Laura Adie, senior; Hannah Currie, junior; and Sarah Wright, Four Andover residents senior. Receiving honors were were recognized at Middlesex Gabriella DiVincenzo, Alex Munick School in Concord's annual fall and Madeleine Thero, juniors; academic assembly for hav- Emma Horn, Emily Pisacreta and ing earned honors averages Benjamin Purtell, sophomores; between 85 and 89.9 percent. and Katherine Burns, Jonathan They are seniors Max Novick, Coombs, Benjamin Munick and Laura

> John Miller, Michael Miller, Mia Windsor, Conn.

### Sixth-grader organizes successful food drive



grader at Wood Hill Middle School in Andover, has done his part to help those in need this holiday season, organizing a successful food drive at school to benefit Cor Unum Meal Center in Lawrence. A few bags of food dropped off the first day quickly turned into a small mountain of donations in the school lobby, with Wood Hill families and staff proudly donating 500 nonperishable food items to the effort. "I wanted to help make sure everyone had a tasty meal for the holidays," Nicholas said. Courtesy photo

### ■ ST. JOHN'S PREP HONOR ROLL

The following Andover Romano students were named to the honor roll for the first quarter at St. John's Prep in Danvers. Students who qualified for the Headmas-A- or above in all courses, students who qualified for the Principal's List earned grades of B-plus or above in all courses, and students who qualified for the Honor Roll earned grades of B or above in all courses.

### **HEADMASTER'S LIST**

Seniors: Greggory Kobelski, Cory Lang and Daniel Reilly Sophomores: Francis Straceski

Freshmen: Kevin Hern, Stephen Kennefick, Ryan Lattanzio, Cole Sawyer and Andrew Selima PRINCIPAL'S LIST

Sophomores: Matthew Chiasson, Nicholas Graham, Joshua Katz, Joshua Lang, Gavin Liddell and Joseph Freshmen: Peter Abbe and Solomon White

Joshua Hurst HONOR ROLL

Seniors: Taylor Brock- tasios Wallingford Fisher, Rory Burke, Robert

Juniors: Andrew Cadigan,

Nork, Timothy Tully and John Romano and Joseph

Freshmen: David Boullie, Marcus Pelletier and Anas- John Fraser, Thomas Garesche, Ashwin Iyengar, San-Sophomores: William tiago Jacome, Christopher ter's List earned grades of Devaney, Conrad Kuin, Sean Hartnett, Louis Iglesias, Kennedy and Robert Lemons

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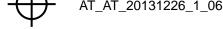


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	68.	UC Davis	\$97.0K	94.	Franklin and Marshall	\$93.7K
	69.	Hofstra University	\$96.5K	95.	Loyola Marymount	\$93.6K
	70.	Middlebury College	\$96.3K	95.	Whitman College	\$93.6K
	71.	UC Santa Barbara	\$96.2K	97.	William and Mary	\$93.3K
	72.	Mis	\$96.1K	97.	University of Illinois	\$93.3K
	73.	emont McKenna	36.0K	99.	Catholic University	\$93.2K
	.7/	George Washington	\$95 1	99.	Northwestern	\$93.2K
	///	New York University	\$95.8	101.	Macalester College	\$93.0K
	6.	University of Virginia	\$95.7K	101.	Bradley University	\$93.0K
	77.	Wake Forest	\$95.3K\\\	103.	Long Island U.	\$92.9K
	77.	UCLA	\$95.3K	104.	University of Chicago	\$92.7K
	79.	Johns Hopkins	\$95.2K	105.	Saint Mary's of Calif	\$91.9K
	80.	<b>UMass Lowell \$</b>	95.1K	106.	Bentley University	\$91.8K
	80.	Boston College	\$95.1K	106.	South Dakota M&T	\$91.8K
	82.	Dickinson College	\$94.9K	108.	U. of Texas, Austin	\$91.7K
	83.	Davidson College	\$94.7K	109.	La Salle University	\$91.5K
	3.	Michigan Tech	\$94.7	109.	Bates College	\$91.5K
		Texas A&M	\$94	109.	Colby College	\$91.5K
		Stony Brook	3K	112.	Gettysburg College	\$91.3K
		Tech	φ94.2K	113.	California Lutheran	\$91.1K
		Willamento Controll	\$94.2K	114.	University of Tulsa	\$91.0K
		Pomona College	\$94.0K		Reed College	\$91.0K
		Wesleyan University	\$93.9K	116.	Touro College	\$90.9K
	<i>1</i> 0.	Milwaukee Sch. of Eng.		116.	Drake University	\$90.9K
	92.	Fairfield University	\$93.8K	118.	U. of San Francisco	\$90.7K
	92.	Iona College	\$93.8K	118.	Boston University	\$90.7K

Source: PayScale's 2013-14 College Salary Report

## #1 New England public research institution for starting and mid-career salaries

(PayScale)

#10 "Best Value College" in the nation

(Forbes)

**#10** public university in the U.S. for return on investment

(Affordable Colleges Online)

### **Top-tier national university**

(U.S. News & World Report)

#2 in the nation for greatest three-year rise in U.S. News & World Report rankings

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**#80** in the nation for mid-career salaries

(PayScale)

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### Opinion

# 'Christmas Trees'

Poet Robert Frost has a special place in the region's

In his poem "Christmas Trees: A Christmas Circular Letter," written in 1920, Frost describes an encounter between a country resident and city dweller, and the significance of one man's trees.

We offer Frost's poem to you in place of our usual

The city had withdrawn into itself And left at last the country to the country; When between whirls of snow not come to lie And whirls of foliage not yet laid, there drove A stranger to our yard, who looked the city, Yet did in country fashion in that there He sat and waited till he drew us out A-buttoning coats to ask him who he was. He proved to be the city come again To look for something it had left behind And could not do without and keep its Christmas. He asked if I would sell my Christmas trees; My woods — the young fir balsams like a place Where houses all are churches and have spires. I hadn't thought of them as Christmas Trees. I doubt if I was tempted for a moment To sell them off their feet to go in cars And leave the slope behind the house all bare, Where the sun shines now no warmer than the

I'd hate to have them know it if I was. Yet more I'd hate to hold my trees except As others hold theirs or refuse for them, Beyond the time of profitable growth, The trial by market everything must come to. I dallied so much with the thought of selling. Then whether from mistaken courtesy And fear of seeming short of speech, or whether From hope of hearing good of what was mine, I said, "There aren't enough to be worth while." "I could soon tell how many they would cut, You let me look them over.' "You could look.

But don't expect I'm going to let you have them." Pasture they spring in, some in clumps too close That lop each other of boughs, but not a few Quite solitary and having equal boughs All round and round. The latter he nodded "Yes" to, Or paused to say beneath some lovelier one, With a buyer's moderation, "That would do." I thought so too, but wasn't there to say so. We climbed the pasture on the south, crossed over, And came down on the north. He said, "A thousand.'

'A thousand Christmas trees! — at what apiece?" He felt some need of softening that to me: "A thousand trees would come to thirty dollars." Then I was certain I had never meant To let him have them. Never show surprise! But thirty dollars seemed so small beside The extent of pasture I should strip, three cents (For that was all they figured out apiece), Three cents so small beside the dollar friends I should be writing to within the hour Would pay in cities for good trees like those Regular vestry-trees whole Sunday Schools Could hang enough on to pick off enough. A thousand Christmas trees I didn't know I had! Worth three cents more to give away than sell, As may be shown by a simple calculation. Too bad I couldn't lay one in a letter. I can't help wishing I could send you one, In wishing you herewith a Merry Christmas.

### **WEB QUESTION**

### THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

What do you think was the biggest story in Andover this year?

RITZER MURDER: Community responds to Andover High School graduate and Danvers High School teacher allegedly slain by one of her students.

STEAM STUDIO: School Committee member proposes charter school to serve high school community.

TAX TALK: Tax rates, water rates jump again as massive projects approach on horizon.

WATER WOES: Dirty water hits taps as town battles toxic sludge case in court. YOUTH CENTER WINS: Town Meeting votes to divide Wood

trust; work begins on site.

ZONING IN: Town talks new industrial, elderly, Town Yard, medicinal marijuana zoning districts.

**OTHER:** Supply your own answer.

### LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Last week, we asked website visitors, "Where do you stand on proposed medicinal marijuana zoning slated to go before next year's Town Meeting?" With 85 responses, the answers were:

I support medicinal marijuana and don't think the zoning is necessary: 30 votes, 35.29 percent.

I don't support medicinal marijuana whatsoever: 28 votes,

I support medicinal marijuana, but zoning is necessary so we control its presence: 27 votes, 31.76 percent.

### Be wary of longterm care scare tactics

Editor, Townsman:

Sara and Ralph, a couple in their late 70s, were perusing the newspaper one Sunday when they saw an advertisement about nursing homes and long-term care costs that grabbed their attention. The ad, which was placed by a lawyer, claimed that their home could be sold at auction and that they could be left homeless and penniless if they did not take action.

The ad caused Sara and Ralph to fear losing their home and savings. It used scare tactics and preved on their emotions and potential vulnerabilities. While it is true that good estate planning techniques can protect assets, including the home, from the cost of long-term care, ads like the one that frightened Sara and Ralph violate the Aspirational Standards of the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Editor, Townsman: Law Attorneys.

MassNAELA is an organization of Massachusetts elder law attorneys working to assist elders, as well as elder law attorneys, as they navigate the maze of long-term care options. We encourage seniors and their family members to be leery of such ads using worst-case scenarios and scare tactics regarding the costs of long-term care.

MassNAELA's Aspirational Standards regarding marketing and advertising urge all elder law attorneys to do the following in advertising and marketing:

- Consider the potential for marketing to educate the public and to promote the profession of elder
- Prepare or disseminate only marketing communications that are truthful and do not include statements that are false or misleading in any material respect;
- Take into consideration the intended audience for any marketing communication and, in particular, the potential vulnerability of that audience to undue influence;
- Ensure that no materially false or misleading information is communicated in connection with a seminar, presentation or similar activity; and
- Accurately describe legal concepts, procedures, programs or techniques in all marketing communications.

MassNAELA encourages high standards of technical expertise and ethical awareness among its members and all attorneys who practice elder law in Massachusetts, but we cannot "police" long-term care advertising. The consumer has the power to choose whether to respond to such advertising; we can only inform and educate.

Choices involving longterm care and planning are difficult and there are no "one size fits all" answers. It is important for seniors to consult with a reputable elder law attorney who can provide honest and complete advice on nursing home costs and planning options available in a particular situation. If an ad uses scare tactics that cause

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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someone to feel anxious, worried, rushed or bullied, as responsible attorneys, we should advise them not to take the bait. KAROL BISBEE, ESQ.

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education not in

### best interest

I would like to add my opinion that a dedicated STEAM school in Andover would not serve the public interest. Specialized training emphasizing technical subjects is something that should occur in subsequent (post-high school) settings or in addition to core subject learning. Ample opportunities for just such education abound.

To segment the current school population by moving some students to a specialized school (draining the need for that particular subject area from the current public schools) will detract from the important, broad purpose of the schools. The choice of educational specialization will be forced at an earlier age, meaning more of the decisions will be made from less "formed" individuals and/or their parents. This is not a recipe for improvement for anyone involved.

Technical subjects only have a context when built on top of broad education. They might be a path to earlier technical qualification, but not to lifelong growth and career advancement. I believe the STEAM concept has good intent, but is naive. It's result will be to limit the kinds of educational opportunities that all students will have the opportunity to be exposed to, by enforcing earlier specialization.

### **Student Government** is the voice at AHS

Editor, Townsman:

This is my personal opinion, and in no way reflects the opinion of others within Student Government.

While reading the Townsman a few weeks ago, I came upon a letter ("Student Government views do not represent AHS," Dec. 5) essentially discrediting Andover High School's Student Government. As a very involved member of the AHS Student Government, I took offense to this, and I had quite a few qualms with some claims that were made.

The article was wrong to call the group a "voluntary club" similar to most extracurricular activities.

### While it is true that anyone may try to join, an application must be filled out and reviewed by the Student

Government before someone is admitted. This is a group that any respectable student can join to make their opinion heard, and the sad truth is that students seem to be uninterested in joining. Furthermore, nonmembers are welcome to our meetings, which usually last until 3 p.m. on Thursdays, to let us know what they think so we can consider the students' opinions in our decisions. I abso-

have taken it upon them-Student Government Law Office Of Karol Bisbee is responsible for elect-North Andover/Stoneham ing three members of our Andover resident group to the School Council, which meets approximately

lutely think that the Student

voice at the high school, and

that the real problem is that,

as of now, only 17 students

Government is the student

every other week with an assortment of students, parents and faculty, including Andover High Principal Dr. Christopher Lord.

Regarding the position taken by the Student Government concerning the proposed STEAM Studio charter school, we only made our decision after gathering information. This year, we have had charter school proponent David Birnbach of the School Committee come in and speak to us about the proposed charter school plan, and we have gone over and debated – as a group — the proposal that has been released for the school. One thing you may not know is that Mr. Birnbach came to the high school last year asking for an increase in technology. This has been an issue for years and something needs to be done about it one way or another.

I do concede that there was no effort to inform the public of our discussion on the decision and I apologize. Due to that critique, the Student Government now plans to announce our agendas the mornings of our meetings.

Additionally, after speaking with Ms. Kerry Costello, the advisor for Student Government, I would like to state that the 5-4 decision in favor of the charter school is false. In reality, the vote had five in favor, one opposed and three recused due to a conflict of interest. The three, not four, "abstaining" members had actually recused themselves, which differs from abstention, which is choosing not to vote, while recusing is choosing not to participate in the vote at all. Their deci-PHIL LAMOREAUX sion to recuse was due to the Maple Avenue fact that they had already cast their votes with the School Council and decided it was a conflict of interest to who has announced his participate in the same vote with a different group.

In response to the letter writer's work on a plan to "provide the student body with a voice of their own, it is best not to re-invent the wheel. An organization tasked with the sole purpose of doing that exact task already exists, and you are attempting to discredit it due to your differing perspective of the issue.

Thank you for your concern, and I hope you can be of assistance to us in the future as we continue to make decisions on behalf of the students of Andover High.

> **HUGH M. SMITH** is enough. Senior Andover High School

### **Kudos for those** challenging tax increases

Editor, Townsman:

Andover Finance Committee member Gregory Serrao is to be thanked for being the public official who — like the small boy in the Hans Christian Andersen tale "The Emperor's New Clothes" who shows the courage to speak the truth while all the adults around him cower in fear — showed the courage to make very clear, publicly, that the Town of Andover has reached "unsustainable spending levels.'

And Andover resident Mike Roli is to be thanked, as well, for putting in selves to improve the school. plain English at that same recent meeting how the town's profligate spending habits have caused our property taxes to skyrocket: "It's staggering the amount of tax increases we are getting. People can't afford this.'

> Sadly, Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, as always, sees property tax increases as an entitlement for the funding of ever-expanding town operating budgets and bottomless pet-project wish lists. He even has the audacity to try to shift the blame for Andover's mammoth property tax increases during his 23-year tenure as town manager on "the value of your house." As Stapczynski well

> knows, it's the amount of town spending, not property values, that determine property taxes. Property values are merely the mechanism by which the total amount of town spending gets prorated to each of us to pay in the form of our respective property tax bills. If all property values in town dropped by 50 percent (or any other amount, for that matter), our property taxes would not change by one red cent. In fact, we had the worst of both worlds during the recent Great Recession where property values in Andover dropped across the board while, at the very same time, Andover's town budgets kept on marching up to ever greater heights. Son of a gun, our property tax bills went up during each and every year of the recession even while our property values were dropping. So much for this attempt to duck and weave and try to shift the blame for our skyrocketing property tax bills on something other than where it belongs the town's big spending ways.

Here's hoping that the chairman of our Board of Selectmen, Alex Vispoli, plans to run for Barry Finegold's seat in the state Senate on a platform of cutting state taxes, will prove to us that he has what it takes to cut taxes by cutting spending and cutting property taxes right here in Andover first. It would be a breath of fresh air to finally have a chairman of the selectmen who shows the courage of the boy in "The Emperor's New Clothes" and stands up to our town manager and says "no" to any proposed town budget that will increase our already excessive property tax burden even further. Enough

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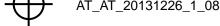
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### TownsBeat

### Walking through a Winter Wonderland

### Tree Time caps off season

The Andover Historical Society's popular Tree Time exhibit enters its final stretch this weekend before its month-long season comes to a close.

The more than 30 trees inspired by the society's own collection of costumes, accessories, samplers and more from 1790 to 1920

have combined to create an enchanting forest of wonder this year.

From the classic to the whimsical, the trees are decked out with a solid dose of imagination and creativity.

Tree Time remains on display through Sunday, Dec. 29, in the society's Blanchard House at 97 Main St. Hours are noon to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$8, \$5 for members, seniors and children; kids under 5 are free. Visit www.andoverhistorical.org for more.

### Photos by Mary Schwalm



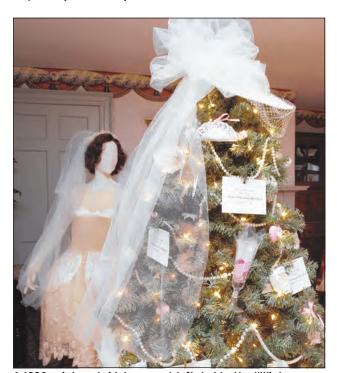
Maddy and Kat Wagner used a 1920s applique gown, left, as the jumping-off point for their "A Gatsby Christmas" tree.



Pam and Doug Mitchell's "A Whale of Christmas" tree was inspired by an 1890 brown bodice with whale bone, on exhibit at right.



Baby storks top a tree titled "Christmas Delivery." Decorated by the Raphael and Mullen-Connell families, it was inspired by 1790s baby shirts.



A 1920s vintage bridal gown, at left, led to the "Winter White Wedding" tree designed and decorated by the Empty Nesters of Andover.



Butterick sewing patterns provide the motivation for "One Piece at a Time," decorated by Angela McBrien.



Circa 1900 picnic baskets inspired the "Summer Memories at Christmas" tree decorated by Theresa Conlon, Amanda Singer, Marilyn Helmers, Ellen Marcus and Viggie Johnson.



A black bird on the "Pink Diva" tree decorated by Rachel and Haley Penner and inspired by an 1870s pink bustle dress.



A bird on "Winter Ice," decorated by Kenna Thierrien and Elaine Clements.



Marilyn Helmers, left, and Amanda Singer, stand by their "Summer Memories at Christmas" tree, which they decorated with Theresa Conlon, Ellen Marcus and Viggie Johnson. The group built on 1900 picnic baskets at the historical society to develop its final creation.



"American Fourth," decorated by members of Andover Fire Rescue Unit 4, is inspired by a circa 1820 Lafayette scarf.



An 1890 brown bodice with whale bone gave Pam and Doug Mitchell the start for "A Whaleof Christmas," which features items from under the sea.



Darth Vader tops "Sci-Fi Season," Tom Fitzgerald's tree inspired by 1830s schoolgirl art.



### New Year's Eve Comedy Gala at Wyndham Andover

Two top New England comics are on the bill for the "New Year's Eve Comedy Party" on Tuesday, Dec. 31, at the Wyndham Andover Hotel, 123 Old River Road, Andover.

Comedian-pharmacist Artie Januario performs along with New England

favorite Bob Seibel to ring Home concert, the longest- working-class city of Lynn. headlining such top clubs out 2013.

Januario lives a double life as a pharmacist and one of Boston's premier comedians who has taken his act across the country. In 2012, he was selected to perform at Denis Leary's 18th annual Comics Come

show in the U.S., which has raised more than \$4 million for the Cam Neely Foundation to aid cancer patients and their families during treatment.

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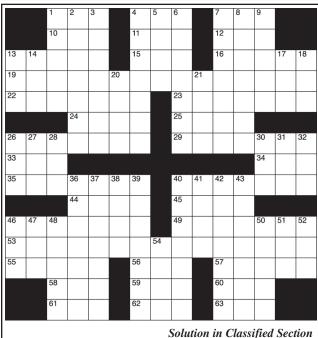
The son of German immigrants, he tried factory work and school teaching before he discovered he could get paid for making people laugh. A quartercentury later, he's still one of the most requested acts in New England,

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as Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston and Giggles in Saugus.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for the event, which includes a buffet dinner at 7, the comedy show at 8, followed by dessert, DJ dancing and a midnight toast.

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### **CLUES ACROSS**

35 Most thick

45. Hmong

49. Tempts

53. Jewelry finding

58. A single entity

60. Before

62. Hurrah

40. Sleeve indicator of mourning

44. Far East housemaid

46. With three uneven sides

55. Showed intense anger

57. Sculpture with a head

59. What part of (abbr.)

61. Confined condition (abbr.)

63. Transport faster than sound

56. Black tropical American cuckoo

- 1. Type of health plan
- 4. Atmospheric haze
- 7. A period of time 10. Auricle
- 11. Copycat
- 12. Manpower 13. Delicate fern genus
- 15. Diego, Francisco or Anselmo 16. Zanzibar copal
- 19. Jackie's 2nd husband
- 22. Calcified tooth tissue
- 23. Conjoined twins 24. Mythological birds
- 25. This (Spanish)
- 26. Lowest hereditary title
- 29. Pre-transplant plot
- 33. Fiddler crab genus
- 34. Professional legal organization

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Sorli's Tale hero 2. A musical master
- 3. Speech
- 4. Swiftest
- 5. Opaque gem 6. Origins
- 7. Proceed from a source 8. Rechristened
- 9. Liquorice flavored seed 13. Small amount
- 14. Mineral aggregate 17. Prefix for wrong
- 18. Point midway between E and SE
- 20. A single instance 21. French river
- 26. Undeveloped blossom
- 27. One pip domino 28. Fled on foot
- 31. One point N of due E 32. Father
  - 36. A projecting part 37. Improved by editing

30. Sheep bleat

- 38. Made melodious sounds 39. Treatment
- 40. Agreeableness
- 41. Bell sound 42. Tennis contests
- 43. Furnace vessels 46. Sirius Satellite Radio (abbr.)
- 47. Licensed accountant 48 Crude potassium bitartrate
- 50. Insert mark
- 51. Election Stock Market (abbr.) 52. A health resort
- 54. So. Am. Indian people

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### Hooray for the holidays



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Ben Cote, 2, had a better idea for the beanbag toss buckets during the Hooray for the Holidays tot time event last Wednesday, Dec. 18, at Old Town Hall in Andover.

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In his letter

The Derry News.

"It sometimes seems that whendefending the First Amendment ever there is a high-profile case lough program. and advocating for the public's involving newspapers, Peter is involved. A lawyer since 1975 and Caruso is currently the lawyer for active in media law since 1977, the murder of her husband. the North of Boston Media Group, Peter has developed a reputation as which includes The Andover one of New England's preeminent the National Hockey League Play-Townsman and The Eagle-Tribune, media lawyers. Over the years, ers Association, went to prison in access to government meetings and an accomplished artist, live in as well as sister publications The he has represented the media in Canada after a series of Eagle-Tri-records, he has also written and Andover. They have two sons, Peter Salem News, The Daily News of matters such as the Willie Hor-bune investigative reports led to his contributed to several books on J. Caruso II, also a media lawyer, Newburyport, the Gloucester Daily ton case, the Pamela Smart case, indictment for fraud.

investigative matters."

Robert J. Ambrogi, a weekend furlough from a Mas- League Championship Series. the decision to furlough Horton.

> Outrage over the case led Gov. court proceedings. Michael Dukakis to end the fur-

Eagleson, the former head of

Another well-known success was

Horton was the convicted mur- York Yankees players accused of to good journalism this way: nominating him for derer who was sentenced to life assaulting a Fenway Park ground-

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Caruso now serves as counsel ment Center. An expert on defamation, privacy,

Ambrogi, in his nomination letter, president of Morgan Stanley.

the 2003 case involving two New summed up Caruso's contribution

"The New England Newspaper the Hall of Fame, without parole but fled while on skeeper during the American Hall of Fame honors individuals who have made extraordinary executive director sachusetts prison and attacked a A hearing on the case was to be contributions to newspapers, the of the Massachu- couple in Maryland. Caruso won a closed to the public — until Caruso newspaper industry and their comsetts Newspaper decision forcing the state to release argued that the incident had munities. Over nearly four decades Publishers Associa- previously secret documents about already been broadcast on national of advocacy on behalf of news-TV and succeeded in opening the papers, Peter Caruso has opened doors to secret meetings, shed light on secret documents, and knocked to the Massachusetts Newspaper down barriers to reporting. With-Smart is the New Hampshire edu-Publishers Association and is a out his critical work — often behind cator sent to prison for arranging member of the board of directors the scenes — many important news of the New England First Amend- stories might never have seen the light of day."

> Peter and his wife, Gayle, Massachusetts public access laws. and Noah J. Caruso, a senior vice



Northern Essex Community College natural science professor Kevin Mitchell of Andover, right, with NECC President Lane Glenn, was honored with an employee recognition award for the fourth quarter.

### NECC employee honored for work

Kevin Mitchell of Andover chemistry without any exterwas one of three Northern nal reward. "He was simply Essex Community College concerned with the efficacy employees to receive the of the current manual and quarterly employee recog-decided to come up with labs nition award for the fourth that were safe, effective and quarter of 2013.

The Employee Recognition Award honors the varied with what is best for his stucontributions of the college's dents. ... He consistently puts nearly 700 employees. the needs of his students Recipients are selected each above his own," Cross wrote. quarter based on recommen-

of their choice. department of natural sci- Wisconsin-Madison. ence for five years. He was nominated by fellow Profes- ter honorees were Susan sor Mike Cross, who wrote, Tashjian of Bradford, the dedicated professor ... he Technology in NECC's Cenis constantly improving his ter for Instructional Technol-

teaching methods." over the summer, Mitchell the college's associate direccompletely redid the entire tor of management informalab manual for physiological tion systems.

nations for its 2014 Citizens

rial Hall Library and Brick-

Year event.

banks.

Andover is accepting nomi- Hotel.

Citizens Who Care nominees sought

The Rotary Club of 8 at the Andover Wyndham

Who Care/Educator of the Jan. 31. Nomination forms

the Citizens Who Care rec- emailed to megankdonovan@

ognition has been embodied yahoo.com, faxed to Megan in a display of portraits and Donovan at 978-475-4046 or

biographies that circulate mailed to her in care of Iron-

in various town buildings, stone Farm, 450 Lowell St.,

stone Square and the town Andover, a civic organiza-

Nominees must volunteer do a great deal of good for the

and contribute for the bet- Merrimack Valley while hav-

terment of the citizens of ing fun contributing to the

Andover. They need not live local and international comin town. This year's annual munities, meets Fridays at

recognition celebration and 7:30 a.m. at the Lanam Club,

dinner will be held on May 260 North Main St., Andover.

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qualities, to townsman@andovertownsman.com.

including Town Hall, Memo- Andover 01810.

Since its founding in 1986, ryandover.org and may be

enjoyable for the students."

"Kevin is always concerned

Mitchell holds a Bachelor dations from supervisors and of Science degree in biocoworkers and receive a \$150 chemistry from California shopping or dining certificate Polytechnic State University and a PhD in biochem-Mitchell has taught in the istry from the University of

The other fourth-quar-"Kevin is an extremely coordinator of Instructional ogy and Distance Learning, For example, Cross said, and Shawn Patti of Newbury,

Nominations are due by

are available at www.rota-

The Rotary Club of

tion of men and women who

### Kelley to bolster state Private Career Schools group Catherine Flaherty said in a Student Marketing, creates, Kelley's

three-year

to take on sev-

Andy Kelley, president and founder of Effective Student Marketing in Andover, has been named to the board of directors of the Massachusetts Association of Private Career Schools.

Kelley's nomination was Andy Kelley unanimously approved at the last month in Westborough.

decades of experience in mar- within Massachusetts. keting for higher education to the organization.

the marketing and admis- specific training. sions departments of Boston environment.



its mission to promote the pricies," Flaherty said. He brings nearly three vate career schools industry

Before forming his own postsecondary career schools agreed. company, Kelley managed and colleges offering career-

traditional higher education the state, the association says. said. Executive Director

require him the organization.

Fellow board member and

keting know-how, but I'm even

Kelley's company, Effective he said.

release that Kelley's appoint- monitors and manages payterm will ment will be a true benefit to per-click advertising campaigns for higher education "Having a person on the institutions as well as offers eral responsi- MAPCS Board with market- other services, including bilities within ing expertise and experience social media, search engine the organiza- will help the association better marketing, content creation tion, including communicate its mission and and distribution, web design association's annual meeting marketing the association and goals to our core constituen- and optimization, and online reputation management.

He said he is committed to Porter and Chester Institute his new role with the Massa-MAPCS is a nonprofit asso- CEO James Bologa, who nom- chusetts Association of Private ciation made up of private, inated Kelley to the board, Career Schools and "up for the challenge because I truly "Andy has a wealth of mar- believe in this sector."

"Career schools not only With more than 300 schools more impressed by his ability fulfill the needs of their stu-University's Corporate Educa- and some 80,000 students, to adapt to the changing envidents, they are helping train tion Center, helping to grow Massachusetts career schools ronment in which Massachu- the workforce of tomorrow, an award-winning vocational are helping to fill a growing setts private sector schools which has a powerful impact training program within a need for skilled workers within find themselves today," Bologa on the community and the whole economy of the state,

### ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

COMPILED BY SUSAN MCKELLIGET

### 100 Years Ago Dec. 26, 1913

The various ponds and flooded meadows in town have afforded several days of skating to the young people recently.

The factories of the Tyer Rubber Company closed Wednesday night for their annual stock-taking and repairs to machinery. Operations will resume on Monday, Jan. 5.

The Sunday School of Christ Church held an unusually pretty and successful entertainment on Christmas Eve as part of its Christmas tree festivities. The affair took place in the parish house and was well attended.

### **75 Years Ago** Dec. 22,1938

Tuesday night, the Board of Public Works, which earlier in the week had laid off most of its staff because of a

lack of funds, decided to use the \$800 balance left in the emergency hurricane account to keep the men working the rest of the year. The men are at present digging out stumps along the roadway.

The bus stop in front of the Musgrove Building was discontinued today, and hereafter all buses will stop in front of Town Hall.

### 50 Years Ago Dec. 24, 1963

Young people of the towns' Christian churches cooperated to build, and man, the creche on the Raymond Lally property behind the police booth in the square. Kings were portraved by Fred Dalrymple, Gary Brown and Douglas Burtt; angels by Glenda Norton and Sally Albaugh; shepherds by George Thompson, Paul Lussier and Garry Wright; Mary by Judy Simeone and Joseph by John Watters.

"Merry Christmas" advertisements were placed by many businesses,

including Rickey's Variety Store, 53 Essex St.; Franz Bottled Liquors, 185 North Main St.; Ford's Coffee Shop, 14 Main St.; Andover Recreation Center, Park Street; Chick's Market, 61 Essex St.; Elm Street Service Station, 15 Elm St.; Billings, Inc., 36 Main St.; Clark Motor Co., 41 Park St.; and The

### Coffee Mill, 125 Main St. 25 Years Ago Dec. 29, 1988

With everything from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to new BMWs being passed out this Christmas, Town Manager Kenneth Mahoney's wants and needs were simple. All Mahoney wants for the town in 1989 is for "another quiet year."

The latest installment in a series of town discussions concerning revamping the town master plan landed on the Board of Selectmen's doorstep last week when the selectmen discussed with planning staff what form the plan should take at the spring Town Meeting.

### ■ WHAT'S HAPPENING: CENTER AT PUNCHARD

New Year's Party and Talent ply list; \$28. **Show:** Monday, Dec. 30, 1:30 with prior arrangements.

days, Jan. 6, 13 and 27; and

Euripides to Shakespeare; and drink. sessions begins with a necessary.

selves for optimal energy and vitality: \$5.

Healthy Eating Tidbits: Friday, Jan. 10, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. First Retired, Now What?: Thursdays, Program and the Meals on ful, rich retirement; \$4. Wheels program; refreshments provided.

The Center at Punchard 1 to 3 p.m. Learn to draw the and emotional aspects to the BoomerVenture classes is in (The Center), 30 Whittier human form starting with way people eat, while explor- store to help people welcome Court, Andover, is preparing short gestural poses and ing some healthy ways to the season and beat the winfor a busy new year. Here are moving to detailed half-hour nourish the whole self; \$5. some of the activities on tap: poses; see front desk for sup-

Beginners' Plus Bridge: Mon-videos and more; \$3.

Charles Ward Reservation: national sports scene; \$4. Feb. 3 and 10, 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Jan. 14, 12:15 to 2 12, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Love will tion and its special geologibe the theme this semester cal, biological and cultural

High Tea and History — Ameriand celebrate the national Nourishing Energy: Thursday, champions of the American Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, meditation, \$50. Jan. 9, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Say Soccer League. The Shaw-special current events discusgoodbye to the need for cof- sheen Football Club, also Wood, owner of the local American Woolen Company. Inspired Retirement — You've

Life Drawing: Mondays, Jan. Dig into what food means to offer. 13 and 27 and Feb. 3 and 10, and the undeniable social

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17, 8:30 a.m. Eagle-Tribune Here is what's planned: Facebook: Monday, Jan. 13, sports writer Hector Longo party favors included; \$5, tal-create a Facebook account, Get the inside action from \$50. ent show participants free add friends, communicate Hector's "Two Minute Drill"

Taza Chocolate Factory Tour: while dancing, \$50. led by Terry Kay Barger, p.m. John Kimball, grandson Wednesday, Jan. 22, 10 focuses on planning the play of Mrs. Charles Ward, who a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Witness through Feb. 13, 6 to 7 p.m. of the hand and expanding established the property now the Somerville company's Instructor Susan Tribble one's bidding arsenal; \$139. owned by the Trustees of unique process for making combines Pilates, yoga and **Great Literature** — Love!: Reservation, offers a history stone-ground, Mexican-style ballet to strengthen, sculpt Wednesdays, Jan. 8 to Feb. of Charles W. Ward Reserva- dark chocolate; \$47, includes and tone with extended tour and lunch.

Thursdays, 2:15 p.m., through mat; \$50. Jan. 24; reduce the risk of

weekdays, 9 a.m. to noon.

### **Boomer Venture**

monthly nutrition program Jan. 16 and 30, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Andover's program for the to the community. However, with Pauline Provencher, Joe Ponti, former life coach, age 50-plus residents of the space is limited and registraregistered dietician with provides perspective to Merrimack Valley, is a com-tion is required. Merrimack Valley Nutrition develop plans for a meaning-munity campus setting to get Eating Your Feelings: Thurs- next phases of the boomer the center's newsletter or day, Jan. 16, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. life and what Andover has visit www.andoversenior-

ter blues. All classes are held Men's Breakfast: Friday, Jan. at the Center at Punchard.

to 3 p.m. Russ McQueen 1 to 2 p.m., and/or Thursday, brings listeners to the game Mondays, through Feb. 10, will emcee the countdown Jan. 30, at 6:30. Learn basic with his stories of the New 3:30 p.m. Aerobic workout to 2014. Refreshments and functions such as how to England Patriots and more, without going to the gym, Boomer Zumba Intervals:

**Boomer Energize with Exercise:** 

privately and share photos, offering a true sports writer's Thursdays, through Feb. 13, point of view on the local and 3:30 p.m. Combine weight training and cardio fitness

Bender Barre: Thursdays, stretching and relaxation Tai Chi – Moving for Better Bal- exercises. No previous expewith works ranging from features; \$4, includes soup ance: Tuesdays, 1:15 p.m., and rience required; bring yoga

Serenity Yoga: Thursdays, 30-minute "Great Courses" can Soccer League Champions in falls in this evidence-based through Feb. 13, 7:15 p.m. video lecture followed by Andover: Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2 program; 36 classes for \$65; Gentle postures that open discussion; no prior reading p.m. Step back in time to 1926 call for specific requirements. the body while quieting the Current Events Discussion: mind; each class will include

Weekly Screening Room: sion focusing on the events of Thursdays at 7 p.m. Features fee. sugary snacks and after- known as the "Indians," was the day, at The Townhouse, award-winning, independent noon naps; participants will managed by George Wallace, Main Street; part of regu-films showcasing cinematic learn how to nourish them- private secretary to William lar coffee and conversation, jewels not available in the Merrimack Valley.

> The Center at Punchard is open daily from 8 a.m. to BoomerVenture Campus, 4 p.m. All events are open For a complete listing of

fit, relax or learn about the classes and programs, check center.org. For more informa-A full roster of tion, call 978-623-8321.

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### ■ WHAT'S HAPPENING: ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES

and would like to thank the and creativity.

mitted by Andover Youth adventures out west, the into "A Lot of Trees" Christ- Jan. 13. Andover Youth Services what it is without the towns- many new faces and plenty sett with AYS every Thurs- son. Andover Youth Lacrosse get involved at www.andohas had an amazing 2013 people's passion, dedication of familiar ones, too.

community for making that After a summer of True up in the new year includes: open to Andover High School grades. To register, visit 623-8241 or email at ays@ possible. From small gath- Grit, the heart, humility A new session of after- students, are the perfect way www.andoveryouthlacrosse. andoverma.gov for more

Here's the latest news sub- on Pearson Street to wild through the fall and right office will begin the week of session in.

erings at our headquarters and hard work continued school programs at the AYS to get your weekly shred com.

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The AYS staff looks for-■ Registration is open for ward to seeing you all in the AYS program would not be mas tree lot. There were Hit the slopes at Wachu- the 2014 spring lacrosse sea- new year. Check out how to day afternoon in January is open to boys and girls in veryouthservices.com or A sample of what's coming and February. These trips, the first through eighth call Youth Services at 978-



Andover Bookstore has hosted many events over its 50 years at its current home at 89 Main St., including a wedding last year.

### A silver milestone for Andover Bookstore

By Judy Wakefield jwakefield@andovertownsman.com

It's a two-part anni- her to big cities around the celebrating 50 years at its store, too. North Main Street location town.

the original bookstore for thrive. Phillips Academy Andover. Three times a year, a bar- to me ... I enjoy that." rage of students head down Main Street to the book- Bookstore is the second store and fill their back- oldest continuously run- anniversary in its current packs with their textbook ning bookstore in the coun-home, Andover Bookstore needs for the trimester.

But Andover Book-Shop in Bethlehem, Penn. event and sale starting the elite prep school.

Local writer Mary the late 1860s. It found its McGarry Morris' book current home at 89 Main St. release tours may take in 1963.

McGarry Morris, who to the community, said and more than 200 years in has won numerous liter- Hugo, who also owns bookary awards and whose stores in Marblehead and Owner John Hugo called book, "Songs in Ordinary Newburyport. the bookstore a "pillar of Times," was an Oprah Andover Bookstore has Andover" in a press release Book Club selection, said a working fireplace and and pointed to Phillips her local bookstore has encourages coffee sipping Academy as a key part of delighted generations of while perusing books in a

Today, the bookstore is the so comfortable," McGarry gift area and second-floor textbook center for Phillips Morris said. "To be com- seating, if needed, for students and houses a com- fortably surrounded by author events. The shop plete line of clothing and books and people who hosts local book groups, gifts for the private school. enjoy them just means a lot poetry readings and cre-

> Founded in 1809, Andover the year. try, behind Moravian Book is hosting a storewide

store's clientele is by no Originally located on Sunday through next Tuesmeans limited to Phillips Phillips Academy campus, day, Dec. 29 through 31. For students. Its customer fan the bookstore made its more information, call 978base stretches well beyond first move to Main Street 475-0143 or visit www.

Although the store has versary celebration for country, but she always changed owners and loca-Andover Bookstore as the makes time to host a read-tions throughout the years, town's only book shop is ing at her hometown book- it has always maintained its charm and close ties

Andover readers. She is comfy chair. There is also a Andover Bookstore was proud that it continues to children's area, a wall covered with staff recommen-"It's so comfortable, just dations, a unique novelty ative classes throughout To celebrate its 50th

in downtown Andover in andoverbookstore.com.

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### **■ TOWN BRIEFS**

### AHS winter baseball clinics on tap

Andover High School varsity coach Dan Grams is gearing up for his annual winter baseball clinics. The clinics will be held Sunday mornings from January

through mid-March.

Session 1 for ages 6 to 11 will meet from 8 to 10 a.m. Session 2 for ages 11 to 14 will meet from 10 a.m. to noon. The clinic dates are Jan. 5, 12 and 19; Feb. 2, 9 and 23; and March 2. March 9 will be a make-up or bonus session.

The cost is \$160 per session. Instructors will include former professional players along with present and former Andover High players.

For more information, visit www.andoverwarriors. com or contact Grams at dannygrams@gmail.com or 978-475-1822.

### Dawg City hosting adoption day **Saturday**

Dawg City at 38 Pearson St. in Andover is holding an adoption event with Last Hope K9 Rescue on Saturday, Dec. 28, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

About four or five dogs available for adoption will be on hand for viewing and others will be available to browse online at www.lasthopek9.org.

Dawg City owner Jayne Malenfant says she is trying to get the word out about adoption and how many animals are in desperate need of finding homes. She said Last Hope K9 is sometimes the "last hope" for dogs, thousands of which are euthanized each year due to overpopulation.

Pre-approval is recommended. For adoption inquiries, email adoptions@ lasthopek9.org.

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### Sports

# Strength training not just for athletes

### **On Fitness**

Art McDermott



While the name may sound like a deadly disease, sarcopenia is actually a con-

dition all of us will deal with eventually.

Sarcopenia is defined as the degenerative loss of muscle mass, quality and strength as a result of aging. It is also a component of the frailty syndrome found in many senior citizens.

The good news is sarcopenia can be slowed by resistance training — lifting weights. Many studies have shown a slowing of the condition even in the elderly.

Why is all of this important to you? First, you need to understand the role muscle mass plays in your metabolism. Muscle mass is a key player when it comes to absorbing and burning sugar for energy and movement. As most of us age, our dietary habits generally do not change much. We fall into the habit of eating pretty much the same foods in the similar amounts for years on end. However, nature plays a mean trick on us over time. Our muscles begin to atrophy after age 25 as a rate of 0.5 to 1 percent per year. We can quickly see what happens if we continue to eat the same way, but have less muscle mass to burn off the sugar.

Voila, instant weight gain without changing anything else in our lives. Not good. This can be extremely frustrating for people who go out of their way to maintain the same activity levels as they get older, only to be rewarded with increased body fat. You must actually do more each year to maintain current body composition. It doesn't seem fair, does it?

Muscle mass as a sugarburning weapon is not commonly understood. While you may have heard that having more muscle mass boosts your metabolism, many people are not very concerned about adding muscle mass, believing weight lifting is best left to athletes. Not so any

A plethora of studies now show the importance of resistance training in battling a host of conditions, including aging itself. Strength training has been shown to actually reverse some of the normal signs of aging, including saropenia.

With overall life expectancies increasing with passing generations, it becomes more important than ever to fight the battle against sarcopenia now so as to retain muscle mass as long as possible. Failure to do so can result in frailty syndrome, increased likelihood of falls and a subsequent loss of independence. Many experts on aging have pinpointed falls resulting in bone breaks as the start of a downward cycle leading to death.

You can fight your own battle against sarcopenia today by getting to the gym and hitting the weights. Long-term health is not just about cardio any more. See you at the gym.

Art McDermott of Andover is the owner of Matrix Strength & Fitness in Wilmington as well as assistant track coach at Andover High School. A certified strength and conditioning specialist and certified *nutritionist*, *he specializes* in the testing and training of individuals ages 50 and older through his "Boomer Blueprint" service. Visit www. matrixstrength.com for more.

### ON FITNESS **WRITERS**

The Townsman is seeking On Fitness columnists. Anyone interested in becoming a periodic contributor is encouraged to email townsman@ andovertownsman.com.

### **BACK IN THE BLOCKS**

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Courtney Comeau, here flying over a hurdle, is looking to regain her championship speed as she returns to track after missing last spring with a

### Track star Comeau hurdling again after season-ending injury

By David Willis dwillis@andovertownsman.com

Courtney Comeau was on top of the local track world as the spring was set to kick off a year ago.

The then-junior at Andover High was coming off an outstanding winter that saw her take second at Division 1 states in the hurdles. She was looking to better the stellar outdoor season from her sophomore year and she was deep into the college recruiting process.

Then everything came crashing down.

"We were running a practice meet at the start of the spring season," she remembered. "And I just flips, then trying the high jump in lost it. I felt this horrible pain in my

Comeau had suffered two slipped disks in her back, and just like that possibly the state's premier hurdler was done for the season before it began.

But after 10 months of intense rehab, Comeau has returned to the track, and is looking to regain her All-Scholastic form before heading off to run at UMass Amherst.

"She is so thrilled to be back," said her father, longtime Andover High track coach Peter Comeau. "After the injury and going through all of this, I think she appreciates track more now than ever. She has trained so hard and you can see how much this means

4 have set some big goals for me. I want to break our school record and hopefully win MVCs again and a state title. I want to have a fun year and make it count."

**Courtney Comeau** 

Back issues were nothing new for Comeau, going all the way back to her youth as a gymnast.

"In the eighth grade, I slipped my L-5 (lumbar vertebrae) in gymnastics," Courtney remembered. "I had to wear a back brace for a few months, and ever since I tried to stay away from arching my back. But in cheerleading with all the track, I started to arch my back

That back trouble did not stop her from emerging as a top competitor in track.

After a promising freshman season, Comeau broke out as a sophomore.

In the winter of that year, she won the MVC title in the 55-meter hurdles (8.83), and followed that up in the spring by winning the MVC crown in the 100 hurdles (15.72). She went on to take the Andover Boosters gold medal and taking eighth at the Eastern Mass. Division 1 meet and earn area All-Star

After spending the fall of her junior year as a varsity cheer-

winter of 2012-13, going undefeated in the dual meet season, then taking second at Division 1 states in a career-best 8.68, and scored 2,329 points at State Pentathlon.

But excitement turned to frustration when the spring arrived, and her injury struck at the team's practice meet.

"I was so scared," said Comeau. "I was afraid to tell my dad, but eventually I was in so much pain a teammate talked me into telling him. We went to the hospital and they told me I had two slipped disks in my back.'

But initially. Comeau didn't want to believe that her spring season was really a total loss.

"The doctors told me my season was over, but I couldn't accept it," she said. "I cried in the doctor's office, I cried during the drive home and I cried the whole night. I was just thinking, 'I can't miss my junior year. That is when you really prove yourself and colleges take notice.

"So I tried to practice and I tried to run. But it wasn't working and the doctors told me I really leader, she continued to excel in the shouldn't be running, so I realized

I didn't want to put my back at risk for my senior year so I had to rest

With Andover hosting many of the biggest meets of the year - including MVCs, states and the annual Andover Boosters -Comeau found herself with a frontrow seat watching others compete.

"I loved cheering my girls on," she said. "But it was awful watching everyone run, something I love, and me not being able to participate. It hurt.

"For the meets at Andover, I was handing out the awards, so I had to hand over plaques and medals that I had won the year before that I felt like I could have won again. They won them, but it was hard being injured and knowing I couldn't fight for those awards.'

Father Peter could see what the absence did to his daughter.

"It was very hard on her," he said. "She wanted to be able to defend her titles, run for a state title and help her team out. It being my daughter, I was hoping she could come back. But she needed to rest and get ready."

By the start of the summer, Courtney began to rehab seriously and even began to run.

"Around All-States, I could start running a little," she said. "But after a few weeks, I got frustrated and I started to push myself

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### Pisacreta on fire in Christmas Tourney warm-up

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

Perry IV knocked down victories in the 200 freelead Andover to a 71-58 Blanch won the 100 butterfly victory over Dracut last for the winners. Thursday, Dec. 19. Connor Merinder chipped in with eight points for the winners in their Christmas Tourney warm-up.

### **BOYS TRACK**

### **Eberth, Naveed double** winners

50-yard dash (5.9), Hamza straight big game with 19 Naveed took the 300 (34.5) points while Rebecca Alois and they teamed with Dylan had 11 points and Alyssa Epstein and Sebastian Silveira Casey added eight for the to take the 4x400 relay and winners lead Andover to a 51 2/3-34 1/3 win over Chelmsford last Thursday. Andrew Mat- game-high 20 points and teucci added victories in the Rachel Cormier added 13 and Max Galat won the mile out to a 20-0 lead and for the Golden Warriors.

### **BOYS SWIMMING**

### Shi leads the way

(2:05.50) and 500 freestyle points for the winners. (5:01.97) and swam on the

winning 200 medley relay and 400 freestyle relay to help Andover best B.C. John Pisacreta scored 18 High 96-85 last Thursday. points and freshman E.J. Aaron Wu chipped in with three 3-pointers on his way style, 100 freestyle and to a game-high 19 points to 400 freestyle relay and Max

### **GIRLS BASKETBALL**

### Witten red hot again

Jessica Witten continued her torrid pace, knocking down a career-high seven 3-pointers to give Andover an 85-55 win over Dracut on Thursday. Colleen Oliver Eberth won the Caveney added her second

Colleen Caveney scored a 50 hurdles and high jump points as Andover jumped rolled to a 76-50 victory over Methuen last Wednesday, Dec. 18. Alyssa Casey, a 5-foot-10 freshman, added 16 points and senior Rebecca winner Eric Shi won the 200 IM Alois chipped in with nine



CARL RUSSO/Staff photo

John Pisacreta, here in summer league action, was red hot for Andover High in a win over Dracut last week.

### **GIRLS GYMNASTICS**

### **Livingston all-around**

bars (8.2), was second in the and floor exercise (9.15) for

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vault and beam and took

**Jessie Livingston** won the the vault (9.25), beam (9.3)

the Warriors.

### **GIRLS HOCKEY**

### Alois nets four

Veronica Alois potted four goals and Caroline Hughes and Haley Driscoll each scored two goals to lead Andover to an 8-1 drubbing of Boston Latin last Wednesday. Jess Leone assisted on three goals while Briana Deloury, Emma Plourde and Laura Ritzer each had two helpers in the victory.

### **GIRLS TRACK**

### **Sprints pace Warriors**

Hannah Ameed took the 50-yard dash in 6.2 and Hannah Chapman won the 50 hurdles in 7.6 to lead Andover to a 51-35 victory over Chelmsford. Cate Donovan (1,000), Catherine Haut (300), Leila Aruri (mile) and Wyllie Boughton (high jump) added victories for the Warriors.

### **WRESTLING**

### Dykstra lone victor

Andover's Nate Dykstra the all-around with a 35.5 as needed just 1:11 to earn a Andover beat Lowell 137.6- pin at 106 pounds, but the 116.85 last Wednesday. Court- Golden Warriors fell to ney Carver added victories in Central Catholic 68-6 last Wednesday.

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### First-year, backup goalie on | Solid showings for Quill gymnasts Div. III title soccer team



Olivia Biles of Andover, far right, celebrates with the William Smith College women's soccer team during its NCAA Division III national championship game.

First-year goalie Olivia Biles of Andover helped the William Smith College soccer team win the NCAA Division III Women's Soccer National Championship with a 2-0 victory over Trinity (Texas) University on Dec. 7 in San Antonio, Texas.

Biles played in two games



Olivia Biles

college, backing keeper Chelsea Dunay.

William

this year Smith finished the year for the with a 23-1-0 overall record, New York rounding out its season with a 23-match win streak and 16 straight shutouts. The up senior national championship victory comes 25 years after Heron soccer's only other national championship.



Three Andover residents took to the field with the Massachusetts Premier Soccer U14 Knights recently to participate in the Super Y League North American Championship played at the IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla. The event is sanctioned as a National Olympic Development Program of the United States Soccer Federation for identifying players for U.S. National Teams. Representing Andover on the team were, from left, Will Raphael, Liam Murphy and Matt Scasia.

Shayla Quill of Andover, who competes with A2 Gym and Cheer in Pelham, N.H., finished strong at the New Hampshire Judges Cup meet earlier this month in Brentwood, N.H.

**SPORTS** 

She placed second on the bars (9.35), four on beam (9.3)and fifth All-Around with a 36.175 score. In addition, her A2 Girls gymnastics Levels 3 team took the secondplace team award.

Shayla was also second All-Around with a 36.275 score at the Phantom Kick-Off Meet in November in Hampstead, N.H., where she finished sixth on vault (9.225), second on bars (9.5), fourth on beam competed in the Future Stars Platinum team. She placed

Shayla Quill of Andover, top row left, finished fifth All-Around at the New Hampshire Judges Cup gymnastics meet earlier this month in Brentwood, N.H.

(8.5) and fourth on floor (9.05). Meet in Massachusetts with fourth on bars (8.9) and sixth

Meanwhile, Maddison Quill the A2 Gymnasts Level Xcel All-Around with a 25.6 score.

### COMEAU

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through the pain, Me and (fellow injured star) Catherine Haut would even go to the track on Sundays and I would run hurdles and she would do jumps. Finally, late in the summer, I started to feel good. There is some pain, but as an athlete you have to battle through it."

Comeau continued to rehab in the fall, electing to forgo

on her back.

It was during fall when she received her thrilling news — that she had earned a scholarship to run at Division 1 UMass Amherst.

"It had always been my dream to run at UMass," she said. "My cousin Pat Farnham runs there and I had always thought it would be great. I started talking to coach (David) Jackson during my sophomore year and we stayed in touch. I filled out the information in the cheerleading due to the stress fall, did an unofficial visit,

and committed there. It is an honor to be running at UMass, and a big relief."

But before she heads to college, the now healthy Comeau - who was planning to return to competition over the weekend — hopes to leave a major legacy in her final year at Andover High.

"I have set some big goals for me," she said. "I want to break our school record and hopefully win MVCs again and a state title. I want to have a fun year and make it

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### **■ SPORTS BRIEF**

### Seven-week umpire training starts Jan. 9

The Merrimack Valley Umpires Association will hold a seven-week training series for men, women and teenagers over age 16 on Thursdays at 6 p.m. beginning Jan. 9 at St. Michael's School, 80 Maple Ave., North Andover.

The Massachusetts Baseball Umpires Association umpire's exam will be administered at the end of the class. Candidates who pass will go on to attend clinics on mechanics and positioning.

The program costs \$150. To register, contact Rande Chabot, 603-437-8847 or Randechabot@

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### **Business**

### Prudential Howe & Doherty sold to Conn. outfit

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Local real estate agency Prudential Howe & Doherty has been acquired by a family-owned company from Connecticut that specializes in high-end properties and a high-tech approach to selling them.

William Raveis Real Estate recently finalized the purchase of the 12 Bartlet St. company and intends on changing the name — but not much else.

"It will be a William Raveis office like the 37 others in Massachusetts," said Chris Raveis, managing partner of the chain, which was started by his father 40

He said the company had been looking at Andover for some time, and when his opportunity.

strong company," he said. further strengthen the dom- body else." "Andover is a great mar- inant position they have crewanted to be in."

issued on the acquisition.

JB and Chris Doherty, who started the firm in 1981, ing a year ago," JB Doherty company, which now has a grates everything the agent years to come.' merging it with Doug Howe said. "We had time to do our total of more than 90 offices would need to conduct busiin 1995, said the timing was homework." right to go into business with Raveis.

Magnan named senior VP of health

Dave Magnan of Andover

has been appointed senior

vice president of services

for Silverlink Communica-

tions, Inc. of Burlington.

Magnan brings more than

30 years of executive man-

agement experience leading healthcare and technol-

ogy organizations to his role at Silverlink, a con-

sumer health engagement

Magnan will oversee Sil-

verlink's professional ser-

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Magnan, who lives in

West Andover with his fam-

ily, holds a Bachelor of Sci-

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From left, Chris Doherty, Chris Raveis, Doug Howe and J.B. Doherty. Beginning in January, the successful Howe & Doherty team in Andover will join William Raveis Real Estate, a familyowned company from Connecticut.

the past 18 years.'

billion in real estate deals, month. The firm had actu- efficiently and effectively. making it the top real estate ally become a franchise of franchise model.

"What makes this new were not pressed for time. technology.

team heard Howe & Doherty partnership most exciting This is months and months was looking to sell or join up is continuing to work with of work. We traveled, got on ogy and marketing tools," with another firm, Raveis this high-caliber local lead- planes, talked to franchise he said, noting that the com-"I look forward to working (Raveis) just stands head an "agent dashboard,"

emphasis on harnessing marketplace. Since its incorporation as Prudential has been sold technology to enable its six One trade group voted in 1995, the Andover agency contract with that com- of whom are getting laid off vative in the U.S, he said. has closed more than \$3.6 pany comes to an end this — to sell more homes more

Doherty said.

"This is about choice. We current with the latest on the mobile."

throughout New England ness and build their career, ing to sell real estate, Added Chris Doherty: and New York, has stayed all on the dashboard and all the William Raveis office in

He said the technology gages and insurance.

Droids, iPhones and any other kind of mobile device.

tronically and are moving toward a paperless system,' he said.

The Dohertys said their staff will be going through intensive training next month, but they are looking forward to the changes.

"They have a commitment to technology, they are agent-centric and they have the best marketing, technology and access to everything that will help us provide the best possible experience to our agents and therefore the best experience to our clients and customers," Chris Doherty, 61, said. "It was really refreshing looking at their entire operation.

JB Doherty, 63, agreed. "We specialize in technol- "We talked to some of their agents and officers and they were glowing," he said. "One executives jumped at the ership team," Raveis said. people. But this company pany uses something called of their Realtors, who is active in the area, said they "They've always been a with Doug, J.B. and Chris to and shoulders above every- which allows agents in the are exactly what they say field to conduct transactions they are. The circumstances In particular, the local and stay on top of the latest just fit. We're not done being ket. It's always a market we ated for their company over team liked the company's sales and trends in their in business. We have a lot left to accomplish.'

Doug Howe, president of Prudential Howe & Doherty and Howe & Doherty's staff and 48 agents — none Raveis one of the most inno- Howe & Doherty, added, "It was also important to us "The dashboard allows that we stay involved with agents to access everything the day-to-day operations of "Eventually, after the under one platform, to be the office and the managecompany in town since 2000, Prudential, and the partners research we did, it became mobile, to market them-ment of our agents. We're according to a press release were eager to get out of the a no-brainer decision," Chris selves, to gain more expo-excited to work together sure to their customers and with William Raveis to see "We knew this was com- Raveis said his family's clients," he said. "It inte- our offices grow for many

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### ▶ Mass. unemployment rate

### State rate rises above national figures

By Andy Metzger State House News Service

ployment rate rose above the than a year earlier. national rate in November, in more than six years.

is recovering," Secretary hampered business. of Labor and Workforce showed the state economy is expensive." growing at a "steady pace."

while the national unem- tax increase, the more modpercent in October to 7 percent in November.

rate is in the middle of the ployment insurance. pack among states, ranking 30th in October. A year ago, take on the jobs numbers. the state's unemployment

ment rate has notched up Benchmarks, who said the should look at shortening the month estimated that Massince falling to 6.4 percent preliminary estimate was amount of time that some- sachusetts will add 53,000 in April and May, the state a "moderately strong jobs one can receive benefits, jobs in fiscal 2015, which has added jobs in recent report." months. In November, the

revised estimates show 9,400 the growth of professional, the earned income tax credit. jobs added in October. The scientific and business sernumber of jobs in the state vices, which he said were ness community money," The Massachusetts unem- last month was 55,300 higher most at risk by recent fed- said Jones.

has crested the national rate ment rate is an indication sector, which was relatively before the Great Recession, to some that the state's flat. "I think we're very happy approach toward taxation About 58,000 people in rate was 4.5 percent, or 0.1

Others had a more positive

U.S. unemployment rate was steen, a UMass Amherst be coupled with changes scales back elsewhere. economics professor and to unemployment insur-

state added 6,500 jobs and particularly heartened by should consider increasing since 2000.

eral budget cuts. He said he

to see the nation as a whole and business regulation has Massachusetts are sched-percent above the rate of the uled to lose their federal nation as a whole. "We haven't focused on unemployment benefits on After the nation and then Development Joanne Gold- our economy the way we Saturday, Dec. 28, unless the state dropped into a

ployment rate took a more est tax package that passed certainly have a discussion dropped a full point. precipitous drop from 7.3 this summer, and the Sen- and a debate about it," Jones ate's passage of a minimum said, noting that money for here in Massachusetts," said wage increase without con- unemployment insurance Goldstein, who said employ-The Massachusetts jobless current reforms to unem- comes from the "employer ers are interested in expandcommunity.'

The state's unemploy-Falling behind the nation- had hoped for a continuation ment rate last exceeded the the first time the Bay State wide drop in the unemploy- of growth in the construction national rate in May 2007,

"We're costing the busi-

when the Massachusetts

stein told the State House should," House Minority Congress extends the pro-recession over the course of News Service. She said the Leader Brad Jones told the gram, which costs roughly the next 12 months, and then national economy is "catch- News Service. He said, "The \$25 billion per year. An began to recover in later ing up with Massachusetts" cost of doing business here unemployment exten- years. Patrick touted the and said the jobs report on too many fronts is too sion was not included in state's recovery as "faster the spending bill that has and stronger" than the Jones said state leaders cleared the U.S. House and nation's. The state's unem-The Massachusetts jobless have shown "hostility toward Senate. There were 245,700 ployment rate fell faster than rate ticked down from 7.2 in business," citing Gov. Deval unemployed residents in the nation's for a time, espe-October to 7.1 in November Patrick's proposed \$2 billion Massachusetts in November. cially between January 2010 "I think Congress should and January 2011 when it "We are still in good shape

ing into the Bay State. Jones and House Speaker Goldstein said TripAdvisor Robert DeLeo are of like is adding jobs in Massachu-"This was a pleasant sur- mind that an increase in setts and Novartis is increasrate was 6.7 percent and the prise," said Robert Nako- the minimum wage should ing its "footprint" even as it

The Massachusetts Tax-Though the unemploy- executive editor at Mass ance. Jones said lawmakers payers Foundation this changing the time it takes would represent the largest Nakosteen said he was to qualify for benefits and annual jump in employment

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■ 113 Pine St.: Bruno and

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and Holly B. Falzone, single

### BUILDING PERMITS

mits were recently issued by floor addition and interior the town, according to the renovation, \$279,092 Andover Building Department. The list includes per- J. Luckman, single family, \$27,600 mit recipients and addresses, remove deck, \$700 job descriptions and value of planned improvements:

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  - Jessica Enners, single family, family, replace steps to rear
- 12 Fosters Pond Road: Allen ■ 14 Stoneybrook Circle: Wil- family, garage demolition and single family, kitchen and ■ 3 Durham Drive: Charles A.

- 39 Juniper Road: Hyeong and Kathleen E. McGowan,
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### ■ 3 Ballardvale Road: Gregory ■ 4 Whittemore Terrace: Greg- T. and Sarah W. Famiglietti, ■ 160 Dascomb Road: Das- ory and Lorri Kobelski, sin- single family, install beams/ ■ 3 Tanglewood Way comb Road LP/Condyne LLC, gle family, finish basement, open floor concept and dry wall, \$15,000

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TOWN OF ANDOVER OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at The Hall, 2nd floor, Memorial Hall Library, 3 Elm Sq., Andover, MA, on THURSDAY, January 2, 2014, at 6:30 P.M., on the application of Tarek Ewis, 38 Park St., Andover, MA, for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.1.3.C.12.b to allow the continued operation of a fast-food restaurant.

Premises affected are located at 38 Park St., Andover, MA, in a GB District, and are shown on Assessor

Map 39 as Lot 8.
DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR **BOARD OF APPEALS** AT - 12/19, 12/26/13

### OFFICE OF THE BALLARDVALE HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing will be held in the Town Office Building, 2nd Floor Conference Room, 36 Bartlet Street, Andover, on Wednesday, January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. on the application of BH13-07, Joseph LaGrasse, Dongkwon Shin and Stephanie Jones for an addition to the existing

building. Premise affected is located at 200 Andover Street, and shown on Assessors Map 138 as Lot 9. The application is available for inspection in the Office of the Inspector of Buildings during business hours, Monday–Friday 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. Joanna Reck

Chairperson BallardVale Historic District <u>AT - 12/26/13</u>

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2ND FLOOR in MEMORI-AL HALL LIBRARY, 3 ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, January 2, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. on the petition of Anne Marie and Associates, LLC, 89 N. Main St., Ste 202, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Art. VIII, § 4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Art. VIII, §3.3.5 &/or 3.3.7 to raze an existing single family dwelling and construct a new dwelling that will not meet the minimum front yard depth requirement.

Premises affected are located at 76 Haverhill St., Andover, MA in an SRA District as shown on Assessor's Map 18as Lot 20. DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR

BOARD OF APPEALS DATE OF ISSUE: December 19 & 26, 2013 AT - 12/19, 12/26/13

APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF

A public hearing will be held at The Hall, 2nd floor, Memorial Hall Library, 2 N. Main St., Elm Sq., An-dover, MA on THURSDAY, January 2, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. on the petition of South Andover Development, LLC, P.O. Box 248, N. Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Article VIII, §4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Article VIII, §3.3.3 to construct additions and alterations to an existing single-family dwelling that will not meet the minimum front yard depth requirement for either frontage on a corner lot.

Premises affected are located at

15 County Rd., Andover, MA in an SRC District and are shown on Assessor Map 83 as Lot 30.
DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR **BOARD OF APPEALS** AT - 12/19, 12/26/13

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### Legals OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at The Hall, 2nd floor, Memorial Hall Library, 3 Elm Sq., Andover, MA on Thursday, January 2, 2014 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Dongkwon Shin, 60 Hillside Rd., N. Andover, MA for a Modification of Decision No. 3985 to allow a change in the

approved building plans.
Premises affected are located at 200 Andover St., Andover, MA in an IG District and are shown on Assessor Map 138 as Lot 9. The application may be viewed at the Board of Appeals office between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS 12/26/13

> OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, 2nd FLOOR in MEMORI-AL HALL LIBRARY, 3 ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, January NJOVER OF THORSDA, January 2, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. on the petition of Nicholas Lembo and Amy Knowles, 3 Enfield Dr., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of Art. VIII, § 4.1.2 &/or for a special permit under Art. VIII, §3.3.5 to construct additions and alterations to an existing single-family dwelling that will not meet the minimum front yard depth

requirement. Premises affected are located at 3 Enfield Dr., Andover, MA in an SRC District as shown on Assessor's Map 99 as Lot 33

DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS DATE OF ISSUE: December 19 & 26, 2013

AT - 12/19, 12/26/13 **COMMONWEALTH OF** MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT

Essex Probate and Family Court 36 Federal Street Salem, MA 01970 (978) 744-1020 Docket No. ES13P3280EA CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Estate of:

Lois A Earle

Date of Death: 09/13/1998

To all interested persons: A Petition has been filed by: Nan-J Couture of North Andover MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of testacy and for such other relief as request ed in the Petition.

And also requesting that: Nancy Couture of North Andover MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

1/20/2014.

The estate is being administered under formal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Mas-sachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but recipients are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Mary Anne Sa-hagian, First Justice of this Court. Date: December 09, 2013 Pamela A Casey O'Brien Register of Probate AT - 12/26/13

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AGED PEOPLE
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Lewis Trumbore
19 Partridge Hill Rd.
Andover, MA 01810
AT – 12/26/13

TOWN OF ANDOVER

BOARD OF ANDOVER
BOARD OF APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that an executive session will be convened on Thursday, January 2, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in Trustee's Room, and thereafter an open session in The Hall Momercial Hall Library 3 Film Hall, Memorial Hall Library, 3 Elm Square, Andover, MA to discuss the December 17, 2013 Housing Appeals Committee Decision in Hanover Partnership v. Andover. Premises affected are located at 30 Shattuck Road, in the Industrial D Zoning District, identified as Lot 15B on Assessor's Map 167. The file and plans may be viewed in the office of the Board of Appeals, 36 Bartlet St., from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday

DAVID W. BROWN

Chairman

AT - 12/26/13

through Friday.

OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at The Hall, 2nd floor, Memorial Hall Library, 3 Elm Sq., Andover, MA on THURSDAY, January 2, 2014 at 6:30 P.M. on the application of Jeffco, Inc., P.O. Box 802, Andover, MA for a modification of Decision No. 802 to allow the demolition of a 2-family dwelling and construction of a new 2-family dwelling on a lot that does

requirements. Premises affected are located at 48 Summer St., Andover, MA in an SRA District and are shown on Assessor Map 21 as Lot 105.

not meet the minimum dimensional

DAVID W. BROWN, CHAIR BOARD OF APPEALS AT - 12/19, 12/26/13

> MASSACHUSETTS LAND COURT **DEPARTMENT OF THE** TRIAL COURT

**COMMONWEALTH OF** 

480789 ORDER OF NOTICE TO: Alan Hooker Leslie Hooker and to all persons entitled to the penefit of the Servicemembers Civil

Relief Act:, 50 U.S.C. App.§501 et

Sabadell United Bank, N.A., claiming to have an interest in Mortgage covering real property
Andover, numbered 45 Gray Road, given by Alan Hooker and Leslie Hooker to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, Lydian Mortgage, a division of Lydian Private Bank, its successors and assigns, dated June 21, 2007, and recorded in Essex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 10815, Page 31, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Service

members status. If you now are, or recently have been, in the active military service of the United States of America, then you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act. If you object to a foreclosure of the above-mentioned property on that basis, then you or your attorney must file a written appearance and answer in this court at Three Pemberton Square, Boston, MA 02108 on or before January 20, 2014 or you will be forever barred from claiming that you are entitled to the benefits of said Act. Witness, KARYN F. SCHEIER

Chief Justice of this Court on December 6, 2013 Attest: Deborah J. Patterson Recorder

AT - 12/26/13

### TOWNHOMES/CONDOS

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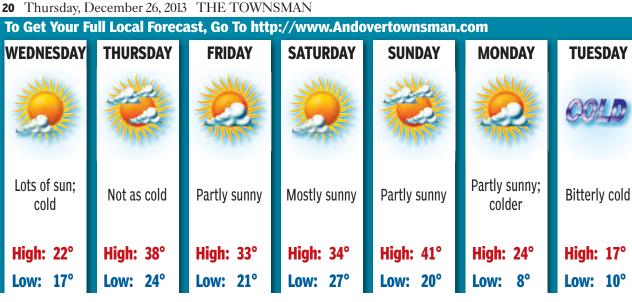
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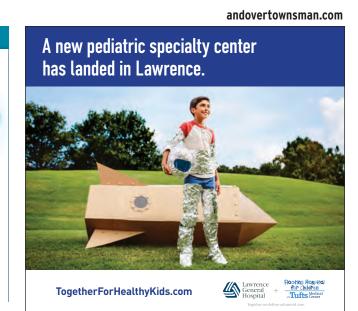
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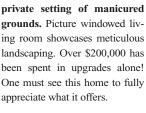
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